

SFA GARDENS LECTURE SERIES

March 9, 7 p.m., 2900 Raguet

The Theresa and Les Reeves Lecture Series welcomes special guest Grant Stephenson of Horticultural Consultants Inc., Houston, Texas as he presents Understanding Palms to Understand Their Needs to Thrive in the Landscape. The lecture will take place in the Ina Brundrett Conservation Education Center. Free.

THE OLD STONE FORT BIKE RIDE

March 18

Take a scenic 25-mile, 36-mile or 62-mile ride through the oldest town in Texas at the inaugural Old Stone Fort Bike Ride. Once you cross the finish line, enjoy local food, live music and more. This a great pre-training event for the Memorial Ironman Texas. For more information or to register, visit www.facebook.com/OldStoneFortBicycleRide

LITTLE PRINCESS TEA PARTY

March 25, 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden

Introduce your favorite little girl to the beauty and joy of the garden at the annual Little Princess Tea Party. Enjoy refreshments, party favors and entertainment. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 per person. To purchase tickets, (936) 468-1832.

MAIN STREET SHOP & STROLL

March 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Downtown

Stroll the red brick streets of downtown and see what fabulous wares our unique merchants have to offer, including specials, sales and door prizes. For more information, please call 936-559-2573.

SFA GARDEN GALA DAY PLANT SALE

April 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 2900 Raguet Street

Shop a variety of rare Texas natives, heirlooms, perennials and exclusive SFA introductions at the annual SFA Garden Gala Day Plant Sale. For more information, please call 936-468-4404.

NACOGDOCHES FARMER'S MARKET SPRING FLING

April 8, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 107 Pearl St.

Kick off spring in Texas' Oldest Town with live entertainment, children's activities, vendors galore and so much more. For more information, please call 936-213-0640.

AZALEA ART DAY

April 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sterne-Hoya House Museum & Library, 211 S. Lanana

Enjoy hands-on crafts and activities, some with historic roots, centered around the beautiful azalea plants at the Sterne-Hoya House Museum & Library. Crafts will include: flower pounding, homemade sun catchers, bubble painting and other activities. This event is free and appropriate for all ages. Some activities may be messy, so please dress appropriately.

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April 13, 7 p.m., 2900 Raguet

The Theresa and Les Reeves Lecture Series welcomes special guest Steven Chamblee, Director of Chandor Gardens, Weatherford, Texas as he presents Great Garden Ideas. The lecture will take place in the Ina Brundrett Conservation Education Center. Free.



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RUBY M. MIZE AZALEA GARDEN

Designated "The Garden Capital of Texas" Nacogdoches is home to the largest azalea garden in Texas. The Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden boasts one of the most diverse azalea collections in the United States. Encompassing eight forested acres along the historic Lanana Creek on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University, the impressionistic style garden features over 7,000 evergreen and native azaleas accented with vibrant Japanese maples, camellias and other unique collections.

The heart of the garden, also known as the Council Ring, is surrounded by deep watermelon pink blooms of the 'Judge Solomon' and white accents of 'Mrs. G.G. Gerbing.' One of a kind native varieties found in the garden include the yellow 'Aromi Sunrise', orange flowering 'Topsy Tangerine', and yellow 'Admiral Semmes'.

The garden is located on University Dr. just south of the William R. Johnson Coliseum (see map).

Limited handicapped parking is available on the west side of the garden (drive through the middle of the garden from University Dr. — no buses). All other visitors and buses can park in the parking lot behind Johnson Coliseum and the north end of the garden, or in the parking lot at the corner of Starr Ave. and University Dr.

TOURS

Visitors are invited to explore the 25 miles of driving routes through beautifully landscaped residential areas. Color coded signs provide directional assistance along the Azalea Trail for three self-guided driving trails. Each trail starts at the Visitor Center, located at 200 E. Main. Free guided tours of the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden will be offered every Saturday during the season from 1-4 p.m. To schedule a group tour of the garden or Azalea Trail, please contact the Nacogdoches Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-888-564-7351.

AZALEA TRAIL PACKAGES

Visit www.NacogdochesAzaleas.com for information on overnight packages during the Azalea Trail season for a bloomin' good time! Book early and receive a special room rate.

