



Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

— Robert Louis Stevenson



## Volunteer News



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How do I sign up to volunteer at the Arboretum?

1. Fill out the volunteer application form [here](#)
  2. Send an email to Marti [here](#)
  3. Go to the Volunteer calendar and add yourself [here](#)
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## Welcome to Your Newsletter!

We have wanted to produce a newsletter solely for the volunteers and now is the time. This month's issue includes information and news about upcoming events as well as details about our Volunteer Committees and how to sign up.

The first order of business is to vote on a name for our newsletter!

Go to the button here if you have a suggestion, and "dig deep!"

[Name Your Newsletter!](#)

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## What's Needed Now!

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### **Arbor Watch - Training December 18, 9 a.m.**

This is the committee that reports things that are out of the ordinary. If you already walk the Arboretum on a regular basis, this is for you.

Sometimes we have guests who are unaware of our safety rules such as "no open flame" or "no balloons" or "dogs must be on a leash" or "you must wear shoes".

These regulations help us protect and steward the land, its animal inhabitants and protects our visitors and would be shared with our guests in a polite, non-confrontational way.

You would report any issues to the Arboretum phone or if it is more serious, like a car break-in, call JSO Non-Emergency 904-630-0500. Of course, for emergencies call 911.

There is no shift schedule for this committee as it is very much like a neighborhood watch program. Our lead for this committee is Danny Murphy. If you would like some basic training for Arbor Watch join us! Danny walks regularly and would be happy to teach you what to report and how to go about it.

**Training scheduled for December 18 at 9 a.m. at the Picnic area with Danny and Marti.**

Fill out a volunteer application(if you haven't already) and send Marti an email indicating that you would like to participate in Arbor Watch!

[RSVP Arbor Watch Training](#)



**SAVE THE DATE  
A BRUSH WITH NATURE 2022**

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



**A Brush With Nature Event Committee -  
Call to Action!**

**We currently are looking for dedicated volunteers who are interested in assisting with our 11<sup>th</sup> annual “A Brush with Nature” event.**

Many hands are needed for this popular occurrence to run efficiently and in a beautiful way. It is typically held for 2 days in May and is currently set for May 14-15, 2022.

This year, our Executive Director, Dana, would like to expand the 2022 event, and is asking for your help! Starting in January the ABWN committee will meet bi-weekly - every two weeks until the

event. The committee will help with everything from helping to recruit volunteers to helping with logistics. ABWN has a lot of moving pieces so if you are interested in learning ways to help, please fill out the Google form below.

Or you can send Marti an email:

[Martina.schmidt@jacksonvillearboretum.org](mailto:Martina.schmidt@jacksonvillearboretum.org)

[Events Committee Sign up](#)

### **Younger Volunteers**

We encourage volunteerism in all ages! Please know that volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult or legal guardian to participate. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Martina Schmidt at [info@jacksonvillearboretum.org](mailto:info@jacksonvillearboretum.org) or call (904) 318-4342 for more information or to sign up for any of these committees.

### **Greeters**

This committee is a great way to get immediately involved with the Arboretum for those who would like to get to know our guests and the “lay of the land.” No experience is necessary for this casual, meet-and-greet volunteer position where you can sit up front at a table or chair or “get your steps” by strolling around the Arboretum.

We are looking forward to expanding this position to include folks who would like to share their knowledge of nature and the Arboretum informally with our guests. Sound like something you would like to do? Please fill out a volunteer application, email Marti, and add yourself to the calendar.



Pictured - Volunteer Lead  
Janet Streit

[Calendar sign up](#)



## Seeking DNN Program Manager

Discovering Nature Nearby is a community educational outreach program. It is a short 1-hour program, once per month, typically on the Second Saturday.

**We are currently looking for a Program Manager.** This is someone who would feel comfortable reaching out to area experts by phone, email or in person in varying fields of interest for our guests. It could be the arts, sciences, history, or anything else that would be logically connected to the Arboretum and its wonders.

Most recently, we have had presentations on Hydrology, gopher tortoises, and Nature Journaling, a way of connecting with nature through writing or drawing.

Our DNN team meets regularly to discuss ideas that would be a fit and would help to secure our keynote speakers.

**If you are interested in the DNN Programs Manager volunteer position, please email Marti.**

## Conservation Corps

Are you looking for something a bit more intense? The members of Conservation Corps are advanced experts in their field of conservation.

This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. No experience is necessary, but commitment is. Carving trails and managing resources is not a job for the faint of heart.

They welcome new members who are willing to follow directions and work hard with a great attitude.

**If you are interested in joining Conservation Corps, email Marti.**





## Gardens

No green thumb needed!

- Wednesday mornings, 8 to 11
- Second Saturdays, 8 to 11

There is planting, pulling weeds, trimming, clipping, tilling, digging. This very flexible committee needs help with their enormous task of keeping the Arboretum beautiful!

Want to be part of something bigger than yourself that effects 100,000 guests per year? This is it.

If you are interested in joining the Gardens Committee, please email Marti and/ or sign up on the calendar.



[Calendar sign up](#)

[Marti's Email](#)

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