



## Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter January 2016

### HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

#### **Volunteer Workday**

Saturday, January 9  
9 AM-12 PM

#### **The Many Uses of Plants - Nature Walk**

Saturday, January 9  
9:30 AM-10:30 AM

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### **Save The Dates!**

#### **Nature at Night**

March 5

#### **The Art of Nature**

April 16

#### **Themed Nature Walk**

May 14

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### **New Year's Resolutions**

Did you know that the vast majority of people who set New Year's Resolutions for themselves fail? The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens wants to help you succeed. Here is how-

Do you want to **shed pounds** or simply **be more fit** in 2016? Come out to the Arboretum and run, hike, or walk the roughly 3.5 miles of trails available. While you are there, look for the posts with a QR code and lotus flower along the paths. With a free QR code reading application and these Arboretum QR codes, you can find out about yoga poses, perfect for that particular setting.

Maybe waist size and exercise are not your issue... Have you been selfish with your time? Was television more important than **volunteer work** in 2015? Wipe the slate clean in 2016 by showing up at the Arboretum for our 9AM to noon volunteer work days every second Saturday of the month and help with the gardening and maintenance that keeps the grounds so lovely. Send an [email](#) expressing your interest in Ranger **training** so that you can lead tours and help with field trips. Simply love

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party **planning**? We need volunteers for events too!

Alright, you want to help out, but you are just too busy. **Donating** is the perfect way to succeed in your resolution to help your community. Your funds will go towards the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens' goal of cultivating a unique environment for recreation, education and inspiration. Talk about funding several really important missions in one [payment!](#)

Whether you want to **spend more time with family** - the Arboretum provides great family-friendly events and activities, **save money** - our memberships are very affordable and with them you get two free meals and evenings of entertainment per year at our Nature at Night events, or **travel more** - friend and family members benefit from the American Horticultural Society [Reciprocal Admissions Program](#) at nearly 300 North American and Cayman Island gardens, **the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens can help make your resolution a success.**

## Become a JAG Member

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

### Membership Levels

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

### Supporters & Corporate Partners

\$ 250 Bronze Partner  
\$ 500 Silver Partner  
\$1000 Gold Partner

### John Bartram Society

\$ 2500+Gatekeeper  
\$ 5000+Steward  
\$ 10000+President's  
Council

To join or purchase a gift membership, click [JOIN](#)  
Thank you for the support!



## Nature at Night

Members and volunteers join our next fun and friendly "roast your own hot dog" event Saturday March 5th from 6 PM to 9 PM at the Arboretum. Bring your own lawn chairs, bug spray, and flash lights. Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens supporters Certified Steak & Seafood, Potter's House "Soul Food Bistro", Regal Cinemas popcorn, and Southern Wine & Spirits will provide food and drinks (all non-alcoholic for this family-friendly event). Experience the Arboretum after dark, with warm fires and s'mores.

[RSVP HERE](#) by noon on March 5th. Please put "Nature at Night" in the subject line and let us know the number of adults & children in your party. Admission is free for members and volunteers; however, if you bring guests, we ask for a donation of \$5 per adult and \$2 per child to help defray costs. Attendance will be limited to the first 100 people.

## **Thank You Workday Volunteers!**

On December 12th, workday volunteers helped spruce up the pollinator, palm, and east gardens. A number of new species were planted, many of which will be featured on the January 9th People and Plants themed nature walk. After the guided walk, join us for the last half of the next second Saturday work day. See you there!

### **OUR MISSION**

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