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ENGAGE: WITH THE FWBG | BRIT COMMUNITY

Celebrate the Return of Spring in the Beautiful Japanese Garden

We've all endured a long, tough winter. But now the days are growing longer, the tulips are blooming and it's time to celebrate spring.

Join us in the Japanese Garden on March 27 and 28 for the Spring Festival in the Japanese Garden. Treat yourself to delicious traditional foods, watch demonstrations of Japanese arts and crafts and shop from a variety of local artisans. Catch a video glimpse [here](#).

[Reserve your tickets today!](#)



Welcome the Weekend at After Hours in the Garden

Beautiful spring evenings call for special celebration. Unwind after a long week with friends or a special someone while listening to live jazz, sipping an adult beverage and enjoying a selection of delicious bites.

After Hours in the Garden is a series of events planned this spring with the first taking place on March 26. Mark your calendars now for two others on April 9 and May 14. For guests 21 years old or older. [Reserve your tickets today!](#)



GARDEN: WHAT'S IN BLOOM

Tulip Time: Bulbs Burst into Blooms All Around the Garden

Hard work several months ago is now paying off as beds of tulips spring into bloom all around the Garden, bringing a welcome shot of reds, oranges, pinks and yellows into the landscape.

"Teams of staff and volunteers planted more than 125,000 bulbs in December," said former Sr. Horticulturist Steve Huddleston. "The work can be hard on your knees, but it's worth it when you see the fields of color in the spring."

[Learn more about the fascinating history of tulips and how to indulge your own tulip mania.](#)



PLANT: THE SEEDS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEM EDUCATION

Bella the Begonia and Carlos Cactus Are Back and Teaching Kids about Shapes in Nature

After almost a full year, Bella Begonia and Carlos Cactus are back for in-person story time!

In April, FWBG | BRIT unveils a new outdoor-only format for Bella's Book and Nature Club and the Little Sprouts Book and Garden Club, said Early Childhood Program Manager Cheryl Potemkin. "We're holding all of these events outside, limiting attendance and ensuring social distancing. We think it's a great way to help children connect to nature while teaching important literacy and environmental STEM skills."

Plus, FWBG | BRIT now offers private story time sessions for groups of 10 to 20 individuals, ideal for learning pods. [Learn all about the new opportunities available as well as a book and activity exploring shapes in nature.](#)



LEARN: STAY CURIOUS

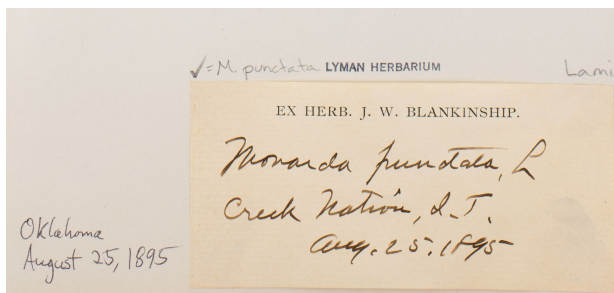
Make New Connections with Yoga in the Garden

It's hard to resist the pull of nature in the spring—that tug of fresh breezes, blue skies and bright new growth. So, don't resist—dive in with yoga in the garden.

The upcoming Spring Flow Yoga course offers a powerful experience for both those completely new to yoga and to experience yogis by moving the practice outside.

“A major part of yoga practice is being connected,” said Julie Vitek, a certified yoga instructor who teaches courses around the community. “We seek to connect body, mind and spirit, but it goes beyond that. We're looking for connection as a whole, to nature and to the world.”

[Learn more about the course and best way to overcome any hesitancy when trying a new health and fitness class for the first time.](#)



RESEARCH: FROM PLANT TO PLANET

Take a Look into Oklahoma's Past in the BRIT Herbarium

In honor of National Old Stuff Day ([an actual holiday earlier this month](#)), the BRIT Herbarium highlights an interesting collection from Oklahoma. This specimen is from 1895 of *Monarda punctata*, a common sweet-scented perennial known as Spotted Beebalm.

At the time of collection, Oklahoma was split between the Oklahoma Territory to the west and Indian Territory to the east. Indian Territory largely consisted of the lands belonging to the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole Nations. Although Indian Territory was dissolved in 1907 for Oklahoma statehood, our collections preserve a record of a shared human history. So it's not just old stuff . . . it's a time capsule!

[Read more about this specimen and how there was almost a U.S. state named Sequoyah.](#)



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Reap the Rewards of Membership this Spring

The FWBG | BRIT calendar is bursting with opportunities to celebrate the return of warm weather, with multiple special offerings for members.

- Love the [Spring Festival at the Japanese Garden](#)? Members get free admission.
- Planning to restock your garden at the [Spring Plant Sale](#)? Members can access a two-day preview sale plus get 10 percent off their purchase.
- Looking for a way to welcome the weekend? Members get early admission to [After Hours at the Garden](#).

It takes just a few minutes to become a member, and the investment pays off all spring—and all summer, fall and winter! Join today!

Need help logging in as a member to claim free admission tickets or sign in for discounts? [Find detailed instructions here](#). Or you can email membership@fwgrows.org or call 817-332-7518.

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