



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter
February 2019 Edition

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

Kid's Tour
Saturday,
Saturday, Feb. 2
10 - 11 AM

Volunteer
Workday
Saturday, Feb. 9
9 AM - 12 PM

Discovering
Nature Nearby
Saturday, Feb. 16
9:30 AM
Birds of the
Jacksonville
Arboretum &
Gardens (Presented

**Delores Barr Weaver Fund
Matching Grant Opportunity
through Feb. 28**

*Well-known local philanthropist offers
matching help on all donations up to \$9,000
this month*

Delores Barr Weaver Fund
established 2012

We're excited to announce that we have just received a \$9,000 Challenge Grant from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund - which means the Weaver Fund has approved a one-to-one matching challenge grant for up to \$9,000 to be used for capital projects through 2019.

Some of these improvements will include paving, the addition of new garden areas, expansion of some of our existing gardens and other improvements to enhance the Arboretum.

The Weaver Fund will match any donations from new donors and current donors to our holiday appeal that were received after Jan. 1, 2019 - and any donations received now through

**by the Duval
Audubon Society)**

**Nature Walk
Saturday, Feb. 23
9:30 AM**

**Special Nature at
Night Chili Cookoff
Saturday, Feb. 23
3 PM - 6 PM
(members and
volunteers only)**

**Arboretum
Gates Open
8 AM - 5 PM
Daily**

**SUPPORTERS
& PARTNERS**

BRONZE PARTNER

Mary Ann and Shepard
Bryan Jr.

SILVER PARTNER

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

Thursday, Feb. 28 and specified for the Weaver Fund Challenge.

As of today, we have raised about half of what we need to secure this match.

You can donate through our [secured PayPal service on our website](#) (please note "Delores Barr Weaver Fund" as you donate), or mail your check to:

Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens
P.O. Box 350430
Jacksonville, FL 32225

For questions, or to donate by phone, please contact our executive director Diane Machaby at 904-318-4342 or email Diane at dmachaby@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Thanks in advance for your consideration and generosity as we continue our work to improve the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens for the more than 40,000 people who visit us each year.

Delores Barr Weaver established this fund at The Community Center for Northeast Florida in 2012 to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that do work she has supported over many years and to encourage others to do so as well. Mrs. Weaver has an extraordinary legacy of philanthropy, and she has provided transformative support to dozens of nonprofit organizations that uplift, enlighten and advance our community. Her establishment of the Delores Barr Weaver Fund (\$50 million) in 2012 was the largest gift in The Community Foundation's history.

Thank you for the Holiday Help!

We also want to thank all our supporters and members who responded to our holiday appeal letter, in which we asked for help matching an amazing \$25,000 Challenge Grant from a long-time volunteer, member and benefactor.

The donations we collect from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund matching grant underway now will be applied to this total

GOLD PARTNER

John & Sondie Frus

Ron and Carol Russell/
Russell Blueberry Farm

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more about
Donor Programs!](#)

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

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

through the end of the month!

Notable Improvements Underway

On your next visit, check out the new fencing being installed to protect some of our plantings in and around the gardens.



Volunteer Alex Wolf helps with the installation of new, solid wood stakes and protective wire around the large oak at the entrance of the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens.

We're also in the process of planning a new entry garden and are in the initial planning stages for paving the trail from our entrance around the South Loop of the Lake to the pavilion area. This is necessary to combat rain erosion on the dirt trail, and will be ADA compliant to ensure safe travel down to the pavilion area.

You will also see new directional signs (pictured below) springing up throughout the trails over the next few months.

To join or purchase a gift membership, click

[JOIN](#)

Thank you!

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We created a uniform sign for all trails, bright yellow with green type, so they'll be much easier to find during walks and hikes.



Special thanks to Michael DiAngelo, a long-time supporter who noticed the need and made a substantial donation to the project.

Also, thanks to all those who supported our wegive.org campaign through the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida. With your help, we were able to raise the entire \$1,000 to fund the project.

Finally, a call-out to AB Signs for their in-kind help with this project!

Nature at Night on February 23

Volunteers and members, don't forget to mark your calendars for 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 for the next Nature at Night event.

Several board members will be cooking up their favorite chili recipes for the event, which will be held in the picnic area near the entryway to the gardens.

We'll have some entertainment, and some tours as well. A special thanks to sponsors Wawa and Earth Fare for

their donations to the event.

A Brush with Nature, March 30-31

bestbet, OE&S, PRI Productions and The "Press On" Foundation sponsor the upcoming 'A Brush With Nature' in March -- hosted at The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens (JAG) in conjunction with First Coast Plein Air Painters.



The plein air painting event is open to the public free of charge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31.

Activities include artists' demonstrations each day, art activities for children (photo above), entertainment and food vendors.

Donations to the arboretum are encouraged, and all works of art created at the event are available for sale - with proceeds benefiting the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens and the artists.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Show the World You Love the
Arboretum**

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.*

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