



Jacksonville Arboretum & Botanical Gardens e-Newsletter

November 2021 Edition

Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Change in Hours beginning Sunday, November 7, 2021

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Every year around this time, we adjust our hours with Daylight Savings Time for the safety of guests. It gets very dark at the Arboretum after the sun goes down! So as of Sunday, November 7, 2021, the gates will close at 5:00 p.m.

This year it is especially important that you exit promptly because we will have the Dazzling Nights show after closing and the Arboretum needs to be clear for our evening guests.

Planting Seeds



As we move into autumn, change is seen across the Arboretum. The days are shorter, the weather is cooling off, and the number of visitors is growing.

And with these changes come a list of improvements, some active and others that planned and expected in 2022.

First, visitors will notice a replanted and spruced-up Lake Pavilion, made possible by our super volunteers and our generous business partner Earth Works. If you are looking for a beautiful place to be married at a very reasonable price, the pavilion at the east end of our lake is impossible to overlook.

Executive Director Dana Doody and Board President Kevin Blalock are in active talks with the city officials to capture funding for a long-sought improvement that should be very popular with our visitors - an honest-to-goodness modern restroom with flushing toilets and sinks for washing hands. We've heard your pleas for a while now and are expecting that our partners in city government will be providing the some of the funds soon. Fingers crossed!

We have recently completed a recycled water hookup with the Jacksonville Electric Authority that will allow us to provide irrigation to our gardens, which we expect to expand and improve in the years to come. This is an important infrastructure improvement that allows us to use an environmentally responsible source of water to keep our plants healthy.

And speaking of the years to come, the Jacksonville Arboretum and Botanical Garden has just renegotiated and signed a new 30-year lease with the city, which ensures that our non-profit will have the time and resources to continue with our long list of improvements.

We have been busy this year working on a master plan to guide our growth into being one of the top botanical gardens in the Southeastern United States. Work on the plan should be completed by the end of the year, and you can expect us to begin a capital campaign in 2022 to fund an exciting series of gardens and facilities which will make possible the showplace public gardens that Jacksonville deserves. More details will be forthcoming in the months to come.

In the meantime, please help us by volunteering your time and talents. Our next major event will be A Brush with Nature art creation and exhibition in May 2022. We're already planning and would love for you to volunteer to help make this the best version of A Brush With Nature yet. See you at the gardens!

John Burr

Celebrating the Trees and the Bark



Executive Director, Dana J. Doody

My favorite part of Tails and Trails was looking out on the crowd and seeing all of the wagging tails so happy to be a part of our event. It was such a fun event, even if you didn't have a tail! The 7 Street Band was energetic, vibrant and so talented covering such greats as Earth, Wind and Fire, Whitney Houston and Bruno Mars - I mean! WOW! The Tito's Handmade Vodka cocktails were a big hit and our volunteers served each one with a smile! I think they enjoyed serving you as much as you enjoyed being served.

Overall, it was a successful and fun event raising over \$7,000 for our mission and for it being a first-time event, we are so grateful for the large attendance. Thank you to everyone that bought a ticket and came out. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Thank you Tails and Trails Sponsors

Please thank our Tails and Trails Sponsors by Supporting their businesses.





Jacksonville Beach, St. John's/ Julington Creek, St Augustine

Thank you Vendors, Participants, & Partners

It was truly lovely to have such a great assortment of participants! Pet vendors, community partners, our local friends and neighbors all came together to celebrate Autumn at the Arboretum! Many thanks for great music, wonderful food, and happy, happy dogs!

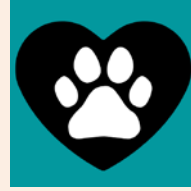
Thank you to our Vendors!

- A Tisket, A Tasket, what's in your basket
- Ascension St. Vincent's Arlington FSE
- Canine Cancer Bites
- Chess for Charity
- Daisy Draws
- Friends of Jacksonville Animals (FOJA)
- Friends of Talbot Islands State Parks
- HBI - Home Builder's Institute
- Idea Public Schools
- K-9's for Warriors
- Nestle Purina Petcare
- Noble Crown Lemonade
- PetCure Oncology
- RLS Jewels
- SEVO Med
- St Philip Neri Animal Ministry
- Wild Birds Unlimited

Thank you to our Other Participants

- The Pupcycle
- Chubby Burrito
- About Time Creamery
- The 7 Street Band

**Thank you to our incredible volunteers!
We couldn't do it without you!**



Volunteer Spotlight



Kay Senn **Events Volunteer Lead**

You may have seen this young lady running around during Tails and Trails with the polka dots and pigtails! When she wasn't running, she was serving those fantastic Tito's Handmade Cocktails.

We are so fortunate that Kay chooses to volunteer with us. We first met her at last year's 'A Brush with Nature'. She has great ideas, a lovely personality and boundless energy. Not only is she a volunteer, she is also a member. She supports us in so many ways. Thank you Kay!

Events



Indigenous Peoples, Plants & History



Presented by the National Park Service

November 13 at 10am

Sponsored by



Saturday, November 13, 2021, 10 a.m.

This month's expert from the National Park Service, has a background and education in archaeology and anthropology. He will be presenting a program about the ancient Indigenous Peoples of Northeast Florida and their connection to our environment.

For the presentation, the Ranger will display replicas of Timucuan tools, weapons and artifacts (shards of pottery). He plans on discussing some general information about the Timucuan such as, food collection methods, tool making, and shell middens. He will also be speaking about the plants they would have used for food, medicine, ceremonies and rituals.

Space is limited for social distancing purposes. Tickets are \$5, children 5 and under are free. If you have questions about this event feel free to call the Arboretum at 904.318.4342.

[Click here to register!](#)





Dazzling Nights

November 19 – January 9

Tickets are going fast!

The show runs from Nov.19 to Jan. 9, timed entries from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

[TICKETS](#)

Ways to Give & Support - Membership has it Privileges!

Members and new members:

Check your email for your *Dazzling Nights* discount code, through November 8.



Many of our guests ask us, "How can I support the Arboretum?" And this month we can say, "Go to the Lights!"

We have had many fundraisers over the years and we are thankful for our members and donors who have faithfully supported us and the projects that you now see and enjoy!

As we embark on the improvements that you have been reading about in recent newsletters, we are in need of a fundraiser that will help us move to the next level, supporting plans and essential improvements in amenities, programming and services without placing a financial strain on our membership.

We hope Dazzling Nights will be the Arboretum's largest annual fundraiser, and that it will support many parts of our mission driven programming as well as capital improvements and support services.

25% discount off tickets is only good until November 8th so don't delay!

Click [membership](#) for more information.

Dazzling Nights is Hiring!

Looking for a little seasonal color in your life? Guest services, food and beverage, ticketing, events management. Be part of the Arboretum that you love!

[Apply Here](#)

Plant of the Month *Yaupon Holly*



Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*)

This is an evergreen shrub which can reach 25 to 30 feet in height and is one of the easiest wildlife plants for you to grow in your yard. Its native range is from coastal New Jersey south to Florida and west to Texas. It is one of the most adaptable plants available as it grows in sun to part shade, in a wide variety of habitats from moist to dry, and is salt tolerant. It requires no maintenance, is drought tolerant, and can be pruned or shaped if so desired. It has an attractive whitish bark with small evergreen leaves. It produces small inconspicuous white flowers in the spring which attract many insects; the lovely red berries are produced in the fall on female plants.

The berries are beloved by a number of bird species, including: mockingbirds, bluebirds, sapsuckers, flickers, cedar waxwings, catbirds, robins, and white-throated sparrows. It is the only known indigenous plant in North America which produces caffeine.

The Native Americans brewed the leaves and stems to make a tea which they drank in great quantities for purification and unity rituals and fasted from food. These rituals induced vomiting which led the Europeans to incorrectly believe that the plant caused vomiting and that is how it got this Latin name. In small amounts, the dried leaves produce a pleasant tea which is now

commercially available as well.



SAVE THE DATE A BRUSH WITH NATURE 2022

May 14th & 15th
9am to 5pm
A Plein Air Painting Event



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Lauretta & Clark Gaylord

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Meghan Quinn
Jonathan Raiti
Kristin Raasch

Stuart Bergman	Sue Grusser	Denise Reagan
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