



Around the Bend: 02.29.08 - 03.06.08

AUDITIONS: Auditions begin at 8 p.m. Monday and March 10 at Room E2, Hilltop Community Center, 11425 Leopard St., and at 8 p.m. Thursday and March 13 at First Baptist Church of Aransas Pass, 627 S. Houston St., Aransas Pass. Adults needed for May historical Reader's Theatre based on the stories of Early Mexican and Irish Settlers in Old San Patricio. Tejano and Irish dialect/accents a plus, but not required. Free. Information: 361-547-2585 or pjiciao@hotmail.com

FITNESS PROGRAM: Noon Fitness Program open to all ages is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Ben Garza Gym, 1815 Howard St. This program continues through Aug. 29. Cost: \$10/month per person or daily drop-in fee of \$1. Information: 884-2194 or 826-3588.

JEWELRY WORKSHOP: Jewelry workshop with Sue McClurg is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the Art Center for the Islands, 323 N. Alister St., Port Aransas. Classes continue Mondays through March 31 and must be paid in advance. Cost varies depending on class: \$15 to \$100. Information: 361-749-7334.

Tuesday

MARCH EXHIBITS: The following exhibits open Tuesday at the Art Center of Corpus Christi, 100 Shoreline Drive. Watercolor Society of South Texas, collage art by Gilbert Cantu, Sister Cities Annual Exhibit, multimedia art by Flour Bluff Art Association and All Membership Show, winners of the Best of Show Exhibit from the 2007 All Membership Show. Also on display at the gift gallery is work from metal artist Curtis Kkroesche. The exhibits will remain on display through March 27. Free. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: 884-6406.

DANCE: A dance is from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Lindale Senior Center, 3135 Swantner Dr. Live music and refreshments. Cost \$3. Information: 854-4508.

OPERA WORKSHOP: The opera workshop "HMS Pinafore" begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Performing Arts Center, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The cast is comprised of students and faculty of the university and is directed by Brad Kisner. Kathryn Smith is the accompanist. Free. Information: 825-2371, Ext. 225.

DINNER: Christian Business and Professional Women's Club of Corpus Christi will host "What's Happening" in the Kitchen" dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Bar-B-Q, 6601 Weber Road. The meeting will feature kitchen gadgets by Kaye Underbrink, music by Erica Brown and guest speaker will be Phyllis Robinson. Cost: \$12.50. Information: 850-8930, 854-2440.

AUDUBON MEETING: The Coastal Bend Audubon Society meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, 1900 N. Chaparral St. Matthew Allen, University of California, will speak on global energy supply and demand. Free. Information: 361-728-4635.

Wednesday

CONCERT: Concert and university bands will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Jones Auditorium, Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Brian Shelton and Ron Schermerhorn are directors. Free. Information: 361-593-2803.

UNIVERSITY CINEMA: The University Cinema at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will present the first of "Seven Amazing Documentaries" beginning with the film "Islands" (1986) at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Bay Hall, Room 104. In this film by Albert Maysles, David Maysles and Charlotte Zwerin, Christo and Jeanne-Claude fight for permission to surround 11 islands in Miami's Biscayne Bay with 6.5 million square feet of bright pink fabric. Free. Information: 825-2316.

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL: World Affairs Council of South Texas meets Wednesday at the Vietnam Restaurant, 701 N. Water St. Lunch will be served at 11:30 p.m. Dr. James Coyle will speak on "Russia: The Cold War May Not be Over" at noon. Cost: \$32.50; \$25/members; \$17/students. Information: 241-2018.

Thursday

STORY TIME/ARK PARTY: Children's Story Time and Noah's Ark Tea Party begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Community Life Center at Asbury Church, 7501 S. Staples St. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy stories, snacks, crafts and music. Free. Information: Beth at 992-7501.

VOICE RECITAL: Soprano Debbie Bussineau-King will perform a voice recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Wolfe Recital Hall, Fine Arts Center Music Building, Del Mar College East, Ayers at Kosar. Pianist Ruth Friedberg will accompany Bussineau-King. Free. Information: 698-1214 or 698-1606.

NOVICE CLASS: The Orchid Novice Class meets at 7 p.m. Thursday at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center Visitors Center, 8545 S. Staples. Taught by orchid curator Sam Jones. Jones' book, "Orchid Culture for the Novice," as well as a selection of orchids, may be purchased at the class. Information: 854-7624.

FASHION SHOW: Port Aransas Garden Club Style and Flip Flops Fashion Show begins at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Port Aransas Civic Center, corner of Avenue A and Cut-Off Road. Fashions featured are from Absolutely Everything, PrettyDamCute, Salt Grass, Jo-D's, Island Woman Boutique, The Cypress Tree, Fish Tales and Stephanie's Stuff. Cost: \$17; \$15/advance. Information: 361-749-7144.

OYSTERFEST: The 29th annual Fulton Oysterfest is from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursday on the waterfront in Fulton. The event continues through March 9. Activities include arts and crafts tent, music by Amber Lynn, Shaman Dura Dancers, Whiskey Bent. Oysterfest parade Saturday, women's raw oyster eating contest Sunday and music by Kelly Kenning Sunday. Cost: \$3. Information: 361-463-9955.

SLIDE LECTURE: A slide lecture by artist Danville Charbourne, juror for the 42nd National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show, begins at 10 a.m. Thursday in Room 433, White Library, Del Mar College East, Naples off Kosar at Staples Street. Free. Information: 698-1216.

LECTURE: A mariachi culture lecture by Julio Martinez of Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan is from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in Room 149, Fine Arts Center Music Building, Del Mar College East, Ayers at Kosar. Free. Information: 698-1608.

NATIVE PLANT: The Native Plant Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely Drive. Dr. Alice Hempel of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, will present a talk on the sunflower family. Free. Information: 991-8063.

