



Fête du Vin Wine Dinner and Auction and Prélude à la Fête du Vin

Prélude à la Fête du Vin

The Fort Worth Club - 12th Floor

September 8, 2011- 5:30 pm

Tickets are \$50 and available [HERE](#)

At Prélude à la Fête du Vin, seventeen wineries will compete for the honor of being selected as the “Enthusiast’s Choice.” This award will be given to one red wine and one white wine. This award affords the wineries the opportunity to have their wine served as the table wine for Fête du Vin.

Fête du Vin Wine Dinner and Auction

The Fort Worth Club - 12th Floor

October 8, 2011 - 7:00 pm

Tickets start at \$300 and Tables start at \$3,000 and are available [HERE](#)

Fête du Vin is a signature black-tie affair, where guests can enjoy a festive evening featuring fine wines, haute cuisine, and silent and live auctions. Unique to the event, guests are invited to bring their favorite wines to their tables to share and compare. Proceeds from both events help BRIT advance its mission.



For more information contact [Regan Haggerty](#) at 817.705.8898.

Painting the native canvas with a fresh perspective
BRIT Presents Dr. Tony Burgess:

BRIT cordially invites you to our members-only, wine-and-cheese reception presenting Dr. Tony Burgess, professor of Professional Practice of Environmental Studies at TCU. Dr. Burgess will be speaking on the importance and role of native landscapes.



Tuesday, August 30 | 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Members Only • [RSVP](#)

Are you a Member at BRIT?

For [Life-Long Learners](#) of all ages

4:30 Forum in August

Free, monthly informal presentation; no reservations are required.

[Research at BRIT: Into the Internet Age \(past, present, future\)](#)

with Keri McNew Barfield, BRIT Research Program Manager

August 10, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Keri McNew Barfield works with a variety of local and international BRIT research projects, which have taken her as far as the Peruvian Andes, where she assisted in collecting data regarding orchid diversity. Currently, she is documenting the flora of several local sites in the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge and conducting genetic research on two species of *Pinus* (pines). Keri also works as the project manager for the [Open Science Network](#) in Ethnobiology (OSN). The OSN is a collaborative network open to educators and students interested in the exchange of innovative curricula and educational resources that advance the field of ethnobiology. Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), OSN uses open technology to facilitate the exchange of educational techniques, materials, and experiences across institutional and international borders.

[Exhibit Hall](#)

Monday–Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Green from the Ground Up: The form and function of sustainable design”



Runs through August 31

Don't miss the opportunity to explore the sustainable features of BRIT's new US Green Building Council LEED Platinum certified building. Learn about the living (green) roof project and its connection to the native landscape of this region. View the new technology that provides solar energy to the building through Green Mountain Energy Solar at BRIT. Learn strategies for conserving water, one of our most precious resources, from the Tarrant Regional Water District. Then marvel at the technology responsible for heating and cooling the building through energy-saving geothermal wells, from TDIndustries.



“Trinity Perspectives II: Past and Present”

Opens September 10

60-photograph perspective of the Trinity River

[Tours](#)

Free Guided Tours

Tuesday–Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Self-Guided Tours

Pick up one of two brochures at our front desk and follow-along at your own pace. Explore the sustainable features of BRIT's new campus, or take the **Family Educational tour** to connect with your prairie heritage and develop skills similar to the skills scientists use, while working in the field, as well as in life.

For [Educators](#)



Professional Development Workshop

[Home on the Range](#)

August 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Educators will be introduced to plants in our herbarium and prairie, working side-by-side with BRIT staff members, to gain a greater knowledge of native and introduced plants found in Texas. This workshop will benefit teachers and sponsors of students who compete in range competitions. Registration for this workshop is closed, but look for something similar in January 2012, to coincide with the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest.

Professional Development Workshop



[Catching the Science STAAR with Outdoor Inquiry](#)

September 20, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Teachers can prepare their students to shine on STAAR and connect with nature. Educators will engage in inquiry-based activities that will reinforce the standards in scientific investigation and reasoning, matter and energy, and more. The registration deadline is September 2, and available spaces are going fast!



[Teacher Resource Center](#)

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday–Friday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every third Saturday

As you are thinking about the new school year, get inspired in our Teacher Resource Center. Save the date for our open-house wine-and-cheese party on Tuesday, September 6 from 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

For [Children and Families](#)

[Bella's Story Time for Preschool Children](#)

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Aug 2 – *In a Small, Small Pond* by Denise Fleming

Aug 16 – *Life in a Pond* by Lisa Trumbauer

Join Bella and the BRIT Education Team for reading and exploratory activities! Bella is a hand puppet that represents a begonia, collected by BRIT's field research team in Peru. BRIT is now Bella's home, and she welcomes families every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Bella's Story Time is free. No reservations are required for individual families but are required from preschool groups.



BRIT Press

On June 21, 2011, the BRIT Press released a new book, *An Agreeable Landscape: Historical Botany and Plant Biodiversity of a Sonoran Desert Bottomland, 1855-1920* by Kathryn Mauz. This unique publication is an accounting of plant life in the Santa Cruz and Rillito valleys of the Tucson Basin. Primary documents, historical narratives, and more than 1,200 dried plant specimens are the foundation for this exploration. For more information, please visit the BRIT Press [website](#).

The BRIT Press will publish the *Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas*, Volume 5, Number 1, in early August. This 400-page issue is comprised of 45 articles from a diversity of authors around the world. Included are seven newly described plants from the United States, among them a new flameflower



hedge-nettle from North Carolina, and a new hybrid *Hibiscus* from southwest Texas. In addition, several new species are also described from Latin America, as well as one from India. Other articles tell about the taxonomy and traditional uses of “peppers” and the diversity of plants visited by bees in Brazil. There is also a 32-page paper on the flora of Grand Teton National Park (Wyoming). For more information about the *Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas* visit the BRIT Press [website](#).

Becoming a Member

Becoming a BRIT member immediately connects you to discoveries of species that contribute to our planet’s health and well-being. You’ll learn about bold rescues that save our earth’s biodiversity through exploration and education. You’ll have the satisfaction of knowing you’re contributing to a greener tomorrow – a wise investment by any measure. Please visit the [membership](#) page of our website, or for additional information contact, Tammie Crole at 817.332.7518 or tcrole@brit.org.



Special thank-you to our reciprocal partners [Calloway's Nursery](#) and [Marshall Grain Co.](#) Show your BRIT membership card and receive 10 percent off in their stores!

Mark Your Calendars for Friday, September 16 *Prairie Under the Stars* Family Movie Night

The Bees will be buzzing at BRIT on September 16 so bring your children, grandchildren, chairs, and blankets for a fun, new BRIT tradition, *Prairie Under the Stars*. For our inaugural event, we will be hosting a family movie night and presenting the film *Bee Movie*, playing outside in the native Texas prairie habitat. Rumor has it the Texas Honey Bee Queen may even come out of her hive for a once-in-a-life-time photo! Better bring a camera and your friends!

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Our 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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