



November GROWing Together™ Newsletter

The time has changed and the leaves are turning into a mosaic of reds, yellows, and browns. It's fall, y'all, and that means it's time for the Japanese Fall Festival. Remember GROW members attend for free, so make sure your membership is up to date! Visit fwgrows.org or contact the membership office at membership@fwgrows.org for more information.

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Celebrate Japanese Culture while Enjoying the Beauty of the Japanese Garden at the Fall Festival



Fort Worth's beloved Japanese Fall Festival takes place this year on **Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24**, and it's going to be bigger and better than ever. In response to its enormous popularity, the Festival is expanding out of the Japanese Garden into the surrounding landscape.

What does that mean? More vendors, more performers, more food trucks, more fun! If you've never made to the Festival before, what can you expect? First, you will see the Japanese Garden at the peak of its beauty in a stunning display of color.

Second, you'll experience Raku Pottery demonstrations, traditional dance performances, calligraphy and origami presentations, and tea ceremonies. Plus amazing food from a variety of food trucks. Last year nearly 5,000 guests attended the Fall Festival. This year, who knows! Remember that your GROW membership entitles to you free attendance, so plan your visit today.

For more information, visit the [website](#). A big thanks goes to the Fort Worth Japanese Society and their performers, vendors, cultural booths, and more, all of which make the Festival possible.

Details:

Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (last admission at 4 pm). General garden admission applies.

Adults: \$12.00 | Seniors (65+): \$10.00 | Children (6-15): \$6.00 | Children 5 and under: Free

GROW Members: Free

Enjoy the Finest in Sustainable Wines while Supporting BRIT at the Annual Vine to Table Dinner and Fundraiser



Delicious wine, amazing food, and the opportunity to tour the new Dickies Arena await guests at the 2020 BRIT Vine to Table dinner and auction on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020.

The annual BRIT fundraiser takes place at Fort Worth's hottest new location: the Dickies Arena. Guests will have a chance to tour the arena two days before the opening of the 2020 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

Diners will celebrate the remarkable achievements of sustainable wine-growers at the event, which will feature

the wines of both Texas vineyards and international wine-makers. BRIT will award winners of both the BRIT/FIVS International Sustainable Winegrowing Competition and the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo/BRIT Texas Sustainable Winegrowing Competition.

Guests will have an opportunity to bid on the winning wines at an exclusive online auction in the weeks before the event. Auction winners will be announced that night.

Vine to Table is BRIT's largest fundraiser of the year and is critical to funding the organization's mission of education, research, and community engagement. Event hosts Dana and Dee Kelly invite you to [buy your tickets now!](#)

Sponsorship opportunities are also available; contact BRIT's Director of Philanthropy [Sara Richardson](#) for more information.



You're invited to [Holiday in the Garden](#), a combined BRIT and Fort Worth Botanic Garden event! Enjoy FREE admission to the Botanic Garden 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., sign-up for the Holiday Tea, meet Santa in the Garden, browse the Sip and Shop at BRIT and more!

Circle **Saturday, December 14** on your calendar today!

P.S. Give the gift of GROW: Purchase a [gift membership](#) and receive a red or green "holly day" envelope stocking stuffer.

Bask in the Beauty of Botanical Art

Botanical Art Worldwide: America's Flora remains on exhibit at BRIT through November 27



This November, give yourself the gift of art and visit the landmark exhibition, *Botanical Art Worldwide: America's Flora*.

This exhibition is part of a worldwide project organized by the American Society of Botanical Artists and is on display at BRIT through November 27. *America's Flora* features original works by contemporary American artists portraying plants native to the United States.

Stop by our Samples Exhibit Hall to experience the calm beauty of these painted plant portraits, from cacti to woodland wildflowers to trees. You're sure to find a favorite!

Brown Bag Lecture:

From Proteas to Welwitschia: Unique plants of Namibia and the Cape of Good Hope

Denis Benjamin will return to the Brown Bag lecture series on Tuesday, December 3. His presentation will illustrate some of the desert-adapted plants of the Namib Desert, including the otherworldly *Welwitschia mirabilis*, and the unique fynbos ecosystems of the Western Cape of South Africa. This is the ancestral home of a substantial number of plants in commercial horticulture, including many daisies, geraniums, *Strelitzia* (Bird of Paradise), cannas, etc.

Denis will also read selected passages from his two recently published books, which will be

available for sale and signing: *Musings of a Mushroom Hunter: A natural history of foraging* and *The Compleat Physician: Reflections from a golden era of clinical medicine*. Visit the [webpage](#) for more information about this lecture.



Cultivate Your Curiosity!

Have you always wanted to become your own floral designer, learn the mysteries of flower bulbs, or polish your watercolor skills? Then join us for a GROW adult education class!

We offer hands-on and lecture-based classes at both BRIT and the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, all taught by experts in their fields. For more information please visit our [webpage](#) or contact Erin Starr White. Upcoming classes include:

November 9: [Watercolor II](#)

November 9: [Waxed Amaryllis Bulbs](#)

November 16: [Floral Design: Thanksgiving](#)





Host Your Holiday Party at BRIT!

The holidays are quickly approaching
and it is time to start planning!

Visit brit.org/rentals for information on our party spaces, or email events@brit.org

In the News

- **Fort Worth Botanic Garden Senior Horticulturist Steve Huddleston** provided recommendations for winter gardening in the *Abilene Reporter News*. Huddleston gave advice about keeping your garden colorful all winter long and well into spring. [Read all about it.](#)
- **BRIT Press Editor Barney Lipscomb** was highlighted in the *Longview News-Journal* and the *Dallas Morning News* discussing the appointment of Steven Chamblee to the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center Foundation. Lipscomb has known Chamblee for 25 years and discusses the strengths he brings to our neighbors in plant conservation. [Read all about it.](#)
- **BRIT Research Botanist Morgan Gestel** was interviewed on the urgency of the threat of species extinction for the October issue of *Center for Plant Conservation*. Check out "Banking Biodiversity" by [reading here.](#)
- **BRIT Resident Research Association Dan Caudle** was featured in the October 2019 issue of *The Cattleman*. Caudle discussed the value of science-based ranch management, including plant and soil monitoring, in improving cattle operations. [Read all about it.](#)

Calendar of Events

November 4 through December 1

November 9, 16, 23, 30: [Hike with GROW Girl](#)

November 5: [Bella's Book and Nature Club](#)

November 6: [Storytime Yoga](#)

November 9: [Watercolor II](#)

November 9: [Waxed Amaryllis Bulbs](#)

November 13: [Seedlings](#)

November 16: [Girl Scout Saturday](#) and [Floral Design: Thanksgiving](#)

November 19: [Little Sprouts](#)

November 19: [Teacher Tuesday](#)



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