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ENGAGE: WITH THE FWBG | BRIT COMMUNITY

Sip, Shop and Enjoy Spring in the Garden at the Inaugural Spring Market

Celebrate the arrival of warm weather at the inaugural Spring Market in the Garden May 2, 10a to 3p. The event includes the annual Spring Sip and Shop, a new Tea and Coffee Festival and a free Afternoon in the Garden (noon to 2p).

At the Sip and Shop, parking is held near the main Garden entrance off University Drive, and you can shop the wares of local artisans, enjoy snacks from multiple food trucks and relax to live music. Over at the Tea and Coffee Fest, parking is held near the west entrance off the West Freeway, and coffee and tea aficionados can sample roasts and brews from more than 20 local vendors.

The beautifully blooming spring Garden will provide a magical setting, and guests can wander through the Garden between the two locations for free between noon and 2p.

[Learn more about this event!](#)



PLANT: THE SEEDS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEM EDUCATION

Learn and Grow Together at Earth Day Yoga and other Family Programs

Families looking for activities this spring should make tracks to FWBG | BRIT and a new line-up of programs that combine outdoor learning, activities and fun.

“It’s a great opportunity to make memories as a family,” said School and Garden Program Manager Cameron Barlow. “Our families come away with big smiles on their faces.”

Coming up soon is an Earth Day Family Yoga class, where the entire family can celebrate our planet by breathing deep and stretching outside. [Learn more about our Family Programs—and how to get started with yoga as a family.](#)



LEARN: STAY CURIOUS

Explore Tinsley Garden and Learn What Makes this Water-wise Place So Magical

Tinsley Garden has a unique appeal—it seems to have grown naturally out of the landscape. And yet the garden was carefully planned and crafted by experts, first among them FWBG | BRIT Horticultural Manager Zach Gomez.

In the new FWBG | BRIT Walking Class, you can get a behind-the-scenes tour of Tinsley Garden alongside Gomez and learn exactly how he and his team shaped the space using plants native to north central Texas.

[Find out more, plus learn which three perennials Gomez identifies as Tinsley Garden's top performers.](#)



Native plant *Trillium texanum* from East Texas piney woods. This is one of the rare plants currently being studied by [BRIT's Conservation Program](#).

RESEARCH: FROM PLANT TO PLANET

Celebrate National Native Plant Month by Learning More about These Special Plants

Happy National Native Plant Month! This is no made-up holiday—in March, the U.S. Senate [declared April 2021 the first ever nationally recognized native plant](#) month in the United States.

Let's celebrate our native plant heritage and the benefits these plants offer us! Native plants are inherently unique and are part of what makes Texas special. Our native plants, all 4,500 (approximately) of them, provide beauty to our roadsides, diversity in our gardens and landscapes and habitats for wildlife and other organisms, such as fungi, invertebrates and microbes.

[Read on for the many opportunities available this month to deepen your appreciation for native plants.](#)



GARDEN: WHAT'S IN BLOOM

Flowering Trees and Shrubs Signal Spring in North Texas

Spring has sprung in the Garden. Some of the brightest blooms and most beautiful flowers are found on the ornamental trees and shrubs scattered across the landscape.

"Spring-blooming trees and shrubs make wonderful additions to almost any garden, and they serve as signs that spring is truly here," said Sr. Horticulturist Steve Huddleston. "Many of us in north Texas get a thrill when we see our first redbud in bloom. It means winter is truly over."

[Learn more about the most beautiful and reliable spring-bloomers for north Texas.](#)

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“It was such a great day at the Garden. I appreciate all the hard work that goes into everything. Thank you so much for having such a beautiful place for all of us to visit. It is one of my happy places for sure. Very rejuvenating and zen.”

— Sabine, Member

Spring in the Garden is a special time, and members always have a special experience.

Join now and receive free Garden admission that includes access to our special exhibits such as Stickwork and Topiaries in the Garden. Plus you'll receive discounts on classes and workshops and reciprocal free admission at more than 330 public gardens. Become a member today!

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