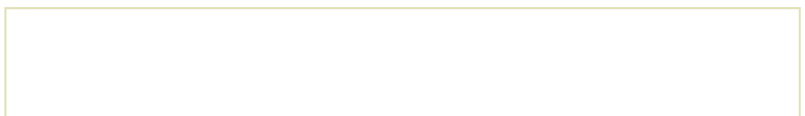
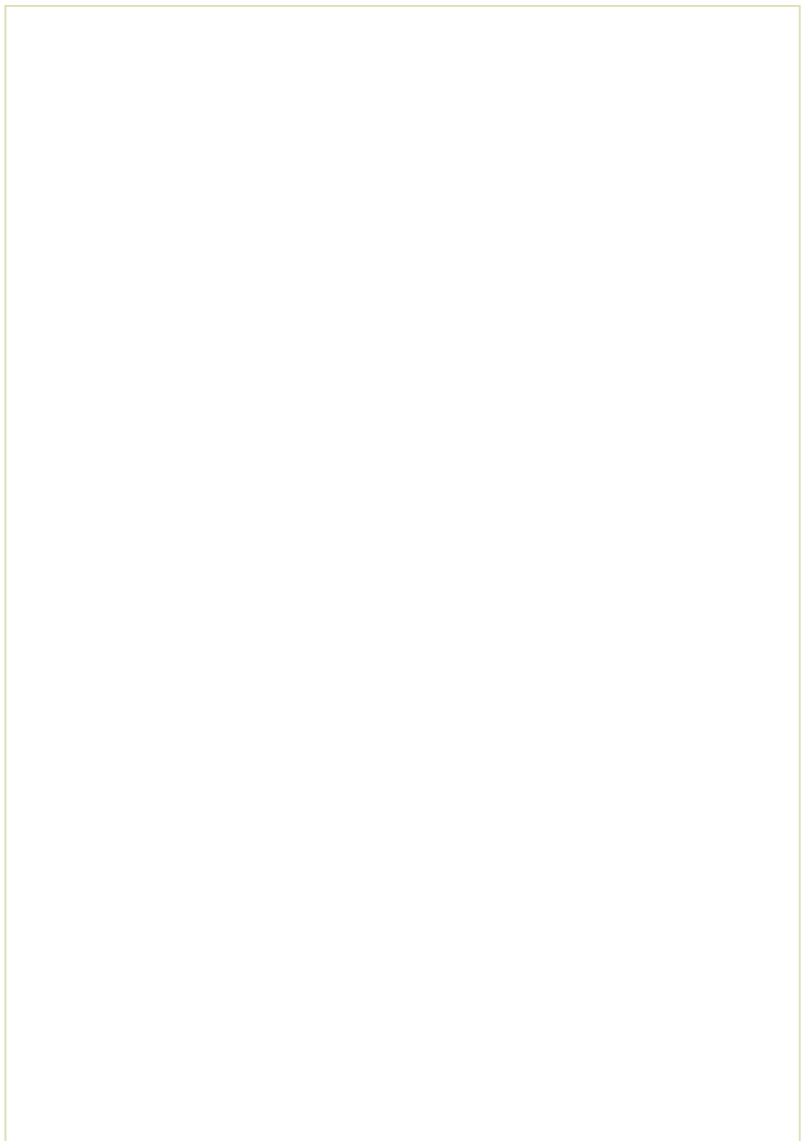
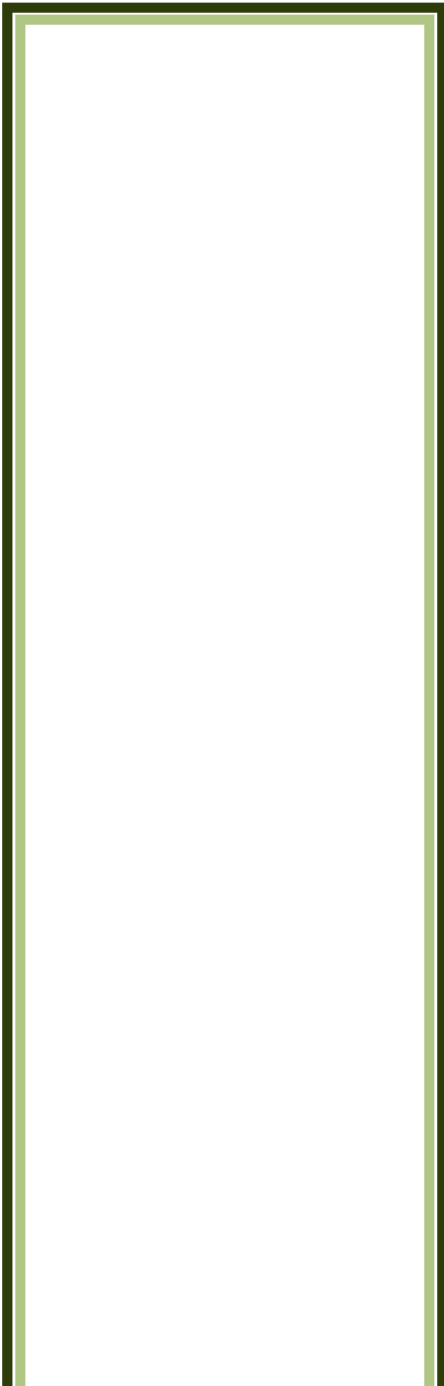




Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter
March 2014



HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

Air Potato Roundup
took place this morning and was a great success. A big thank you to all who participated - we made a dent in the population of this invasive pest!

Volunteer Workday
Saturday, March 8
9 am - Noon

Help us maintain your Arboretum and keep it looking good. Volunteer Workdays are a great way to engage in outdoor activities while giving back to the community. We have some tools and gloves available, but you are welcome to bring your own clippers and gloves. Please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes.

A Walk in the Woods
Saturday, March 8 & 22
8 am Fitness Walk
Brisk 3 mile hike

Saturday, March 22
9:30 am Nature Walk
with naturalist/biologist
Walks are free.

Member & Volunteer Owl Prowl
Saturday, March 15
6-9 pm
RSVP

info@jacksonvillearboretum.org

Discovering Nature Nearby

Birding 101
Saturday, March 29
9 am - Noon



Barred Owl - photo by Ellen Lowman

Member & Volunteer Full Moon Owl Prowl

Saturday, March 15
6 - 9 PM

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship around the campfire as we watch a near-full moon rise over Lake Ray. This is a special night to thank our members and volunteers for their support of the Arboretum. There will be a weiner roast plus chicken wings and side dishes donated by Soul Food Bistro and smores for dessert, music by Jonathan Lynn, games for

9 am - Noon

ALSO

SAVE THE DATES!

Pavilion Dedication

Friday, April 25
2-3 pm

Details to follow in April
newsletter.

Discovering Nature Nearby

Mark your calendars for upcoming
programs in this series. Details in
upcoming newsletters

Edible & Medicinal Plants

April 5

10 am - 11:30 am

Native Plants

May 3

9 am - Noon

Geocaching with a Smart Phone

June 21

9 am - 10:30 am

Recycle Your Leaves

If you are raking oak leaves,
please bring your bagged leaves
to the Arboretum. Just leave
them at the front entrance by
the drop off (near the water
fountain) and we will spread
them in the gardens. Thanks.

Become a JAG Member

We have revised our
membership levels and added
more benefits in appreciation
of your support. Details of our
new program will soon be
available on our website and

chicken wings and side dishes donated by Soul Food Bistro
and s'mores for dessert, music by Jonathon Lynn, games for
the kids and guided trail walks through the woods where you
may hear or see an owl or two.

We will also introduce our new benefit-based membership
program and volunteer opportunities. T-shirts, caps and
honey will be available at the check-in/membership table. It
promises to be an evening to remember, so make plans now
and RSVP to info@jacksonvillearboretum.org. Please put
"Owl Prowl" in subject line and let us know the number of
adults & children in your party (members and/or
volunteers). Attendance will be limited to 100, so sign up
early.

If event is canceled due to bad weather, we will re-schedule
at a later date. Please bring folding chairs.

Thanks to our volunteer event planning committee and the
following sponsors for their support:

Team Black - Jim Mace

www.teamblack.us

The Soul Food Bistro - Celestia Mobley

www.thesoulfoodbistro.com

Fiji Natural Artesian Water

www.fijiwater.com

Southern Wine & Spirits - Willis Jones

www.southernwine.com

DISCOVERING NATURE NEARBY

This month's program is near the end of March and next
month's is just a week later, so a description of each is
included below. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Carole Adams, past-president and current board member of
Duval Audubon Society and an avid birder, will present
Birding 101 on March 29, 2014 from 9 a.m.-noon. Her first
recorded bird was a Northern Cardinal when she was 10
years old, which was the beginning of a life-long endeavor to
find and identify birds. Join Ms. Adams to learn about
birding, including tips about how to find birds and how to
identify the birds that you see. Please bring binoculars if you
have them; she will have some to share if you don't.

Our fourth program on **Edible & Medicinal Plants**
will be presented by Beverly Fleming and Lesley Royce on

available on our website and at the Owl Prowl.

In addition to our revised membership program, we will soon launch a new program for individual and corporate donors.

By becoming a member or donor, you are supporting the Arboretum's day to day operations and planned improvements and your donation is tax-deductible.

Membership Levels

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

To join or purchase a gift membership, go to our website at

www.jacksonvillearboretum.org and click on "Membership"

THANK YOU!

Our fourth program on **Edible & Medicinal Plants** will be presented by Beverly Fleming and Lesley Royce on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Ms. Fleming and Ms. Royce will profile some historically edible and medicinal plants of Northeast Florida. They will also offer hints to participants on how to identify these targeted plants, many of which are commonly found in our area. Reference books will be available to view.

Beverly Fleming is a St. Johns County naturalist, retired from St. Johns County Parks & Recreation. She is also an author, and has written about nature as a columnist in Northeast Florida for the past 30 years. Lesley Royce is a graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources, a naturalist and past president of Duval Audubon Society.

Both programs are suitable for all ages, including families with children. Those under 18 must be accompanied by and under the supervision of an adult at all times.

What's New?


An updated trail map was recently completed. The Aralia connector trail (connecting the Aralia trail with the Jones Creek Trail) was added to the map as well as the new Pavilion and event area. The map panels on the entry sign will be updated later.

On March 9, Daylight Savings Time will return; however, due to site security issues, regular business hours of 8 am to 5 pm will remain in effect after the time change.

Volunteers planted ornamental peanut next to the Lake Loop and *Liriope spp.* along the paths in the garden area north of the lake (North Garden). Satsuki azaleas and holly fern were also planted near the Lake Loop as part of an experiment to see if a special soil amendment can mitigate the higher salt content of our reclaimed water.

What's Blooming Around The Lake Loop?

Spring is always full of surprises. The cold and wet winter weather is delaying some blooms this year so be on the lookout for new plants in flower later in March. Currently, redbuds (*Ceris canadensis*), Taiwan Cherry (*Prunus campanulata*) and Walter's Viburnum (*Viburnum obovatum*) are in bloom around the lake.



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OUR MISSION

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