



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter February 2020 Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Volunteer
Workday
Saturday,
February 8
9 a.m. - noon**

**Yoga class with
Mind Body
Harmony
Sunday,
February 9
11 a.m. - noon
[RSVP](#)**

**This is a kid
friendly family
event. Just bring
yourself and a
smile!**

Board Hires Dana Doody as New Executive Director

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens (JAG) Board of Directors has voted to hire Dana J. Doody as executive director for the nonprofit organization. She started in her role on Monday, Feb. 3.

Doody brings more than 13 years of nonprofit experience to the position and most recently served as director of development with the North Florida Land Trust, where she raised more than \$3 million. She is also is a Florida Master Naturalist (Uplands Graduate).



"As a board, our primary goal is to grow the arboretum into a sustainable organization and fully develop our botanical gardens while adding more impactful programs," said JAG Board President Ron Whittington. "During our interviews, we felt Dana had the right skill set while sharing our vision and passion for our venue."

Previously, Dana worked as an Account Manager for the

**Discovering
Nature Nearby:
Permaculture in
Nature
Saturday,
February 15
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Nature Walk
Saturday,
February 22
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Family Art Day
Saturday,
February 29
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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

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Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce. During her time at the Chamber Dana created the Health Council for the Chamber. It is still one of the most successful councils at the Chamber to date.

Drawing on that experience Dana went to work for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. At Cystic Fibrosis Foundation she oversaw three events and added a new event - CF Climb. This was a big accomplishment and very well received for the town of Gainesville.

She was named a Jacksonville Business Journal 'Woman of Influence' in 2018.

Doody grew up on the Westside of Jacksonville and attended Florida State College at Jacksonville. She is also a graduate of the Presidents Program of Sandler Sales Institute.

A Brush With Nature 'Plein Air' Event Set for First Weekend in May

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens and First Coast Plein Air Painters will host the 2020 A Brush with Nature, a Plein Air painting event, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 at the Arboretum.

The event will include children's art activities from noon to 3 p.m. on both days, food truck guess, music from local artists - along with focus of the event: more than 30 artists creating works of art with proceeds benefiting the artists with the First Coast Plein Air Association and the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens. Artist demos will also take place during the event.

At this free-admission event, you can enjoy the gardens while many of the region's finest landscape artists set up their easels to capture the essence of the Arboretum's beautiful settings and paint their favorite scenes from locations throughout the 120-acre site.

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The Driscoll Group

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of Jacksonville, FL

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Mary Ann and Shepard
Bryan Jr.

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Eldon and Martha
Bekkum

Stuart and Haze
Bergman

Alex Broner

Marsha Brown and Pete
Starling

Carlos and Davron
Cardenas

Stephen A. Connelly



All works of art created at the event are available for sale. The artwork is very affordable and offers a wide range of sizes and media, from watercolors and acrylics to oils and pastels. Purchasing an original painting allows the buyer to take home a lasting memory of the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens that can be enjoyed for many years to come.

Visitors can stroll along the trails while they watch and interact with artists as they work.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Gail Beveridge at gvmarch@gmail.com or danad@jacksonvillearboretum.org. Artists who would like to participate should contact First Coast Plein Air Painters President Stephen Dunn at stephendunnart@att.net.

Mark Your Calendar for Weed- Wrangle Week February 24 - 29

Join us for Weed-Wrangle Week, Monday, February 23 - Saturday, February 29 at the Arboretum. Weed-Wrangle Week is a statewide volunteer effort to help rescue our public parks and green spaces from invasive species through hands-on removal of especially harmful trees,

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
Larson

Donald Lookingbill

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

vines and flowering plants. Want to know what to look for? Check out floridainvasives.org.



Picnic Table Beautification

You may have noticed that all picnic tables are scrubbed clean. Thank you to our garden volunteers for a great job. Please remember not to move the two ADA tables. They are placed near the asphalt path so they are accessible to all visitors. If you move them, they are too far from the trail and across ground that folks with canes and wheelchairs can't go. Please be mindful of your fellow visitors.

Rosenberry

Tony and Rachel
Stewart

Lorin Thies

Mary and Joel Toomey

Robin Wahby

Michael Zambetti

IN MEMORIAM:

Jane Wilton Shelton

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JAG Membership

By becoming a member or donor, you are supporting the Arboretum's operations and improvements. All donations are tax-deductible. Details are available on our website.

Membership Levels

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

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Discovering Nature Nearby

On Saturday, February 15 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m, Joshua Rosenburg of NativeJax will be presenting on Permaculture in Nature. He will discuss how nature is already practicing permaculture through stacking functions, plants growing in the right place, and composting. Learn more at his website: <https://www.nativejax.com/>

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