



Work Inspired by  
Suzy Peacock

## **BRIT Carries on the Work Inspired by Suzy Peacock**

On October 3, 2009, BRIT lost a special friend, mentor and trustee who touched our lives and our hearts through our shared work together. Through the Rainwater Charitable Foundation, Suzy Peacock dedicated herself to making a difference in the lives of children. Her vision and determination to make schools a nurturing and stimulating place to learn has touched the lives of countless children, educators and families. Although we will miss her guiding hand, we are privileged to be entrusted with reflecting Suzy's heart in the service we provide to others. [Read more.](#)

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Journey to the  
Tetons

## **Journey to the Tetons and Beyond: *Bringing the Learning Back Home to North Texas***



School and district teams from Dallas, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie, gathered together on September 15, 2009, to deepen their understanding of Place-Based Education at the Cedar Ridge Preserve. BRIT Education led thirty-two (32) educators and school district staff in activities that provided hands-on experiences to strengthen pedagogy, content knowledge and collegial relationships. [Follow their journey.](#)

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Seed Balls

## **Seed Balls with BRIT at the 2009 Lake Worth Monster Bash**

It was a beautiful day for the first "Lake Worth Monster Bash" at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge. BRIT participated in the event by hosting an activity booth where seed balls were made by the hundreds! Eager to get their hands dirty, children of all ages made the marble sized balls out of clay, compost, and a mix of Texas and Oklahoma native wildflowers. [Read more and see pictures from the day.](#)





# Botanical Research Institute of Texas

## Free Public Lecture

### Free Public Lecture on November 11

## Insects and Cactus: the special case of Prickly-Pear with Joann Karges, retired Librarian, member and volunteer with BRIT

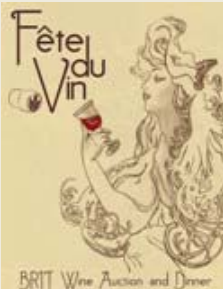
Joann Karges became intrigued by the relationships between plants and animals during her 40 years of study of the life histories of butterflies. As her plant interests grew to include cactus and succulents she discovered a host of new plant/insect associations, including a number of insects with relationships as consumers, pollinators, and recyclers of species of cactus. One has affected the agricultural economy across the world. Another is a threat to endangered prickly-pear species. Join us for this in depth look at plant animal interdependence.



November 11, 2009  
12 noon to 1pm  
BRIT Conference Room  
500 E. 4th Street, Fort Worth , TX

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



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## Fete du Vin, Wine Auction and Dinner was a smashing success

BRIT's third annual Fete du Vin, Wine Auction and Dinner was a smashing success this year. Held at the Fort Worth Club on Friday, October 23, the event brought some stellar wines and a fantastic atmosphere. The red hot live auction had bid paddles flying for items such as a one week stay in Taos , NM , floor seats to the Dallas Mavericks and a designer couture gown. Director Sy Sohmer joined in on the live auction action, donating a gourmet couple's dinner with Richard Henderson along with wines from Sohmer and Henderson 's cellars that sold for almost double its value. Do not miss your chance to join in on the bidding fun at next year's Fete du Vin, and reserve your table now. Please contact Amanda Morris, [amorris@brit.org](mailto:amorris@brit.org) 817-332-4441 ext 215.

*BRIT: Conserving our natural heritage by deepening our knowledge of the plant world  
and achieving public understanding the value plants bring to life.*