



## Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter October 2019 Edition

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

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**Children's Tour  
Saturday,  
October 5  
10 - 11 a.m.**

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**Family Art Day  
Saturday,  
October 5  
11 a.m.  
&  
1 p.m.**

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**Yoga in the  
Gardens  
Sunday,  
October 6, 13 & 20  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

### Don't Miss "Spirits Under the Sun" Get Your Tickets Today!

If you love food and nature, you won't want to miss the Jacksonville Arboretum & Garden's annual "Spirits Under the the Sun" Fundraiser from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

"Spirits Under the Sun" is a pairing of Food, Drink, & Nature featuring dishes from Jacksonville's most popular restaurants combined with spirits, wine and local craft beers. The sixth annual event will be held at the Arboretum's lakefront pavilion and features musical entertainment, a silent auction and guided tours of the gardens.

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased in advance on the event page at [www.jacksonvillearboretum.org](http://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org). Members of the arboretum receive a 10 percent discount on the ticket price.

Guests must be 21-years or older to attend and are encouraged to wear the appropriate shoes to take advantage of the natural environment found at the Arboretum.

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**Volunteer Work  
Day  
Saturday,  
October 12  
8 - 11 a.m.**

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**Madala on the  
Rocks  
Sunday,  
October 13  
10 - 11 a.m.**

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**Duval Audubon  
Walk  
Saturday,  
October 19  
8 - 10 a.m.**

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**Bird Painting with  
Local Artists  
Saturday,  
October 19  
10 - 11 a.m.**

**Materials Provided**

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**Spirits Under the  
Sun  
Saturday,**

Event Sponsors include bestbet Jacksonville, the Tom Bush Family of Dealerships, Crowley Cares Foundation, and Driver, McAfee, Hawthorne & Diebenow, PLLC, with Partner Level Sponsors Terra Wise Homes and REI, and Supporter Level Sponsors JaxPort, Liberty Advisory Group, OE&S/Office Environments and Services and Robb and Pam Mitchell. In-Kind Sponsors include Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, Citi and PRI Productions.

"This is our primary annual fundraiser, and all proceeds are used to maintain and fund enhancements at our 120-acre venue," said JAG Board President Ron Whittington. "The event offers people a great way to support our nonprofit agency, while at the same time enjoying the natural beauty at our venue and some great food, drinks and entertainment."



The limited attendance event will showcase some of

**October 19  
3 - 6 p.m.**

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

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**SUPPORTERS  
& PARTNERS**

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\$1,000+**

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Russell Blueberry  
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\$500+**

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of Jacksonville, FL

**BRONZE PARTNER  
\$250+**

Mary Ann and Shepard

Jacksonville's favorite restaurants providing 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, Coffee Perks, Florida Cracker Kitchen, Pastiche Catering, Havana Jax, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Publix Apron Kitchen, REI Co-op's Gourmet Camp Meals, Salt Life Food Shack and Texas Roadhouse.

Local craft beers are being provided courtesy of Bold City Breweries, Intuition Ale Works and The Green Room - with spirits and wines from around the world courtesy of in-kind sponsor, Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits. Entertainment will be provided by Sidetrack Duo, with items available for purchase during a silent auction.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/events](http://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/events).

## **Construction on the South Loop to Begin October 26**

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is one-step closer to being more ADA Accessible. Construction on the South Loop is set to begin October 26. In August, the Arboretum Board of Directors approved a contract with A-1 Coastal Paving to complete the paving project, representing a major capital investment in the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens.

Bryan Jr.

**MEMBER FRIENDS**

**\$100+**

Eldon and Martha  
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Foster

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Kleeman

Jim and Kathy Kotas

Vicki Lake and Nick  
Garpetti

Janine Leland and Tom  
Larson

Donald Lookingbill



The project will provide permanent ADA accessibility to the pavilion area for mobility-impaired visitors. Our contractor, A-1 Coastal Paving, will work with us to ensure the public can access the other areas of the Arboretum while the project is under way.

## **Thank you JEA Volunteers**

Volunteers from JEA cleaned up the gardens and cleared an area for our new greenhouse. They used an excavator and made light work of the job.

Linda Martin

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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more about  
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### **JAG Membership**

By becoming a member  
or donor, you are  
supporting the  
Arboretum's operations



## **Wildflower Circle Tour**

Members of the Garden Club of Jacksonville's Wildflower Circle visited the Arboretum for a 90- minute tour on September 23.



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**

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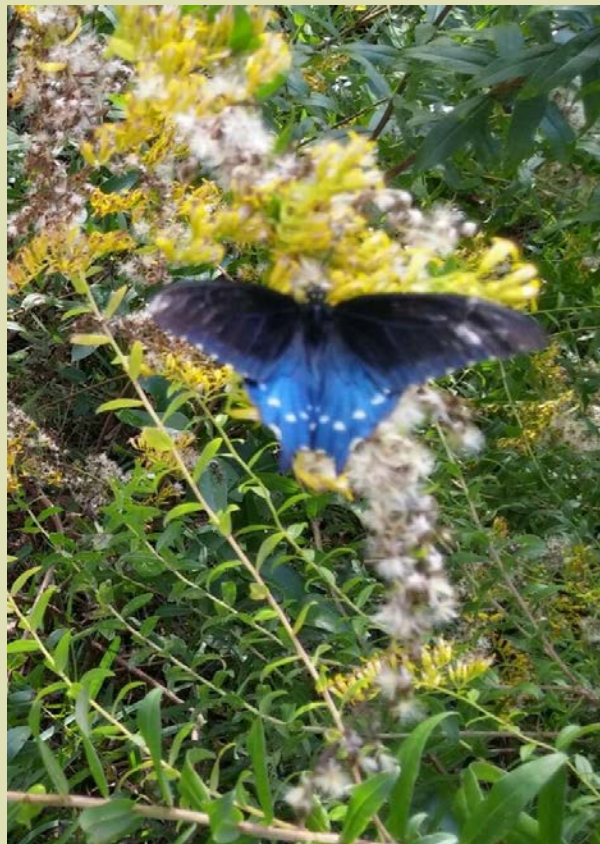
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### **Shop at Amazon Smile**

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is registered with Amazon Smile, a foundation that donates a portion of all sales to a shopper's favorite charity. Using your normal account and

## **Monarch Butterfly Program and Release**

The Monarch Butterfly program and Butterfly Release on September 21 was a learning experience and fun for all. About 100 people listened to our grassroots butterfly expert, Delores Goslin, give a detailed talk on the monarch's migration and habitat needs. She had many stages of the monarch on display and demonstrated tagging a newly eclosed male butterfly for its fall migration. Pollinator garden plants and seeds were given to the participants. Insect collections were on display to show these very important creatures up close.



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About 40 butterflies in individual envelopes were released. The species released included Zebra Swallowtails, Julia's Swallowtails, and Pipevine Swallowtails. Many lit on the children's fingers, clothes or nearby flowers. Experiencing a live insect up close is something the children will remember as they help to preserve the habitat for these beautiful and important pollinators in the future.

## Discovering Nature Nearby

The Duval Audubon walk will be **October 19 from 8 -10 a.m.** starting in the parking lot. They will be looking and listening for local residents and migrating species. Please bring your binoculars for this educational event. DNN will be immediately following in the picnic area from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Join local artists in creating drawings and paintings representing some of the birds seen here at JAG.

Save the date - on **November 16 at 9:30 a.m.**, Dave Holley, Fernandina arborist, will be leading a tour to teach the trees of JAG. He always has lots of interesting stories and fun facts. All are welcome. These events are all free and open to the public. No need to register.



**Show the World You Love the  
Arboretum**

Show the world you love us, by posting your Arboretum photographs at [#jacksonvillearboretum](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleArboretumGardens) & [www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleArboretumGardens](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleArboretumGardens)  
We appreciate it!

### OUR MISSION

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

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