



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens e-Newsletter OCTOBER 2020 EDITION

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday

Have Your Own Brush with Nature This Month

Kevin Blalock, President

It's that exciting time of year when we partner with the First Coast Plein Air Painters to host "A Brush with Nature," a plein air painting event. This unique event brings together art and the outdoors, as painters set up at different points around the Arboretum's 120-acre grounds to capture the essence of the beautiful settings and paint their favorite scenes live in real time. Visitors can stroll along the nature trails to watch and interact with the artists as they work—a chance to be part of the art. Then, they can purchase their favorite piece and take it home. All works of art created at the event are available for sale, and proceeds will benefit the arboretum and the artists.



On site activities will include:

- Artist demonstrations each day
- An on-site plant sale by Earth Works
- Art activities for children from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday
- Live entertainment from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday
- Food trucks on site from 9 a.m. to close Saturday and Sunday

Join us live from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 17 and Sunday Oct. 18 at the arboretum! Prefer a virtual experience? We've got you covered! You can watch real-time videos on our Facebook page, shop online for original art and participate in our silent auction right from the comfort of your home. We'll post the links on our website soon, so keep an eye out at the [events page](#). You can see more by visiting our [Facebook Event](#).

This event is one of the major annual fundraisers for the arboretum. Proceeds help pay for maintenance and operations of the site, as well as many improvement projects each year. Admission is free, and a \$3 donation per person is encouraged. Of course, you should plan to exercise social distancing during the event. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Treat Our Gardens with Care

Dana Doody, Executive Director



Welcome Fall at the Arboretum

The beautiful fall weather is approaching, and we want everyone to enjoy the gardens and all they offer to us and our pets. While most visitors are respectful and considerate, it's always helpful to review the guidelines.

Here are a few steps you can continue to take to keep everyone safe:

- Be courteous to other guests and don't block paths, bridges, or walkways.

- Don't collect/touch/chase any animals, insects, plants, or rocks. We want all wildlife to feel safe and continue calling the arboretum home.
- Don't tamper with equipment, tools, or signs.
- Be respectful of weddings and other scheduled events.
- Keep your pets on a leash at all times.
- Don't get in, or let your pet get in, bodies of water.
- When taking amateur photography, be sure not to interfere with the enjoyment of other guests.
- If you'd like to do professional photography at the arboretum, email us at info@jacksonvillearboretum.org to get a permit.

Thank you for helping us keep the arboretum beautiful, friendly and welcoming to all! Click [here](#) to see the full list of guidelines.

Support Us: Volunteer and Donate



Join the Team!
Volunteers at Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens play a vital role in cultivating the

mission of awareness and understanding of plants and the environment.

Want to pitch in? Here's how you can help.

Horticulture

Dig in, literally, by assisting our horticulturist, Shayan Khatibi with general maintenance, weeding, and pruning. Join the volunteer team on Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and on the second Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to noon.

Special Events

Join the special events crew to welcome guests and make their experience a memorable one. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with our Brush with Nature event for the following positions.

- Set up/Clean up
- Registration/Check in
- Merchandise sales/ Membership sales
- Silent Auction tent help
- Trash pick up
- Parking attendance

To join in the fun, sign up [here](#).



We Need Your Support!

Did you know the arboretum isn't a city park? We're a non-profit organization run by volunteers and funded by our supporters. It takes a lot of work and consistent financial support to maintain and

improve the grounds. If you visit us often, you likely see all the exciting projects we're working on.

Here are a few of our current projects:

- Water Garden
- Restrooms
- Event Production Area
- And more!

It's easier than ever to donate to the arboretum. Join as a member, donate a few dollars in the collection box when you visit, add your name to a brick or beautiful bench on our walkways, donate in-kind goods and services, give gifts of stock, or set up planned giving over a certain timeframe.

Prefer to use the latest tech? To donate with the Venmo app, our address is jacksonvillearboretum@jacksonvillearboretum.

If you would like to learn more, please feel free to call 904.318.4342.

Events to look forward to!

A Brush with Nature: October 17 & 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Join us for a fun day of art, music, food, and activities for the whole family. [Learn more](#) and put it on your calendar now!

The Arboretum is Going Batty: October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We are partnering with the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens to learn about our favorite flying mammal, the BAT! Tickets go on sale soon at \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Kids age 3 and under get in free! Check [our events page](#) for more information.

Volunteer Spotlight: Steven Smith

Steven Smith is extremely hardworking and really thinks outside the box for improvements at the arboretum. He has helped us in so many ways, and we are incredibly grateful.

Thank you, Steven!

Interested in volunteering with us?

[Sign up today](#)



Around the Garden: American Beautyberry



The onset of fall in north Florida is welcomed by the bright purple berries of American Beautyberry. *Callicarpa Americana*, is a Florida native to the flatwoods and hammocks. This sprawling shrub reaches over eight feet tall with pale lavender flowering branches that gently lean toward the ground. The deciduous leaves produce a fragrant floral aroma that can be tasted in the edible purple fruit which bear on the stem. These fruits are also sought after by the birds which help to spread it quickly. Once established, beautyberry is drought-tolerant and grows well in a variety of soils. Be sure to prune the bush in early spring before the onset of flowering so you can enjoy the flowers and fruits through fall.

This article was written by Shayan Khatibi

[Source Photo](#)

New Mailing Address

We've moved! Well, not really. We are closing our P.O. Box and are now receiving mail at the physical address of the arboretum:

1445 Millcoie Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225



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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.

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