



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter July 2019 Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Children's Tour
Saturday, July 6
10 - 11 a.m.**

**Volunteer Work
Day
Saturday, July 13
8 - 11 a.m.**

**Nature Walk
Saturday, July 27
9 - 10 a.m.
Walk with our
naturalist/biologist
Walks are free**

Children's Tour

Thanks to our First Sponsors for Spirits Under the Sun Oct. 19

All the restaurants are lined up, but we are still looking for our final sponsors to support the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens sixth annual fun and food fundraiser "Spirits Under the Sun" - A Pairing of Food, and Drink - set for Saturday, October 19 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Thanks to our sponsors so far, which include bestbet Jacksonville, Crowley Cares Foundation, Glazer's Southern Wine & Spirits, JaxPort, Liberty Advisory Group, OE&S/Office Environments and Services, REI and Robb and Pam Mitchell.

The presenting sponsor slot is still available for the event, and all sponsors will be considered through the end of August. If you're interested in supporting the Arboretum the Spirits Under the Sun event, the following sponsorship levels are currently available - with sponsor booths available for the first time for those that purchase a \$2,500 sponsorship and up.

Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000

Sponsor: \$1,000 - \$2,500

Partner: \$500 - \$999

Supporter: \$250 - \$499

Don't miss your chance to promote your business or organization at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens during our premier annual fundraising event.

**Saturday, August 3
10 - 11 a.m.**

**Arboretum
Gates Open
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday -
Thursday
&
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday - Sunday**

**SUPPORTERS
& PARTNERS**

**GOLD PARTNER
\$1,000+**

**Ron and Carol Russell,
Russell Blueberry
Farm**

**SILVER PARTNER
\$500+**

**John & Sondie Frus
Anthony John Rigney,
PA & Rigney Family
of Jacksonville, FL**

**BRONZE PARTNER
\$250+**

**Mary Ann and Shepard
Bryan Jr.**

MEMBER FRIENDS

Please make plans to join us as we kick off the fall season with this exciting outdoor extravaganza. The limited attendance event will showcase some of Jacksonville's favorite restaurants that will provide samples from their signature menu items. Included in the restaurant line up so far are Blue Bamboo, Bono's Barbecue, Brio's Tuscan Grille, Chuy's Tex Mex, Florida Cracker Kitchen, Pastiche Catering, Havana Jax, Mudville Grille, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Publix Apron Kitchen, Salt Life Food Shack and Texas Roadhouse.



The Salt Life Food Shack Crew from 2018

The event will be held at the lakefront pavilion at Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens with musical entertainment, a silent auction and guided tours of the gardens.

The Arboretum will also 'pair' plants with each of the cocktails, wine and beer featured at the event.

Become an Arboretum member and receive a 10 percent discount off the posted ticket prices. Ticket price will include

\$100+

Eldon and Martha
Bekum

Stuart and Haze
Bergman

Alex Broner

Marsha Brown and Pete
Starling

Carlos and Davron
Cardenas

Stephen A. Connelly
and Ellen O. Middleton

Catharine Corbin

Carol Spawn Desmond

John Fischer

David and Bonnie
Foster

Pat and Cliff Jeremiah

Charles and Sarah
Kleeman

Jim and Kathy Kotas

Vicki Lake and Nick
Garpetti

Janine Leland and Tom
Larson

Donald Lookingbill

Linda Martin

admission, food and beverages and entertainment. Patrons must be 21 years of age to attend.

For more information on sponsorship, please contact Diane Machaby at (904) 318-4342 or at dmachaby@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Tickets go on sale later this month on our website.

Board Approved Garden Design Planning for South Lake Loop

Paving Expected to Begin in August

Plans are now under final review by the St. Johns River Water Management District for paving the South Lake Loop at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens - with paving expected to begin sometime next month.

In addition, in June the board of directors approved moving forward with the design of four new garden areas along the South Loop Path - which will include two water gardens at the base of the path.

The paving project, which will enable the Arboretum to offer a more permanent ADA (Americans with Disabilities)-compliant path down to the pavilion area, will involve grading to ensure people using wheelchairs or other visitors with mobility-impairments can navigate down to the pavilion area more easily and safely.

The asphalt path is just over 1,000 feet long and will be an average of 10 feet wide -- with the path splitting and coming back together at the palm garden, which is located about half-way down the path (photo below).

Julie and Bill Mason

Barbara and Charles
McTiernan

Bonnie Nackino

Peggy Nolan

Vincent and Susan Ober
Jr.

Robert and Vivien Parks

Jane and John Pope

Terrone and Carolyn
Rosenberry

Tony and Rachel
Stewart

Lorin Thies

Mary and Joel Toomey

Robin Wahby

Michael Zambetti

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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



Work is now being completed on our irrigation system, extending our reclaimed water underneath the south lake loop that can be accessed later as new gardens are established.

We will strive to keep park closures to a minimum - with a goal of keeping the Arboretum and its trails accessible from the north lake loop path while the project is underway.

Again, we wish to thank all those donors who took part in our challenge grant over the holidays last year, and the matching grant we received from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund - both which generated the funds necessary to complete this project.

GTM Research Reserve

*By Joan Kramer Environmental Specialist I, Florida
Department of Environmental Protection*

Campers from the GTM Research Reserve's Adventures in the Estuary Summer Camp recently visited Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens, most of them for the first time. All two dozen campers and staff were participating in the Forest Week program, and the Arboretum was chosen for their field trip. According to the campers, they had a fantastic experience.

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website.

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\$ 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+

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Diane Machaby, executive director for the Arboretum, gave the group an overview of the history of the area, and then took them on a walk along Jones Creek Trail. The group also hiked the Lake Loop and Lower Ravine Trails. The woods were cool and inviting, a relief from the summer heat.

The children spotted a salamander and were very impressed with the National Champion Loblolly Bay. One little boy turned to his buddy and said, "I like it here! Do you?" His friend agreed, and this small conversation spoke volumes about how much being in nature appeals to children of all ages.



After the walk, the campers had a picnic on the grounds. They were impressed by the quantity and quality of the support the Arboretum receives from its many community supporters and the array of events held at the Arboretum.

If you would like more information about the GTM Research Reserve or its Adventures in the Estuary Summer Camp, please visit www.gtmnerr.org or call (904) 823-4500

Navy Volunteers

Eleven members of Mine Countermeasures Det 22 completed four hours of community service for Jacksonville Arboretum

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& Gardens on June 26, 2019. Our volunteer crew leader, Randy Didier led the Navy group and said, "The Navy crew was great. We cleared the remaining section in the planned event area site. I enjoyed working with Brooke Bauer and the other sailors".



Members of Mine Countermeasures Det 22

Thank You Cornerstone Solution

Cornerstone Solution Home and Business Improvement is the Arboretum's newest business partner. The company has agreed to install all of our tribute bricks at the entrance to the Arboretum near the kiosk and is cleaning the bricked kiosk area of weeds that have grown between the crevices since their previous visit.

"This is a wonderful partnership and JAG is very thankful to have Cornerstone Solution partnering with us in this way," said Diane Machaby, executive director.

Cornerstone Solution Home and Business Improvement, LLC is a local, family-owned and operated business specializing in outdoor living spaces, driveways and hardscape features.



"We feel very strongly about community involvement and social responsibility which is why we were honored and excited when Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens reached out to us and invited us to partner with them," said Kamal Emad, co-owner of Cornerstone Solution. "Our team believes in the mission of the Arboretum and are grateful for the work that is being done there. It's a true treasure to the community and we look forward to serving in any way we can."

Project Art Room

We are excited to announce that Paige Jonson has agreed to lead a family-centered art program with children and their guardians called Project Art Room. The programs will be held after the children's nature walk at the Arboretum on the first

and fourth Saturday of the month at approximately 11a.m. Project Art Room will run from August 24th until December 2019. The cost is \$10 per child.



Paige Jonson with a student

Project Art Room is an independent organization of the Jacksonville Arboretum which encourages and inspires creativity in children through activities that teach social skills and expression. Classes will last approximately one hour. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/projectartroom. For more information contact Paige Jonson (904) 303-4402 or by email at pageywageydesignz13@gmail.com.

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We appreciate it!

OUR MISSION

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

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