



## Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter November 2015

### HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

#### Volunteer Workday

Saturday, November 14

9 AM-12 PM

#### Nature Walk

Saturday, November 14

9:30 AM-10:30 AM

### Save The Dates!

#### The Many Uses of Plants - Themed Nature Walks

January 9 & May 14

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#### SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

##### BRONZE PARTNER

Eli & Martha Bakkum  
Bonnie & David Foster  
Laurence Gierum  
Robb & Pam Mitchell



#### Big Thanks to the Jacksonville Seminole Club Volunteerism Committee!

Each month The Jacksonville Seminole Club Volunteerism Committee spends a weekend morning working at a different local non-profit. Recently the Arboretum was the lucky site. Eight Florida State University alumni spent the morning wading through mud and crawling through briars while they flagged the wetland line in the southern third of the property. Once verified, the line will become part of a future permit application for improvements such as boardwalks, bridges, and overlooks along Jones Creek and in our bottomland forests.

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens would love to

**Anthony John Rigney, PA  
& Rigney Family  
of Jacksonville, Florida  
Dr. Todd Sack & Barbara  
Sharp**

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**Become a JAG**

design a project for your alumni association. It can be anything from garden maintenance to trail improvement to habitat conservation. Volunteer projects are a great way to both gather your alumni and give back to the community. Please email us at [info@jacksonvillearboretum.org](mailto:info@jacksonvillearboretum.org).



## **Arbor-EAT-um Wine & Food Festival**

A great time was had by all at the 2nd Annual Arbor-EAT-um Wine & Food Fest. Fantastic wines and incredible menu items from 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. ensured everyone left full and happy. Side Track and Old Dawgs New Trixx both supplied wonderful entertainment. The monies raised will help support the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens throughout the next year. Thank you to all of you who volunteered at the event and came out to enjoy yourselves!

## 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

## Supporters & Corporate Partners

- \$ 250 Bronze Partner
- \$ 500 Silver Partner
- \$1,000 Gold Partner

## John Bartram Society

- \$ 2,500+  
Gatekeeper
- \$ 5,000+ Steward
- \$ 10,000+  
President's  
Council

To join or purchase a gift membership, click [JOIN](#) and Support Us!  
**THANK YOU!**

## FUN FACTS

### FLORIDA ROSEMARY



Photo courtesy of Carlton Higginbotham

Common Name: Florida Rosemary, Sand Heath  
Botanical Name: *Ceratiola ericoides*  
Family: Ericaceae (126 genera, over 4000 species)

Florida Rosemary is striking in its regal solitude. The dark evergreen needle-like leaves contrast handsomely with the brilliant white sands of the old dunes, pine scrub, and river ridges beneath. Individual plants generally stand-alone since their leaves and roots produce a chemical that inhibits seed germination. The species is very difficult to propagate and does not transplant. It is considered threatened in some parts of its range.

Florida Rosemary is also botanically distinct; it is the only species in the genus *Ceratiola*. Many botanists lump the genus with the heath family (azaleas, blueberries, rhododendron), but some think that it, and less than ten other species, belong in their own separate family. We are honored to have this species along the trails at the Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens.

- Small berries provide food for wildlife not edible by humans.
- Named for superficial similarity to unrelated European herb rosemary.
- Range coastal plains South Carolina to Mississippi.
- Begin producing seeds at 15 years and may live up to 50 years.
- Individual plants are either male or female.

## Adopt-A-Species

Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching. Why not inform someone you are thankful for of a rosemary plant not used in cuisine. For \$30 he or she will receive a personalized Florida Rosemary certificate and Fun Facts sheets, with a photograph of the endangered plant - perfect "thank you" gifts for the hosts and hostesses of a Thanksgiving soiree. All proceeds from the one year adoption will help support the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens. For more information and a list of other species available for adoption, visit our website - [www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/support/](http://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/support/).

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