



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter
August 2015

**HAPPENING
THIS MONTH!**

**Volunteer
Gatekeepers
Needed**

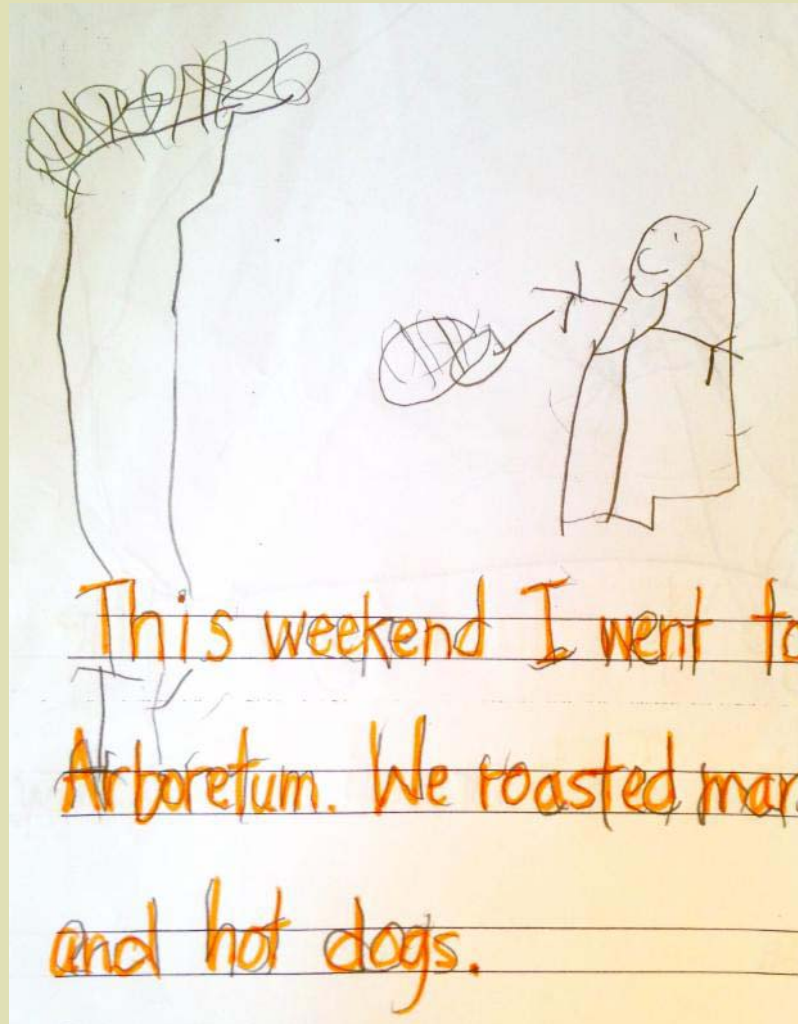
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**Volunteer
Workday**

No volunteer workdays for August. Thanks to all who have helped maintain the property!

Nature Walk
with naturalist/biologist
Saturday, August 8
9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Photo Hike
Tuesday, August 11
6 PM-7 PM



Nature at Night Picture by Gloria Perle age 4

Save The Dates!

Nature At Night

for members & volunteers
Saturday, September 5

The Many Uses of Plants

September 12, January 9, &
May 14

Arbor-EAT-um

Saturday, October 17

SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

BRONZE PARTNER

Eli & Martha Bekkum
Bonnie & David Foster
Laurence Gierum
Robb & Pam Mitchell
Anthony John Rigney,
PA
& Rigney Family
of Jacksonville, Florida
Dr. Todd Sack & Barbara
Sharp

SILVER PARTNER

Kevin Driscoll
-The Driscoll Group
Kotas Family Foundation/
GE Foundation
Marcia Mederos
Mary Anne & Anwar
Saadeh
Southern Wine & Spirits

Fun Activities for All Ages

Looking for fun activities great for all ages? Why not join the arboretum? With as little as \$40 per year you can purchase a Single Membership, which allows you to participate in our bi-annual Nature at Night events with food (hot dogs, s'mores, and more) and entertainment at no extra cost and receive the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens monthly newsletter, an Arboretum bumper sticker, and a 10% discount on merchandise. For \$15 more, you will additionally receive a Dual Membership, the quarterly Green Tips e-magazine, and monthly issues of Better Homes and Gardens magazine. Family/Household (\$70) and Friends (\$100) memberships come with all the aforementioned perks, plus discounts on special events and reciprocal admissions to other participating American Horticultural Society locations. (If you like visiting botanical sites, this program can save you A LOT of money.) As if your calendar won't be full enough with all these activities, Friends memberships also come with a listing on the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens website. (Everyone will invite you to their parties once they see this!)

So... whether you simply want to take your grandkids to the September 5th Nature at Night for s'mores or you want discounted tickets to enjoy great wine and food at the October 17th Arbor-EAT-um, consider becoming a Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens member today. Join now and be assured an invitation to the September Nature at Night; the last one was at capacity. www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/memberships/

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Become a JAG Member

We have revised our



**Results of volunteer work in an Arboretum freshwater marsh restoration area
Pictures provided by Jane Pope**

Thank you Jacksonville Zoo!

Over the past several years, the Horticulture Department of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has funded conservation projects throughout Florida - some of them so remote they are only accessible by helicopter. At the Arboretum, the Zoo has been funding work on longleaf sandhill and freshwater marsh restoration. Thank you Jacksonville Zoo!

membership levels and added more benefits in appreciation of your support. Details are available on our website.

By becoming a member or donor, you are supporting the Arboretum's day to day operations and planned improvements, plus your donation is tax-deductible.

Membership Levels

- \$ 40 Single
- \$ 55 Dual
- \$ 70 Family
- \$ 100 Friend

Supporters & Corporate Partners

- \$ 250 Bronze Partner
- \$ 500 Silver Partner
- \$1,000 Gold Partner

John Bartram Society

- \$ 2,500+ Gatekeeper
- \$ 5,000+ Steward
- \$ 10,000+ President's Council

FUN FACTS



Photo courtesy of Carlton Higginbotham

Common Name: Florida Rosemary, Sand Heath
Botanical Name: *Ceratiola ericoides*
Family: Ericaceae (126 genera, over 4000 species)

FLORIDA ROSEMARY

Florida Rosemary is striking in its rega dark evergreen needle-like leaves cont with the brilliant white sands of the o scrub, and river ridges beneath. Indiv generally stand-alone since their leave produce a chemical that inhibits seed The species is very difficult to propaga transplant. It is considered threatene of its range.

Florida Rosemary is also botanically the only species in the genus *Ceratiola* lump the genus with the heath family blueberries, rhododendron), but some and less than ten other species, belon separate family. We are honored to hi along the trails at the Jacksonville Arb Gardens.

- Small berries provide food for wild humans.
- Named for superficial similarity to pean herb rosemary.
- Range coastal plains South Carolina
- Begin producing seeds at 15 years to 50 years.
- Individual plants are either male or

Adopt-A-Species

Adopt-a-Species is an affordable option to help the Arboretum preserve the plant and animal habitats within its boundaries. For a \$30 one-year adoption fee, the donor or recipient receives a personalized adoption certificate and a Fun Facts sheet with a photograph of the adopted species; both are suitable for framing. Adopting a Florida Rosemary plant or gopher tortoise is a great way to inspire your child, grandchild, or inner child to learn more about the natural world. There will be delight upon finding the adopted species on visits to the Arboretum and a personal connection will be established. For more information and a list of species available for adoption, visit our website - www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/support/.

Themed Nature Hikes: The Many Uses of Plants

The Arboretum offers free nature hikes on the second

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THANK YOU!

Saturday of every month. Starting on September 12th, three of these hikes per year will have a special theme "The Many Uses of Plants". Plants feed us, cloth us, and put shelter over our heads. They also provide us with medicines, tools, and materials for art and recreation. On these special tours, Chuck Hubbuch, previous Director of Plant Collections at the Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden and current director of the design and management of landscaping, gardens and natural areas at the University of North Florida, will point out Arboretum plants used for these many, varied purposes.

OUR MISSION

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