



Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens e-Newsletter

June 2021 Edition

Hours: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A Museum of Natural Florida

Dana Doody, Executive Director



Our mission of “cultivating a unique environment for recreation, education and inspiration” is what drives every decision that is made at the Arboretum. Our conservation goal is especially important: “To provide stewardship of the Arboretum lands by protecting, sustaining and enhancing biological diversity by means of large tracts of open space.”

In the coming months, we will be continuing the important work of the master plan process for the botanical gardens. Even though the gardens are a wonderful way of moving our mission forward for recreation, education & inspiration, we will never abandon the importance of conserving the trails and our outlying areas.

I like to think of this as a “museum of natural Florida” that gives our visitors a view of what Florida looked like prior to development. We are so fortunate to have the upland and sandhill habitats that are rapidly disappearing in Florida. We work closely with experts who understand what goes into conserving an important piece of land such as our beautiful Arboretum.

We are grateful for our scientists and volunteers who comprise our Conservation Corps and continue to lead the effort to preserve our natural open spaces.

We are also grateful to our members who make this mission possible. To renew your membership or become a member, click [here](#).

June 2021 Special Events



Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) Status: *Threatened*



(FWC).

Registration for our fall events coming soon:

September Stars: September 11 at 7 p.m.

An evening walk under the stars . . .

Fantastic Beasts: October 9 at 7 p.m.

Beasts, 4-legged, winged and rooted, aliens vs. predators . . .

People and Plants: November 13 at 10 a.m.

Thousand-year-old plants and the people who used them . . .

These events have really been extremely popular so stay tuned for the release of tickets of the fun events in the future!



Tails & Trails: October 16 at 4-8 p.m. - Tickets are \$10

We know your dogs love the Arboretum as much as you do! We are having an event to celebrate the dogs of the Arboretum! Join us for signature cocktails, live music and fabulous food trucks. We'll see you and your awesome four-legged friend at Tails & Trails – A Canine Social! More details to come about this exciting event!

[Click here for tickets!](#)

Ways to Give & Support



The Month of June - Tribute brick

Is there a solid influence in your life? A stable someone who you will always remember? Consider an engraved brick that will be a lasting addition to the Arboretum, for now and the future.

The bricks are installed in front of the kiosk at the very front of the Arboretum. If you are interested in dedicating a brick, you may order below or contact [Martina Schmidt, Development Coordinator](#) for assistance.

<https://www.jacksonvillearboretum.org/dedicate-a-brick/>

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you to all our volunteers who help us stay beautiful!



Elaine and Pauline, you can find them at the raised beds and the pollinator gardens.



Meet Sherry and Westen, they were sprucing up the succulents in the Palm Glade.



Here is Sophie and Anh, they were working on the new log garden on the East part of our Lake Loop.



Marti Schmidt, Volunteer and Development Coordinator

2021 A Brush With Nature Special Events Volunteers. A special thanks to the following volunteers who helped with this year's "A Brush with Nature" (first names only), our recent 2- and 4-legged foot count, and our Workday Wednesdays. Thanks to Westen, Sherry, Kay, Maureen, Alexandria, Arjun, Deblin, Jack, Elizabeth, Skylar, Sheilah, Andrea, Adina, Jennifer, Bonnie, Lauretta, Clark, Anne, Sara, Mona, Lorin, Alysha, Janet, Riki, Lynne, Hayes, Heidi, Me'Shon, Ava, Ron, Gail, Kevin, Karen, Steve, Brian, David, David James, Hannah, Hayes

Plant of the Month **By Shayan Khatibi, Staff Horticulturist**

June Plant of the Month- Yarrow - Achillea spp.

Yarrow is a useful semi-evergreen ground cover with low water requirements. This low maintenance pollinator attractor grows to 3 feet tall and does best in well-drained soil with a full sun exposure. The highly attractive blooms show from summer to fall and are great to harvest as cut flowers and bring indoors. In addition, the yarrow plant has been considered a healing herb in many civilizations and has many proven medicinal properties. Enjoy yarrow as a border planting as it spreads and reseeds freely.



Sources:

<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/baker/docs/pdf/horticulture/demonstration-gardens/Yarrow.pdf>

<http://wildfoodsandmedicines.com/yarrow/>

Seed resource:

https://shop.stoverseed.com/products/white-yarrow?variant=34590808932503&qclid=Cj0KCQjw--GFBhDeARIsACH_kdZqKi93P3Yu_HMKWvpz0sEA_UkLWxVU86fTloJTLVvJvaIA8rz8o24aAo2uEALw_wcB

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