



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter

January 2017

HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

Arboretum

Gates Open

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Volunteer Workday

Saturday, January 14

8 AM-11 PM

Come Visit

Although the holidays can be busy, why not enjoy your day off from work by taking your family and friends to the Arboretum. Come see what Matthew left behind in its path. Make note of our progress in the clean up carried out by so many terrific volunteers. Check out the new boardwalk, plantings, and seating areas added in 2016. Then consider a gift of time or dollars to help us complete both the clean up and long term mission. Remember, we are supported solely by your donations.

Nature Walk

Saturday, January 14

9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Discovering Nature Nearby

Saturday, January 21

9:30 AM-10:30 AM

SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

BRONZE PARTNER

Stuart & Haze Bergman

Laurence Gierum

Pat & Cliff Jeremiah



A New Year & A New Boardwalk

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from REI, awarded last May, Arboretum visitors can now enjoy more beautiful bottomland forest, while remaining above the muck. After months of designing, surveying, searching for in-kind donations and looking for volunteers, a very handsome boardwalk is there to make the Jones Creek Trail more accessible for our visitors. In February, we will finish the project by leveling and resurfacing the trail between the Lake Loop and the beginning of the boardwalk. We are dreaming of continuing the upgrades across the creek and around the point once we clean up the mess left by Matthew.

Robb & Pam Mitchell

**Anthony John Rigney, PA &
Rigney Family
of Jacksonville, FL**

Russell Blueberry Farm

**Dr. Todd Sack & Barbara
Sharp**

**Denise Trad-Wartan of
Trad's Garden Center/Trad's
Pest Control**

SILVER PARTNER

Eldon & Martha Bekkum

Kotas Family Foundation/

GE Foundation

Mary Anne & Anwar Saadeh

Southern Wine & Spirits

GOLD PARTNER

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Kevin Driscoll -

The Driscoll Group

David & Bonnie Foster

In addition to REI, we owe many thanks to Chad Grimm, who once again stepped up to help with design and survey work. Southern Lumber, Varn Wood Preserving, Choo-Choo Hardware, and Home Depot slashed their prices or outright donated materials. Jerry and Adam Holland gave us a great deal on the construction cost. Last but not least, employees of the JEA Arlington Treatment facility provided much needed assistance unloading and staging lumber.

Marcia Mederos

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Thank you!

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Join us at the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens for a FREE program

Discovering Nature Nearby



3rd Saturdays - September 2016 through May 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
(No program in December)

Each presentation will be followed by a hands-on activity. Materials will be provided for you to make your own nature journal for recording your observations or storing your photos. Bring out the naturalist or artist in you by recording what you see, hear and feel, taking photos, drawing or painting pictures, making leaf rubbings, starting a lifetime bird list or writing a poem.



Nov 19

Larry Figart, UF Extension Agency
Most common trees at the Arboretum
Make leaf rubbings for your journal



Mar 18

Instructor, GTM Reserve Education
Talk on Climate Change and will
Conduct a carbon experiment



Jan 21

Jessica Spencer, US Army Corps
of Engineers, Invasive Plants
Examples and hands-on activity



Apr 15

Joan Kramer, Bee & Butterfly Expert
Talk on Native Pollinators and
Butterfly release, Insect collections



Feb 18

Jack Hernandez, Co. Forester
Annaeasa Winter, Fresh from FL
Fire in Florida's Ecosystems
Tools, safety gear, take-aways



May 20

Amy Morie, Former Clay Co.
Extension Agent, Wild Florida, Native
Plants, Field ID exercise and/or walk



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Discovering Nature Nearby

Programs for 2017

Come learn more about invasive plants on Saturday
January 21st at 9:30 AM from the US Army Corps of

JAG Membership

By becoming a member or donor, you are supporting the Arboretum's operations and improvements. All donations are tax-deductible. Details are available on our website.

Membership Levels

\$ 40 Single

\$ 55 Dual

\$ 70 Family

\$100 Friend

Supporters & Corporate Partners

Bronze Partner \$250

Silver Partner \$500

Gold Partner \$1,000

Engineers' plant expert Jessica Spencer. We will start out at the Arboretum's picnic area for our fourth Discovering Nature Nearby program brought to you by TD Bank, Rayonier Advanced Materials, and the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens. Each third Saturday of the month through May 2017 expert presenters educate the public on a wide variety of topics. All ages and abilities are welcome free of charge, although contributions to our donation box are greatly appreciated. Bring your nature journal, bug spray, and a keen eye.

Planting Updates

During the December 12th workday, planting of cacti and agaves was begun in the parking lot. With these latest plantings, we added 125 plant species to the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens' plant collection in the 2016 calendar year. Due to our lack of irrigation and the current drought, a few of the plantings were lost. Nevertheless, this is a substantial increase in the collection with a strong focus on the theme of People and Plants. There are a large number of plants ready for planting in 2017. Hopefully, much needed rainfall and the continued help of our volunteers will support our efforts in this new year.

John Bartram

Society

Gatekeeper \$2500+

Steward \$5000+

President's Council
\$10000+

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New Pictures

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OUR MISSION

*Cultivating a unique environment
for recreation, education, and inspiration.*

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