



## Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens e-Newsletter

August 2021 Edition

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

### Dazzling Nights

John Burr, Board Treasurer



Jacksonville is known as a walkup town - people like to buy event tickets the day of the show.

But that may not work for the Jacksonville Arboretum and Botanical Gardens holiday light show. Tickets are going fast - that's right, it's August and we're heading toward a sellout!

"Dazzling Nights," which will run from November 19 to January 9, is being set up by The Memoir Agency, which ran a sold-out holiday light event out last year in Orlando. Music, Christmas trees, sculptures, interactive lights, a forest

of lights and fog - these folks really know how to put on a show. For a full rundown and to buy tickets, go to [www.dazzlingjax.com](http://www.dazzlingjax.com).

All of the Arboretum's proceeds will go toward improving our operations. As a friend of the Jacksonville Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, you know that the site has been improving its trails and plant displays, and we have ambitious plans to improve the gardens. Please come to "Dazzling Nights" to show your support and have a wonderful holiday experience with your friends and family.

The specifics: The show runs from Nov. 19 to Jan. 9, timed entries from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.  
Admission: \$22 on weekdays, \$25 on weekends. Shuttled parking will be available offsite.



## Thank you, HBI

Dana Doody, Executive Director



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We are grateful for each and every individual who helps us to focus on our mission of “cultivating a unique space for education, recreation and inspiration.”



This month's highlighted volunteer group is also a non-profit and can be found at [www.HBI.org](http://www.HBI.org). HBI, or Home Builder's Institute trains veteran's and soon to separate veterans in the construction trades of carpentry, plumbing and HVAC. HBI trains 8-10 thousand students annually and has filled 400,000 construction jobs nationwide as an industry partner. Their trades lab is located on Beaver Street and contains classrooms, power equipment, tools and scale models of HVAC, plumbing and other construction scenarios they may face in the field.

Their group continues to bring their classroom to the Arboretum to increase our accessibility by designing and building a ramp extension to the existing board walk and specially designed one of a kind picnic tables. They also repaired the existing tables by planing and sealing the existing wood, repurposing the pieces that could be saved.

More information on their group can be found at [www.HBI.org](http://www.HBI.org).

### **Farewell to our Summer Interns, Elizabeth and Jessica.**



Both our Summer interns had hands on experience this year working with Merrill Varn, our Lead Conservation volunteer, clearing along our Jones Creek Trail. Elizabeth also created a new guide for our

younger guests which was used with great success during a recent visit by Spina Bifida of Jacksonville. These young ladies will be returning to UF and UNF respectively. We thank them for their work here over the summer and wish them great success in their future endeavors.

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## Events



## HYDROLOGY /hī' dräləjē/

*noun*

1. the branch of science concerned with the properties of the earth's water, and especially its movement in relation to land.

### **Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

The hydrology of Florida is shaped by the past and present. Come learn about how the rocks below our feet control the flow, quality, and availability of water in our environment, and how vulnerable this precious resource is to pollution.

Our drinking water come from our aquifer system that was built hundreds of thousands of years ago in warm tropical waters and has been dissolving and changing ever since.

The Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens is the perfect place to come learn more about this topic and see examples of hydrology features including a seep, a spring fed creek, a depression marsh, and a salt marsh.

Jacksonville University's Dr. Jeremy Stalker, Associate Professor of Marine Science. and Laura Kostrzewski, Marine Science Research Institute, will be teaming up to share their knowledge of local hydrology. These experts in their respective fields will guide you to the previously mentioned features and provide a unique way to view hydrology using an Enviroscape coastal watershed model



Come learn how a watershed works through a three-dimensional model with hands-on activities!

## Tails & Trails



Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm. - 8:00 p.m.

Featuring - 7 Street Band, Chubby Burrito Food Truck & Signature Cocktails

Tickets \$10 per person

[Click here for tickets!](#)

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## Ways to Give & Support

### Donor Advised Funds

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Written by Cory Driscoll  
The Driscoll Group, Inc.  
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### Our new "Iron Ranger"

You may have noticed the upgrade at our entrance. HBI, Home Builder's Institute, mixed and poured approximately ½ ton of concrete to make sure this very valuable source of revenue is protected. We count on our donations to buy tools, plants and to provide our volunteers with the supplies they need to maintain and beautify the Arboretum. Iron Rangers have been built out of Washington State for 40 years and are seen at many parks and other locations world-wide.



### Staff News

We would like to announce Paul Storey has accepted the position of Groundskeeper at the Arboretum. Paul will be caring for our plantings throughout the Arboretum, partnering with the Wednesday Garden Day and Second Saturday volunteers in the maintenance and cultivation of the Arboretum's plant collection. Welcome Paul!



## New Volunteer Opportunity

Our volunteers have been hard at work taking care of the Arboretum in every way. One of the new volunteer committees we are starting is a guest relations program that includes greeters on site. This opportunity is to provide an organization presence for our visitors. Greeters will answer basic questions about the gardens and trails, membership, volunteer opportunities, professional photography permits and more. There is no money handling and you do not need to be an expert on any aspect of our operation. We are simply looking for folks who love the arboretum and gardens who can connect others to our mission and work.

For questions and additional information, contact Janet Streit - [jstreit223@gmail.com](mailto:jstreit223@gmail.com).

## Plant of the Month

By Jody Willis, past President, Duval Audubon Society

### Trumpet Honeysuckle Vine (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

This lovely vine is also called Coral Honeysuckle and Woodbine. It is a native and grows to about 15 feet in length in light exposure ranging from light shade to full sun. It is easily cultivated under a variety of situations from either seed or cuttings and can tolerate poor soil subject to drought. However, for maximum flowering, it is best cultivated in a sunny location. It is deciduous in North Florida (loses its leaves in the winter) but easily comes back in the spring. Trumpet Honeysuckle has



beautiful red trumpet- shaped flowers which are irresistible to hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies. It produces small, brilliant red berries which are attractive to birds, including waxwings, woodpeckers, chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, crows, and jays.

If you do not have a yard to grow it in, you can grow it on your patio in a large pot using a cage or other supports for it to climb on and it can be easily pruned and shaped if you wish.

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