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Down The Garden Path

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FEATURES

57TH ZILKER GARDEN FESTIVAL

by Donna Friedenreich, Zilker Garden Festival Chair

57th Zilker Garden Festival Celebrates a Successful Year!



When AAGC hosted the 49th annual Zilker Garden Festival in March 2006, I wrote in our Down the Garden Path newsletter that the words from a Beatles' song kept playing in my head: "...we get by with a little help from our friends."

When it comes to the success of our annual garden festival, we could change those words to "...we succeed with a LOT of help from our friends!"



This year, we celebrated our 57th annual Zilker Garden Festival, AAGC's primary fundraiser that benefits our nonprofit organization and Zilker Botanical Garden. The City of Austin's Parks and Recreation Department continues its collaborative relationship with AAGC as our Co-Sponsor for this annual event. The garden festival owes its success to so many components.

Festival Co-Chairs

Let's start with AAGC's garden festival Co-Chairs, a dedicated, savvy group of individuals who contribute hundreds of volunteer hours. They make sure that the garden festival continues its reputation as the most popular one-stop, garden shopping destination for thousands of visitors every spring.

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| • Vendors | Cathy Wood |
| • Volunteer Recruitment | Marion Alsup |
| • Flower Show | Sandra Holt |
| • Gardening Talks | Judith Craft |
| • Kids' Corner | Linda Ray and Anita Mapes |
| • City of Austin Information | Katie Sternberg and Denise Delaney |
| • Front and Back Gate Admissions | Laura Joseph, Liz Stansfeld, Wilda Campbell |
| • Logistics | Joe Posern and Ed Parken |

- Transportation/Golf Carts
- Vendor Setup/Breakdown
- Soundstage Entertainment
- Information Booth
- Holding Area
- Volunteer Sign-In

Robert Day
 Margarine Beaman, Esther Johnson, PARC Staff
 Terry Ross and Kelly Newcomb
 Dolores Rumpf and Lynn Sissney
 Mary Campbell
 Timmie Critendon

Volunteers



Wilda & Margaret greet visitors at ZGF.

When the gates open on Saturday and Sunday mornings, we are ready to greet thousands of festival visitors, thanks to the well-orchestrated group of Co-Chairs.

Add to the mix, over 350 volunteers from AAGC's 30 affiliated garden clubs...these volunteers raise their hands to help out every year.

They are truly priceless!

Festival Sponsors



Our Co-Sponsor is the Austin Parks and Recreation Department.



C3Presents is our Title Sponsor.

We are also fortunate to have as our sponsors:



- KLBJ News Radio 590AM



- The Austin-American Statesman



- Grow Green



- GSD&M



- Barnes Contracting Services

And our newest sponsor is:



- KLRU's Central Texas Gardener

Vendors

Our vendors were busy filling their booths with plants, garden-themed arts and crafts, ceramic pottery, custom jewelry, herbal products.

This year, we added over 20 new vendors to the festival, thanks to the tireless efforts of our Vendor Co-Chair, Cathy Woods.



Speakers

There were garden speakers in the big, white tent next to the Garden Center. The Speaker's Tent is a favorite destination where both novice and seasoned gardeners can get gardening advice. This year's speakers offered a variety of topics that focused on sustainable landscapes and water conservation.

The ZGF Flower Show

The annual ZGF Flower Show featured judged designs and horticultural specimens that won coveted awards.

This year's theme, "Grandma's Kitchen", encouraged designers to incorporate fruits and vegetables in their designs.



Kids' Corner



Kids' Corner is always a fun-filled, popular destination. Volunteers helped kids with creative activities. The kids could get their faces painted or a tattoo... washable, of course!

They could build their own birdhouse or bird feeder. And there were lots of different things to decorate, like butterfly wings and masks, dinosaur masks, or flower fans.

This year, kids learned all about the parts of plants from Master Gardeners who helped them transplant their own seedlings to take home.

Soundstage Performers in the Rose Garden

Once again, the festival ticket included toe-tapping music to suit every taste:

- Country
- Contemporary Latin
- Mariachi
- Bluegrass
- Acoustical Rhythms and Vocals



City of Austin Information Tables

Along the Escarpment Trail, near the Garden Center, festival visitors could learn about designing and growing sustainable and earth-wise gardens at the City of Austin Information tables. There, they could also get advice on plant selection and environmentally-responsible pest management.

The Food Court



The Food Court in the Oak Grove was a favorite with the festival goers with tasty offerings for every palate.

Austin Police Explorers Post

The Austin Police Explorers Post is a group of young men and women training to become police officers. They provided hours of invaluable service on Saturday and Sunday. Their assistance with the parking in the Polo Fields across from the botanical garden is a priceless contribution to our garden festival.

The 58th Zilker Garden Festival – March 28–29, 2015

Take a moment to enjoy the festival photos on Zilker Botanical Garden's Facebook page at:



https://www.facebook.com/zilkerbotanicalgarden/photos_albums

You can also get detailed information about this year's Zilker Garden Festival activities, speakers and their topics, sponsor links, and more on the festival at the [Zilker Garden Festival](#) web site. In the meantime, mark your calendars for next year's Zilker Garden Festival to be held March 28–29, 2015.

See you there!

Donna Friedenreich, Zilker Garden Festival Chair

AUSTIN POND SOCIETY'S 2014 POND TOUR: 20 YEARS OF GIVING

by BJ Jenkins, Austin Pond Society



Austin Pond Society's 20th Annual Pond Tour

Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

2 Ponds will be open on Saturday night from 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

The tour will feature 21 ponds, including two commercial ponds. There are several ponds that are on the tour for the first time, as well as some all-time favorites!

This year's tour is benefiting the Dell Children's Medical Center. They have a beautiful pond in their Healing Garden.

The Austin Pond Society helped provide fish for the pond last year, and this year we will be giving a portion of the proceeds from the tour to help maintain the pond.

The pond will be on the tour on Sunday, June 8th. It's only open in the morning, though, so make it one of your first stops!



DCMC Healing Garden Pond

Yes, summer means it is time for the Austin Pond Society's annual Pond Tour again. It would seem that the pond and garden tour would be all about water features, lilies and fish. But look at the start of the second paragraph again:

This year's tour is benefiting the Dell Children's Medical Center.

If you were to ask board members why it's important that the Pond Tour be successful, they would reply that it enables a donation to the organization selected as that year's beneficiary.

20 Years of Giving

For 20 years, a portion of the proceeds from the Austin Pond Tour has been given to a group selected by the Pond Society's board and membership. The Austin Pond Society has supported a wide variety of recipients. Monetary contributions have gone to:

Gardening Support

- KLRU in the form of annual donations to support "The Central Texas Gardener", which graciously spotlights the tour each year.
- The APS is also proud to be a member of AAGC and has helped with funding repairs to the Lotus Pond and the Rose Garden Pond in Zilker Botanical Garden.



The Rose Garden Pond

Support for Community Organizations

The APS has also made contributions to community organizations that don't have a direct connection to ponds and gardens. For instance,

- The Wright House offers care and compassion to those with chronic illnesses;
- SafePlace provides support and sanctuary for women who have experienced domestic violence;
- Down Home Ranch, in Elgin, is a non-profit working farm and ranch for people with special needs and those who share their lives.
- TherapyWorks rehabilitates horses that have been abused and pairs them with abused children to begin the healing process for both;
- Marbridge is a private alternative to group homes for mentally challenged adults.
- A contribution was made to Bastrop State Park after the fire that devastated Bastrop County.



Down Home Ranch



Bastrop State Park during the 2011 fire

Education Support

- In 2011, the Pond Society gave a donation to the Austin Independent School District's Media Center for the purchase of materials related to ponding.
- In 2012, Gus Garcia Middle School, Perez Elementary, Ridgetop Elementary and Williams Elementary were awarded grants to expand science programs that make use of ponds and native plants.



BJ Jenkins, of the Austin Pond Society, and Marco Villegas of Perez Elementary School



Mary Currier of Ridgetop Elementary School

- Many other schools have been given koi, water plants and been visited whenever pond advice is needed.

Pond Support

The Austin Pond Society is hands-on as well, having donated time and effort in actually rebuilding and cleaning ponds at various facilities throughout the Austin area.

- Besides volunteering during the resealing of the ponds at Zilker Park, members help maintain the pond outside the Zilker Garden Center each month during spring and summer.

- Members made several trips to Elgin last year to completely rebuild the two ponds at Down Home Ranch, and each spring members participate in an annual pond cleanup there. The APS also gave the ranch a new pond vacuum and plenty of koi.



Down Home Ranch Memorial Pond



Down Home Ranch Community Pond

- Recently, 15 members of the Pond Society participated in a fish rescue at one member's pond and took about 50 goldfish to the ponds at Dell Children's Medical Center.



Catch

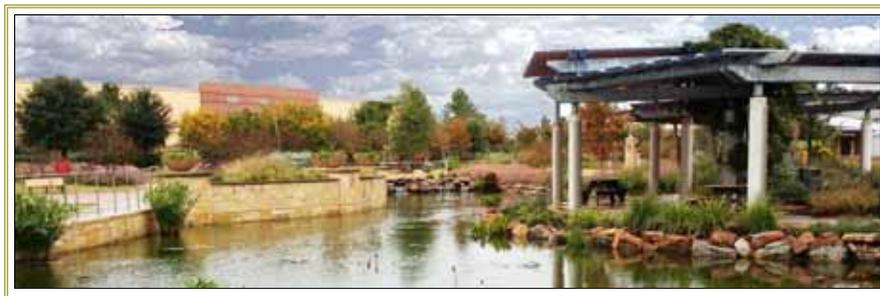


Transport



Release

This began a dialogue that resulted in the selection of the Healing Garden within the Medical Center as the beneficiary for the 2014 tour. This garden and pond, which is reserved as a sanctuary for young patients and their families and not generally open to the public, can be visited during the Sunday morning hours as part of this year's tour.



Dell Children's Medical Center Healing Garden and Pond

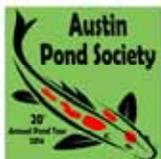
The members of the Austin Pond Society are all looking forward to the tour on June 7 and 8. This year, they will be celebrating 20 years of serene ponds, lovely water lilies, and jewel-like koi; but most important... they will be celebrating 20 years of giving!

For More Information



For more information about the Austin Pond Society and the 20th Austin Pond Tour, their web site is at <http://www.austinpondsociety.org>. The Pond Society meets year round in the Austin Area Garden Center main auditorium at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month. Visitors are always welcome.

Pond Tour Tickets



Tickets for the Pond Tour are \$20 per person and are on sale at the Pond Society's web site. Tickets are also available at several gardening centers around town. (A list of which garden centers is available on the Pond Society web site.) **Special Note:** If you buy online or from one of the vendors prior to June 7th, you will get \$5 off per ticket!

BJ Jenkins, Austin Pond Society

THE SWEDISH LOG CABIN AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN

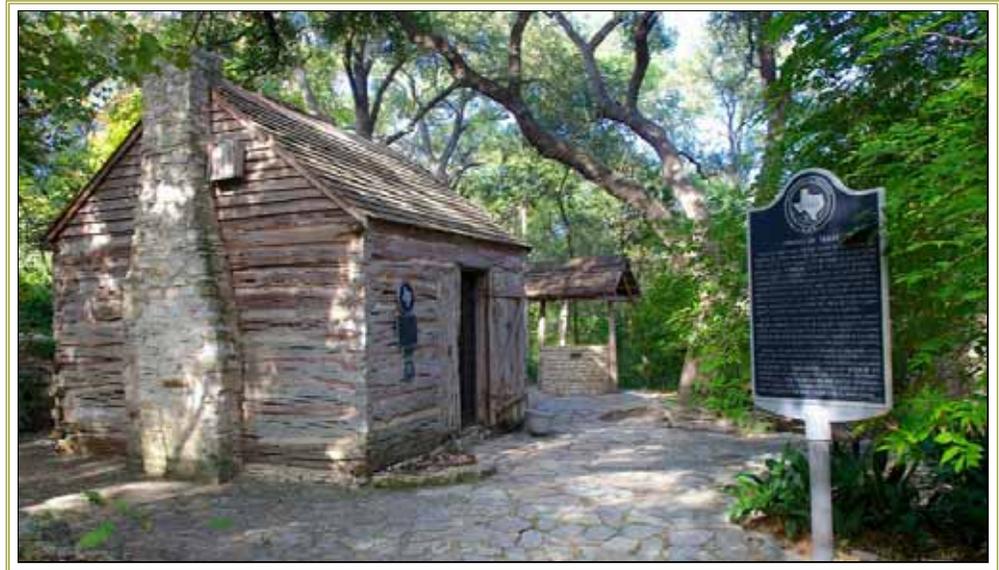
By: Jean Quist Sellstrom

Updated by Barbara Pate

Written for a speech at the Log Cabin for the AMERICAN SWEDISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY tour of Central Texas Swedish sites. April 2005.

Editors Note: The pioneer Swedish Cabin at Zilker Botanical Garden is currently undergoing renovation and preservation. We thought you might like to know more about the cabin in order to better appreciate the history it represents of early settlers to Central Texas. We hope you will visit the cabin when the renovations are completed.

The Swedish Cabin at Zilker Botanical Garden



The pioneer log cabin in Zilker Botanical Garden was built around 1838 in Govalle, east of Austin. Sven Swenson bought the cabin and 400 acres of farm land in the 1850's. Swenson and his uncle, Svante Palm were promoters, encouraging the immigration of many thousands of their Småland countrymen to Texas, helping to settle the frontier.

Immigration to Texas aided both countries - Sweden had a shortage of both food and land, and Texas was the potential solution to these problems for those hardworking Swedes who came to this country with such high expectations.

Many of them became very successful in this country. Swenson paid their passage to Central Texas, and the newcomer worked one year or more to repay him by working on his many properties near Austin or in West Texas on his vast ranches, where they became: "Kopjkar" (cowboys).

This one room structure of heavy hand-hewn cedar logs with a shingle roof originally had a dirt floor. It probably is a replica of those first log cabins built in Delaware by Swedish colonists in 1638.

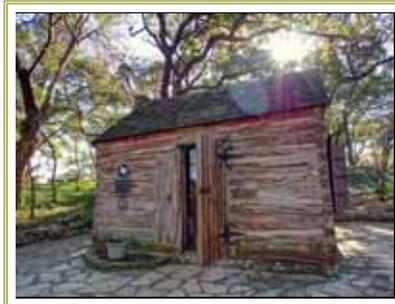
The Swedes are credited with bringing the concept of building houses of logs to this country. This idea worked very well and was widely used in all the parts of America where trees were found.



Gustav Palm, another uncle of Swenson, lived in this cabin at Govalle along with his wife and large family after their arrival from Sweden in 1848 – a long, hard journey of 6 weeks. Palm was a watchmaker by trade.



My great-grandmother, Augusta Swenson, was born in the cabin on March 14, 1863. Her mother, Christina Palm Swenson, was a niece of Gustaf Palm, and she and her parents had come from Palm Valley for a visit with the family. Christina was pregnant at the time. The story goes that there was an Indian raid on Webberville Rd. and because of the raid they ended up staying several months, long enough for little Augusta to arrive!



A few years later the Palms moved to a larger home in Austin at E. 14th and San Jacinto Streets, and brought this log cabin with them to be used as a wash house.

When Gustav Palm's family was selling the property on 14th & San Jacinto; their nephew, Louis Palm of Round Rock, had someone dismantle and number each log of the cabin and move it to his ranch in Round Rock.

After about 6 months he had someone reconstruct the cabin on the property of Nelson Park in Round Rock. In 1965 when Nelson Park was being sold, Carl Widen, who was president of the Texas Swedish Pioneer Association, and several other Swedish men had the cabin moved to Zilker Botanical Garden.

The cabin is currently being repaired. A rotten log at the base has been replaced, as well as the doors and windows, and the interior has been sealed. A new ADA path is under construction so that people in wheelchairs will be able to see the cabin. The cabin repairs should be finished at the end of June.

By: Jean Quist Sellstrom, Updated by Barbara Pate

MUCH ADO ABOUT MULCH

by Rachel Matthews, Heart of the Hills Garden Club

Summer Is Here and the Heat is On!

Even with judicious late evening watering, and planting in less than full sun, plants get stressed in our summer heat. They need all the help they can get from us. So I am here to tell you about one thing that really helps combat the Texas summer: **MULCH**.

Mulch is the summer (and winter, for that matter) gardener's best friend. In summer, think of it more as sunscreen than as an overcoat.

I mulch to within few inches or so of the trunks of my trees, throughout my flower and vegetable beds, even in my containers, and it helps a lot.

Generally (ask your garden center for specifics depending on the mulch you are using) a depth of two to three inches of mulch is enough to help keep weeds at bay, conserve moisture, and give your plants a boost to survive the summer heat.

The question is, *which mulch is right for your garden?*



Beat the heat with mulch

Organic Mulch

There is a wide variety of organic mulches that have many uses in your landscaping. You can use wood chips, bark, shredded hardwood, straw or hay among other materials.

What color would you like?

Oh, and what about using compost as a mulch?



Colored Organic Mulch



Mulch anywhere there are plantings

Organic mulches are used around trees, in vegetable gardens, pretty much anywhere there are plantings. These can be as simple and basic as a shredded bark mulch.

But when you are using mulch near food plants, be sure to know your source. Just because a mulch is comprised of plant-based materials doesn't mean it is clean enough to use in your vegetable garden.

Stone, Glass, Rubber, and other Mulches

And, of course there are the stone and glass mulches: pea gravel, decomposed granite, tumbled glass, coarse sand, lava rock, recycled rubber...



Stone mulch examples

The glass, gravel, and decomposed granite types of mulches are usually used for pathways and patio areas. They allow water (should it rain) to drain through while effectively blocking weeds, especially if used in conjunction with landscape cloth. Coarse sand also can be used with pavers to create a pathway or sitting area that will allow water to filter through.



A variety of materials and mulches for walkway



Rubber mulch in kids' play areas

Recycled rubber mulches are great for children's play areas. Tumbling off a slide into a pile of tiny bits of recycled tires might not sound too appetizing, but recycled rubber is soft, clean and safe.



Mulch as part of design

And remember, mulch is as much a design tool as it is a weed barrier. Mulches come in all sorts of colors and can be used to add definition to a garden design. Nothing is prettier than a newly mulched flower bed!

Consider adding compost to give your basic mulch a boost. Some garden centers sell what I think of as designer mulches, not the box store basic stuff but specific blends for specific uses.

Talk with your local garden supply folks and find out which mulches are best suited to your needs. Remember, you don't have to use just one kind.

So mulch early and mulch often! Your plants will heave sighs of relief and thank you for it!

Rachel Matthews, Heart of the Hills Garden Club

CLUB NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TRAVIS COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION JOINS THE AUSTIN AREA GARDEN COUNCIL



The AAGC is pleased to announce that a new club has joined the Council: the Travis County Beekeepers Association.

The Travis County Beekeepers Association (TCBA) was founded in 2014 and exists to promote common interest and general welfare of beekeeping, to protect honey bees, to educate beekeepers, encourage good bee management practices, and to encourage good relations between beekeepers and the public.

Tanya Phillips is the Association President, and we look forward to learning more about bees and how important they are to horticulture. *Welcome aboard Beekeepers!*

IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN SHOW AND AWARDS

from Nelda Moore, Iris Society of Austin



The Iris Society of Austin held its 25th accredited show at the Austin Area Garden Center Auditorium on April 12th. There were 17 horticulture exhibitors, 111 entries, and 99 varieties of irises, including 86 blossoms for tall bearded varieties:



- 3 border bearded
- 2 intermediate bearded
- 2 standard dwarf bearded
- 2 spurias, and
- 4 Louisianas.



There were 111 Entries in the show



"Silverado" by Debbie Hood

'Silverado,' a tall bearded iris that won Best White and Best Iris Specimen for Debbie Hood, captured the top award.

Runner-Up was a Best Spuria named 'White Heron' grown by Don and Pat Freeman.

Don and Pat Freeman will be awarded the silver medal and certificate by having 11 blue ribbons.

Marney Abel will receive the bronze medal and certificate from the American Iris Society by winning 8 blue ribbons for her entries.

In the Youth Division 2 exhibitors had 3 entries and 3 different cultivars.

Pat Freeman won Sweepstakes in the Artistic Division, which had 9 talented exhibitors that used their imagination to create flower arrangements to suit the theme, "Irises Under the Big Top." Pat also will be awarded a certificate for the Best Design of the Show.

Judges for the horticulture division included

- Al Elliott from Georgetown,
- Dell Perry of Plano,
- and Lowell Baumunk, an iris hybridizer from Littleton, Colorado, who had been to the American Iris Society Convention in Addison, Texas.



"Best Design" - Pat Freeman

Nelda Moore, The Iris Society of Austin

SUMMER PLANT SHOWS AND SALES

Summer may seem to be a quiet time for gardeners, but we will have plant shows and sales at the Garden Center in June and August this summer. When you see a show or sale you may be interested in, please visit the club's web site for more information.

June



The Garden Club of Austin Plant Show and Sale

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

<http://www.thegardenclubofaustin.org/>

August



Austin Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale

Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

<http://www.austincss.com>

TRAVIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS SUMMER WORKSHOPS



Many clubs do not meet in the summer. One exception is the Travis County Master Gardeners who continue to meet and hold educational workshops throughout the summer. You can visit their web site at: <http://www.tcmastergardeners.org> for more information on these and other upcoming workshops.

Saturday, June 21, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

"Composting for the Home Garden"

Pat Mokry, Master Gardener and compost specialist, will teach the methods of constructing different composting systems to turn kitchen 'trash' into garden treasure. You'll be both informed and entertained by Pat's presentation on how to use this valuable soil amendment to increase your garden's fertility and productivity.

Saturday, July 19, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

"Beekeeping"

Chris Doggett, of Williamson County Beekeepers Association, will share his knowledge and expertise in raising and managing bees. Learn how to provide a healthy and attractive environment for bees, whether you have a backyard hive, or acres of crops needing pollination. A delightful speaker with hands-on experience, Chris will gladly answer your questions and concerns to take the mystery out of beekeeping.

Saturday, August 16, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

"Insect Visitors in Your Garden"

Update your understanding of good bugs and bad, with Master Gardeners Pat Mokry and Sheryl Williams. Pat, an entomology specialist, will describe the common insect visitors to your garden, and help you determine if and how you should treat for them. Following identification of beneficial insects, Sheryl will then share a fascinating project she has constructed to attract insects into her garden for observation, pollination and just plain fun. Don't miss these two lively, informative ladies!

ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

June 2014

Sunday, June 1, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
Afternoon in the Garden

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
The Garden Club of Austin Show and Sale

Monday through Friday, June 9 – 13
Zilker Botanical Garden's iCamp

Saturday, June 14, 9:30 am
Docent Led Tour (Weather permitting)

Sunday, June 15, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
Afternoon in the Garden

Monday through Friday, June 16 – 20
Zilker Botanical Garden's iCamp

Saturday, June 21, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Travis County Master Gardeners Educational Workshop
"Composting for the Home Garden"

July 2014

Friday, July 4
Independence Day holiday
Zilker Botanical Garden Closed

Sunday, July 6, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
Afternoon in the Garden

Saturday, July 12, 9:30 am
Docent Led Tour (Weather permitting)

Saturday, July 12, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Travis County Master Gardeners Educational Workshop
"Beekeeping"

Sunday, July 20, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
Afternoon in the Garden

August 2014

Sunday, August 3, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
Afternoon in the Garden

Saturday, August 9, 9:30 am
Docent Led Tour (Weather permitting)

Saturday, August 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
TCMG Educational Workshop
"Insect Visitors in Your Garden"

Sunday, August 17, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
Afternoon in the Garden

Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Austin Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale

September 2014

Sunday, September 7, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Afternoon in the Garden

Saturday, September 13, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 14, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Texas Bamboo Society Show and Sale

Sunday, September 21, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Afternoon in the Garden

October 2014

Friday through Sunday, October 3 -5

Austin City Limits Festival

Zilker Botanical Garden Closed

Friday through Sunday, October 10 -12

Austin City Limits Festival

Zilker Botanical Garden Closed

Saturday, October 18, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday, October 19, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Violet Crown Garden Club Show and Sale

Sunday, October 19, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Afternoon in the Garden

Events scheduled at the Zilker Botanical Garden–Austin Area Garden Center are always posted, and kept updated, on the [Calendar of Events](#) page on the web site.

THE CHRYSALIS GIFT SHOP AT ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN



Where can a visitor purchase post cards, cookbooks, jewelry, puzzles, Gatorade, framed prints, and unique gifts?

Drive to Zilker Botanical Garden and shop at The Chrysalis Gift Shop, where your shopping experience will be satisfied with such great gifts as Remarkable Plants of Texas, The Garden Guide, Food by Design from the Violet Crown Garden Club, New Braunfels Garden Club Cookbook, books about trees, butterflies, snakes, or dragonflies.



The Chrysalis Gift Shop

Then there are cool towels, shopping bags that can be stuffed inside themselves to form a ball that can be attached to a purse, tee shirts, very special Austin gifts for the person who has everything, beautiful jewelry, night lights of nature, boxes that look like flowers.

Bring your birthday child along and let him shop for himself in the children's section for wooden snakes, dinosaurs, puzzles, books, cardinals that sing their song, or perhaps he will purchase a framed nature print for his room. It is all there and some of the items are fashioned here in Austin by Austin artists

THE WALK OF FRIENDS

DONATE A BRICK TODAY!

Order forms are available at the Garden Center or downloaded from <http://www.zilker garden.org>.

Click on Support and then Walk of Friends.

It's easy! Select the size of brick you would like, choose your message and return the form with your payment. Contact Sandra Holt at 512-345-3164 for more information, or visit:

<http://www.zilker garden.org/support/friends.html>.



The Walk of Friends

AUSTIN NOTES



Connection-MAIL
City of Austin E-Newsletters

Sign up for Austin Notes, the City's dynamic e-mail update system and get news about Austin neighborhoods, parks, road closures, and more.

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KLRU'S "CENTRAL TEXAS GARDENER"

KLRU's *"Central Texas Gardener"*

This weekly gardening show is a rich source of information for all Austin and Central Texas gardeners.

Check out their weekly show schedule for topics and air times, the "To Do List" for monthly gardening tasks, and much more...



Visit the
Central Texas
Gardener blog



Read reviews from visitors to Zilker Botanical Garden on Yelp.com.
4½ stars out of 5 makes our garden sing!

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