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Fort Worth Botanic Garden and Botanical Research Institute of Texas

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Threatened plants and endangered habitats still need our protection. Children and families still need to be encouraged about the value of nature and being outside. In good times or bad, all of life depends on plants – without plants we cannot live.

The COVID-19 crisis has challenged the momentum of our work. Donations and memberships have nearly halted over the past month, threatening these crucial efforts. You have already been a part of the early successes achieved through the collaboration between BRIT and the Garden.

Now and through May 5, 2020 the BRIT and Garden community will come together for North Texas Giving Tuesday Now, an emergency giving opportunity to support nonprofits in our region. If you can, we are asking for your support on this emergency giving day. If you prefer to give early, you may do so by visiting here.

We are forever grateful. Thank you.

#NTxGivingTuesdayNow
A Message from the Garden and BRIT

We are living through unprecedented times of uncertainty and anxiety. We wish that during these times we could offer you the solace of a walk in the Rose Garden or through the BRIT prairie.

We can however share gentle reminders to appreciate the beauty of spring every time we open our doors. We can affirm that staying home protects the most vulnerable among us. And we can look forward to a future where we are all together again as the flowers bloom and sunlight dances on the ponds and streams throughout the combined campus.

Then some of you may have questions about the decision to close the Garden to the public so we invite you to read this statement from Garden Director Bob Byers. Also, keep reading below to learn about how we have pivoted during the crisis to offer classes and other resources online. Follow us on our social media (links at very bottom) to see what's blooming or learn something you didn't know about botany.

These are unprecedented times, but we will get through them. Until we are together again, keep well.
welcoming landscape. Take advantage of this moment with our new online course, “Residential Landscape Design,” to be held Saturday, April 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. Learn more about the class and how to participate.

PLANT: THE SEEDS OF A STEM EDUCATION

Keep Learning and Growing, From Home

Our in-person education programs may be suspended, but the learning never stops. The Education Team is committed to providing engaging, educational content to our community. We are regularly making and posting videos online that you can enjoy with your children.

For example, a video posted on April 9 will teach you all about pollinators. An associated activity sheet includes projects to track pollinators in your own backyard. Visit the Online Videos and Activities page to learn more!

RESEARCH: FROM PLANT TO PLANET

John Muir In Our Halls

John Muir, considered by many to be the Father of our National Parks, worked tirelessly for the conservation of natural resources, but many people don’t know he also collected herbarium specimens. Over the past few months, the BRIT herbarium discovered five specimens in our holdings collected by this legendary naturalist. Like John Muir, these specimens went on quite a journey before they arrived at our herbarium. Learn more about these collections on the Research blog.
GARDEN: WHAT’S IN BLOOM

Exploring Your Local Landscape

One consolation many have found during this time of shelter-in-place is that of taking long walks. It’s a great way to get out of the house, and an opportunity to clear your mind, move your body, and engage with nature. **Here are some ideas on plants to look for as you explore your own neighborhood.**

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We appreciate our members and are forever thankful for their support. While our campus is closed, we are working daily to bring you online benefits and preparing for the time when we can welcome you back in person. Until then, please consider becoming a member today or sharing this with a friend to help us continue what we do best, bringing the community outstanding outdoor experiences, educational courses, special events and for members, exclusive benefits. **Already a member? Please consider renewing.** Thank you.