



# The Jester Warbler

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## FIREWORKS ALERT!!!

*From Public Information Office Manager for the Austin Fire  
Department, Michelle Decrane:*



“It is illegal to possess fireworks within the City of Austin. It is illegal to use or sell fireworks within the City of Austin and within 5,000 feet outside the city limits. The fine is \$248; that may not seem like much but if your fireworks cause bodily harm and/or property damage, the Austin Fire Department can charge you with assault and/or arson, both felony crimes. The U.S. Department of Transportation does not classify the following items listed as common fireworks, and their use is allowed within the City of Austin:

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## EASTER FUN IN JESTER!

*By Teresa Gouldie, Social Chairman*

There was a record turn-out at our annual JHA Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter Bunny hopped into Jester early that morning and hid eggs filled with goodies for all the children of our neighborhood. After the kiddos filled their baskets with colorful eggs, they were treated to a selection of games and activities.

The Petting Zoo was a huge success! The children loved having the opportunity to get “up close and personal” by petting and holding a variety of animals. The prize walk was a big hit as well, along with the ball toss and coloring station.



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*All news must be received by the 9th of the month prior to the issue.*

## Easter Fun - (Continued from Cover Page)



Many Jester residents were willing to give of their time and energy to create memories for your children. Special thanks go out to residents Michael Tucker, Diana Miller, Lloyd Terry, Tori Hempstead, Eva

Wisser, Phil Kolman, Jennifer, Charlie, Sam and Hudson Wood, Stacy Tolley, Jenny and Alex Davila, Jeff Ballak, Larry Moore, Gonzalo Obando, Patricia Sudderth, and Bill and Ana Treacy. Thanks also to Terri Milan and Jester Club for providing the location.

We are looking for volunteers for our 4th of July Parade. We could really use your help! Please call me at 751-8000 or email at tgouldie@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer.



**Door Prize Winners: Christopher Polkowski, Sam Wood, Hudson Wood, Honna Herbowy, Liam Moore, and Caroline White**

## Attention Parents of Incoming Hill Kindergarten Students!

Are you a Jester/Lakewood resident with a child who will be entering Kindergarten at Hill in the Fall? If so, we thought it would be fun to set up a series of neighborhood playdates between May and August to give the kids some time to play and get to know each other. Hopefully, knowing other kids in their class will make their transition into Hill easier. Playdates are scheduled twice per month, alternating between week days and weekends. If you are interested in getting e-mail notices for these playdates, please send your email address to Beth Schaffer at beth@schaffer.com. We look forward to getting this group together this summer!



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Since the last Warbler the Welcome Committee delivered 6 new welcome packages. Deliveries were to

- Nelia, Markus, 10 month old Patrik and their 2 dogs on Moss Rose Cove. They moved up the hill from Lakewood.
- Ben, Julie and 1 year old Noah on the 7800 block of Moonflower.
- Jocelyn, Adam, and 5 week old Violet. Jocely and Adam recently moved from Seattle, and were living in a nearby apartment until they found the perfect house. Their move to Jester with a really new newborn must have been interesting!
- Steve on the 7800 block of Lakewood. Steve's just moved from LA.
- Eva and Jon, long time Jester residents, recently moved to the 7100 block of Foxtree and are renovating their prior Jester residence. Many of you already know Eva and Jon as they've been active in the Jester and Austin community for many years.

In addition, we were able to leave one package in an enclosed area on the 7400 block of Curly Leaf for a new resident who has moved in, but wasn't home.

As you probably noted, this month's deliveries were split between very long moves and very short moves. Plus 3 of the families moved with very young children. Please take time to welcome any new neighbors on your block. We're always happy to hear when new residents tell us they've already been welcomed by close neighbors.

If you're interested in joining us, please contact JoAnn Welles at 512.346.0349 or joann-welles@sbcglobal.net. As you can tell, we're able to meet some interesting people and find out just

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*Jocelyn on Halbert*

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*Eva and Jon Wisser on  
Foxtree Cove*

a little about them. Combined meetings and deliveries are generally only one evening a month.

Also please contact JoAnn if you've moved to Jester lately and we haven't welcomed you officially. We may have tried to deliver a package but not found you home!

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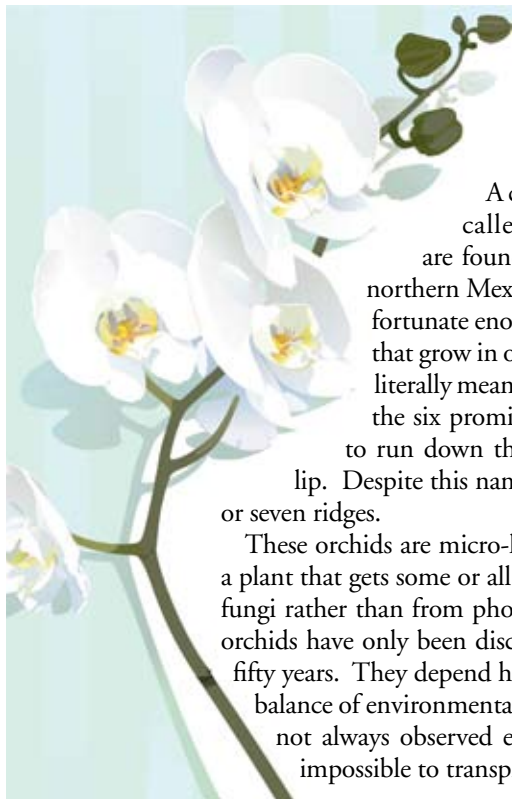
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## NATUREWATCH

### *Wild Woodland Orchids*

by Jim and Lynne Weber

A colorful group of native orchids called Hexalectris or coralroots are found mainly in the mountains of northern Mexico and West Texas, but we are fortunate enough to have at least two species that grow in our area. The name Hexalectris literally means 'six cock's combs,' referring to the six prominent ridges that were thought to run down the length of the flower's lower lip. Despite this name, most flowers have only five or seven ridges.

These orchids are micro-heterotrophic, which describes a plant that gets some or all of its food from parasitism on fungi rather than from photosynthesis. Most Hexalectris orchids have only been discovered and studied in the last fifty years. They depend heavily on an extremely delicate balance of environmental factors, which means they are not always observed every year, and it makes them impossible to transplant from the wild.

In our area, April through August is the best time to spot the Spiked Crested Coralroot (*Hexalectris spicata* var. *spicata*). An uncommon orchid, it is most often found in the leaf litter on the wooded limestone hillsides and canyon slopes in oak-juniper habitats of the Edwards Plateau. Also called cock's comb or brunetta, the blooms of the Spiked Crested Coralroot grow on a tall, leafless, fleshy-pink stalk. Each bloom has creamy yellow petals and sepals striped with brownish-purple, and the central white lip is adorned with five to seven wavy crests of deep, royal purple.

Recently, the first record of the Giant or Largeflower Crested Coralroot (*Hexalectris grandiflora*) was discovered in the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve in Travis County. Previously thought only to grow in the Davis and Chisos Mountains of West Texas, the bright pink, leafless stalk of this species grows from 10 to 24 inches tall. Along the stalk, vivid pink flowers bloom with a white mark in the center of an elaborately shaped, three-lobed lip. This coralroot also

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## Nature Watch- (Continued from Page 6)

flourishes in our oak-juniper woodlands, and is thought to bloom from June to September. Other common names for this beautiful wild orchid include Greenman's hexalectris or Greenman's cock's comb.

These unique wild woodland orchids are uncommon to rare in our area, and together they help define the true nature of the Texas Hill Country. Monitoring and preserving them is not only good for the sake of maintaining biological diversity and understanding changing environmental conditions, but for the future beauty of our ecoregion as well.

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*Spiked Crested Coralroot*



*Giant or Largeflower Crested Coralroot*

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## Oasis, Texas Village Boasts More than the Spectacular View

### *Soleil Mediterranean Restaurant & Uncle Billy's Brew and Que*

Changing the landscape of the Lake Travis dining scene, two new restaurants have arrived at Oasis, Texas Village: **Soleil**, a Mediterranean restaurant and **Uncle Billy's Brew and Que**, a rustic Texas smokehouse and brewery. Located next to the world-famous Oasis restaurant, the two spaces combined amass a magnificent 38,000 square feet of lakefront space, sharing the stunning panoramic view of Lake Travis that Austin is known for.



Inspired by the seaside tastes of the Mediterranean and the rich, seasoned flavors of Italy, Soleil's menu showcases a wide variety of dishes. Led by **Chef George Thomas**, the Soleil kitchen prides itself on its bountiful, full-flavored cuisine. Though the seasonally changing menu was designed under the guidance of **James Beard-award-winning Texas Chef Robert Del Grande**, Chef Thomas' passion for cooking with fresh, all-natural and seasonal ingredients shines through every delightful dish. The bruschetta of Taleggio and pears and the shrimp and corn chowder are perfect starters, while Soleil's fettuccine with gulf crab, shrimp and lobster highlights how well traditional Italian fare marries with Mediterranean-inspired seafood dishes. The plate selections include gems like the rainbow trout, sea scallops and filet mignon.

Diners hankering for a less formal meal will delight in Soleil's burger selection, fish and chicken sandwiches and, of course, Soleil's stone-oven pizza menu, sure to please the entire clan. A children's menu is also available.

Looking for a sunset cocktail? **Soleil's Azure Lounge** is casual and welcoming with the same stunning view, highlighted by a massive curved bar showcasing Soleil's impressive cold and raw seafood selections, providing the perfect respite for a glass of bubbly and something light and refreshing.

Diners can enjoy soothing vibes at **Soleil's Sunday brunch** which features DJ Chicken George and other touring DJs in rotation each week. Served every Sunday, 10-3 p.m., the buffet-style brunch boasts a wide array of dishes including Soleil's Build-Your-Own Bloody Mary Bar.

Located upstairs from Soleil at Oasis, Texas Village, is Uncle Billy's Brew and Que, a rustic Texas smokehouse serving mouthwatering family-style barbecue. Featuring an on-site brewery, Uncle Billy's is renowned for its handcrafted signature ales and lagers. Developed from scratch by the highly regarded award-winning **Brewmaster Brian Peters**, these ales and microbrews are made with only the finest malted barley and aromatic hops. Uncle Billy's also offers a wide variety of selections from its full-service bar.

There's entertainment galore at Uncle Billy's. Music lovers will appreciate the stellar line up at Uncle Billy's. **Rod Williams** will play every other Thursday night from 7-10 p.m., with other local talent taking the stage on alternate Thursdays. Uncle Billy's **Honky Tonk Happy Hour** every weekend features local favorites from 4-8 p.m.; with bands such as the **John Evans Band** and **Southern Backbones** featured from 8:30-11 p.m. Big-screen TVs please the sports fans and darts and shuffleboard seem to soothe those looking to relax after a day on the lake.



Whether fresh fish and pasta at Soleil, a sunset cocktail at Azure Lounge or legendary BBQ, brew and tunes at Uncle Billy's, there's something new under the sun, for everyone...at Oasis, Texas Village.

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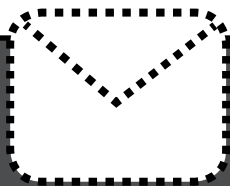
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## Four Points Chamber of Commerce

Four Points Chamber of Commerce hosts Gabriel Perales, Trade Practices Manager at Austin Better Business Bureau as guest speaker for the Four Points Chamber's June Luncheon. Perales will be speaking about BBB Accreditation and what it means for businesses. Perales will talk about the impact of trust factors for your business and website and how trust factors promote conversion. Four Points Chamber luncheons provide stimulating discussions for local individuals, businesses and organizations to gain new insights and foster business growth. Membership is not a requirement to come to the luncheon but you'll want to register online to ensure your seat and receive early-bird discount pricing!



*Gabriel  
Perales*

- Thursday, June 16, 2011
- Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m.
- At River Place Country Club, 4207 River Place Boulevard.

You can find all the details and register on the Four Points Chamber of Commerce Web site [www.fourpointschamber.com](http://www.fourpointschamber.com). While you are at the Chamber's Web site be sure to check out the other networking activities offered by the chamber, including the bi-monthly Connectors networking meetings at Concordia University and monthly Happy Hour. On Thursday, May 26th join us at Longhorn Village located at 12501 Longhorn Parkway in Steiner Ranch where we'll also be celebrating our monthly Happy Hour.

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities through social gatherings, luncheons and business network meetings. Now well over 100 members strong and growing, the Four Points Chamber of Commerce brings businesses together along Highway 620 from Hudson Bend and Mansfield Dam to Anderson Mill, and along Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente, to support business growth in the community. For more information about upcoming events contact us at [FourPointsChamber@gmail.com](mailto:FourPointsChamber@gmail.com), visit [www.fourpointschamber.com](http://www.fourpointschamber.com) or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to [membership@FourPointsChamber.com](mailto:membership@FourPointsChamber.com).





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## June Events

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June - July	<b>Children's Day Art Park (Wednesdays)</b> <i>Wed. mornings, June 8 – July 27 (except July 6), featuring musicians, dancers, storyteller, magicians, mimes and crafts.</i>	Symphony Square 476-6064 <a href="http://austinsymphony.org">austinsymphony.org</a>
June - August	<b>Concerts in the Park (Sundays)</b> <i>Enjoy a summer of free Sunday evening ensemble concerts!</i>	Long Center <a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a>
June - mid-Sept.	<b>Unplugged at the Grove (Thursdays)</b> <i>One of Austin's longest running free concerts series!</i>	Shady Grove <a href="http://kgsr.com">kgsr.com</a>
May 31 - June 5	<b>"One-Man Star Wars Trilogy"</b> <i>Charles Ross plays all the characters, recreates the effects, sings the music, flies the ships and fights both sides of the battles from the original Star Wars trilogy.</i>	The Long Center 457-5100 <a href="http://thelongcenter.org">thelongcenter.org</a>
June 3 - 4	<b>The Manhattan Transfer</b> <i>A night of swinging jazz!</i>	Palmer Events Center <a href="http://theaustinsymphony.org">theaustinsymphony.org</a>
June 9 - 12	<b>Republic of Texas Biker Rally (ROT Rally)</b> <i>The largest motorcycle gathering in Texas draws thousands of riders for poker runs, bike tricks, and concert.</i>	Travis Co. Expo Center 296.7492 <a href="http://rotrally.com">rotrally.com</a>
June 19	<b>Father's Day Concert</b> <i>Marches, musicals, and patriotic melodies will be presented. Bring a lawn chair or spread a blanket under the oaks.</i>	Zilker Hillside Theater 345-7420 <a href="http://asband.org">asband.org</a>
June 20 - 25	<b>Elgin Western Days</b> <i>Parade, arts and crafts, carnival, and live music</i>	Elgin, TX <a href="http://elgintxchamber.com">elgintxchamber.com</a>
June 23 - 26	<b>Luling Watermelon Thump</b> <i>Parade, seed spitting &amp; watermelon eating, crafts, live music</i>	Luling, TX <a href="http://watermelonthump.com">watermelonthump.com</a>
June 25	<b>Keep Austin Weird 5K</b> <i>Start planning your costume now and grab your friends to celebrate what makes Austin so great!</i>	The Long Center 476-6064 <a href="http://keepaustinweirdfest.com">keepaustinweirdfest.com</a>
June 28 - 29	<b>Lyle Lovett &amp; John Hiatt</b> <i>A special acoustic evening with Lyle &amp; John on stage together</i>	The Paramount Theatre <a href="http://austintheatre.org">austintheatre.org</a>

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