Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center
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Rekindle Your Sense of Wonder in Orange, Texas

Nestled within 252 acres in the heart of Orange, Texas, Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center offers a glimpse of how **people can live in harmony with nature**, as it strives in its mission to Mentor Children of All Ages to Be Kind to Their World and carries on the vision of H.J. Lutcher Stark, the man who originally developed the gardens more than 60 years ago.

Located at 2111 West Park Avenue in Orange, Texas, Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and from noon – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 409.670.9113 or visit www.shangrilagardens.org

A bee rests on an azalea bloom in the botanical gardens of Shangri La.

Events for All Ages
Public Programs and events are offered throughout the year with environmentally conscious and educational themes. Several of these programs are: **Community Trash-Off**; **Earth Week Celebration**; **Orchid Festival**; **Scarecrow Festival** and **Christmas at Shangri La**.

Botanical Gardens
A prominent feature of Shangri La is its **Botanical Gardens**. Utilizing artistic concepts, this feature gives incredible themed displays that will inspire and amaze visitors of all ages. The gardens include **five artistic rooms** and **four sculpture gardens**. A historic color garden around the reflection pool known as the **Pond of the Blue Moon** pays tribute to the original Shangri-La, which features many varieties of **azaleas**.

Wildlife and Nature
The state-of-the-art **bird blind** at Shangri La allows visitors an up-close look at the birds nesting within Shangri La's Ruby Lake. The lake is approximately 15 acres and provides a home to more than **17 species of birds**. These birds nest and Shangri La provides a home for more than **5,000 birds annually**. Visitors will find **Great Egrets, Roseate Spoonbills, Anhingas, Cormorants** and many other birds in different quantities year-round

Great Egrets are one of many species of birds that nest annually at Shangri La.

Platinum LEED®-NC Certification
Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is the **first project in Texas and the 50th project in the world to earn the U.S. Green Building Council's Platinum Certification for LEED®-NC**, which verifies that the design and construction of Shangri La reached the highest green building and performance measures. Shangri La was also named by the American Institute of Architects and its Committee on the Environment as **one of the top 10 green projects throughout the world**.

The Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation
Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is a program of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation, a private operating foundation, whose other programs include the Frances Ann Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts, Stark Museum of Art and The W.H. Stark House. The Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation is a private operating foundation established in 1961 to encourage and assist education and to improve and enrich the quality of life in Southeast Texas.