

McAllen Home and Garden Show

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The South Texas Border Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists (STBC TMN) will participate in the 32nd Annual Rio Grande Valley Home and Garden Show scheduled to take place at the McAllen Convention Center from **March 31 through April 2, 2023**. The three day event will be host to businesses and organizations that promote home improvement and gardening projects.



South Texas Border Chapter promoting native plants at Home & Garden Show

South Texas Border Chapter TMN will have an outreach booth where we will promote the Texas Master Naturalist's goals and objectives while at the same time providing information on the beneficial use of native plants in their home landscapes. They will also make recommendations to the attendees on which species of native plants work best in a pollinator garden.

There will also be native plants available for sale at the booth. Plants will be donated by chapter members and a local native plant nursery will also provide plants to have a broader variety. All funds made through the sale of plants will go to the chapter's operating funds and will be used to further educate the public on the advantages of using native plants in their gardens.

A Gardening Stage will be set up where speakers from the Texas Master Naturalist and Texas Master Gardener organizations will make presentations throughout the event on gardening tips. STBC members Anita Westervelt, William Rich and Jennifer Rektorik have signed up to make presentations related to native plants. Others who would like to present may email Anita at jjvanm@gmail.com. The presentation requirement is a perspective of native gardening. We encourage members to lend their support to these speakers by attending the sessions while visiting the show. TMN members who attend these seminars can chalk them up as advanced training. A seminar schedule will not be available by the organizer until a week before the event. We will keep you informed. Show hours are as follows: Friday 2pm-6pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 11am-5pm.