



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter
March 2019 Edition

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

**Volunteer
Workday
Saturday, Mar. 9
9 a.m. to noon**

**Discovering
Nature Nearby
Saturday, Mar. 16
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**
**Learn about
Invasive Species -
with Justina
Dacey, UF/IFAS
Extension Agent,
Nassau County**

**A Brush With
Nature
Saturday Mar. 30
& Sunday Mar. 31**



**Jacksonville Tree Surgeon to the
Rescue for Nation's Largest
Loblolly**

When certified arborist and owner of The Branch Manager, Marc White, seated in the photo above, learned that the nation's largest Loblolly Bay tree was in danger, he came to

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
both days

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

**Arboretum
Gates Open
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Daily**

**SUPPORTERS
& PARTNERS**

BRONZE PARTNER

Mary Ann and Shepard
Bryan Jr.

SILVER PARTNER

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

GOLD PARTNER

John & Sondie Frus
Ron and Carol Russell,
Russell Blueberry Farm

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the rescue. JAG volunteers noticed a large crack at the base of the tree. The smaller trunk of the approximately 65-foot-tall codominant tree was at risk of coming down.

White and his team have been working to stabilize the tree with three steel rods in the trunk area and cabling at the top. "I hope she stands for a long time," said White. The Jacksonville businessman has donated labor, materials and his time.

Using a complex formula, the National Champion Loblolly Bay tree was certified in 2014. View the listing [here](#).

Nature at Night and Chili Cook-off

Thanks to everyone who attended our Nature at Night event, February 23rd. In conjunction with the event the 2019 JAG Board hosted our first-ever Chili Cook-off. Congratulations to our winner, Executive Director, Diane Machaby.

From left to right Mary Belet, Nature at Night Coordinator and long-time volunteer, along with board members Lindsay Starner, Lorin Thies, Steve Wingate, Anne Lewellen, Executive Director, Diane Machaby and board president Ron Whittington.



Meet Our New Board Members

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+

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Lindsay Starner and **Kevin Blalock** were recently elected to the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens (JAG) Board of Directors

Kevin Blalock, is Senior Director of Business Development for IntersectENT, a Menlo Park based medical device firm. He joined the Board in August 2018. With experience in various business and leadership positions in settings ranging from Fortune 100 to non-profit and consulting,



Blalock's flexibility and adaptability will be valuable to the JAG as it continues to transition from a board to a staff-driven organization. Blalock completed his MBA at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management and received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at Erskine College in South Carolina.

Lindsay Starner has devoted more than 20 years of her career to JEA where she began as an Environmental Scientist Senior. She has taken on various roles around the utility's environmental permitting and



compliance. Her responsibilities include providing overall direction for JEA's solid waste and remediation projects, as well as their storm water, wetland and wildlife programs. Starner also participates in JEA's ongoing research and development of new technologies to diversify the way JEA provides energy for the Jacksonville community. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science and Environmental Studies in 1998 from Jacksonville University.

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'A Brush with Nature' Plein Air Artists Event Set for March 30 - 31

It is almost time for our annual A Brush with Nature plein air painting event. Artists from First Coast Plein Air Painters have been spending time painting at the arboretum getting ready for the event. All works of art created at the event are available for sale - with proceeds benefiting the participating artists and the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens. Admission is free, with donations to the arboretum encouraged. Visitors can stroll along the trails to watch and interact with participating artists as they work.



Bronwen Chandler is one of the many local artists taking part.

Saturday, March 30

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Food Truck Guest: Stumbling Steer BBQ
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Music by Old Dawgs New Trixx featuring Carlton Higginbotham, John Roche and Ron Spencer

- Noon - 3 p.m. - Children's Art Activities
- Artists' Demos (see schedule at the event)

Sunday, March 31

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Food Truck Guest: Stumbling Steer BBQ
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Music by Side Track Duo featuring Terry Whitehead and Dave Knopsnyder
- Noon - 3 p.m. - Children's Art Activities
- Artists' Demos (see schedule at the event)

The event is sponsored by "Cypress" sponsor bestbet, "Hickory" sponsors Office Environments & Services (OE&S) and the "Press On" Foundation, along with "Azalea" sponsor JM Family Enterprises. In-kind sponsors include Arbus Magazine, AB Signs, Citi, Hartley Press, Warrior Defense Lab, Panera Bread and PRI Productions - along with David and Janet English, Stephen and Bernice Dunn and Randy Pitts. For more information, visit www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/events

New Directional Signs

Our new signs can be seen throughout the trails. They are bright yellow with green type, making them much easier to find during walks and hikes.



Wanted Volunteer Facilities Coordinator

The arboretum is primarily operated and maintained by an amazing group of volunteers and we can always use more. We are looking for a Volunteer Facilities Coordinator, someone who can work in coordination with the executive director to field inquiries and resolve issues relating to arboretum operations. - Not including the gardens and trail areas. If you are interested, contact Diane Machaby at (904) 318-4342 or dmachaby@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Meet our Amazing Volunteers

Name	Duties
Trudy Barker	Webmaster
Mary E. Belet	Membership Assistant
Gail Beveridge	Fundraising Chair, A Brush With Nature
Nichole Butterman	Children's Program Coordinator
Matthew Butterworth	Conservation/Trails/Saturday Work Days
Penny Butterworth	E-magazine
Bill Cooke	Bookkeeper
Randy Didier	On-site volunteer (2-3 days a week).
Chris Edmondson	Conservation/Trails/Saturday Work Days
Doug Gayno	Nature Walks
Chuck Hubbuch	Horticulturalist/Plants and Trees
Ellen Lowman	Membership, E-magazine, Merchandise, Honey
Bonnie Nackino	Nature Walks
Alice Shinkos	Discovering Nature Nearby
Sarah Rose Stewart	Program Manager
Rob Storm	Nature Walks
Merrill Varn	Conservation/Trails/Saturday Work Days
Alex Wolf	Daily on-site volunteer (M-F)
Marilyn Young	Beekeeper

Stunning Artworks on Canvas

We're proud to introduce some stunning photos of the gardens that you can have for your own home or share with family and friends!

Taken by our resident photographer and board member Martha Mazza, these also make great gifts for your nature-loving friends and relatives - or if you're looking for a unique gift depicting Jacksonville or life in old Florida.

The pictures were taken on the grounds of the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens, and we're offering 10 individual canvas prints in our first 2019 collection - available for a limited time only.

Each print comes on high-quality 3/4 inch canvas, sized at 16 x 20 inches and is priced at \$99 plus tax and shipping - with all proceeds benefitting the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens.

Check out our artwork in our on-line gallery today at the link here: <https://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/arboretum-art-for-sale/>

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Show the world you love us, by posting your Arboretum photographs at

[#jacksonvillearboretum](#) &
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OUR MISSION

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

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