



Ribbon Cutting at the New BRIT!



Many thanks to all the special guests, volunteers, staff, and members! This was a very exciting and memorable event in the life of this organization.

Pictured (l-r): BRIT President and Director, Dr. Sy Sohmer; Chairman of the Board, Mr. Tim McKinney; Vice President of the Board, Mr. Edward P. Bass; Congresswoman Kay Granger; Councilmember Carter Burdette; Mrs. Elaine Petrus; and Mayor Mike Moncrief.

Bella's Storytime for Preschool Children



inspired by the season.

Beginning in June, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, Bella will welcome families into the Burk Children's Library for "Bella's Story Time"! These hour-long programs are designed for preschool-development levels and their adult partners. Parents, grandparents, or guardians read together with their child, side-by-side, and explore hands-on nature activities

June 7 Meet Bella the Begonia
June 21 Let's Use Our Five Senses

10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Free for Families



Pre-registration is not necessary; however, due to limited space, preschools and day care centers need to schedule one week in advance. Families may attend at no cost thanks to the generous support of the Fash Foundation.

Camp BRIT – The Summer Camp Experience at BRIT



Have your child be part of the very first summer camp that BRIT has ever offered by signing them up for Camp BRIT. Campers will get to work with BRIT scientists and educators as they explore different habitats on the BRIT campus and determine the health of these areas for plants and animals.

Register today as spaces are filling up quickly!

June 20-23 (entering grades 3-5) *less than 12 spaces available

June 27-30 (entering grades 6-8) *less than 20 spaces available

Time: 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Price: \$100 per child; \$90 for BRIT members (10 percent discount)

Pre-Registration Required. Register [online](#).

Looking for an all day camp? Register your child to attend the Fort Worth Botanic Garden's GROW camp. Campers will spend their mornings (9:00 a.m.–noon) at the Botanic Garden and their afternoons (12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.) at BRIT. Campers will eat lunch at the Botanic Garden from noon–12:30 p.m.; campers will need to provide their own lunch.

Just for Educators...

The BRIT SEED School has opened up registration for the following two professional developments. You can also contact Kathy Scott at 817.429.3257.

[Tools for Schoolyard Inquiry](#)



June 28th
8 a.m. - 12 noon
4 CPE credits available

Cost: \$45
(\$40.50 Members)

Deadline to register
June 6th

2011 Great Tree Story Essay Contest Prize Field Trip Combined Art and Science



Karino Gibson reads her winning story to her classmates and students across the country in a videoconference from the Hudson River School Exhibit at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art.

[Creating a Sense of Place through Culturally Responsive Teaching](#)



Cost: \$150
(\$135 Members)

Deadline to register
July 1st

July 26th -27th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
12 CPE credits available



Students from Tanglewood Elementary and Daggett Montessori enjoy a picnic lunch under Roxy Paine's outdoor sculpture, *Conjoined*, at the Fort Worth Museum of Modern Art.



If you have participated in a BRIT professional development or attended the summer institute at the Teton Science School in the past two years, you are eligible to apply for the Wendy Owsley Garrett Science Teacher Award.

Applications are due by June 17, 2011.
Don't delay, [apply](#) now!



Erin Starr-White, director of Education at the Fort Worth Museum of Modern Art, engages the students in an art activity.



4:30 Forum – BRIT's Public Lecture Series

Join us late afternoons at BRIT for hour-long gatherings to learn about local and national conservation issues from a variety of guest speakers. Spend time in an intimate setting with visiting scientists, local naturalists, BRIT staff, and friends. Free to the public!

Apples are a keystone species in wild apples forests and orchard complexes and they have become a cultural keystone species as well.

BRIT field researcher Dave Reedy has been conducting cider research around the world for the past several years. Learn about his research when he presents "The Story of Cider" at our first 4:30 Forum in our new building.

"The Story of Cider"
June 8, 2011, 4:30-5:30 p.m.



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 our [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](#). Show your BRIT membership card and receive 10 percent off!

Family Saturday – June 11, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Family Saturdays are a public program BRIT offers to encourage families to explore our campus and to learn together about that day's topic.

Our first Family Saturday is titled, "Exploring Your Prairie Heritage." You will learn about our local prairie plants and animals by visiting these activity stations:

- Prairie Survival Game
- Data Collecting at BRIT's Pocket Prairie
- Guided Plant Walk
- Meet the Scientist
- Interactive Prairie Mural
- Making Seed Balls
- Literacy Station
- Green from the Ground Up exhibition

June 11, 2011

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; come and go as you please

Price: \$5.00 per person; children 3 and under are free; \$4.50 for BRIT members (10 percent discount)

Pre-registration is not necessary

Public and Private Tours Available



Topics

Overview Tour of BRIT: Learn about BRIT's history, present, and future, as we talk about our research and educational programs, herbarium, and libraries.

BRIT's Sustainability Story Tour: BRIT is green from the ground up; learn how and why, as you take this tour of BRIT's amazing new home.

Public Tours

Docent-led tours of BRIT's new facility are now available.

Tuesday-Friday

Times: 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Free to the public

Private Tours

Staff-led tours are offered upon request to groups wanting a private tour of the facility.

Cost: \$7.50 per person; \$6.75 per member (10 percent off).

The Beauty of Houseplants was Published 9 May

On May 9, 2011, the BRIT Press released a new book, *The Beauty of Houseplants* by Tom Gough and David Longman (British authors). Set apart from the normal houseplant care book, this magnificently illustrated title is in itself stunning and artistic, yet extremely detailed. Covering over 70 typical houseplants, Gough and Longman have created a fascinating and informative publication for anyone interested in how to care for houseplants. [For more information.](#)

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