



**Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter  
April 2020 Edition**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**

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**SORRY, BUT WE  
ARE CLOSED.**

**All Events on Hold  
in April due to  
COVID-19  
concerns.**

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**A Message to  
Arboretum & Garden Members,  
Friends and Donors**



We hope you and your families are safe and well during this unprecedented time.

As many of you already know, we made the difficult decision to close the gardens to the public on March 13 due to the Coronavirus - canceling and postponing any events or public activities until further notice.

Our first priority is always the health and safety of our

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Marsha Brown and Pete  
Starling

Carlos and Davron  
Cardenas

Stephen A. Connelly  
and Ellen O. Middleton

Catharine Corbin

visitors, volunteers and staff - and we will reopen as soon as we can safely do so.

As a nonprofit, we rely on your donations as an ongoing source of funding, so we have seen a financial impact due to our closure - and there will surely be other impacts and expenses that we cannot foresee today. However, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you again for your tremendous past support.

We look forward to letting you know how you can continue to support our ongoing sustainability in the near future.

## **'A Brush With Nature' Plein Air Artists Event Moved to May 30, 31**

With the shutdown caused by COVID-19, the arboretum and First Coast Plein Air Painters moved the date of 'A Brush with Nature' to May 30 and 31.

Should our closure go on further into the month of May, we may have to postpone the date further. We will keep you posted here on our newsletter -- and on our social media sites.

Thanks go out to sponsors Atlantic Self Storage - Millco location, Jenkins Auto Group, JM Family Enterprises, Robb and Pam Mitchell (The Press On Foundation), O E & S/Office Environments (OE&S ) and Optiv | Cybersecurity Solutions Integration & Management and Rapid 7. PRI Productions is also returning as an in-kind sponsor.

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:

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  
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Robert and Vivien Parks

Jane and John Pope

Terrone and Carolyn  
Rosenberry

Tony and Rachel  
Stewart

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

To find out more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Jacksonville Arboretum & Garden Executive Director Dana Doody at [danad@jacksonvillearboretum.org](mailto:danad@jacksonvillearboretum.org) or call 904-318-4342.



More than 40 artists will participate in A Brush With Nature, which has been rescheduled for May 30 and 31.

Artists who would like to participate should contact First Coast Plein Air Painters President Stephen Dunn at [stephendunnart@att.net](mailto:stephendunnart@att.net).

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleArboretumGardens)  
We appreciate it!

Lorin Thies

Mary and Joel Toomey

Robin Wahby

Michael Zambetti

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Jane Wilton Shelton

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

**Membership Levels**

\$ 40 Single

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\$ 70 Family

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