



Don't miss this popular class!



An Overview of Botany: Learn to identify plants

Instructors: Dr. Brooke Byerley, BRIT Associate Texas Botanist and Tiana Franklin, BRIT Herbarium Collections Manager

Learn all about basic botany and plant identification with BRIT staff. Tackle the specific terminology and techniques used by the pros and forever change the way you look at plants! Topics covered include: the value of botany, how to use a key, plant morphology and important plant families.

This fast-paced, whirl-wind course is offered across four Wednesday evenings. Sessions will include both lecture and hands-on investigation. All classes will be held at BRIT in downtown Fort Worth .

Wednesdays in April, 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2010

6:00pm to 8:00pm

\$80.00

[Register today](#) online or call TCU Extended Education at 817-257-7132

* *Teachers earn Certified Professional Education (CPE) credit*

* *BRIT members receive a 15% discount on course fees*



Dogwood Canyon: Where EcoRegions Collide

**with Dana Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator,
[Trinity River Audubon Center](#)**

Plants and animals from east, west and central Texas converge in [Dogwood Canyon](#), making it the only place in the world where one can find the Black-chinned hummingbird of west Texas nesting in the flowering dogwood tree of east Texas . This unique habitat located near Cedar Hill State Park opens to the public in 2010. Come and hear the story of its discovery, and efforts to protect it for the public.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

BRIT Conference Room, 500 E. 4th Street, Fort Worth , TX

[MAP](#)

(the lecture is free and off-street parking is available)





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Mushrooms,
Culture and Society



Mushrooms, Culture and Society: an ethnomycological journey

with Denis R. Benjamin, MD, retired pediatrician, amateur
mycologist and author

Cultural attitudes towards the fungal kingdom are highly variable around the world. Mushrooms are esteemed and sought after in some countries while being shunned and abhorred in others. Dr. Denis Benjamin will examine the role that both mycophobia and mycophilia play in various societies, and how this significantly influences the use of mushrooms as food or in the local pharmacopoeia. Dr. Benjamin is author of *Mushrooms: Poisons and Panaceas*, and a pediatrician recently retired from Cook-Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth

Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 4:30pm to 5:30pm
BRIT Conference Room, 500 E. 4th Street, Fort Worth, TX

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Butterflies in the
Garden

Butterflies in the Garden

Approximately 12,000 beautiful, live butterflies of every hue and size will fill the Fort Worth Botanic Garden's conservatory with shimmering color. Butterflies from Southeast Asia; North, Central and South America; and Africa will be released into the conservatory each week.



Saturday, Feb. 27 through Sunday, Apr. 4, 2010
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily *(including Sundays)*

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BRIT's Wendy Owsley Garrett Science Teacher Award

Each year, BRIT honors educators for their commitment to excellence in science teaching. The tradition was first introduced by former trustee Wendy Owsley Garrett who recognized the vital need for ongoing assessment of education outreach programs. She established this award in 2001 to recognize exemplary K-12 teachers and, at the same time, solicit constructive analysis on the effectiveness of BRIT's education programs. Wendy also had the desire to honor teachers for their dedication and hard work. Learn [more](#) about this award and how to [apply](#).



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*BRIT's mission is to conserve our natural heritage by deepening our knowledge of the plant world
and achieving public understanding of the value plants bring to life.*

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