



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter October 2015

HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

Arbor-EAT-um
Saturday, October 17
3 PM-6 PM

Arboretum Closed
To prepare for Arbor-EAT-um
Saturday, October 17
1 PM-3 PM

Volunteer Workday
Saturday, October 10
9 AM-12 PM

Nature Walk
Saturday, October 10
9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Save The Dates!

**The Many Uses
of Plants -**



Arbor-EAT-um Wine & Food Festival

Do not miss the 2nd Annual Arbor-EAT-um Wine & Food Fest to be held lakeside on Saturday, October 17th from 3 PM to 6 PM. More restaurants and caterers have signed on, so there will be a great variety of tasty food offerings. Included in the lineup are Biscottis, Bold City Brewery, Bono's & Pastiche Catering, Certified Seafood & Steaks Co., Coffee Perks, Designed Events Catering, Earth Fare, Green Room Brewery, Guanabana Ice Pops, Havana Jax & Cuba Libre, Indochine, Mudville Grille, Potter's House Soul Food Bistro, Publix, River City Brewing Co., Salt Life Food Shack, Tacolu, The Grotto and Zeta Brewing Co. Over 100 wines from around the world will be available for tasting, as well as local craft beers, cheeses and desserts. The North Florida Bluegrass Association will provide musical entertainment.

Tickets are just \$50 per person or \$90 per couple and Arboretum members receive an additional 10% off. All monies raised from this event go to support the

Themed Nature Walks

January 9 & May 14

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Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens and its mission. So plan ahead, bring your friends and join us for this magical event. [Purchase Tickets Now!](#)

FUN FACTS




Photo courtesy of Ellen Lowman

Common Name: BARRED OWL
Scientific Name: Strix varia
Family: Strigidae (190 species, 25 genera)

BARRED OWL

"Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you all?" is the classic sound of BARRED OWLS in upland and wetland forests and even neighborhoods where there are numerous large trees for roosting and nesting. Generally nocturnal, these large chunky birds have specially adapted feathers that allow them to fly silently through the night time forest. They also have large tubular eyes, huge offset ears and a facial disk to help them pinpoint both predators and prey in the dark. Males and females bond for life and pairs will aggressively defend their territories against intruders, especially during the January through March breeding season. As with many raptors, females are slightly larger than males.

- Barred owls eat frogs, snakes, invertebrates and small mammals and may be attracted to camp fires by large moths darting above the flames.
- Originally an eastern species, barred owls spread to California during the 20th century.
- The great horned owl is the most serious predator of barred owls.
- Florida fossils of barred owls are 11,000 years old.
- Barred owls live about 10 years in the wild.

FUN FACTS



Photo courtesy of Carlton Higginbotham

Common Name: DEVIL'S WALKING STICK
Scientific Name: Aralia spinosa
Family: Araliaceae

DEVIL'S WALKING STICK

Up close, the stout thorny trunk of *Aralia spinosa* reminds one of a walking stick for the devil himself. But take a few giant steps back and the shrub's character changes completely. The spines disappear and *Aralia's* umbrella of tropical looking leaves crowned by a puff of creamy white flowers might have one thinking of Dr. Seuss and his truffula tree rather than the devil and his walking stick.

Aralia is a relative of ginseng and though not its cousin's medicinal giant, a poultice of *Aralia's* inner bark and dark purple berries was used by southeastern Indians and backwoods pharmacologists as an anti-inflammatory pain reliever for arthritic joints, decaying teeth and infected sores.

- Butterflies and bees visit the flowers for nectar and pollen, especially in late afternoon when copious amounts of nectar are produced.
- Berries are eaten by black bears and numerous bird species but are mildly toxic to humans.
- Leaves are a host plant for hairstreak butterflies.

A-Spooky Adopt-A-Species

Halloween is a few weeks away. Instead of candy, why

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Become a JAG Member

We have revised our membership levels and added more benefits in appreciation of your support. Details are available on our website. By becoming a member or donor, you are supporting the Arboretum's day to day operations and planned improvements, plus your donation is tax-deductible.

Membership Levels

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

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not treat the little boy or ghoul in your life with an Adopt-a-Species fit for just such an occasion? This \$30 one-year adoption fee will help preserve Arboretum plant and animal habitats, not to mention your munchkin's teeth. The personalized adoption certificates and Fun Facts sheets, with a photograph of the adopted species, make fun gifts for the adult trick-or-treaters in your life too. As the disappointed zombie once said, "this one is a no-brainer". For more information and a list of species available for adoption, visit our website - www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/support/.



Photo Provided By Merrill Varn

The Many Uses of Plants Hike

Despite overcast skies and a forecast of rain, nearly 20 people joined Chuck Hubbuch on the September Saturday Nature Walk for a discussion of plants and their many uses for people. Chuck talked about uses of plants in general and then discussed the uses of plants along the Lake Loop trail, several of which have been planted in recent months. The rain stayed away and the hour tour stretched into two hours as tour participants asked questions and made observations. The Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens will be exploring the "Many Uses of Plants" topic further and plans to add more plants useful to people. If you missed this Nature Walk, do not fret. The Arboretum offers free Nature Walks at 9:30 AM

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on the second Saturday of every month and will be offering Chuck Hubbuch's "The Many Uses of Plants" themed Nature Walk again on January 9th and May 14th.



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Thank You September Workday Volunteers

A big thank you to everyone who helped pile the trailer high with weeds at our September Workday. Join us 9 AM - noon the second Saturday of each month to help with garden maintenance. Bring old, but sturdy, walking shoes and a strong back. We will provide gloves, tools and water. The next workday is October 10th. Please come help spruce up the site for the Arbor-EAT-um event and fall weddings. If you have questions, feel free to email us at info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Free Training Session

At the Arboretum on October 31st, the First Coast Invasive Working Group will offer a three hour "Identifying and Mapping Invasive Species" training session. If you are interested in attending and helping the Arboretum map their invasives, please email info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.



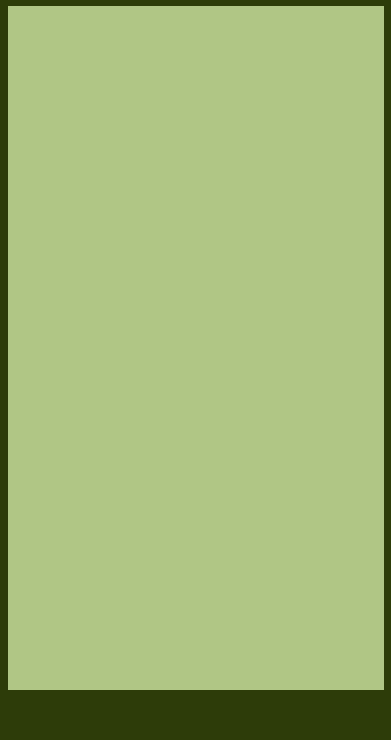
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Pickerelweed

Pickerelweed (*Pontederia cordata*), with its heart shaped leaves and eye catching flowers, is delightful this time of year at the Arboretum. This aquatic plant provides food for ducks, turtles, fish, insects, snails and even deer, while providing shelter for even more organisms. Although humans have been known to boil the leaves as greens and eat the nut-like seeds, most prefer Pickerelweed for beauty.

Memberships, Good Feelings, Fun Times, & Honey

Have you been looking for a community activity for you and your friends? An Arboretum membership provides plenty of volunteer activities to choose from and each



comes with the knowledge that you are helping your community all while having fun with your friends! Included in your membership are invitations to special free-to-members events, where you can meet up, roast weenies, make s'mores and enjoy the Arboretum after closing hours!! Members also receive 10% discounts off all tickets and merchandise!!! Imagine how easy your holiday shopping will be once you've bought fresh Arboretum honey for everyone!!!! Or get your friends together and attend the Arbor-EAT-um event, with your 10% off tickets, and they can purchase their own Arboretum-fresh-from-the-hive honey!!!!

Remember the Jacksonville Arboretum is an all volunteer organization that depends solely on your support. So please, [become a member](#), come out and volunteer, attend the Arbor-EAT-um Wine and Food Fest, and buy Arboretum honey. You will be glad you did.

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