

January 2025 Around Town Calendar

Happy New Year! May you enjoy a bountiful and pleasing garden this year. Here are a few local activities and garden clubs that might enhance your gardening experiences this year. Check them out!

Saturday, January 11: Clara B. Mounce Public Library, 201 E 26th St, Bryan, TX 77803. 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. The Bryan + College Station Public Library System, in partnership with The Urban Howdy Farm, will give two presentations for our upcoming **SEED LIBRARY** service in 2025. Presenters will give a history and mission of The Urban Howdy Farm along with tips and tricks to planting and maintaining your seeds. A question & answer session will follow each presentation. Adults will be able to check out seeds for their families and report their results, with new seeds, to the community in the future. Details: Mounce Library 979 209 5600.

Sunday, January 19: Larry J. Ringer Library, 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S, College Station, TX 77845 2:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. The Bryan + College Station Public Library System, in partnership with The Urban Howdy Farm, will give two presentations for our upcoming **SEED LIBRARY** service in 2025. Presenters will give a history and mission of The Urban Howdy Farm along with tips and tricks to planting and maintaining your seeds. A question & answer session will follow each presentation. Adults will be able to check out seeds for their families and report their results, with new seeds, to the community in the future. Details: Ringer Library 979 209 6347.

Local Garden Clubs

Thursday, February 6: Meeting of the Post Oak Chapter Native Plant Society. 6 P.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Note this group meets bimonthly, so mark your calendar for the February Meeting.** Lick Creek Park in the Gary Halter meeting room. Speaker to be determined. Details: <https://www.npsot.org/event/post-oak-npsot-chapter-meeting/>

Wednesday, January 8: Meeting of the **Rio Brazos Audubon Society.** 6:30 p.m. Brazos Museum of Natural History, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan, 77802. Trey & Mary Anne Morris will discuss "**Birds and Beasts of the Brazos Valley- A Year of Discovery**". Come take a peek at the amazing wild creatures they have documented in the Brazos Valley. From life amongst the Bluebonnets to Bobolinks and Bald Eagles, they will take us on a journey of discovery. WBA will also bring a few of the raptors that help them spread the message of bird conservation. Details: <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/event-calendar-2/>

Friday, January 10: Meeting of A&M Garden Club. 9:30 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2101 Rio Grande Blvd., C.S. "**Winter Floral Designs with At-hand Materials**" presented by Debbie Brooks, Master Gardener and Professional Florist, Proprietor of Post Oak Floris Shop. Details: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

Tuesday, January 21: Meeting of the **Texas A&M University Women's Club Garden Interest Group (GIG).** 9:30 a.m. George Bush Presidential Library education room, 1000 George Bush Dr W, C.S. Learn more about "**Rainwater Harvesting: Saving for the Future,**" from Fred Rapczk, Brazos County Master Gardener and retired Battalion Chief/Paramedic of College Station Fire Department. He will discuss the many benefits and uses of harvesting rainwater. Details: tamugig@gmail.com

Recurring Activities

NEW! NEW! You are invited to subscribe to the ***Brazos County Gardening eNews***, an eNewsletter for Brazos County Horticulture programs, sent out monthly with links to news of upcoming Brazos County Master Gardener events, education programs, articles by Stephen Brueggerhoff and Aggie Horticulture articles. Sign up at the following link: <http://eepurl.com/iQeUhm>. Sponsored by Brazos County AgriLife Extension Horticulture (brazos.agrilife.org/horticulture) and Brazos County Master Gardeners (www.brazosmg.com) **Free**.

NEW! Celebrate Gardening in the Brazos Valley. Join Brazos County Extension Horticulture Agent Stephen Brueggerhoff for **Floral Fridays**, a Facebook Live! program with timely gardening topics. Presented each Friday starting at 11 am from the Brazos County Master Gardener Facebook page. Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/brazosmg/events>

First Friday of Each Month: The streets of **Historic Downtown Bryan** transform into one big stage on the First Friday of each month with live music, performances, art demonstrations, unique and interactive events and **The Farmers' Market of Brazos County** selling locally grown produce and handmade goods. 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Details: <https://www.destinationbryan.com/firstfriday>

Each Saturday: Rio Brazos Audubon Society. Gary Halter Nature Center. 8:30 am Birding 101. New and experienced birders are invited to sharpen their birding skills with the Rio Brazos Audubon Society. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound, use field guides and binoculars, and explore the Brazos Valley's native and migrating species. The class meets at the nature center and hikes through Lick Creek Park's trails. Dress appropriately for the outdoors and wear closed-toed shoes. Binoculars are available to borrow at the Gary Halter Nature Center. All Ages welcome. Free. <https://riobrazosaudubon.org/>

Each Wednesday: Waterful Wednesdays. 7:42 a.m. KAMU-FM 90.9 radio spot with Jennifer Nations, Water Resource Coordinator with the City of College Station, provides information about potable water such as best practices and procedures as well as safety tips. Find past episodes at <https://kamu.tamu.edu/radio/radio-programs/waterful-wednesdays>

Each Thursday: "Garden Success" radio show with Stephen Brueggerhoff, Brazos County Extension Agent- Horticulture, TAMU AgriLife Extension Service. noon to 1 p.m. Listen to Stephen's advice on gardening in the Brazos Valley on KAMU-FM 90.9. Call in garden questions at 979-845-5689 or e- mail: gardensuccess@tamu.edu

Each Saturday and Sunday: "GardenLine." Listen to Horticulturist Skip Richter on Gardenline, KTRH 740 AM and learn how to grow a beautiful garden here in the Lone Star State. Questions can be e-mailed to him at www.gardeningwithskip.com

Local Farmers' Markets

Farm Fridays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 2861 FM 974 "Tabor Road." Farmers' Market offering fresh, locally grown produce, plants, eggs, dog treats, hand knotted blankets, skin care items, gluten free baked goods and more. Details: ronboltonllc@gmail.com or AquaticGreensFarm@gmail.com

Aggieland Farmer's Market – Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Post Oak Mall Parking Lot, 1500 Harvey Road College Station, TX. A new, member-driven farmers' market featuring locally sourced products including baked goods, seasonal vegetables, organic meats, free range eggs, plants, home-made jams, jellies and canned veggies and much, much more. Questions? Call David Wolff, one of the members, at 979 530 3768.

Brazos Valley Farmers' Market - Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Downtown Bryan at Main and 21st^d St. Enjoy Texas products grown and made by Texans. Plants; organic meats and free-range eggs; baked goods; local honey, home-made jams, jellies and canned veggies; seasonal vegetables, crafts, live music and much, much more. Details: www.brazosvalleyfarmersmarket.com