



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter September 2015

HAPPENING THIS MONTH!

Nature at Night
for members & volunteers
Saturday, September 5
6 PM-9 PM

Volunteer Workday
Saturday, September 12
9 AM-12 PM

Themed Nature Walk
"The Many Uses of Plants"
with Chuck Hubbuch
Saturday, September 12
9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Save The Dates!

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



Members & volunteers enjoying the May Nature at Night event

Nature at Night

All members and volunteers are invited to attend a fun and friendly "roast your own hot dog" event September 5th from 6 PM to 9 PM at the Arboretum. Arrive Saturday evening with lawn chairs, bug spray, and flash lights. Then snack on Regal Cinema's popcorn, as you stroll down to the Reflection Point Pavilion and East Event Lawn to play games, eat, and relax. Hot dogs will be provided by Certified Steak and Seafood and side dishes will be provided by Potter's House "Soul Food Bistro". Experience the many wonders of the Arboretum

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

January 9 & May 14

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after hours, then return fireside for s'mores and dessert.

RSVP HERE by noon on September 5th. Please put "Nature at Night" in the subject line and let us know the number of adults & children in your party. Admission is free for members and volunteers; however, if you bring guests, we ask for a donation of \$5 per adult and \$2 per child to help defray costs.

Attendance will be limited to 100, so sign up now!

Arbor-EAT-um Wine & Food Festival

Do not miss the inaugural 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 Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens and its mission. So plan ahead, bring your friends and join us for this magical event. **Purchase Tickets Now!**

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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



Picture provided by Josh Whitley

Thank You Rotaract!

Volunteers from Rotaract, a Rotary sponsored service club for young professionals, spent a recent summer morning wacking, tilling, and hacking their way through palmettos and tree roots to bring you a new trail through the gardens north of the Lake Loop. We hope to see these gals and guys again soon; they were nothing short of amazing. If your business or service group is interested in a project at the arboretum, please contact us at info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

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FUN FACTS



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.

Photo courtesy of Carlton Higginbotham
Common Name: DEVIL'S WALKING STICK
Scientific Name: *Aralia spinosa*
Family: Araliaceae

Adopt-A-Species

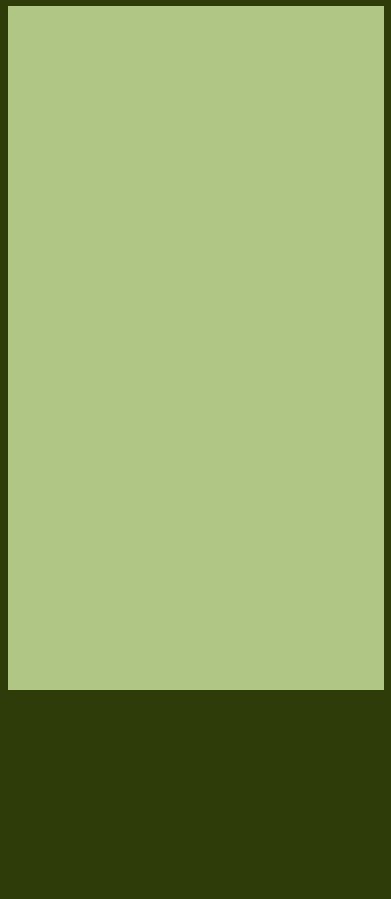
Adopt-a-Species is an affordable option to help the Arboretum preserve the plant and animal habitats within its boundaries. For a \$30 one-year adoption fee, the donor or recipient receives a personalized adoption certificate and a Fun Facts sheet with a photograph of the adopted species; both are suitable for framing. Adopting a Devil's Walking Stick plant or gopher tortoise is a great way to inspire your child, grandchild or inner child to learn more about the natural world. There will be delight upon finding the adopted species on visits to the Arboretum and a personal connection will be established.

For more information and a list of species available for adoption, visit our website -

www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/support/.

**Themed Nature Hikes:
The Many Uses of Plants**

The first of the Arboretum's themed nature hikes will take place on September 12th. As with all of the Arboretum's second Saturday hikes, this tour will be free. Unlike the regularly scheduled hikes, this one will be led by Chuck



Hubbuck, previous Director of Plant Collections at the Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden and current director of the design and management of landscaping, gardens and natural areas at the University of North Florida. During the tour Chuck will point out plants that feed us, cloth us and provide shelter, medicines, tools and materials for art and recreation.

Volunteer Workdays are back!

Join us for the first garden workday of the Fall on September 12th 9AM to noon! We may have taken the summer off, but the weeds did not. Please come help groom the grounds for the upcoming Arbor-EAT-um. We will have water, gloves and tools. Wear closed-toed shoes; you may find long pants more comfortable for the tall weeds. You are welcome to bring your own tools and gloves, but please put your name on them so we can sort them out at the end of the workday. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th.

OUR MISSION

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