



**Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter  
July 2016**

**HAPPENING  
THIS  
MONTH!**

**Volunteer  
Workday**  
Saturday, July 9  
Summer Hours  
8 AM-11 PM

**Nature Walk**  
Saturday, July 9  
9:30 AM-10:30 AM

**Arboretum  
Extended  
Hours On  
Tuesday &  
Thursdays**  
8:00 AM-7:00 PM

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## Save The Dates!

**Arbor-EAT-um**  
Saturday, October 22

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### SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

#### BRONZE PARTNER

Laurence Gierum  
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Tawny daylily photos courtesy of Chuck Hubbuch.

## The Tawny Daylily

Daylilies, native to Asia, are a popular group of plants for gardeners in the United States. Hundreds of species, cultivars and hybrids are available in a wide range of colors and sizes in the nursery trade. In general, they are sturdy, durable garden plants that provide a lot of color without demanding much effort from the gardener. One of them, however, has proven to be a little too easy to grow in some places and has become a weed in several states to our north. In the United States, the introduced form of the tawny daylily

Marcia Mederos

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### **JAG Membership**

By becoming a member or donor, you are supporting the Arboretum's operations and

(*Hemerocallis fulva*) does not produce seeds but continues to thrive in old homesteads long after the house has disappeared. Because of its dense root system, it was used for erosion control on ditches. In some places, it is known as "ditch weed". Wherever people planted it or tossed extra plants, it survived and spread. Because of this aggressive behavior, the tawny daylily is uncommon in the nursery trade.

In Jacksonville's poor, sandy soil, however, daylilies are not so easy. Most require irrigation and fertilizer to succeed. The introduction of the disease, daylily rust, to the southeastern United States means that only disease-resistant types can be grown here successfully. The tawny daylily that is so weedy to our north is a tame garden plant here. In fact, it needs irrigation to look good in the landscape and grows better in partial shade than when fully exposed to the Florida sun. As an added bonus, it seems to have good resistance to the daylily rust disease.

In Jacksonville's sandy soils, tawny daylily makes a clump of arching, inch-wide, grass-like leaves to a foot or more in height. The flower spikes stand three feet tall or more. The spikes branch near the top where they produce bright orange flowers. A selection with double orange flowers, 'Kwanso', is the one found most often in plant catalogs. Each flower lasts for one day, as suggested by the common name of daylily.

With our expectation that its aggression will be controlled by Jacksonville's conditions, we planted a few tawny daylilies in the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens recently. Daylilies are used for a wide variety of purposes in Asia. The flower buds and flowers are eaten fresh, cooked and dried. The rhizome is reported to be edible. Traditionally, the rhizome was used medicinally, too, as an antibiotic and to kill intestinal worms.

## **Get The Kids Outdoors**

It's summer, school's out and it's time to get the kids outdoors to enjoy nature. How about the Arboretum? Keep the science they spent all year learning fresh in their minds.

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\$ 40 Single  
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**To join or purchase a gift membership, click [JOIN](#) Thank you!**

With a family membership to the Arboretum, you will be the first to know about upcoming events. Only members and volunteers are invited to our very popular "Nature at Night" events. Hot dogs, s'mores and a campfire; it is always a kid's favorite.

Adults will get the EMag, which again is only for members and has great articles written by experienced/professional gardeners. It's a must read.

Please help support your Arboretum by joining today.



Photo courtesy of Merrill Varn.

### **Weed & Learn**

Thanks to a great turnout on June 11, we were able to weed parts of both the pollinator garden at the entrance and creekside and pavilion areas in the east garden. These workdays are an opportunity you shouldn't miss. It is like having your own three hour private tour with Chuck Hubbuch, local plant expert and master mind of the Arboretum collection. Chuck always does a planting and watering demo at the beginning of each work day so we all know how to give each specimen the best chance to survive. There is constant chatter about how each of the plants we are weeding around or planting is useful to people. Besides wanting you to come because it is really interesting, we want you to come because we could use a lot more help. Needless

to say, we have more than enough weeds to go around.

Our next workday will be July 9th from 8AM-11AM. WEEDS WEEDS WEEDS. Note the time change for summer workdays. WEEDS WEEDS WEEDS. Remember we are 100% volunteer operated. WEEDS WEEDS WEEDS.





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## **Thank You Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens Horticulture Department and Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens Conservation Corps**

The Conservation Corps was back in the ravine playing in the mud on June 18th. In four years, they have transformed the toe of the ravine from a trash ridden and torpedo grass, peruvian primrose willow, and tallow tree infested drainage pool to an almost proper marsh. During the June workday, volunteers not only continued to remove invasive plants, but also installed over a hundred bareroot and potted plants including: pond cypress, persimmon, dahoon holly, mayhaw, swamp milkweed, crimson-eyed rosemallow, bushy bluestem, alligator flag, ironweed, canna, blueflag, pickerelweed, lizard's tail, and the list goes on and on. The plant purchase was made possible by a generous grant from the Horticulture Department of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is very grateful for their continued trust and support.

In July, the corps will keep working down the ravine toward Jones Creek digging up invasive plants and replacing them with native ones. They could always use a few more hale and hearty souls. Conservation Corps work is never easy, but it is always great fun and there are homemade chocolate chip cookies to celebrate a job well done. To join the conservation corps, email [info@JacksonvilleArboretum.org](mailto:info@JacksonvilleArboretum.org).

## Pictures Please

Please keep up with those Arboretum picture posts to Instagram [#jacksonvillearboretum](https://www.instagram.com/jacksonvillearboretum) and facebook [www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleArboretumGardens](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleArboretumGardens). It helps the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens non-profit identify Arboretum inhabitants and encourages more visitors to the on-site donation box. Thanks!

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*Cultivating a unique environment  
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