



2011 September

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 p.m.

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

At Prélude à la Fête du Vin, 17 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 p.m.

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.



Family Movie Night

Friday, September 16 from 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Movie will begin at Dusk

Come one, come all, bring your chairs, pillows, and blankets for Prairie under the Stars an outside film in the Native Texas Prairie Habitat. Movie Night is a free community event with soda, candy, and popcorn available for purchase. You may even spot the Queen Bee herself!

Day in the District

BRIT will participate in [Day in the District](#) for the first time on Saturday, September 24. The Mondo Drummers will be back to make music at our geology wall, and Hip Pocket Theatre will come to BRIT to provide an outdoor performance of "The Butterfly's Evil Spell" by Garcia Lorca. Additionally, there will be a self-guided tour of BRIT's pocket prairie, educational activities for children, and a mini-expo featuring local organizations sharing their knowledge on how to have a lush landscape, while still conserving our natural resources. The BRIT Herbarium, Burk Children's Library, BRIT Botany Library, and Flora, the Gift Store at BRIT will be open, as well.

Date: Saturday, September 24

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Fall Gallery Night

BRIT will participate in Fall Gallery Night on Saturday, September 10,

Present” is visible to the public. Also, local artist, [Darrell Davis](#), will have several of his beautiful bronze sculptures on display, both indoors and outdoors at BRIT during the month of September.

Date: Saturday, September, 10

Time: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

4:30 Forum

On September 14, Dr. Jason Simus, an adjunct professor at Texas A&M University – Commerce and a visiting research professor in the Center for Environmental Philosophy at the University of North Texas, will give a presentation titled “Environmental Art and Ecological Citizenship.” Dr. Simus will discuss Andrew Light’s model of ecological citizenship, then he will argue that participation in the creation, appreciation, and criticism of environmental art can be a form of ecological citizenship.

Date: Wednesday, September 14

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BRIT’s [4:30 Forum](#) is always free. Lectures start promptly at 4:30 p.m. so come early for some light refreshments. No RSVP required.



Bella's Story Time

This preschool-level program has become one of BRIT’s most successful public programs! After an amazing summer of children and their adult partners exploring and learning side-by-side, Bella will lead us into the fall with a new set of titles.

September 6 – In the Tall Tall Grass by Denise Fleming

September 20 – The Sunflower House by Eve Bunting

October 4 – Pumpkin Pumpkin by Jeanne Titherington

October 18 – Pumpkin Circle by George Levenson

November 15 – The Tortilla Factory/La Tortillerja by Gary Paulsen (A bilingual program)

Dates: First and Third Tuesdays of the Month

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

Pre-registration is not required; however, due to limited space, preschools and day care centers will need to schedule one week in advance.



Families may attend at no cost, thanks to the generous support of the Fash Foundation.

The Bell of the Ball-Teacher Tuesdays this Fall

K-12 educators are cordially invited to an open house at BRIT's Teacher Resource Center to celebrate our first Teacher Tuesday.

Date: September 6, 2011

Time: 3 p.m.–8 p. m.

Location: BRIT

Light appetizers, wine, and other beverages will be served starting at 4:30 p.m. Dress is business casual. For more information, please contact [Tracy Friday](#). The Teacher Resource Center has extended hours on Teacher Tuesdays, which occur the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month (3 p.m.–8 p.m.). Come explore BRIT resources, relax, grade papers, and network with colleagues. Discussion groups will also occur on a variety of topics.



Collecting During Hurricane Irene

BRIT Field Researcher, Dave Reedy, and Vice President and Director of Research, Will McClatchey, departed for a lengthy trip to New England and Canada to conduct cider research. The two battled the weather that Irene dealt out in this area! One place they collected was in a small old cider orchard that they found by the ocean just outside of Acadia National Park.

The BRIT SEED School has a new position opening for an Education Specialist

This individual will facilitate the following programs:

- Three-day teacher workshop
- Year-long professional learning community
- REAL School Gardens collaborative programming, i.e., potato harvest
- Field trips to BRIT for K-12 public, private, and home schools

We'd appreciate your help in sharing the attached position description with anyone who you feel might be qualified. If you have any questions about the position, please call or e-mail me. Thanks for helping us spread the word!



“Trinity Perspectives 2: Past and Present” in the BRIT Exhibit Hall

TP2 is the second in a series of exhibits hosted by [Streams and Valleys](#), designed to explore unique perspectives of the Trinity River through a variety of artistic media. Past and Present uses photography to portray the transformation of the river from a barren muddy channel into a thriving urban river.

Beginning with photographs archived from the 1940s to 1960s, locations throughout the Trinity River corridor have been recaptured on film by renowned regional photographers. The artists were encouraged to interpret the current venues from their own creative aspect. The result is a compelling narrative of the transformation of the river, as well as a reflection of the diverse views of the Trinity today.

Exhibition runs from September 10, 2011–January 2, 2012.

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

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