



## Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter April 2015

### HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

#### **A Brush With Nature**

Free Arboretum Event  
April 16-18

Thursday & Friday 9 AM-5 PM  
Saturday 9 AM-3 PM

Event information and schedule of  
activities available at

[www.abrushwithnature.org](http://www.abrushwithnature.org)

#### **A Brush With Nature Artists' Reception & Show**

To be held at bestbet Jacksonville  
Saturday, April 18  
7 PM-9PM

Tickets available at

[www.abrushwithnature.org](http://www.abrushwithnature.org)

#### **Volunteer Gatekeepers Needed**

[info@jacksonvillearboretum.org](mailto:info@jacksonvillearboretum.org)

#### **Volunteer Workday**

Saturday, April 11  
9 AM-Noon

#### **Nature Walk**

with naturalist/biologist



### **A Plein Air Painting Event**

The BIG event is coming soon! Plan now to attend one or all three days, plus the Artists' Reception & Show wrap-up party at bestbet Jacksonville on Saturday evening. There will be several other activities, but the participating artists are the stars of the event with sales of their Arboretum paintings producing the primary revenue from this fundraiser.

Painting "en plein air", a French term for "in the open air", takes a special type of artist; one who can paint quickly to capture the light of the moment; one who can endure the elements of nature; and one who enjoys interacting with people while painting. The works of these artists reflect a true love of nature. By purchasing a painting, on-site in the "wet tent" or at the Artists' Reception & Show, you will have a lasting memory of a moment in time at the Arboretum. Best of all, sales proceeds are split 50:50 between the artists and the Arboretum.

**Saturday, April 11  
9:30 AM**

**Earth Day**  
Wednesday, April 22

**National Arbor Day**  
Friday, April 24

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**SUPPORTERS &  
PARTNERS**

**BRONZE PARTNER**

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Dr. Todd Sack & Barbara  
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Group  
Marcia Mederos**

**GOLD PARTNER**

**bestbet Jacksonville**

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In addition to art for sale, the Artists' Reception & Show will have great food and drink and live music by Joe Williams. For more information, to purchase patron awards or to purchase tickets to the Artists' Reception & Show, please visit [www.abrushwithnature.org](http://www.abrushwithnature.org).

Please note that the following rules will be in effect during the event:

- \*NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED**
- \*ONLY ARTISTS JURIED INTO THE EVENT WILL BE ABLE TO PAINT ON-SITE**
- \*NO PRIVATE PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS**

Thank you for your consideration.



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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

#### **Supporters & Corporate Partners**

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

#### **John Bartram Society**

\$ 2,500+ Gatekeeper



Photos courtesy of Diane Krug

### **Round-up Recap**

The Annual Air Potato Round-up in northeast Florida changed this year because the air potato leaf beetle has done such a great job of slowing the spread of air potatoes. This year at the Arboretum, students from UNF, Sandalwood, and Greenwood, along with other volunteers, spent the morning removing exotic pest plants such as coral ardisia, exotic sword fern, wild taro, camphor tree seedlings, Chinese privet, glossy privet, and paperbark mulberry. It was a cool, wet morning but, as you can see in the photos, the students dove right in. Activities like this help remove weedy pests from the Arboretum and also teach students about the problem of exotic pests that have escaped from farms, pastures, and gardens into natural areas.

\$ 5,000+ Steward  
\$ 10,000+ President's  
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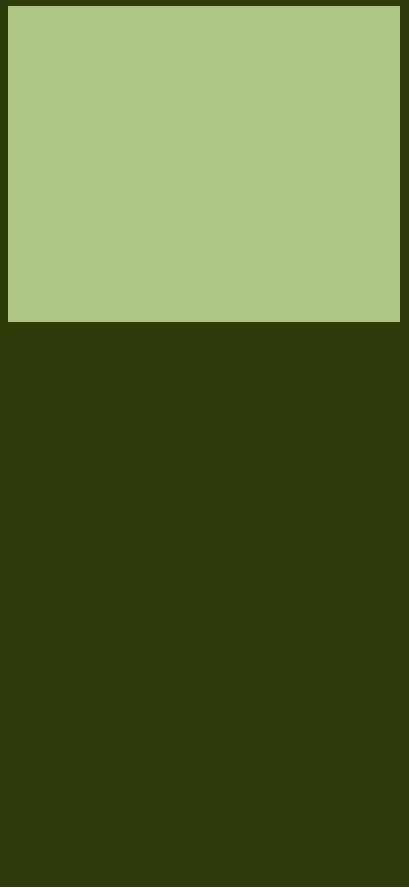
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### **Single, But Not Solitary**

A subset of the Jax 35-50 Social Singles group toured the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens this past January. They enjoyed that nature tour so much that another tour was scheduled for this past month. The aim of the latest tour was to admire the spring blooms, including those of the red buds, fringe trees, azaleas, and iris. Although the plants did not disappoint, a particular gopher tortoise and osprey deserved their own round of applause. Rumor has it that the day was so lovely and the group such fun the tour guide enjoyed the nature hike as much as everyone else.



Receive a 10% discount on all memberships during APGA Garden Days and Mothers Day weekend.



Receive a 10% discount on all family memberships May 9th from 10 AM-2 PM at the Arboretum membership table.

### **Membership For Mommy**

Really, you want to take Mom out for lunch and get her a robe AGAIN???

Nothing beats time with your family in nature.

Why not purchase a family Arboretum membership and take Mom out to enjoy a day with you!

### **Enjoy Soccer & Support The Arboretum**

Enjoy a soccer game and support the Arboretum at the same time! For each Jacksonville Armada ticket purchased by April 2nd, \$5 will be donated to the non-profit of your choice. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling 1-844-2-ARMADA. Make sure to enter the passcode JAG.

## **OUR MISSION**

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