Dear Members and Guests:

As all of us grapple with racism and violence against black people, please know that we are in agreement with statements by Mayor Price, the City of Fort Worth, and our professional organization, the American Public Gardens Association. We strive to uphold the values of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility and speak out against acts of violence and racism.

— BRIT and the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Engaging Guests Back to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and BRIT

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden and BRIT were delighted to welcome guests back to their pathways and hallways starting June 1 after several weeks of closure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting June 13, the Garden will also reopen on weekends.

Further, as a thank-you to its members, the Garden now reserves the first and last hour of the day for GROW members only (8–9 a.m. and 5–6 p.m.).
“It’s been wonderful to see people enjoying the fresh air and beauty of the Garden again,” said Garden Director Bob Byers. “We know they have missed it—and we’ve missed having them here.”

Learn more about the Garden’s measures to keep everyone safe and how to buy your tickets today.

RESEARCH: FROM PLANT TO PLANET

Botany Stories: The Flora of Belize & Maya Research Project

Botanists conduct research all over the world, while traveling across multiple islands, countries, and continents, as well as criss-crossing the counties of Texas. Many of their stories while collecting plant specimens in the field have yet to be heard.

To share their experiences, BRIT Library is starting a new blog series called Botany Stories to promote the untold collecting stories of botanists at BRIT and beyond. In this first installment, Resident Research Associate Dr. Grace Lloyd Bascopé talks about her summers in Blue Creek, Belize, working on the Flora of Belize & Maya Research Project.

GARDEN: WHAT’S IN BLOOM

Coral Honeysuckle and Other Blooming Plants Attract Hummingbirds to Our Garden—and Yours

Guests returning to the Garden this month will find numerous plants in full flower—and might just spot another visitor enjoying their blooms: hummingbirds.

“Now is a great season to spot hummingbirds enjoying the nectar of flowering plants and shrubs,” said Botanic Garden Sr. Horticulturist Steve Huddleston. “And it’s easy to attract them to your own backyard.”

Learn more about hummingbirds and the plants that will lure them to your garden.
LEARN: STAY CURIOUS

Learn the Right Technique (and the Right Rice!) to Prepare Delicious Sushi at Home

Sushi is the perfect meal for a warm summer evening, and you don’t need to leave your house to enjoy it. Learn how to make plant-based sushi at home in this online class offered June 11 by Dixya Bhattarai, Fort Worth-based dietician, nutrition expert and cook.

The most important step is knowing the right kind of rice to use, said Bhattarai. “Rice is essential—in fact, sushi means ‘vinegared rice,’” Bhattarai said. “Sushi is actually a way to prepare rice, not raw fish. Sushi always carries rice but does not have to carry fish.”

Learn more about the best rice for sushi and other tips to prepare this delicious and healthy meal. Sign up for the course today!

PLANT: THE SEEDS OF A STEM EDUCATION

Understanding Adaptations: The Connection between Plants and Where They Grow

Did you ever wonder why some plants have big leaves, some small leaves, and some, like cacti, no leaves at all? Why some have deep roots and others shallow roots just below the surface?

The answer is adaptation. Plants have evolved over time to live in specific places. Some places are cold and others hot, some have lots of water and some almost no water at all. The plants that live in those places, or habitats, have adapted to their
And remember to check out all of BRIT’s online educational resources. New videos and activities are posted every week.

Join TODAY!
fwGROW.org

We are excited to reopen our doors and to offer special members-only hours at the Garden. We are always looking for ways to thank our members—other member benefits and events are listed online. Please consider becoming a member today or sharing this link 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.

Those who were members during the March-June closure may receive an extension on their membership by simply reaching out to the membership office.

Thank you,
Katherine Campbell, director of membership

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