



**Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter
December 2019 Edition**

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

**Children's Tour
Saturday,
December 7
10 - 11 a.m.**

**Spirits Under the
Sun
Saturday,
December 7
2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Tickets required**

**Healthy Living
Program
TPF/AARP
Thursday,
December 12
9 a.m. - Noon**

**"Spirits Under the Sun" is
Tomorrow**

It's not too late to join us for "Spirits Under the Sun" from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., tomorrow, December 7. Our sixth annual "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. You can also enjoy musical entertainment, a silent auction and guided tours of the gardens.

The limited attendance event will highlight some of Jacksonville's favorite restaurants providing samples from their signature menu items. Local craft beers are courtesy of Bold City Breweries 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.



**Volunteer Work
Day
Saturday,
December 14
9 a.m. - Noon**

**Mandala Painting
Session
Sunday,
December 15
10 - 11 a.m.
\$5 - \$10
RSVP**

**Christmas Day
Hours
Wednesday,
December 25
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**New Years Day
Hours
Wednesday,
January 1
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Children's Tour
Saturday,**

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at 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. Wear shoes that will allow you to take advantage of the natural environment found at the Arboretum.

Construction on the South Loop is Done!

The South Loop at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is permanently ADA accessible now that construction on the South Loop is complete. This major capital investment in the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is the result of help from many sources. Our thanks to long-time volunteer and supporter Marcia Mederos for providing the lead gift, and all the individuals who donated during last year's annual holiday appeal. The Delores Barr Weaver Fund provided a \$9,000 match to additional individual donations to the capital campaign earlier this year.



**January 4
10 - 11 a.m.**

**Volunteer Work
Day
Saturday,
January 11
9 a.m. - Noon**

**Arboretum
Gates Open
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Sunday**

**SUPPORTERS
& PARTNERS**

**GOLD PARTNER
\$1,000+**

John and Sondie Frus

Ron and Carol Russell,
Russell Blueberry
Farm

**SILVER PARTNER
\$500+**

Anthony John Rigney,
PA & Rigney Family
of Jacksonville, FL

**BRONZE PARTNER
\$250+**

Nature at Night Success

We celebrated and thanked our amazing volunteers and members at our annual Nature at Night event November 16. We appreciate all you do to help us continue to grow the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens.



Discovering Nature Nearby

Our next Discovering Nature Nearby talk is on **January the 18th at 9:30 a.m.** Join Park Naturalist Kelly Ussia for a family-friendly presentation about the snakes and alligators found throughout the State of Florida and maybe even in your backyard. Learn about the various species of snakes in our area as well as how to live with our neighbors. Participants will be given the chance to see a live snake and an alligator! Please slither on by for an outstanding time.

Mary Ann and Shepard
Bryan Jr.

MEMBER FRIENDS
\$100+

Eldon and Martha
Bekkum

Stuart and Haze
Bergman

Alex Broner

Marsha Brown and Pete
Starling

Carlos and Davron
Cardenas

Stephen A. Connelly
and Ellen O. Middleton

Catharine Corbin

Carol Spawn Desmond

John Fischer

David and Bonnie
Foster

Pat and Cliff Jeremiah

Charles and Sarah
Kleeman

Jim and Kathy Kotas

Vicki Lake and Nick
Garpetti

Janine Leland and Tom



Thank You Sandalwood High Students

Despite nasty, wet weather, on Saturday, November 16, approximately 30 students from Sandalwood High School's GreenState Environmental Club helped work on the Deer Moss Trail and the encroachment on the rosemary scrub by surrounding scrub oaks. GreenState Environmental Club is a student-led initiative dedicated to community outreach and raising public awareness of environmental projects. Their projects last year included collecting and recycling more than 1,000 pounds of aluminum and plastic. Other projects include trail maintenance and removing invasives at Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens, Kingsley Plantation, and Little Talbot Island. The students have also installed gardens at various schools throughout the district.

Larson

Donald Lookingbill

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Julie and Bill Mason

Barbara and Charles
McTiernan

Bonnie Nackino

Peggy Nolan

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Jr.

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Rosenberry

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Stewart

Lorin Thies

Mary and Joel Toomey

Robin Wahby

Michael Zambetti

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JAG Membership
By becoming a member



Butterfly Garden Courtesy of JEA Volunteers

More than 40 JEA employees from across the organization have created a butterfly garden at the Arboretum. The newly planted flower garden is already attracting bees and butterflies. Several butterflies were spotted before the team of volunteers left for the day.



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Membership Levels

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

Supporters & Corporate Partners

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

John Bartram Society

Gatekeeper
\$2,500+

Steward
\$5,000+

President's Council
\$10,000+

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