

# **Texas Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta Presents the Gardens of Texas**

## **AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS**

1400 Streit Drive  
Amarillo, Texas 79106  
806-352-6513

A four acre garden in the Medical Center Park in Amarillo designed to provide horticultural education for the region, including Horticulture Therapy. The Amarillo Botanical Gardens use plants that do well in the Texas Panhandle. It includes display gardens, a conservatory, a gallery for exhibitions, classrooms and a 1,600 volume library, making it a valuable resource for the community.

## **ANTIQUEROSE EMPORIUM**

2 Retail Locations:  
10,000 FM 50  
Brenham, Texas 77833  
(979) 836-5548  
and  
7561 East Evans Rd  
San Antonio, Texas 78266  
(210) 651-4565

The Antique Rose Emporium, owned by G. Michael Shoup, cultivates more than 300 rose varieties. Roses were chosen for the heartiness and usefulness in the landscape. Unlike most public gardens, it is funded directly through the sale of roses and other plants.

## **BARTON WARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

HC 70, Box 375  
Terlingua, Texas 79852  
(915) 424-3327

The environmental education center is a two-acre botanical garden set within 99.9 acres of natural area. The garden features plants native to the Chihuahuan Desert.

## **BAYOU BEND GARDENS**

1 Westcott St. at Memorial  
Houston TX, 77007

Bayou Bend Gardens is 14 acres on the grounds of the home of Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of Governor James Stephen Hogg. Miss Ima gave her home and gardens to The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and it is open to the public. The garden consists of 8 unique gardens surrounded by natural woodlands.

### **BEAUMONT BOTANICAL GARDENS**

6088 Babe Zaharias Drive  
Beaumont, Texas 77705  
409-842-3135

The Beaumont Botanical Gardens can be found in 500 acres Tyrrell Park, which includes a Golf Course, Equestrian Trails and Nature Trails. Each year a new garden is added, sponsored by the Beaumont Council of Garden Clubs.

### **BELL PARK CACTI GARDENS**

FM 1424  
Hale Center, TX 79041  
(806) 839-2556

### **BLUE MOON GARDENS**

13062 Farm Road 279  
Chandler, Texas 75758  
(903) 852-3897

Blue Moon Gardens is a six acre cottage garden, greenhouse and retail nursery. The gardens is clustered about a farmhouse that's nearly a century old and newer buildings that carry out the same style, this is cottage garden par excellence.

### **BRAKENRIDGE PARK JAPANESE TEA GARDEN**

3800 N. St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
210-821-3120

This is a Japanese-style garden, with large lily pond and lush semitropical planting, being a part of Brackenridge Park, which includes a Zoo, railroad, Chinese Sunken Garden and Japanese Tea Garden. The Japanese garden contains many more flowering plants than most gardens of this type, incorporating native perennials and colorful annuals throughout. This site is designated as a Texas Civil Engineering Landmark and a Registered Texas Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **CHANDOR GARDENS**

711 W. Lee Ave  
Weatherford, Texas 76086  
(817) 361-1700

Douglas Chandor, a native of England, moved to Weatherford because his wife wanted to live close to her family. He wanted to have a garden that reminded him of home. Chandor Gardens, now owned by the City of Weatherford captures both the ornate design of ancient Chinese architecture and the elegance of a formal English garden. The 3.5-acre estate leads its visitors on a meandering path of beauty and wonderment. From the 30 ft man-made waterfall to the various soothing fountains, the Garden has something new and exciting to offer at every turn.

### **CHARLES UMLAUF SCULPTURE GARDEN AND MUSEUM**

605 Robert E. Lee Rd.

Austin, TX 78704

(512) 445-5582

A six acre tree shaded green and natural garden used to display sculptures. The paths of the garden form a peace sign and are used to view sculptures from near and far.

### **CHIHUAHUAN DESERT GARDENS**

Centennial Museum

University of Texas at El Paso

500 West University Ave.

El Paso, Texas 79968-0533

(915) 747-5565

A two acre teaching and research garden open to the public for both formal and informal education in the use of native plants in the low-water landscape. This assemblage of 430 species is one of the largest collections of Chihuahuan Desert plants in the world.

### **CLARK GARDENS BOTANICAL PARK**

567 Maddux Rd.

Weatherford, Texas 76068

(940) 682-4856

Clark Gardens is thirty-five acres of natives and low maintenance non-natives, formerly owned by Max and Billie Clark. The Garden includes wildlife, waterfalls, ponds, lakes, model trains and places for family gatherings in addition to beautiful flowers, trees and shrubs.

### **COCKRELL BUTTERFLY CENTER AT THE HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE**

One Hermann Circle Drive

Houston, Texas 77030

(713) 639-4629

The Butterfly Center is a three-story, cone-shaped glass conservatory. It was built and is maintained especially as a living exhibit of butterflies.

### **CULLEN SCULPTURE GARDEN AT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS**

The Museum of Fine Arts

1001 Bissonnet St.

Houston, TX 77265

The Cullen Sculpture Garden is one acre across the street from the Museum of Fine Arts. The garden includes sculptures from various artist among an amazing number of native trees and shrubs.

### **DALLAS ARBORETUM**

8525 Garland Road  
Dallas, Texas 75218  
(214) 515-6500

The Dallas Arboretum is a large sixty-six acre arboretum and botanical garden that is a combination of two old family estates. The garden includes topiaries, tulips, azaleas, roses, six different gardens, great places for picnics, water sprinklers for the kids and a concert stage for live shows. It is devoted to research and education, new varieties are test here, as well as to public display. Plan a full day here in the spring or fall, at least three hours in summer or winter. Bring a camera.

### **EAST TEXAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL SOCIETY**

1601 Patterson Road  
Athens, Texas 75751  
(903) 675-1618

The 100-acre Arboretum and Botanical Society includes nature trails and formal gardens. The site is very kid friendly and serves as a place where children can learn and play. Trails add easy access for strollers and wheel chairs. The Wofford House, built in 1850, was moved to the arboretum and now serves as a museum.

### **THE EL PASO DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN**

Keystone Heritage Park  
4200 Doniphan Road  
El Paso, TX 79922  
(915) 584-0563

The El Paso Desert Botanical Garden is 2 acres within Keystone Heritage Park. The Garden shows many ways that you can have a beautiful garden without requiring a lot of maintenance and watering. Included within the garden is a xeriscape garden, children's garden, moonlight garden, ethno-botanical timeline garden, sensory garden, traditional formal gardens and an amphitheater for live shows.

### **THE EL PASO MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN**

3418 Aurora Ave.  
El Paso, TX 79930  
(915) 541-4331

A 4 acre multi-level garden at the heart of El Paso. The multiple levels are formed by rocks from the area and are a sight to in themselves.

### **FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDEN**

3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107  
(817) 871-7686

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden is one hundred wooded acres in the heart of Fort Worth. The garden also includes 10,000 square foot Conservatory that is a great place to visit in the winter. It is a true botanic garden that began in the early 1930s during the Great Depression and is still dedicated to the display of a wide diversity of plant species, both native and exotic.

### **FORT WORTH JAPANESE GARDEN**

3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107  
(817) 871-7685

The Fort Worth Japanese Garden is an authentic Japanese-style stroll garden that covers just over seven acres inside the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Using mainly foliage color, a variety of textures, greens and grays, simplicity is emphasized. It incorporates many plants native to the area and includes many Japanese garden styles.

### **FREDERICKSBURG BUTTERFLY RANCH AND HABITAT**

508 West Main Street  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624  
(830) 990-0735

A fifteen hundred square feet enclosed commercial butterfly garden and habitat, specializing in native butterflies and the plants they feed on.

### **Grapevine Botanical Gardens**

411 Ball St.  
Grapevine, Texas 76051  
(817) 410-3347

This 5 plus acre development is one of the most beautiful and serene places in Grapevine. It includes trails, planting beds, a pond, gazebo and a performance stage.

### **THE HEARD NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM AND NATIVE PLANT GARDEN**

One Nature Place  
McKinney, Texas 75069  
(972) 562-5566

A 289 wildlife sanctuary that is glorious in spring and fall. The Texas Native Plant Display Garden harbors over 200 plant species, including some seldom seen in public collections, like Texas aloe and the native black cherry.

### **HERMANN PARK**

Herman Park Conservancy  
6201 A Golf Course Dr.  
Houston, Texas 77030  
(713) 284-1914

Hermann Park is 445 acres South of Downtown Houston near the Museum District, Rice University and Medical Center. The Park includes a Zoo,

Aquarium, Museum, Planetarium, Japanese Garden, Rose Garden, live theater, golf course and train.

### **HOMESTEAD HERITAGE TRADITIONAL CRAFTS VILLAGE**

Halbert Lane  
P.O. Box 869  
Elm Mott, Texas 76640  
(254) 754-9600

This is an all-organic establishment with planting scattered around the grounds. The Homestead Heritage Village is a working farm featuring an herb garden, perennial borders, old roses and vegetable gardens.

### **HOUSTON ARBORETUM AND NATURE CENTER**

4501 Woodway Dr.  
Houston, TX 77024  
(713) 681-8433

The Houston Arboretum and Nature Center is part of Memorial Park was originally slated to be 265 acres, but is now 155 acres due to urbanization. There is little organization of cultivation here, nature is allowed to take its course. The Center also includes discovery rooms with interactive exhibits and an aquarium.

### **HUGH RAMSEY NATURE PARK**

1001 S. Loop 499  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 427-8873

The Hugh Ramsey Nature Park is place for visitors to view birds, butterflies and native plants. The area was formerly a landfill, until it was designated a park, cleared of exotic invasive species and filled with natives.

### **KACTUS KORRAL**

7715 U.S. Highway 90 West  
Harwood, Texas 78632  
(830) 540-4521

Kactus Korral is a retail nursery located in the middle of nowhere. It sells nothing but cacti and other succulents. One huge greenhouse is open to the public with over fifty others devoted to the production of plants for the wholesale industry.

### **LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER**

4801 La Crosse Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78739-1702  
512-232-0100

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is dedicated to displaying only plants that are Native to Texas. The wildflower center is perfectly adapted to its environment, this display garden educates the public on how the use and utility of regional plants will use less water, required less maintenance and stand up to the

environment better. The garden consists of many small cultivated beds, including 23 theme gardens, as well as a couple of 1/4 mile nature trails and a wildflower meadow.

### **LeGrand Rose Garden**

624 N. Broadway  
Tyler, TX 75702  
(903) 531-1286

LeGrand Rose Garden, on the grounds of the Goodman Museum, was started as part of the Keep Tyler beautiful Program. The garden will strive to be organic and traditional. This will be the first EarthKind Garden.

### **LUBBOCK MEMORIAL ARBORETUM**

4111 University Avenue  
Lubbock, Texas 7949  
(806) 797-4520

Ninety-five acres of Clapp Park serves as a research site, exhibiting landscape use of native and adapted plants. Trees are planted here as a memorial to people that have made a contribution to Lubbock. The arboretum is staffed only by volunteers.

### **MAYFIELD PARK GARDEN**

3505 West 35 St.  
Austin, Texas 78703  
(512) 974-6700

Mayfield Park Garden is twenty-three acres of public park with both natural woodlands and landscaped gardens, including an herb garden. Not all of the acreage is cultivated.

### **MCFADDIN-WARD HOUSE**

1906 Calder Ave  
Beaumont, Texas 77701  
(409) 832-2134

The McFaddin-Ward House is an estate garden on the grounds of a 1906 Beaux Arts Colonial style house. It is three landscaped blocks including buildings; 40,000 square feet in lawns and 20,000 square feet in garden beds.

### **MERCER ARBORETUM AND BOTANIC GARDENS**

22306 Aldine Westfield Road  
Humble, Texas 77338-1071  
(281) 443-8731

Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens is three hundred acres including 20 acres of cultivated gardens, educational gardens, woodlands, picnics spots, pavilions, swamps and boardwalks. Mercer is a place to visit year round with blooms in all seasons, including rare and endangered plants.

### **MOODY GARDENS**

One Hope Boulevard  
Galveston, Texas 77554  
(800) 582-4673

Moody Gardens contains wonderfully landscaped grounds inside and out. The complex includes an IMEX 3D Theater and a ten-story glass conservatory in the shape of a pyramid, re-creating conditions of the world's rain forests. The conservatory includes plants, fish butterflies, birds, bats, and insects from American, Asian, and African rain forest. Pathways are wheelchair and stroller friendly.

### **RIVER OAKS GARDEN CLUB GARDEN AND AZALEA TRAIL**

2503 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77098  
(713) 523-2483

River Oaks Garden club is a one-acre example of a classic old world formal garden.

### **RUBY M. MIZE AZALEA GARDEN**

Stephen F. Austin State University  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75962-3000  
(936) 468-4343

The azalea garden is forty beds with more than two miles of trails to wander. The beds are used as display and test beds for ornamentals adapted to local growing conditions. The plant collections include azaleas, camellias and 180 varieties of Japanese maple in the middle of a forest of old loblolly pines.

### **SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN**

Lucille Halsell Conservatory  
555 Funston Place at North New Braunfels Ave  
San Antonio, Texas 78209  
(210) 207-3250

This 33-acre botanical garden is planted and maintained for the purposes of education and research, as well as the conservation and display of plants from around the world. The area, formerly a quarry and later a water works system, includes conservatory, display gardens, formal beds and native planting.

### **SHANGRILA BOTANICAL GARDENS**

2111 West Park Avenue  
Orange, Texas 77630  
E-mail: [info@shangrilagardens.org](mailto:info@shangrilagardens.org)  
409-670-9113

With over 252 acres of gardens and natural areas, this is a first class garden that has been hit with two hurricanes in the last five years. Each time, the garden has closed, repaired itself and reopened.

### **SHIMEK'S GARDENS**

3122 County Road 237  
Alvin, TX 77511-8690  
(281) 331-4395

Shimek's Garden is 4.3 acres of privately owned garden just outside of Alvin, Texas. The couple, Nell and Harvey Shimek started off planting roses, tropicals and perennial flowers. Now their focus is to have daylilies blooming all year round.

### **SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDEN AND NATURE CENTER**

8545 South Staples  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78413  
(361) 852-2100

One hundred-eighty acres located in a semi-arid/semi-tropical area that is ideal for many types of gardening. Combination botanical garden, with both highly cultivated exhibits and nature trails featuring native plants and wildlife including extensive natural areas with boardwalks.

### **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY MAST ARBORETUM**

<http://arboretum.sfasu.edu>  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75962  
(936) 468-4343

The Arboretum is 19 acres built entirely around themes and is used as display gardens for research and education. They call this place a "living laboratory," not only for students and faculty, but also for the nursery industry and the public.

### **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY PINEYWOODS NATIVE PLANT CENTER**

Lady Bird Johnson Demonstration Garden  
2900 Raguet Street  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75962  
(936) 468-4600

The native plant center is a native plant demonstration garden and teaching and research facility in early stages of development. Trails are being built and planting installed over eight acres.

### **SUNDERLAND'S CACTUS GARDEN**

FM 907 at FM 495  
Alamo, Texas 78516  
(956) 787-2040

This is a five acre wholesale and retail nursery. Thousands upon thousands of desert plants live and thrive in this natural rock garden setting, representing about 2,000 different kinds of cacti. The gardeners propagate them on site, thus preserving rare and endangered species.

### **TEXAS A&M AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER**

Xeriscape Demonstration Display Garden

Texas A&M University

1380 A&M Circle

El Paso, Texas 79927

(915) 859-1078

A demonstration xeriscape garden, using plants native to the Chihuahuan Desert, as well as other arid regions, for research and education.

### **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HORTICULTURAL GARDENS**

Department of Horticultural Sciences

Texas A&M University

Hensel Drive

College Station, Texas 77843-2134

(979) 845-3658

The horticultural garden is fifteen acres of showy gardens planted and maintained by students pursuing degrees in horticulture. They learn and practice skills in plant and turf care, landscaping, greenhouse and nursery growing and grounds maintenance. The gardens, including a vegetable garden, are designed to educate students and the public.

### **TEXAS DISCOVERY GARDENS AND CONSERVATORY**

3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Dallas, TX 75210

(214) 428-7476

Texas Discovery Gardens and Conservatory is a seven acre arboretum and display garden that is 100% organic. It is designed to showcase native plants in an urban environment and teach the conservation of nature. The tropical conservatory doubles during the State Fair as a living butterfly exhibit.

### **TYLER MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN**

420 Rose Park Dr.

Tyler, Texas 75702

(903) 597-3130

The Municipal Rose Garden is fourteen acres dedicated for public display and research. The garden has some 38,000 to 40,000 specimens of more than 500 varieties, mostly modern. The is one of the largest collection of roses open to the public in the whole world.

### **VALLEY NATURE CENTER**

301 South Border

Weslaco, Texas 78599

(956) 969-2475

A five acre educational nature park featuring native flora unique to the local ecosystem. "A secret garden in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley."

### **VICTORIA MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN**

McCright Dr.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
(361) 485-3200

Victoria Memorial Rose Garden can be found in the 562 acre Riverside Park. Riverside Park also houses a golf course, nature trails, zoo, boat dock and a baseball stadium.

### **THE WARREN LOOSE CONSERVATORY**

Bert & Jack Binks Horticultural Center  
6088 Babe Zaharias Drive  
Beaumont, Texas 77725  
(409) 842-3135

The Warren Loose Conservatory is a 10,000 square feet glass conservatory displaying thousands of tropical plants. The tropics come alive, with a water lily pool full of fantail goldfish, edged by Victorian water lilies from the Amazon, plus foliage and flowering tropical plants of every imaginable description.

### **WESTON GARDENS**

8101 Anglin Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas 76140  
(817) 572-0549

The Weston Gardens is a retail nursery covering seven acres and a display garden covering four acres. The gardens feature English-style mixed borders, old roses and native plants.

### **WILDSEED FARMS**

100 Legacy Dr.  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624  
(800) 848-0078

Wildseed Farms is a two hundred acre working farm and display garden set up to give visitors a close-up view of crops. It is a world leader in producing wildflower seeds. It includes 70 acres of bluebonnets as well as trails through the growing areas and beside sizeable display beds.

### **ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN**

2220 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, Texas 78746  
(512) 477-8672

The Zilker Botanical Garden is a thirty-one acre botanical garden part of Zilker park with a rich variety of trees, shrubs, flowers, and water features. The Garden includes many different garden types.