



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter
April 2019 Edition

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

**Volunteer Work
Day
Saturday, April 11
8 - 11 a.m.**

**Duval Audubon
Bird Walk
Saturday, April 20
8 - 10 a.m.
Binoculars are
required**

**Discovering Nature
Nearby
Saturday April 20
10 to 11 a.m.**

Delores Barr Weaver Fund
established 2012

**Thanks to Your Help we met the
Delores Barr Weaver Fund
Challenge**

With your help, the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens surpassed a \$9,000 Challenge Grant from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund - which means the Weaver Fund will provide a one-to-one match up to \$9,000 for money raised through Feb. 28, 2019 . The monies raised are designated for enhancements to include paving of the southside of lake loop this summer, the addition of new garden areas, expansion of some of our existing gardens and other improvements to enhance the Arboretum in 2019.

By extending our annual appeal campaign to the end of February to coincide with the Delores Barr Weaver Fund Match, we also matched a \$25,000 challenge grant provided by Marcia Medores, long-time volunteer and supporter. We are incredibly grateful for our generous benefactors.

We appreciate your generosity as we continue our work to improve the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens for the 40,000-plus people who visit us each year.

If you would like to sponsor a project, a garden or other amenity at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens, please call

**Hippity Hoppity
Family Art Day
Saturday, April 20**

**Sessions are
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
&
1 - 3 p.m.
\$10 per child
\$5 per sibling**

**Nature Walk
Saturday, April 27
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Children's Tour
Saturday, May 4
10 - 11 a.m.**

**Arboretum
Gates Open
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Daily**

**SUPPORTERS
& PARTNERS**

BRONZE PARTNER

Mary Ann and Shepard
Bryan Jr.

SILVER PARTNER

Executive Director Diane Machaby at (904) 318-4342 or email Diane at dmachaby@jacksonvillearboretum.org

Meet Our New Board Member

Andrea McNally, an active volunteer, was recently elected to the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens (JAG) Board of Directors.

Andrea McNally (née Dezso) is the Social Media & Public Relations Manager for the Children's

Home Society of Florida, the state's largest provider of services to children and families. McNally joined the Board in January 2019. Before that, she served on the JAG development committee from 2016 to 2018 with a brief hiatus to plan her wedding. McNally was encouraged to volunteer with JAG by former longtime board member, Willis Jones. She has served in many



Andrea McNally

capacities including work days, awareness campaigns, event planning and grant strategy. It was Willis' hope that she would one day join the board and McNally says she is honored to see that through.

McNally completed her Bachelor of Arts & Sciences in Communications and Media Studies at the University of North Florida in 2013.

'A Brush with Nature' Plein Air Artists Event Success

Our annual A Brush with Nature plein air painting event was

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

GOLD PARTNER

John & Sondie Frus
Ron and Carol Russell,
Russell Blueberry Farm

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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

John Bartram Society

a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who came out for the event. The weather was perfect. We had so many visitors; cars were parked along the road. The artists from First Coast Plein Air Painters spent weeks creating art work to gear up for the event.



Artist Marilyn Antram

The Children's Art Activities are always a hit at the event. Many thanks to our volunteers, the artists, and the families that came to enjoy the weekend.

Gatekeeper

\$2,500+

Steward

\$5,000+

President's Council

\$10,000+

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We could not do it without our sponsors: "Cypress" sponsor bestbet, "Hickory" sponsors Office Environments & Services (OE&S) and the "Press On" Foundation, along with "Azalea" sponsor JM Family Enterprises. In-kind sponsors include Arbus Magazine, AB Signs, Citi, Hartley Press, Warrior Defense Lab, Panera Bread and PRI Productions along with David and Janet English, Stephen and Bernice Dunn and Randy Pitts.

Two New Gardens Join the Reciprocal Admission Program

Welcome Durango Botanic Gardens of Durango, Colo. and Connecticut College Arboretum of New London, Conn new members of the Reciprocal Admission Program (RAP). The ability to visit gardens around the country for reduced rates, and in cases free, is one of the many benefits of becoming a member of the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens. 2019 RAP guides are available for purchase at www.ahsgardening.org/rap. For a complete list of all the gardens by state, go to [this link](#).

Wanted Volunteer Facilities Coordinator

The arboretum is primarily operated and maintained by an amazing group of volunteers and we can always use more. We are looking for a Volunteer Facilities Coordinator, someone who can work in coordination with the executive director to field inquiries and resolve issues relating to arboretum operations. - Not including the gardens and trail areas. If you are interested, contact Diane Machaby at (904) 318-4342 or dmachaby@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Meet our Amazing Volunteers

Name	Duties
Trudy Barker	Webmaster
Mary E. Belet	Membership Assistant
Gail Beveridge	Fundraising Chair, A Brush With Nature
Nichole Buttermann	Children's Program Coordinator
Matthew Butterworth	Conservation/Trails/Saturday Work Days
Penny Butterworth	E-magazine
Bill Cooke	Bookkeeper
Randy Didier	On-site volunteer (2-3 days a week).
Chris Edmondson	Conservation/Trails/Saturday Work Days
Doug Gayno	Nature Walks
Chuck Hubbuch	Horticulturalist/Plants and Trees
Ellen Lowman	Membership, E-magazine, Merchandise, Honey

Bonnie Nackino	Nature Walks
Alice Shinkos	Discovering Nature Nearby
Sarah Rose Stewart	Program Manager
Rob Storm	Nature Walks
Merrill Varn	Conservation/Trails/Saturday Work Days
Alex Wolf	Daily on-site volunteer (M-F)
Marilyn Young	Beekeeper

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Show the world you love us, by posting your Arboretum photographs at [#jacksonvillearboretum](https://www.instagram.com/jacksonvillearboretum) & www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleArboretumGardens. We appreciate it!

OUR MISSION

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