



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter June 2020 Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Arboretum
Gates Open
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday - Thursday**

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday - Sunday**

SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

JOHN BARTRAM
SOCIETY STEWARD
\$5,000+

Kevin Driscoll, CFP
The Driscoll Group

The Tredennick Family

The Van Vleck Family

A Brush With Nature New Date Coming!

As is the case with every nonprofit agency, COVID-19 has been raising havoc with our fundraising events. Especially with the 'A Brush With Nature' event held in conjunction with the First Coast Plein Air Painters. The event date has been moved twice, and it looks like we will make one more adjustment to the date and design of the event.

Our board is balancing concern about the risk of COVID-19 among the artists and our members with preexisting conditions: while retaining and creating a safe event.

Please be patient as we brainstorm changes that can accommodate artists who want to work outside - while offering their other artists an opportunity to take part in the event virtually. The delay also gives us a chance to review and enhance our safety protocols to ensure we offer the safest event possible for our guests.

We want to thank our sponsors for their patience: Atlantic Self Storage - Millcoie location, Jenkins Auto Group, JM Family Enterprises, Robb and Pam Mitchell (The Press On Foundation), O E & S/Office Environments (OE&S), Optiv | Cybersecurity Solutions Integration & Management and Rapid 7 - along with

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\$250+

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\$100+

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Broner

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Stephen Connelly &
Ellen Middleton

Catharine Corbin

returning in-kind sponsor PRI Productions.



This year's event could be a mix of Plein
Air and virtual.

The Arboretum is Going Batty!

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is collaborating with the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens to bring some really cool events focused on our little flying friends of the arboretum - the bat! We are planning a virtual event in July (date to be announced) based on the results of a study on the different types of bats that inhabit the arboretum.

Special equipment will be installed to do bat acoustic monitoring. More details will be forthcoming on social media and in our July newsletter so stay tuned. We can't wait to share the results of our study!

Pitcher Plant Project

Say that three times fast! The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is funding another exciting project at the arboretum - a carnivorous plant bog. It is going to happen slowly, but it will be educational and interesting.

JAG volunteers have consulted experts at the

Carol Spawn Desmond

Christopher Eckert

Scott Hassel

Matthew & Sandra
Hendricks

Lena Hernandez

Charles & Sarah
Kleeman

Jim & Kathy Kotas

Vicki Lake & Nick
Carpetti

Jim & Jeannie Little

Donald Lookingbill

Linda Martin

Barbara & Charles
McTiernan

Bonnie Nackino

Peggy Nolan

Robert & Vivien Parks

Denise Reagan

Bremon Sims

Tony & Rachel Stewart

Pamela Telis

Lorin Thies

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens and Atlanta Botanical Gardens for information on growing these fascinating plants. You can watch as JAG volunteers work to adapt container-growing methods to a 100-square-foot plot. That's a big plant pot!

The project is at the far end of the ravine. The nitrogen poor subsoil in the bottom of the ravine, an old borrow pit, is perfect for carnivorous plants because they can get all of the nitrogen they need from eating insects and other small animals. We are trying to find the perfect berm height that will keep the soil damp but not saturated. To frame it in the words of our lead volunteer, Merrill Varn - "Yep, another Goldilocks project...it's got to be...just right."



This is a sample of a Pitcher Plant, native to Florida.
Learn more [here](#).

Check on the project every couple of months. Better yet, come help! Interested volunteers should contact info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Pop Up Weddings

Mary & Toomey

Susan Wright

Michael Zambetti

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

John Bartram Society
Gatekeeper
\$2,500+
Steward
\$5,000+

Have your wedding plans been thwarted by COVID-19? Or, maybe you just like the idea of a small wedding in the garden? Either way, we are saying "I DO" to Pop Up Weddings! Gathering restrictions still apply - 10 people or less in Phase 1, 50 people or less in Phase 2. If you are interested in a small wedding or a beautiful wedding alternative, contact us at info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Farewell Lynsae Davidson

We would like to thank Lynsae Davidson for doing such a brilliant job with our Discovering Nature Nearby program.

"Lynsae has been a wonderful leader of that program and we are really going to miss her., said JAG executive director Dana Doody. "She is, however, going to help me in selecting the next director of the program."



If you are interested, in this volunteer position, check out the [help wanted](#) section of our website and submit your inquiry with a resume to

info@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Discovering Nature Nearby

President's Council
\$10,000+

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Discovering Nature Nearby (DNN) is taking a break for the summer. We will be back this Fall with some exciting programs as we move into 2021. In the meantime, learn more about the gopher turtles that make their home in the arboretum in [this virtual program](#) with Biologist Danielle D'Amato. Future DNN programs will be shared on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned!

Explore the Arboretum

We are partnering with the Jacksonville Garden Club for a virtual tour! Executive Director, Dana Doody and other volunteers will discuss changes at the arboretum, new trails and gardens, plans for the future, and how you can get involved.

Register [here](#) for the program at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18. This virtual program is free, but you must register. Once you do, you will receive a link, so you can join the meeting.

Show the World You Love the Arboretum

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We appreciate it!

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