



**Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter**  
**November 2018**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**

**Opt Outside  
Workday**  
**Friday, Nov. 23**  
**9 AM - NOON**  
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**Nature Walk**  
**Saturday, Nov. 24**  
**9:30-10:30 AM**  
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**Kids Tour**  
**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
**10 - 11 AM**

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**Discovering Nature  
Nearby**  
**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
**2 - 3 PM**

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**Volunteer Work  
Day**



**Sponsors, Guests Help Arboretum  
Raise more than \$10,000 during  
'Spirits Under the Sun' Fundraiser**

Thanks to our sponsors and more than 150 guests who came out to enjoy a day of food, entertainment and nature, we raised more than \$10,000 at our annual premier 'ArborEATum' fundraising event "Spirits Under the Sun - A Pairing of Food, Drink & Nature" held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3.

At our fifth annual 'ArborEATum,' dishes from some of Jacksonville's favorite restaurants were available along with spirits, wine and local craft beer - with table-top displays of

**Saturday, Dec. 8  
9 AM - Noon**

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

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plants relating to many of the cocktails, wine and beer served at the event.



*Salt Life Food Shack was among many restaurants that supported the Arboretum's premier annual fundraising event, with proceeds used to maintain and fund enhancements at our 120-acre venue.*

Please consider visiting the restaurants who supported us, which we greatly appreciated, including Bold City Brewery, Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q, Chuy's Tex Mex, Florida Cracker Kitchen, Pastiche Catering, Publix Aprons, Havana Jax & Cuba Libre, Indochine, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Salt Life Food Shack (pictured above).

Also, a call-out to Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, our major in-kind sponsor, which once again supported the event with staff time, volunteers and silent auction items -- and donated wines from throughout the world along with the spirits served to our guests.

Thanks to our presenting sponsor, Marcia Mederos, sponsoring the event in honor of all arboretum volunteers, and other sponsors including bestbet, TerraWise Homes, PRI

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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 available on our website.

### **Membership Levels**

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

### **Supporters & Corporate Partners**

Bronze Partner \$250  
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Productions (in-kind) and supporting sponsor POG Cinema Advertising.

Also, much appreciation to Sidetrack Duo, which once again donated their musical talents for entertainment, to Bonnie Nackino, who conducted guided walking tours for our guest, and all the local businesses that provided items for our silent auction.

Finally, thanks to all the volunteers who helped with all the set-up and tear-down required to make the event a success again this year!

## **On the Trails**

**Join our 'Opt Outside Workday' on Black Friday!**



Join Us for the Opt Outside Workday on Friday Nov. 23. from 9 a.m. to noon to thank two of our favorite partners: REI and Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.



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From 9 to 11 a.m., we'll be working to put finishing touches on this year's section of the REI boardwalk and dig out invasive plants along previous sections.

After that, from 11 a.m. to noon, you'll have the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of restoration areas sponsored by Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Conservation Fund.

If you're looking for an alternative to shopping and the crowds on Black Friday, join us for a much quieter and more fulfilling day in nature as you help us keep the Arboretum in shape for everyone to enjoy.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

### **A Brush with Nature Returns**

### **March 30-31, 2019**



The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens (JAG) and First Coast Plein Air Painters hosts A Brush with Nature, a plein air painting event, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31 at the Arboretum.

Admission is free, with donations to the arboretum encouraged.

All works of art created at the event are available for sale -



with proceeds benefiting the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens and the artists.

Visitors can stroll along the trails to watch and interact with participating artists as they work.



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

Many of the region's finest landscape artists will set up their easels to capture the essence of the Arboretum's beautiful settings over the two-day event.



*One of many members of the First Coast Plein Air Painters, taking part A Brush with Nature in 2017, a plein air painting event that raised more than \$3,000 for the Arboretum last year.*

The 'plein air' tradition, or "en plein air," is a French term meaning "in the open air." Since the mid-19th Century and the advent of portable painting supplies like the paint tube and "box" easels, artists have taken to the outdoors.

The plein air movement brought artists out of their studios and into the natural light. It birthed a new type of artist who recorded the everyday scenes of life in the colors and light that nature provided and offered artists a new way to approach their painting process, forcing the stiff formality of the studio to give way to an entirely new concept.

To become an event sponsor, contact executive director Diane Machaby at [dmachaby@jacksonvillearboretum.org](mailto:dmachaby@jacksonvillearboretum.org).

## Plants for Nature

Plants are useful to people as food, medicine, sources of fibers, construction materials and much more. Plants may be used also to improve the environment around us - not just for us, but for the benefit of nature, in general. Reports say that natural areas continue to decrease in size around the world.

One contribution that home owners can make in their own yards is to grow native plant species and work in additional ways to provide habitat for native animals. The simplest way to do this is to plant the widest possible variety of native plants because each plant species offers a somewhat different contribution to the environment. For example, many insects feed only on specific plants.



*A pinewoods tree frog waits at frostweed flowers for insects.*

A wide variety of plants means a wide variety of insects. That in turn, supports a wider variety of insect-eating birds, dragonflies and other animals. Reducing the area of lawn that you mow will also reduce your consumption of fossil fuel, use of pesticides and fertilizers, and the creation of more air and water pollution.

In addition, native plants from our region will be well-adapted to local soils and weather conditions. Keep in mind, however, that different plants tend to be adapted to different soil moisture conditions. For example, swamp milkweed and pickerelweed will not last long in high, dry, sandy sites. Lupines and prickly pears from the pine ridges will not thrive in low, moist sites. Of course, this is a general rule. Many of our native plants are adaptable to a wide variety of conditions.

To attract the widest variety of animals to your yard, provide a variety of habitats. Provide some open lawn or prairie, some dense shrub cover and some tree canopy. This can be accomplished in a yard of any size. For smaller spaces, just scale down the components. For example, you might plant a dahoon holly in a small yard instead of a live oak. On a larger property, a brush pile to attract animals might function also as a compost site. If you cannot leave tree snags up, you can

install nesting boxes for woodpeckers and other birds that nest in holes in trees.



*A katydid nibbles on an iris petal.*

The Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants is a tremendous source of information about Florida's native plants. It can be found at <http://www.florida.plantatlas.usf.edu>. It is designed for botanists but you can search this huge site by plants' common names or scientific, and by your county.

Another feature is "Plant Photos" on the home page. You can look through plant photos, click on the ones you like and read more about them.

Of course, the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens contains a wide assortment of Jacksonville's native plants in the garden area and along the trails.

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### OUR MISSION

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

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