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ENGAGE: WITH THE FWBG | BRIT COMMUNITY

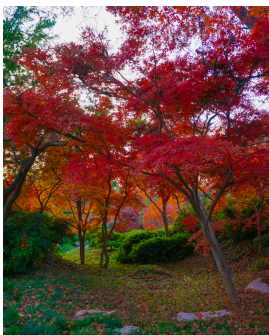
## Find the Fantastic Topiaries at the Botanic Garden

Topiaries have sprouted all around the Botanic Garden. The question is: Can you find them all?

"A dozen animal-shaped living sculptures are now scattered around the Botanic Garden," said Vice President for Horticulture and Assistant Director Bob Byers. "But where exactly can they be found? Can you spot them all?"

"Topiaries in the Garden" runs through Jun. 30, 2021. [Learn more about the exhibit and plan your topiary hunt today!](#)

# TOPIARIES IN THE *garden*



## Help FWBG | BRIT End 2020 Strong

As the leaves turn and the days grow shorter, we look back at 2020—and what a year it has been. 2020 has probably presented your family with unexpected and unprecedented challenges. The same is true at FWBG | BRIT.

On the one hand, we have had enormous triumphs. For one thing, BRIT assumed management of the Botanic Garden. On the other hand, the COVID 19 pandemic has hit everyone hard.

Please consider a year-end gift to FWBG | BRIT.

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GARDEN: WHAT'S IN BLOOM

## Let Your Imagination Take Off with Topiaries

Topiaries are now scattered around the landscape and growing luxuriantly at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, with birds, butterflies and beasts brimming with plants and flowers that depict not only the shape of the animal but also the color and texture of its skin, fur or feathers.

These creations seem fantastical and complex, and may appear beyond the skills of a home gardener. However, you can create your own garden of topiaries with a little patience and some creativity.

“Topiaries take time,” said Sr. Horticulturist Steve Huddleston, “but they allow you to create incredible, unique works of art.”

[Learn more about how to create living sculptures in your own garden.](#)



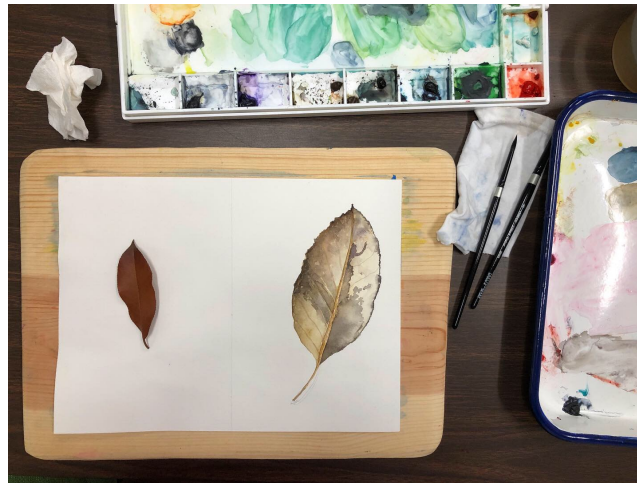
PLANT: THE SEEDS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEM EDUCATION

## We're Going on a Topiary Hunt!

Explore the new Topiaries in the Garden exhibit by taking your family on a topiary scavenger hunt through the grounds. Children can stomp, count, hop and hide their way through the Garden on a topiary adventure.

Parents can [download the scavenger hunt clues here](#), or, when they arrive at the Garden, use their phones to capture a QR code that will bring up the clues and a Garden map.

Elephants, gorillas and gazelles are lurking here in the Garden. Can you find them all?



LEARN: STAY CURIOUS

## Discover the Beauty of the Winter Landscape through Watercolor

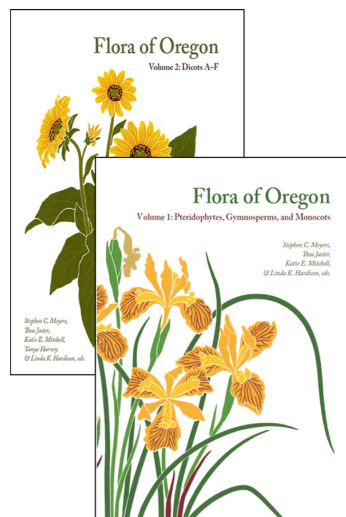
Some seasons are easy to appreciate. Think of the fresh new greens of spring, the glowing yellows of summer flowers or the rich reds and oranges of autumn leaves.

Winter can be harder to love. The trees are bare and the grass is brown. Here in Texas we rarely get to enjoy to the fresh whiteness of a new snowfall.

“But there is beauty in every season,” said artist and instructor Brenda Ciardiello. Ciardiello will help her students find this beauty in her Dec. 5

and 6 online class “Winter Botanicals Watercolor Workshop.”

[Learn more about the course and how you can seek to find the beauty in the world around you.](#)



#### RESEARCH: FROM PLANT TO PLANET

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For 2020, BRIT Press published volume 14 of the journal and 4 new book titles, including:

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- *A Systematic Vademecum to the Vascular Plants of Saba* by Franklin S. Axelrod
- *Flora of Oregon, Volume 2: Dicots A–F* by Stephen C. Meyers, Thea Jaster, Katie E. Mitchell, Tanya Harvey, and Linda K. Hardison, editors

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