



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter
March 2020 Edition

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

**SORRY, BUT WE
ARE CLOSED.**

**All Events on Hold
for March due to
COVID-19
concerns.**

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The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is officially closed due to the health concerns of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The gates will be closed until further notice.

Also, all activities within the arboretum are cancelled.

We hope to reopen shortly. Please watch our social media carefully for any future changes or updates.

**A First Sponsor Get on the
Canvas for
A Brush With Nature Event in May**

Thanks go out to new sponsor Jenkins Auto Group, and returning sponsors JM Family Enterprises, Robb and Pam Mitchell (The Press On Foundation), O E & S/Office Environments (OE&S) and Optiv | Cybersecurity Solutions Integration & Management,

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which are among the first companies to join us as sponsors of A Brush with Nature.

The plein air painting event set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens (JAG).

Hosted by JAG and First Coast Plein Air Painters, this free admission event promotes both groups - with all works of art created at the event are available for sale - with proceeds benefiting JAG and the artists.

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

Activities include:

- Artists' demonstrations each day
- Food trucks will be on site from 9 a.m. to closing on Saturday and Sunday

"We will have more than 45 of the region's finest landscape artists setting up their easels to capture the essence of the Arboretum's beautiful settings over the two-day event," said Jacksonville Arboretum & Garden Executive Director Dana Doody.

To find out more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Dana at danad@jacksonvillearboretum.org or call 904-318-4342.

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Jenkins Auto Group, located on Atlantic Boulevard, is sponsoring the children's art area at A Brush With Nature on May 2, 3.

Artists who would like to participate should contact First Coast Plein Air Painters President Stephen Dunn at stephendunnart@att.net.

United Nations Designates International Day of Forests in March

According to the Georgia Forestry Magazine, here are some facts about forests worldwide:



- Wood fuel provides 40% of today's global renewable energy supply as much as solar, wind, and hydroelectric combined.
- Forests worldwide remove 2.1 gigatons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere annually.
- Trees absorb rainfall and runoff and then slowly redistribute 95% of it preventing erosion and

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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

Supporters & Corporate Partners

Bronze Partner \$250
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water pollution.

- ¼ of all modern medicine comes from plants found in tropical forests, including 2/3 of all drugs used to fight cancer.
- Sustainably managed forests provide the raw material for paper, and 55 percent of all fiber comes from recovered paper. It is one of the most recycled materials in the world.

We hope we are open. If not, celebrate the economic and social benefits of trees on March 21st with a walk in the woods wherever you are!

Memorialize Mom with a Signature Brick this Mother's Day...and at a Special Price for the Holiday!



Looking for a unique gift for your mom this Mother's Day?

Consider a commemorative brick that will honor your mom today and for years to come at the Jacksonville

John Bartram

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Arboretum & Gardens - and at a special price, too.

We're putting our bricks on sale for half price all through the month of March, which guarantees installation in time for Mother's Day - this year on Sunday, May 10.

Choose between a 4-by-8 inch Brick (up to 3 lines of engraving) or an 8-by-8 inch Brick, (up to 6 lines). Celebrate mom and support your Arboretum, too.

For details, visit our website and look under 'support' and select '[dedicate-a-brick.](#)' Sale ends on March 31.

**Update on Prescribed Burns at the
Arboretum**

Thanks to the Florida Forest Service for their recent prescribed burn along the Live Oak Trail on the western edge of the Arboretum property.



The burn was funded through the Florida Forest Service's Urban Wildfire Mitigation Program.

Burns every few years are necessary to keep the palmettos, gallberry, fallen leaves, and pine needles in check so that a wildfire doesn't cause major damage.



The burns also keep bare soil exposed so that wildflower and grass seedlings can sprout. The Arboretum, with help from a grant from the Jacksonville Zoo Conservation Department, will continue to do microburns the next two months.

Show the World You Love the Arboretum

Show the world you love us, by posting your Arboretum photographs at [#jacksonvillearboretum](https://www.instagram.com/jacksonvillearboretum) & www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleArboretumGardens
We appreciate it!

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

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