

HELLO SPRING

FROM GARDENS TO GORGEOUS, PLUS CAMPS FOR THE KIDS



Go Bold: The Best Styles of the Season

Personal creativity steps out in style in Jacksonville as local designers make their marks in the fashion and jewelry industry. This blue and granite print silk sheath with shoulder founce comes from the Linda Cunningham collection.

Read more on page 10 about designers living in our neighborhoods, then [turn to page 14](#) for what's hot this season and where to find it.



Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring

Sunshine and warm weather launched spring on Mar. 7 at The Summer Museum of Art & Gardens, where Kylie Kall staffed a booth offering kid-friendly gardening items at the annual Garden Month kickoff. [For more, turn to page 4.](#)



A Green Thumbs Up: Planting Futures

As part of an enrichment activity, students at San Jose Episcopal Day School created a butterfly garden to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. [Read more about Junior Residents on page 22.](#)



Game Plan: Blast Off Into Summer

Young sluggers sharpened their playing skills and had a blast during the 2014 Bolles Baseball Camp. From St. Johns River recreation, athletic, academic and art opportunities— area summer camps are out of this world. [See our Summer Camp guide page 18.](#)

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Spring Garden 101

What to plant and when for spring bounty



Harry Register grew his own cucumbers.

By Victoria Freeman
Resident Community News

Spring has definitely sprung and now is the time to plant the herbs and veggies that will grace your table in a few months or, in the case of radishes, a few days.

First things first with the edibles. Decide what you and your friends and family actually want to eat. What is the point of growing gargantuan Daikon radishes if the lusty white roots make your friends and family recoil from their aroma? A harvest of kohlrabi might serve as a science fair project if the family fixates on that root's spaceship resemblance as opposed to its crunch. Take the time to confer. You do not want to be forced to tiptoe out at night and leave baskets of zucchini on strangers' porches.

Once general likes and dislikes are honestly aired, a specific list of April veggies for northeast Florida has been created by Terry B. DelValle, Duval County Extension Agent: cantaloupes, cucumbers, eggplant, kohlrabi, sweet potatoes, summer squash, tomatoes, turnips, and watermelons.

For the urban farmer who wants to plan ahead, DelValle's complete yearly list can be located by calling the IFAS Extension at (904) 755-8771 for a paper copy of the planting guide. Digital natives can go directly to <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Ready, set, grow

Seeds and sets are the two ways to start plants. A set is gardener code for tiny

plants. Most of the garden stores have a variety of sets for April. The stores also have seed racks bulging with seed packets and each packet has the number of days until germination, which is the date the seed pokes tiny leaves above the soil line.

For the gardener who wants to stroll down Memory Lane and embellish his garden with unique veggies, FloridaHeirloomSeeds.com has 33 pages of veggies that would be familiar to one's grandmother if she happened to garden on Florida's frontier. Names like Black Beauty, Organic Early White Vienna, Tom Thumb, Emerald, Clemson Spineless and Green Zebra recall turn of the century repasts in the Sunshine State. Indeed, some Memory Care facilities are using these familiar foods as memory joggers.

Before the gardener sends off a seed order or scoops up armloads of sets, he or she should scout the property for location, location, location. Yes, the realtors' mantra applies equally to the gardener. Where does the sun hit during the growing season? Most veggies are unhappy if they receive less than six hours of sun each day. Some herbs can be grown in areas of dappled sun, but most of them require direct sunlight also.

Next, where does the water puddle? After summer downpours will roots become submerged? And if the garden will be irrigated, where will the water come from? Drip irrigation and good mulch – a covering of wood chips, pine straw, chopped leaves, etc. – will help assure the necessary crop moisture. Rain barrels can trap roof runoff and serve as miniature cisterns for the urban farmer.

Do-It-Yourself rain barrel workshops are held frequently at the Extension office.

All about soil

After finding the perfect plot and solving the water problem, SOIL preparation begins. Notice that serious gardeners give newbies dirty looks if they say DIRT. The crumbly black stuff that supports the plants and gets under the fingernails is always called SOIL. Since Florida was a sea bottom for eons, our soil is usually sandy and drains well, sometimes too well. What is missing is organic matter. Adding homemade compost, animal manure (no dog or cat excrement) and other organics will increase the harvest.

It is important also to revisit a bit of your high school chemistry. Soil pH measures the acidity or alkalinity of the soil. To grow most edibles, the numbers needs to be between 5.8 and 6.3. The Extension Office, located at 1010 N. McDuff Avenue, will test soil for free. A baggie of soil removed from four sections of the garden is sufficient for the test.

Don't stop believing

For gardeners who need instant gratification one of the quickest plants to go from yard to table is the radish. According to garden maven Martha Stewart, "Radishes come in a wide range of shapes, sizes, colors, and flavors. They can be the size of a hazelnut or a carrot, and range in color from bold reds, pinks." Cherry Belles work well for Martha's Radish Appetizer.

For gardeners who have little time and/or no ground to plant veggies, micro-greens are a garden option. In a tray with a little potting soil, the ground-less can scatter a mix of arugula, Tatsoi (also known as spinach mustard), and kale seeds and cut handfuls of the greens when they poke their tiny heads above ground. New York chefs called these micro-greens, the food rage of 2014, and charged mega-bucks to scatter them on salads and in smoothies.

So get growing. Eating your own harvest, however small, encourages connection with the earth and healthy optimism. As a RAM market t-shirt proclaimed recently, "Gardening is a way of showing you believe in tomorrow."

Martha's Radish Appetizer

- 1 lb. radishes julienned
- 1-1/4 c. sour cream
- 3 oz. feta cheese
- 1 tsp. finely grated lemon zest
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Garden Month kicks off with fun

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Art Wade of Rose Petals Nursery offered rare heritage and historic rose varieties suitable for the Florida climate.



The Florida Native Plant Society provided literature on how to identify and cultivate native plants at home.



Bonnie Sinatro and Sally Steinauer of the Florida Native Plant Society, Ixia Chapter, gave information on native species and the organization's maintenance of Native Park in Avondale.



The University of Florida's Institute of Food & Agricultural Extension's Peter Welch provided helpful information on Florida-friendly landscaping and permaculture gardening.



Trad's Nursery had a colorful booth of perennials and annuals.



Brian Francisco and Cummer Director of Advancement Lori Ann Whittington enjoy the sunshine.



The St. Johns Riverkeeper was in attendance with Justina Dacey and her volunteers, Danley Vixamer and Andrea Leontiou.



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Community garden getting closer to bearing seed

Organization meeting planned for April

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

One year ago later this month, during the annual Tour of Homes, visitors at the Rose Garden at Willowbranch Park viewed and voted on one of four plans submitted by young architects. The winning plan, designed by Dorina Bakiri, a former Avondale resident and member of the Emerging Design Professionals, is finally on its way – with some modification – to becoming a community garden.

According to Susan Fraser, project organizer for the Riverside Avondale Community Garden, review of the License Agreement with the City of Jacksonville to use the park for the community garden has been completed by Riverside Avondale Preservation, whose comments were on the final document prepared by the Office of General Counsel.

“We feel that approval should be forthcoming; we had very few edits/changes [to the Agreement],” Fraser said.

The Agreement allows RAP to improve the Rose Garden for a secured community garden, and improve the parking area. The City Parks & Recreation Department will construct an accessible parking space within the area of existing parking along Azalea Terrace. RAP will

obtain and maintain insurance on the property (for its use as a community garden) and manage the renting of plots with the garden enclosure.

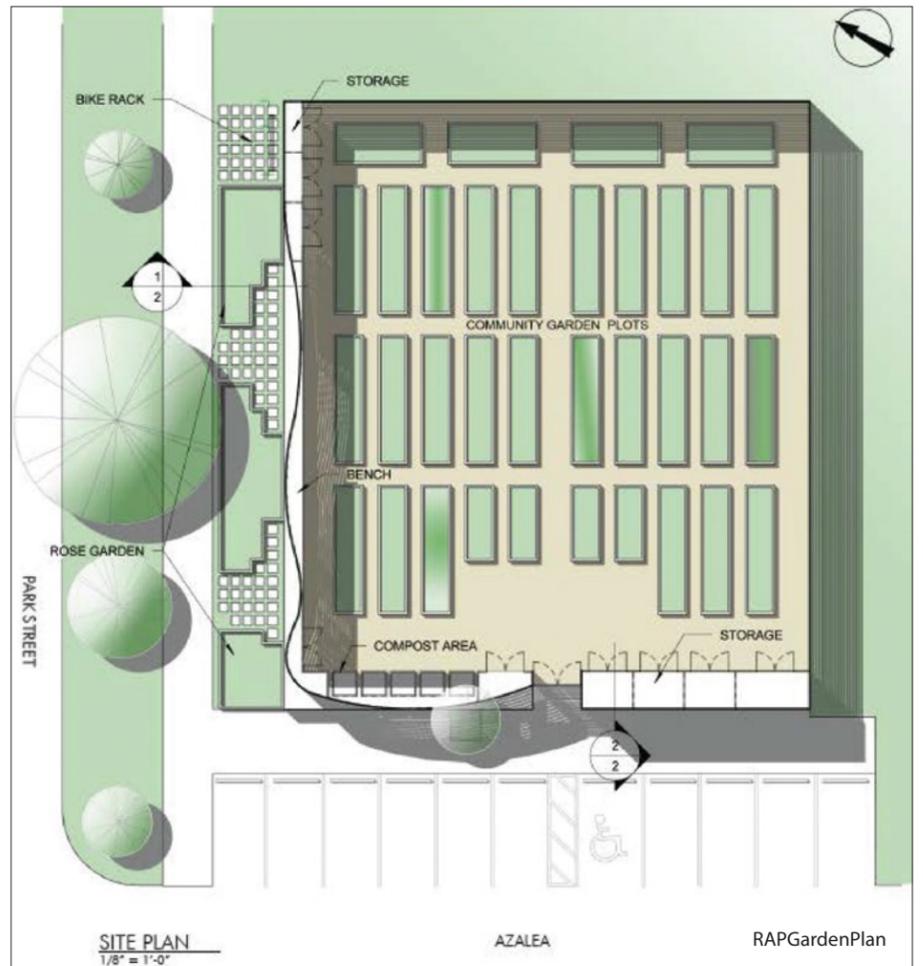
The original design was modified in December when RAP sought an Opinion of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission.

“The revised plans incorporate a stainless steel cable rail fence on the northern and eastern sides of the enclosure,” noted Fraser. “The design incorporates a sliding gate system to allow the entry courtyard inside the fence to be open for public lectures.”

The Certificate of Appropriateness was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on January 28 without conditions. Currently, RAP is preparing plans for submission to the city for Landscape Review. Construction can start as soon as the approval is granted.

District 14 Councilman Jim Love is working to prepare legislation to make \$25,000 available for construction of the garden. Site design plans are completed and bids are being submitted for construction of the sidewalk along Azalea Terrace, the accessible paved area that will support the accessible beds and installation of the fence posts. Volunteers will construct the fence and accessible beds.

“It will likely be early May when construction begins. The call for volunteers to construct the garden design that is approved will be going out at the end of March,” said Fraser. “We will need talented volunteers in the areas of fence installation and irrigation installation. We will need all hands on deck to assist in construction of the raised beds and installation of the hexagonal pavers over



a prepared sub-base in the sidewalk and entry paving areas.”

The garden will be run by a volunteer board under the RAP Board. RAP will work with the volunteer board to schedule community lectures on the weekends on healthy eating, growing your own food, seed exchanges, beekeeping, etc. Rules of the Garden will be developed in April. Sustainable Springfield has provided insight into may do’s and don’ts for running a community garden and,

along with the Duval Extension Service, has pledged its support and expertise, according to Fraser.

Interested in renting a garden plot? Willing to volunteer to help construct the garden or fashion the operating rules? The first organizational meeting is planned for the first week in April. If you would like notice of the garden meetings, send your contact information to RAP at info@riversideavondale.org.

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Young visitors enjoyed the kids' yoga class at Veg Fest in Riverside Park.



Vegetarian-themed t-shirts and other goods were available from vendors.

The Girls Gone Green hosted the Northeast Florida Veg Fest on Mar. 7 for the fifth year. Riverside Park was packed with vegetarian and vegan food vendors, artisans, juice-purveyors, and animal rights activists. Kids had a great time eating dairy-free ice cream, getting faces painted, and making crafts.



Casey Hendershot, Luna Flores and Patricia Borgess, and Jessica Campbell, blogger from Jax Vegan Love, try giving peas a chance.



Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown greets Veg Fest attendees.



Huxley and LeAnna Hayward and Mere Woodward pause for a chat before a bike ride home from Veg Fest.



Genevieve Fletcher and owner Mariah Salvatman the Southern Roots Filling Station booth. Southern Roots recently opened on King Street, serving espresso drinks and vegan and vegetarian food.



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Celebrating Year of the River with annual clean-up day

Whether the motivation was to earn project service hours, clean up the environment, or just get out and do something on spring's first Saturday, the 20th annual St. Johns River Celebration and Cleanup was a success by any measure.

There were over 40 organized cleanup sites and dozens more where individuals and small groups got together to make a clean sweep of areas that contribute to the litter and debris that congest the St. Johns River and its tributaries.

The number of volunteers in the historic districts on both sides of the river was 212, who put in 624 hours to collect 3,300 pounds of trash from the streets and river banks. Some of the more unusual items found included car parts, a car roof, a Christmas tree and a skateboard. The event was sponsored by the City of Jacksonville and Keep Jacksonville Beautiful in partnership with the St. Johns Riverkeeper, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.



The Bolles School Environmental Club on River Cleanup Day; Photo by Grace Igel



Andrew Dickson, incoming San Marco Preservation Society president



Dina Ferri, Lance and Oliver Veitch, Adrienne and Jayson Day, Celeste Finn-Schultz clean up Willowbranch Park at the library



Willowbranch Park clean-up crew John Lockwood with Quentin and Aleydis, Jim Love



The River Oaks Park clean-up was a team effort. Photo by Grace Igel

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Crowds come out for RAM Opening Day

The Riverside Arts Market opened for its seventh season on Saturday, Mar. 7. Several new produce and handmade-goods vendors were in attendance, as well as plenty of families with dogs in tow, enjoying the weather, music and shopping.



Sarah Perez and her Schnauzer Hannah enjoy a bike ride and a stop at RAM.



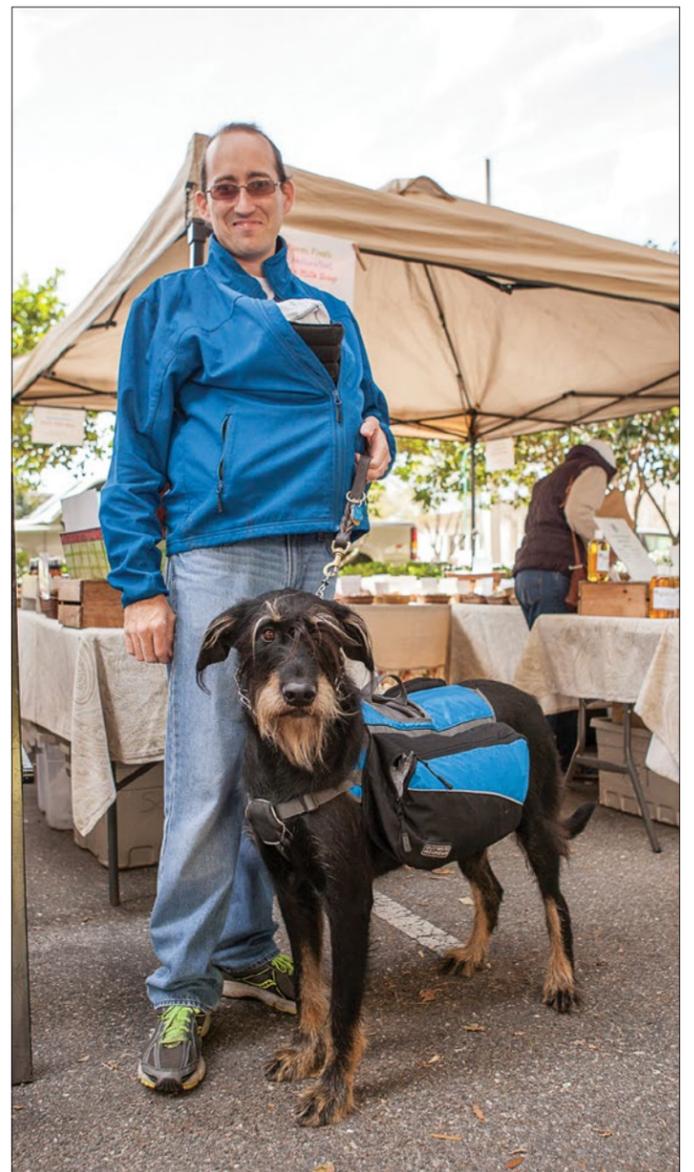
Kids paid close attention to the balloon-animal creator at RAM.



Ben O'Connell and his puppy Skye enjoyed the fresh breezes at the Riverside Arts Market.



Elizabeth De Jesus of the North Florida TPO discussed bike/ped route changes with a Riverside Arts Market attendee.



Rian Conroy and Giant Schnauzer-mix, Kona, enjoyed the farmer's market at the Riverside Arts Market.



Eddie Sweda of Tres Leches Eatery in Riverside touting some of his restaurant's sweeter offerings.



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Thoughtful analysis yields best results when considering a pool



This is the season for swimming pool contractors to visit a prospective client's home to provide a pool design and a cost proposal.

On the surface this may seem like a prudent way to begin the process for shopping for a pool and pool contractor in order to ensure that you will get the best deal. After all isn't getting the best deal what we all want?

But, just what does "getting the best deal" actually mean? Does it mean getting the lowest price, cheapest product, or fastest completion time? When it comes to a complex intangible product like a swimming pool I think that the best deal means having expectations met or, better yet, having those expectations exceeded.

So if having our expectation met or exceeded means the best deal, how do you go about shopping for just the right "complex intangible" like a swimming pool?

Most clients have little experience or have put little thought into what it means to shop for what is defined as a "complex intangible" product. For example, when asked what they would compare shopping for a pool to, most clients answered shopping for a car, a tangible product. The prospective client can actually see, touch, test drive the product before they buy. At some point, if the client feels that they have made a mistake, they can remedy the mistake by simply trading the car in or selling it. Whereas a swimming pool in the beginning stages is nothing more than a conceptual idea put on paper, along with pictures of

what those ideas may look like and a written description of what is to be handcrafted in the backyard of their home.

Therefore, it's critical to find a professional who is willing to spend time listening, asking the right questions and willing to go through a complete process that results in a clear understanding of the client's vision. The swimming pool consultant or contractor representative should embark on an extensive process with a client on all newly proposed projects before they can be ready to submit an appropriate proposal of work.

The process defines who will use the newly created space and what activities the clients will perform there. The requirements may be as down to earth as swimming pool size, shape and patio area or as complex as creating an amazing outdoor living area. In either case, a design professional will follow a carefully charted sequence of activities to determine the needs of the client and how those needs are best served.

The general categories of activities involved start with discovery questions, site evaluation, design functionality, material use, and equipment needs in relation to operational requirements. The process will take some time and should be designed to learn exactly what the client's expectations are and how to exceed them. This way the contractor or company representative can responsibly provide a proposal that not only meets their needs but is right for the client's home. Anything less could be considered "Sales

Malpractice." The proposal is a small percentage of the job but has a huge impact on the results of the end product.

So when it comes to shopping for your backyard pool, spend the time to go through the process with the builder of your choice. The end result should be you getting the best deal, which is having your expectations met and possibly exceeded.

A swimming pool is a lifestyle purchase and will bring years of enjoyment. Unfortunately it gives a less than desirable return on investment when it comes time to sell the house. So if you're going to build it, do it right and it can turn out to be one of the best decisions you make. Remember, you can't trade it in, and you'll be looking at it as long as you live in the home.



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Couture from the girls next door

By Katie Smith
Resident Community News

North Florida may seem an unlikely spot for fashion design, but in the past few years Jacksonville has seen a surge of craftsmen and designers creating beautiful clothing and heirloom-

quality accessories both here in our neighborhoods and beyond. Several have connections with the growing CoRK Arts District in Riverside, and still more are actively represented in boutiques and maker showcases throughout our distribution area. Jacksonville's creative culture is stepping out in style.



BijuBee

BijuBee is Rayna and Richard Reichstadter, a husband-and-wife team with a family legacy of jewelers and artists. Their brand name takes inspiration from Rayna's Bulgarian roots, where "Biju" means trinket or jewel. While sharing the care and entertainment of their two children, they work out of their home studio, creating organically-inspired minimalist hammered-metal and gemstone earrings, rings, necklaces, and bracelets. Their designs are available at the new Tenley Dietrich boutique in Riverside and at bijubee.etsy.com.

Chabri

Chabri's indie vibe combines minimalist chic with eclectic shapes and patterns, for an understated but glamorous approach to fashion. Designer Jennifer Chabri of Murray Hill creates bespoke and one-of-a-kind pieces using intricate draping, with careful consideration for how the material will move on its wearer. Chabri began with children's designs for her young daughter, expanded into maternity, and quickly added non-maternity fashion styles, where her creativity found the greatest outlet. A veteran of local fashion week shows, Chabri's designs have also been styled in several local and independent fashion magazines, and have been sought out for weddings and red-carpet events. Look for an expanded selection of ready-to-wear in 2015, as well as availability in local boutiques. View more designs at chabri.com.



Photo by Mario Peralta



Arya Esha

Award-winning, rising star jewelry designer Priyanka Murthy already has a celebrity following, including actors Claire Danes, Jordana Brewser and Ming-Na Wen, and her handcrafted pieces have been featured in the national fashion and lifestyle press. A Fulbright Scholar, with formal training in jewelry and precious stones from the Gemological Institute of America, Priyanka found that she "is most effective when she lets her heart inspire her and her mind direct her." The Ortega resident's company, Arya Esha, includes collections of the most inspired one-of-a-kind jewelry available, crafted in recycled gold and/or sterling silver, using ethically sourced gems. Find Arya Esha at Underwoods and online at www.aryaesha.com.

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Claire Sommers Buck

As a child in her parent's pottery studio, Claire Sommers Buck learned to appreciate hand-crafted products, which guided her path into metalsmithing, eventually studying at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. Once a familiar face at Bold Bean Coffee Shop in Riverside, she started building her jewelry business while managing the freshly-opened caffeine destination. Now an East Austin, Texas resident, she creates timeless, comfortable, and well-made jewelry intended for everyday wear. Produced with traditional fabrication and casting techniques of carefully sourced metals and gemstones, Buck's pieces are influenced by her passion for international travel and ethnic jewelry and textiles from cultures around the world. The nature of her process results in pieces that are each unique. Find Claire Sommers Buck jewelry at Violet Boutique in 5 Points and at clairesommersbuck.com.



Couture Jems

Ortega native Julianne Gamel began handcrafting jewelry for friends and family in 2010 during her first child's naptimes, though she had been making her own accessories since childhood. Once the jewelry took off in her social circle, strangers took notice and started asking where they could find the pieces. Her hobby quickly became a small business, Couture Jems, soon providing for her little family. She recently qualified for the Atlanta Apparel Market, enabling her to exhibit her wares to buyers, fashion industry media, and other tastemakers. Find Couture Jems at the Ellie Bing boutiques in Avondale and Jacksonville Beach as well as the monthly downtown Jacksonville Art Walk.



Elements Jewelry Studio

Elements Jewelry Studio is run by husband-and-wife team Aaron and Jennifer Ramoutar. Inspired by her interest in glassblowing, stained glass, and ceramics, backed by Aaron's experience growing up in a jeweler family, they integrate traditional wax casting with the latest modern Cad Cam digital design technologies. Offering both original custom designs and rewordings of heirloom jewelry, Aaron and Jennifer can work from sketches, photographs, or just a description. Elements Jewelry Studio offers appraisal and estate pieces in addition to their custom designs. Find them in San Jose at 1631 University Blvd. W, close to the St. Johns River or at elementsjewelryinc.com.

Kayla Michelle

Growing up in San Marco, Kayla Bell remembers arguing with her mother over their differences of opinion on her daily wardrobe selections. That strong will (and equally strong fashion sense) inspired her to leave Jacksonville to attend the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. Upon graduation, she began to explore jewelry design. Since then, a Lyme disease diagnosis has inspired a growing interest in natural and alternative healing. Her work features beadwork and semiprecious stones selected according to their healing properties and made into beautiful bracelets, pendant necklaces, and rings. Kayla Michelle Handmade Jewelry can be found at kaymichelle.com and at several boutiques throughout the Jacksonville area.

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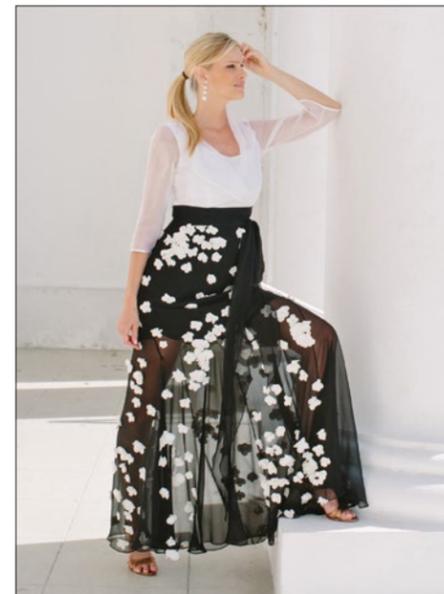


Kennedi's Closet

Kennedi's Closet is the brainchild of Ortega resident Renee Fields, whose daughter Kennedy's colorful and unique wardrobe drew the attention of other parents in their social circles. Since 2010, Kennedy's Closet has offered a variety of colorful and fun-to-wear children's clothing and accessories, and boasts their own line of customizable embroidered tees, smocked dresses, baby items, and swimwear. It's a great shop to visit for siblings who love to coordinate, and a customer favorite is the "Birthday Boutique," where parents can customize tutu sets, shirts, petticoats, and even butterfly wings to coordinate with a party theme. Find Kennedy's Closet on Facebook and Instagram (@kennediscloset) for weekly social media sales. Visit the boutique in the Shoppes of Avondale, or shop online at kennediscloset.com.

Kyriaki Karalis

From potter's roots, Kyriaki Karalis has expanded to kiln-fired porcelain pendants and earrings, as well as handmade textile accessories. Beginning in high school and continuing her ceramics studies at UNE, Karalis learned wheel-throwing and hand-building techniques, the latter of which she applies in her jewelry-making, working in finer detail on the smaller-scale pieces. Her studio at CoRK Arts District is open by appointment, or find her pieces available later this spring at Southern Roots Filling Station in Riverside and on her website, kyriakikaralis.com.



Linda Cunningham

A childhood sewing hobby inspired Linda Cunningham to pursue a degree in fashion design from Florida State University. After putting her education to work designing custom pieces for clients of a fabric store in Jacksonville, she opened her own studio to pursue her creative vision. Today, her flagship Jacksonville store is home to a fabric collection composed of fine European selections and embellishments, where clients can experience a personal design consultation with Cunningham, by appointment. Both her Jacksonville and Houston boutiques showcase her own designs as well as other in-demand ready-to-wear brands. Linda Cunningham designs are a mix of classic and modern, on-trend and timeless. Visit her San Marco studio and boutique at 1049 Kings Ave., or view her couture and bridal designs at lindacunningham.com.

Love Brigade

Riverside-raised Alyssa Key left Jacksonville in 2003 to study fashion in London, then launched her brand in New York City in 2006. After seven successful years in Brooklyn, Key took a two-year sabbatical to regroup and relaunch her brand. Now based in Riverside at CoRK Arts District, Love Brigade's fashion-forward but wearable women's designs mix a feminine aesthetic with a rock 'n roll attitude, while men's selections often feature cheeky interpretations of iconic imagery. Visit lovebrigade.com or follow @lovebrigade on Instagram for updates on the relaunch of Love Brigade.



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McKynlie

McKynlie Drummond's self-taught seamstress skills with a little bit of grandmotherly guidance have developed into a casual lifestyle fashion line. Inspired by women seeking fashion that fits their unique curves, this Murray Hill resident's handmade indie-chic clothing is influenced by a southwestern palette and combines classic Spanish prints with urban street style. Women of all shapes radiate confidence in vibrant printed fabrics and modern silhouettes that enhance natural curves.

Following an internship for another local designer, Erin Healy, Drummond is currently pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Fashion Retail Management. She has three collections and five fashion shows under her belt thus far. Her designs are released in limited quantity for each season, and custom work is available. Future plans include opening a flagship store in Florida, while expanding her brand with resort boutiques in Central America, training and employing local seamstresses to contribute to the surrounding communities. Currently, her pieces are available at mckynlie.etsy.com and by commission.



Olsenhaus

Founded in 2008 in New York City by Stanton alum Elizabeth Olsen, Olsenhaus Pure Vegan is an animal-free footwear brand dedicated to compassionate fashion. Olsen uses her brand as an educational platform promoting animal welfare, environmental awareness, transparent business practices, and social responsibility. Olsenhaus is an active participant at eco-focused events such as the recent VegFest at Riverside Park. A conscientious focus doesn't sacrifice style, as designs range from classic pumps to on-trend wedges featuring linen and cotton textiles, cork, and low-impact faux leathers. Olsenhaus shoes have been featured in Vogue, Marie Claire, and Women's Health, and the brand is worn by celebrities including Cameron Diaz, Colbie Caillat, and Emily Deschanel. Olsen studied fine art at UNF, then attended New York City's Fashion Institute of Technology for accessories design. She splits her time between Ponte Vedra Beach and NYC, and men's and children's options, as well as handbags, belts, clothing, and health and beauty are among future plans. Olsenhaus is currently carried at three stores at the beaches, and expansion to urban core boutiques is under consideration for the future. Olsenhaus is available at www.olsenhaus.com.

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Sticks n' Stones Jewelry

Motivated by a young person's limited budget, Rosie True intern Ellie Grewal's yen to accessorize inspired her to start making her own pieces. Her brand centers on affordable but high-style and quality pieces that would be at home in any exclusive boutique. Her label, Sticks 'n Stones, recalls the familiar judgment-rejecting nursery rhyme and reflects Ellie's philosophy that everyone has beauty inside and out. Sticks 'n Stones accessories are available at Rosie True boutique in San Marco and by custom order. Find the latest Sticks 'n Stones designs on Instagram @ [sticksnstonesjewelry](https://www.instagram.com/sticksnstonesjewelry).



Wolf & Cub

Former Riverside resident and business owner Emily Moody has been exploring her creativity since before she could walk, and thanks in part to growing up with an entrepreneurial-minded father, has steered several fashion-related businesses since. From 2005 to 2011, she helmed Anomaly boutique in 5 Points, also home of the original Underbelly, and she has worked as a stylist on print and video productions. Her latest venture is Wolf and Cub, currently featuring her handmade jewelry and original screen printed tees, with more to come. Find Wolf and Cub at the monthly Jaxsons Night Market in Hemming Plaza, at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens gift shop in Riverside, and online at wolfandcubjax.com. Follow @[wolfandcubjax](https://www.instagram.com/wolfandcubjax) on Instagram for news on plans for expansion, including a potential brick-and-mortar retail space in the urban core under preliminary consideration.



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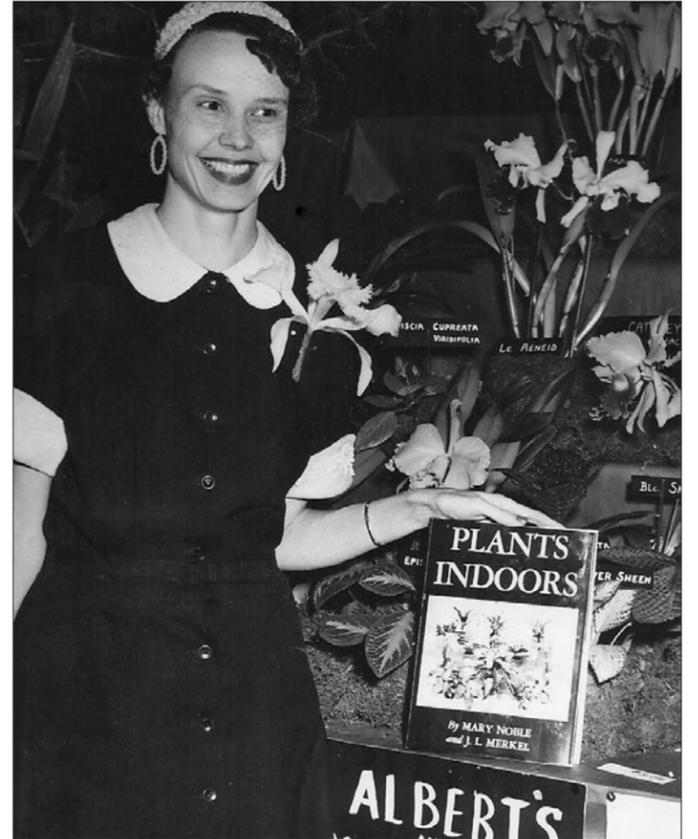
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FLASHBACKS

By Robin Robinson
Resident Community News

In the 1950s the place to shop for your Easter outfit was Cohen Bros. located Downtown on Hemming Park. The department store opened in 1912 in the St. James Building, designed by architect Henry Klutho. The building is currently the home for Jacksonville's City Hall, but back in the mid-20th century, that Downtown "Big Store" was the place to go for merchandise and fashions, and included a Women's Lounge for relaxing, smoking and phone calls.



For stories on today's spring fashions, local designers, and fashion shows for fundraising, turn to the insert.

Mary Noble McQuerry found her passion early in life: orchids and how to grow them. Upon graduating from college in 1939 she landed freelance garden assignments with the New York Times and House Beautiful. From there she travelled the world to study orchids and their propagation, becoming an international authority on the subject. McQuerry wrote a series of books to demystify the growing of orchids, encouraging others to try their hand at it. She founded the Jacksonville Orchid Society in 1943 and the society is still meeting today. When McQuerry, a Riverside resident, passed away in 2006, she was remembered as the "Grand Dame" of the orchid world. The Mary Noble McQuerry collection of personal papers, photos and books is held by the Jacksonville Historical Society. For stories on gardening in the historic districts, turn to the insert.



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Fashion shows for fun and funds

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Fashion shows are fun to attend any time of year – and more so in the spring when we're ready to drop jackets, boots and scarves from our wardrobe.

Whatever the season, however, the reason for these runway events is the same as it is for galas, golf outings and charity runs: to raise funds that will keep the doors open for local nonprofit organizations.

Some sponsors add the funds to a growing coffer for distribution to a variety of nonprofits. The Republican Women's Club of Duval Federated, for instance, use the funds to support The Women's Center of Jacksonville, Donna Deegan Foundation, 5 Star Veterans Center, Wreaths Across America, The Justice Coalition, and the Boy Scouts of America, to name a few. The Garden Club of Jacksonville has been a big supporter of The Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens.

Other sponsors raise funds for specific charities. Heart of the Runway, hosted in February by Linda Cunningham, supported the North Florida School for Special Education. The Women's Guild's Bells & Bowties last December was a benefit for Wolfson Children's Hospital, and Women of Vision sponsored a show in September for Girls, Inc. of Jacksonville.



Organizations themselves hold runway events to garner those much-needed funds. Go Red for Women, a fashion show will be held May 29, to raise awareness of women's heart problems and funds research for the American

Heart Association. Another nonprofit, Angelwood, holds an annual fashion show extravaganza as a major fundraiser for its operations and are already planning their Aug. 14 event.

Finally, we can't forget our furry friends!

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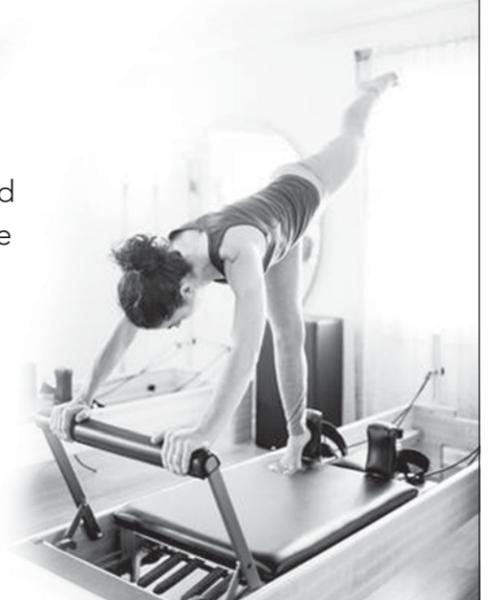


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Summer Camp Guide



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KIDS' INTERESTS A GOOD GAUGE

By Marian Johns
Resident Community News

Along with pool time and splashing in the waves at our great local beaches, for many kids summer also means the excitement of attending a summer camp. Nearly 11 million children and adults attend some type of summer camp, according to the American Camp Association, a national non-profit organization of camp professionals.

The tremendous popularity of summer camps has turned what used to consist of just roasting marshmallows over the campfire and making that handmade flower pot for mom, into a huge spectrum of camp programs. Today, summer camps offer a range of activities for almost every interest with choices as big as a child's imagination. How would your child like to get some astronaut training at Kennedy Space Center's Space Camp, or play on the trapeze at Florida State University's "Flying High" Circus Camp? There is even a Wall Street Camp held at



Jacksonville University for all those future Warren Buffets out there.

Camps for any interest or need

If your kids are not really into the whole astronaut or tight rope walking experience, then there are still a multitude of choices for camp activities as well as camp schedules to fit any family's needs – whether it's day camps, overnight

camps or extended camps that last for a large portion of the summer.

Sports camps, which are a big hit with kids, offer activities for almost every kind of sport your child could be interested in including baseball, basketball, golf, horse riding, soccer, swimming, cheerleading, gymnastics, martial arts and even surfing and sailing.

Many local summer camps with sports activities allow kids the chance to take

advantage of the great recreational opportunities that our area has to offer such as sailing and fishing on the St. Johns River. These camps also help kids to learn great team building skills, explained Randy Radovic, marketing director at Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club, where summer camp activities for club members include small boat sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing and tennis.

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Educational camps can be a great way for kids to discover that they actually can have fun and learn at the same time with

a science, math or a computer/technology theme camp. Local museums also host day camps where kids can explore astronomy, archeology and conduct fun experiments.

Besides educational activities at summer camp, attending a camp also gives kids an alternative to just playing with those electronic devices all summer, explained Teresa Risley, owner of Jax KidsPark in Avondale and Tinseltown. Educational day camps not only have

a different theme each week, including guest visitors from the community and science experiments, but also allows parents to pick as many days or weeks their child would like to attend camp.

"One of the great things about summer camp is the socialization," said Risley. "Summer camp gets kids away from the video games and TV and is a place for them to meet new friends in a safe environment."

If your child is more focused on dance,

drama art or music, then an art camp might be a good fit for them. Camps focused on the arts can help kids to explore their creative side with acting, playing a musical instrument or painting and photography. Many art camps also incorporate educational themes into their programs such as at Jacksonville's Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)

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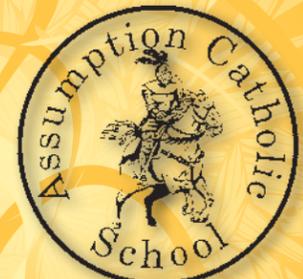
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There are also camps dedicated to children with special needs and allow kids with an illness or handicap to enjoy a summer camp experience while meeting peers who share the same challenges. One of the best known is right here in Florida, Camp Boggy Creek. The camp, located in Eustis, was founded by Paul Newman and General H. Norman Schwarzkopf in 1996 and continues to benefit seriously ill children each year.

Many families like the idea of a faith-based camp for their kids which offer a

variety of activities such as sports, games and crafts in addition to time for services and faith studies. Faith-based camps may center their philosophy on one particular religion, while some are more focused on a non-denominational faith-centered atmosphere such as at San Jose Episcopal Day School's summer camp program.

"Although we do not have chapel services or religious curriculum during our summer camps, we still infuse our faith-based identity throughout each session, whether it's in the openness to pray before snack or lunch, the nurturing yet challenging guidance our leaders offer or what our students bring to the table in terms of their own character," said Jenny Clarke, Director of Development and Marketing at San Jose Episcopal Day School.

Choosing the right camp for your child

Having such an unlimited amount of choices for summer camp opportunities

can be very confusing for parents. Whether you are looking at an overnight/away camp or just a day camp for your kids, one of the best things to do is to visit the facility in person with your child, said Rod Norman, Camp Director for the YMCA's Camp Immokalee in Keystone Heights, which has nearly 900 campers each year.

"While websites and brochures are helpful, it's best for you and your child to visit the camp together in person. Many summer camps offer open houses, it's important to take advantage of this opportunity," explained Norman.

"Check out the facilities, programming and activities with your child to get a better understanding of the camp experience," added Norman.

Child's age a factor

Many parents also wonder when is an appropriate age to start to consider sending a child to a summer camp program,

especially overnight and away camps.

"That depends on their child and their maturity level," explained Lisa Borg, partner with The Camp Experts & Teen Summers at campexperts.com.

"Kids go away to camp starting as young as age six, but not all camps will take them that young. Typical starting age is seven to eight years old, although a popular age to start sleep away camps is nine," said Borg.

As far as day camps, such as at Jacksonville's Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, kids are grouped by age, however some programs overlap grade levels like the Cummer's 6th grade program.

"We have parents who choose to put their 6th grader in one or the other based on maturity or whether or not they have younger siblings," said Amber Sesnick, marketing and communications coordinator with the Cummer Museum. "The overlap is intentional. The middle school camp focuses on kids who are



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interested in building a portfolio. It is not a requirement, but it is a more serious session than the elementary camp.”

Get to know camp staff

Another issue for parents when considering a summer camp program is the safety of their child while at the camp. How can they trust the staff who will be taking care of their kids?

Borg’s advice to parents is to get to know the camp director which is a good reflection of how the camp is run.

“They should feel comfortable with the director and their philosophy and personality. They set the tone for the camp and it is a trickle-down effect,” said Borg.

As far as screening camp staff, the YMCA for example, requires every employee as well as all volunteers to

undergo background checks, according to Norman. He said the YMCA also ensures the staff is equipped with the appropriate training and certifications.

At overnight camps, there is usually a diverse staff of young, college age counselors as well as adults who are among the staff members, said Borg.

“Many counselors are former campers,” explained Borg. “They typically go to camp one to two weeks prior to campers for training. Most camps keep an older, adult staff that have been with them for decades.”

No matter what type of interests your kids have for a summer camp program, experts agree that by doing a little research and planning, you can help your child have a wonderful summer camp experience that will leave them with new skills, new friends and an abundance of fond memories.

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The big block play space includes fencing to deter children from running into Duval Street. The mobile playground will be available in the park Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The designated site for this “Kid Zone” is directly across from City Hall on Duval Street.

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Ava Mae Van Wie attempts to hula hoop at the launch of the Hemming Park Imagination Playground last month. Ava Mae and her mother, Anne Marie, also enjoyed a first-time ride on the Skyway from the Kings Avenue Station to Hemming Park.



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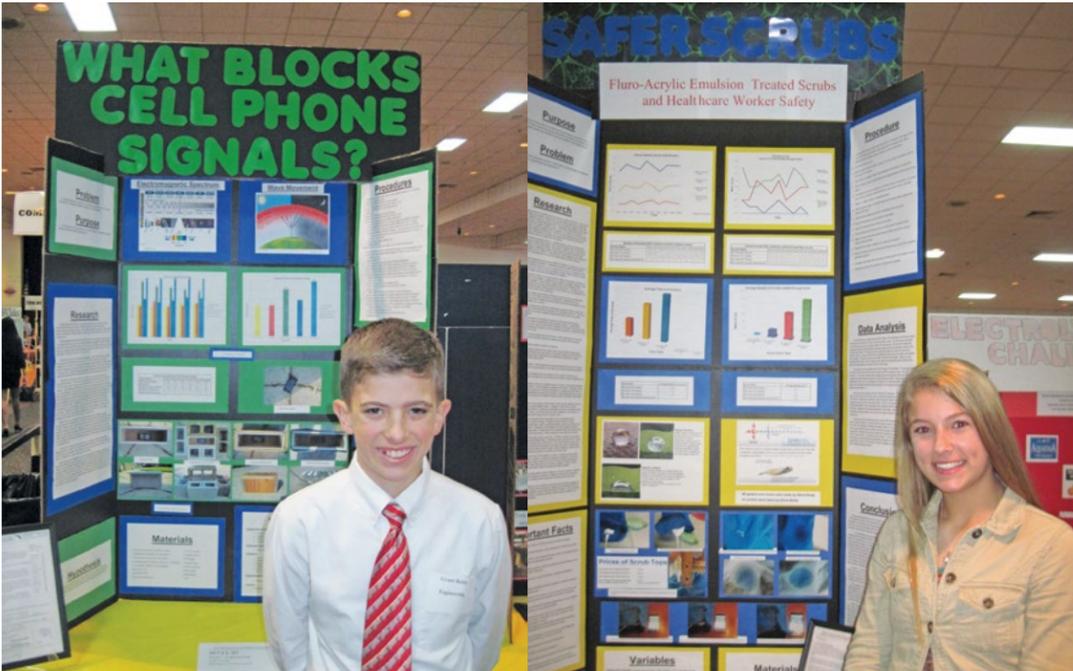
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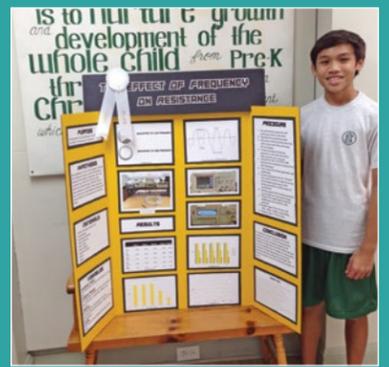


Caden Matson

St. Paul's Catholic School Diocesan Science Fair winners

The Effect of Frequency on Resistance was a winning project for Jayme Marquez, St. Paul's Catholic School student, in not one but two science fairs. The 8th grade boy first won second place in the Diocesan Science Fair, then went on to grab a third place prize in the Physics and Astronomy division of the Northeast FL Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Also participating were Chloe Iuliano, a third place diocesan fair winner, Joseph Hale, Honorable Mention, and Emily Willis, who received a special interest award for Environmental Science in the Regional fair.



Jayme Marquez

Students from local schools took the lion's share of prizes at the 75th annual Northeast Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair, out of more than 300 students from all public, private, and home schooled students in Duval and Nassau Counties.

From 13 categories, 61 of the 104 first through fourth place prizes were won by middle and high school students from

St. Paul's Catholic School (1 winner), San Jose Catholic School (17), Julia Landon College Preparatory (7), the Bolles School (17), Bishop Kenny High School (8) and the Episcopal School of Jacksonville (11).

San Jose Catholic School and The Bolles School students went on to the 60th Annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida March 31-April 2. San Jose Catholic students at state include Olivia

Reidy (8th grade), Sephora Affa (7th grade), MaryAlice Young (7th grade), and Grant Reidy (6th grade).

Bolles students at state include freshmen Caden Matson, of Ortega and Ann Maris Walton, of Riverside. Dr. Kathryn Halloran, Bolles science teacher, was on site working behind the scenes in her 15th year of helping organize the competition.

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Dreamer Caleb (center) with Sixth Grade students at San Jose Episcopal Day School

Students make dream come true through fundraising

Sixth grade students at San Jose Episcopal Day School (SJEDS) hosted a party last month to celebrate a very special person. In conjunction with the Kids Helping Kids program, SJEDS students raised \$2,000 to sponsor a trip to Disney World for a Dreams Come True recipient and his family.

The contribution was part of Sixth Grade Cares and Shares, an annual community service and outreach program for sixth graders. Students held several fundraisers including candy gram sales, bake sales, "Jeans Day" donations and a Bingo night.

"Kids Helping Kids teaches students stewardship and community service at an early age," explains Kate Wirz, Dreams Come True Development Coordinator. "It was very special to watch the students

at San Jose crowd around Caleb, genuinely excited to hear about his plans for the trip."

Caleb wasn't the only one who got something special that day. SJEDS students cherished the reaction of Caleb and his family when they received their gifts. They shared cake and other treats, and presented them with a gift package of Disney items to commemorate the upcoming trip.

"It was awesome," reported sixth grader Nicholas Garcia. "He was so happy, and we knew we had done something thoughtful and considerate for someone with a life-threatening illness. It made me feel fortunate, and the party couldn't have gone any better."

SJEDS has supported Dreams Come True for nearly 20 years.



Dreamer Caleb

Annual play a tradition and a lesson in giving

San Jose Catholic School performed its 17th annual play, Alice in Wonderland, Junior, Feb. 21, for an audience of over 800 people in two shows. The stage came to life with the help of Sam Fisher, director; Rachel Anton, vocal director; Christina McDonald, choreographer; Dana Ferger, costume designer, and set designers Carol Parry and Lisa Dobrie. Fifty-six students in grades four through eight rehearsed for 10 weeks prior to taking the audience on a fun-filled trip to Wonderland. "The play was nothing short of spectacular," said producer Serena Wakefield. "The children brought Alice and all the amazing characters in Wonderland to

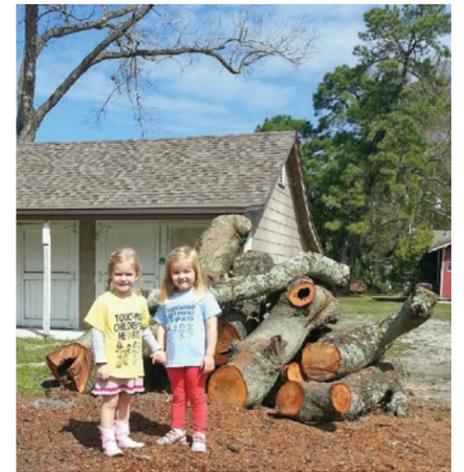


life with joy and enthusiasm!"

Three of the students were from Holy Rosary and St. Pius Catholic Schools. These students were excited to participate as they do not have the opportunity to perform in such plays within their school communities. In addition, as a way of giving back to the community, San Jose donates 20% of the net play proceeds to Holy Rosary and St. Pius each year.

New trike path, playground under construction

Preschool students Grey and Allie stand on the site of the new tricycle path and playground at St John's Presbyterian Kindergarten & Preschool. The area will also be used as a creative loose parts space and will be shared with the church youth group for volleyball. All work should be completed by May.



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Urban hike nets merit badges

You might not think so, but the required Eagle Scout Hiking Merit Badge is one of the toughest to earn, consisting of five 10-mile hikes in preparation for a 20-mile grand finale.

On Feb. 14, 10 Scouts from Troop 26 finally earned their Hiking Merit Badge making a roundtrip hike from Ortega to the Southbank.

When they started out at St. Mark's Episcopal Church the temperate hovered at 32 degrees. The young men hiked out of Ortega, into Avondale, through Riverside and over the Acosta Bridge. They continued into and through beautiful San Marco, visited the Treaty Oak, and trekked over the Main Street Bridge. The hike continued along the Northbank Riverwalk, through Memorial Park,



along Riverside and St. Johns avenues, and back across the Ortega Bridge where they finally arrived at St. Mark's Episcopal Church Youth Center to celebrate with an ice cream social. "This program is great and these kids did a great job," said assistant Scoutmaster Frank Ross.

Troop 26 is a very active Boy Scout Troop and has been an integral part of St. Mark's and Ortega for 92 years. "There may be a lot of people who don't know what we do and we fly under the radar at times," said Ross. "I just thought it would be nice to let people know about more of what we do."

Girl Scouts celebrate birthday bash

Nearly a hundred area Girl Scouts of all ages commemorated the founding of the Girl Scouts 103 years ago by Juliette Gordon Low at a special birthday party on Mar. 12 at Friendship Fountain. As fog and mist rolled in, a long line inched forward toward an impressive cake, created to look like the cookies that are a spring staple of most households.

San Marco resident Natalie Rabil enjoyed a piece of cake made like the new gluten-free Toffee-Tastic cookies. Rabil, a fourth grade student at Riverside



Natalie Rabil is a Junior Girl Scout and has earned nearly two dozen badges; her favorite is the jewelry making badge.

Presbyterian Day School, is in her fifth year with the Scouts.

The birthday bash thrown by the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council included music, food trucks, a special large-scale experiment by the Museum of Science and History, and lighting Friendship Fountain in green as Girl Scouts led everyone in a traditional Friendship Circle.

Girls team wins Volleyball Jamboree



The girls volleyball team at San Jose Episcopal Day School was victorious in the North Florida Independent School Athletic Conference (NFISAC) Volleyball Jamborees. The team, led by Coach Philippa Marks, head of the volleyball program at Episcopal School of Jacksonville, won 2-1 against Jacksonville Country Day School, 3-0 against St. Mark's Episcopal Day School and 2-0 against Beaches Episcopal.

The sport is open to girls in first through sixth grade as part of the school's afterschool program. The clinics focus on all skills of volleyball as well as hand-eye coordination and team building. "I love the girls' enthusiasm not only for the sport but for playing with each other," explained Marks. "Although the age difference of our team compared to our opponent's team was quite big, they came together and played as a team and won."

Talent show builds confidence

Talent acts by the pre-school through 8th grade students at the Hendricks Day School Talent Show 2015 included piano, dance, music, singing and theater. The annual show provides a total arts experience, boosting the self-esteem, confidence and assurance of youth talent. The show also enriches the learning environment as it encourages students to become open-minded critics, to appreciate alternative forms of self-expression and to articulate ideas in a variety of creative ways.



Kayley D.

Community turns out for Hendricks fundraiser

Participants at the Friends of Hendricks Avenue Elementary School Walk-A-thon took the rainy weather in stride as they made numerous laps under the covered walkways in the school's courtyard on Feb. 28. Proceeds from the \$53,357 fundraising event will purchase a laptop cart, fund the after school tutoring academy and purchase resources and supplies for the school.

Originally slated for the outdoor track, the event was well attended as 210 students vied to win a variety of individual and classroom prizes. Top lap walkers accumulated punch holes on their race cards, hoping to win a Popsicle party, a cupcake party, a movie party and more. Classes which raised the most money won



Beatrice Whitaker and Paige Brannon

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Ortega Elementary ranked in top 5 museum schools

The newly formed National Association of Museum Schools, led by The Museum School of Avondale Estates near Atlanta, GA, recently informed Stephanie Brannan, principal of the Ortega Elementary School, that the Duval County magnet school is one of the top performing museum schools out of

45 such schools in the country. The schools were rated based on student achievement, innovation, best practices and true incorporation of museum model practices.

"I am very proud of my faculty for their hard work and the efforts that have put us in this position and earned us this prestigious title," said Brannan.

As one of the top five museum schools, Ortega Elementary has been named a 2015 National Association of Museum School's Spotlight School. Through a federal dissemination grant, NAMS will host the inaugural National Association of Museum Schools Conference in Atlanta. As a spotlight school, a team of four staff members are invited to present at the inaugural conference on June 22 to share best practices and keys to success with educators around the country.



The 6-year-old Murphy twins, Brody and Braden, attend kindergarten at the Museum Magnet school in Ortega. The boys said they liked learning and...the food!



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Tenebrae: Requiem for the Living
Fri., Apr. 3, 7 p.m., Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, 4001 Hendricks Ave.
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Passover Seder
Fri., Apr. 3, 6 p.m., The Temple, Congregation Ahavath Chesed, 8727 San Jose Blvd.
 Child-friendly and vegetarian menu options available. RSVP by April 1 to (904) 733-7078.

Passion Play
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Community Easter Egg Hunt
Sat., Apr. 4, 10 a.m. to Noon, Boone Park South (Van Wert St.)
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Men's Garden Club
Mon., Apr. 6, 7 p.m., Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave.
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Gambling and Glitz
Fri., Apr. 10, 6:30-10 p.m., Epping Forest Yacht Club
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Arts in Avondale Free Concert
Fri., Apr. 10, 7 p.m., Avondale United Methodist Church, 1651 Talbot Ave.
 Praise Team Concert: Redemption: The Power of the Cross. For information, call (904) 389-1175 or visit www.aumcjax.org

Relay For Life
Fri., Apr. 10, 6 p.m. to Sat., Apr. 11, 6 a.m., Wolfson High School, 7000 Powers Ave.
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7th Annual St. Mark's Follies
Sun., Apr. 12, 5 p.m., Lori Schiavone Commons, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 4114 Oxford Ave.
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Florida Native Plant Society Meeting
Thurs., Apr. 16, 6:30 p.m., Regency Square Library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd.
 Ixia Chapter to hold monthly meeting with presentation by John Brainard on "Sierra Club Seven: Crucial Conservation Concerns." More information can be found at www.ixia.fnpschapters.org

Children's Festival
Fri., Apr. 17 - Sun., Apr. 19, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 4114 Oxford Ave.
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GranadaFest
Sat., Apr. 18, 3-7 p.m., Granada Park, 3960 Alcazar Ave.
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Wine Down in the Parks
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50th Anniversary of Landon Class of 1965
Sat., Apr. 18, 6:30 p.m., River City Brewing Company
 The last senior class to graduate before Landon High School became a Junior High School is planning a three-day reunion event, including a Welcome Party at the Homewood Suites/Hilton Garden Inn on Fri., Apr. 17. A tour of Landon College Preparatory School is planned. Contact landonclassof1965@gmail.com or (904) 221-5044.

International Pianist in Concert
Sun., Apr. 19, 3:30 p.m., Riverside Park United Methodist Church, 819 Park St.
 Free concert by acclaimed pianist Vytautas Smetona will honor five in Jacksonville's music community. Reception follows in McCord Hall. Visit www.kahnfoundation.org, email lmkahn@att.net or call (904) 384-7723 for more information.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Duval Audubon Society
Mon., Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m., Swaim Memorial United Methodist Church, 1620 Naldo Ave.
 Speaker Michael Brothers, Marine Science Center, on "Pelagic Birds of Florida's Northeast Coast." For more information, contact Carolyn Antman at (904) 737-1019.

River Garden Fashion Show
Thurs., Apr. 23, 11 a.m., Jacksonville Marriott
 19th annual River Garden Auxiliary Special Event takes guests to the "Big Apple," where they will enjoy lunch, a silent auction and a Fifth Avenue fashion show by A'propos Boutique. The event benefits River Garden Senior Services. For tickets, contact event co-chairs Rhoda Goldstein at (904) 268-8124 or Ilana Manasse at (904) 733-7765.

25th Annual Walk MS
Sat., Apr. 25, 8 a.m., Unity Plaza, 220 Riverside Ave.
 Registration starts at 8 a.m. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Contact floridaevents@nms.org or call (904) 332-6810 for more information.

Jacksonville Rose Society Rose Show Sat., Apr. 25, 1-4 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Day School, 4114 Oxford Ave.
 Expert local rose growers display best blooms, answer your rose-growing questions. Cut roses, modern and antique rose plants will be on sale. Free admission. For more information, email kokosrose1@gmail.com or call (904) 268-4075.

San Marco Wine & Chocolate 5K Run Sat., Apr. 25, 4:30 p.m., San Marco Square
 Inaugural Wine and Chocolate 5K to benefit ongoing beautification of neighborhood. After party in the Square with wine and chocolate. Participants receive custom design wine glass. Sponsored by San Marco Merchants Association. Register online at www.1stplacesports.com

Story, Surprise, Surrender Sat., Apr. 25, 6-9 p.m., CoRK Studios, 2689 Rosselle St.
 Curated show featuring haiku written by members of Jacksonville's cultural scene in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Gala at the Derby Sat., Apr. 25, 6:30 p.m., Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 PGA Tour Blvd.
 Silent auction, bourbon tasting, dinner, dancing and Derby games to benefit Catholic Charities. Call (904) 223-0062 or email kwarren@ccbjax.org or go to www.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets.

50th Anniversary of Robert E. Lee High School Class of 1965
Sat., Apr. 25, 6:30-11:30 p.m., Deerwood Country Club, 10239 Golf Club Dr.
 The largest graduating class in the history of R. E. Lee High School will get together to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Members from the Classes of 1963 to 1967 are also invited. Limited seating. For information and to register, go to www.powderblue2015.com

41st Annual RAP Home Tour and Plant Sale
Sat., Apr. 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., Apr. 26, noon to 5 p.m.
 The Ixia Chapter will give tours of Native Park, 3312 Park St., 1-4 p.m. both days of the Tour of Homes and will hold a plant sale on Sat., Apr. 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the annual event or to purchase tickets for the tour and the Designer Showcase Party, go to www.riversideavondale.org.

13th Annual Evening of Taste
Sun., Apr. 26, 5:30-8 p.m., Matthew's, 2107 Hendricks Ave.
 Chef Matthew Medure presents fresh, seasonal flavors at an exclusive, intimate event to benefit Children's Home Society. Seats are limited; register at www.chsfl.org/eveningoftasteregistration

14th Annual Sam Kouvaris Dreams Come True Golf Tournament
Mon., Apr. 27, 11 a.m., San Jose Golf & Country Club, 7529 San Jose Blvd.
 Lunch, shotgun start, cocktail party with live and silent auctions will benefit Dreams Come True. Contact lynn@dreamscometrue.org for details.

3rd Annual Run for the Roses
Sat., May 2, 4:30 p.m., Timuquana Country Club, 4028 Timuquana Rd.
 Derby Day Soiree to benefit Pine Castle. Purchase tickets at PineCastle.org, or contact Maria Allen-Smith, development coordinator, at (904) 733-2650, ext. 260 or email MAllen-Smith@pinecastle.org

Light the Night Annual Arts Awards
Sat., May 2, 7 p.m., 33 W. Duval St. garage rooftop
 The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville's 39th Annual Arts Awards Gala, presented by Regions Bank, honors seven arts advocates, educators, innovators, artists and more. Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite.com or by contacting Ryan Ali at ryan@culturalcouncil.org

Running for Dreams
Sat., May 16, 8 a.m., Fletcher Park, San Marco
 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run, sponsored by Jacksonville Association of Health Underwriters, will benefit Dreams Come True. Register at www.1stplacesports.com/dreams.

NAMI Fun Day
Sat., May 16, 9 a.m., Ortega United Methodist Church, 4807 Roosevelt Blvd.
 Historic Ortega guided walk at 9 a.m., followed by arts and crafts, entertainers, kids' activities, silent auction, health fair, barbeque from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event benefits Jacksonville Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness. To register for walk, contact orteganamigroup@bellsouth.net or call (904) 388-5166.

On the Move for MS Luncheon
Thurs., May 21, 11 a.m., Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave.
 Enjoy lunch, a raffle, jewelry sale and inspirational presentation to help the event raise \$25,000 or more for research and local services. Contact the NE FL Chapter at (904) 332-6810 for details.

Go Red for Women Luncheon and Fashion Show
Fri., May 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Omni Jacksonville, 245 Water St.
 Learn how to prevent heart disease by creating a culture of health for you and your loved one through exhibits, educational forums and have fun at the fashion show and luncheon. Register at firstcoastgored.ahaevents.org.

Camp Cummer 2015
The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, 829 Riverside Ave.
Grades 1-6 runs June 8 through July 24; Grades 6-9 runs July 27-31
 Elementary school camp includes hands-on activities in printing, drawing, painting and working with clay, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with extended care hours before and after at an additional cost. Middle school one-week camp provides intermediate and advanced classes in painting, printmaking, drawing and clay techniques to build a portfolio. For further information, call (904) 355-0630.

Surf's Up! Visual and Performing Arts Camp
June 22-26, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ortega United Methodist Church, 4807 Roosevelt Blvd.
 Children (rising K through 8th grade) have fun drawing, painting, acting, dancing, singing at annual arts camp. Aftercare available Monday-Thursday. Register at www.ortegaumc.org or call (904) 388-5166.

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Thursday, April 23 at 8:00 PM
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An Evening with the Cake Boss
Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30 PM
Join celebrity baker Buddy Valastro for an evening of cakes, stories and fun.

The Mavericks
Friday, April 10 at 8:00 PM
Best known for their hit songs "All You Ever Do Is Bring Me Down", "Dance the Night Away" and Grammy winning song "Here Comes the Rain," the band's blend of country, rockabilly and Latin flair pay homage to their Miami roots.

The Orchestra - Legendary Former Members of Electric Light Orchestra and ELO PART II with the Jacksonville Rock Symphony
Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 PM
Former ELO and ELO Part II members (Mik Kaminski, Lou Clark, Erik Troyer, Parthenon Huxley, Gordon Townsend and Glen Burtnik) bring the greatest hits of the Electric Light Orchestra to the stage backed by a full Rock Symphony.

Diana Krall Wallflower World Tour at Jacoby Hall
Monday, April 13 at 8:00 PM
Grammy award winning Jazz pianist and singer with crossover hits like "The Look of Love" and "You Don't Know Me" have earned her nine gold, three platinum, seven multi-platinum albums establishing her as one of the best-selling artists of her time.

David Feherty: Off Tour
Wednesday, April 15 at 8:00 PM
David Feherty is a former professional golfer on the European Tour and PGA Tour.

Robert Irvine Live
Thursday, April 16 at 8:00 PM
An interactive show that provides multiple opportunities for audience participation while witnessing the challenging nature of the TV show. Dinner: Impossible, come to life right before your eyes.

Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles
Friday, April 24 at 8:00 PM
A live multi-media spectacular that takes you on a musical journey through the life and times of the world's most celebrated band.

Mythbusters: Behind the Myths Jaime and Adam Unleashed
Tuesday, April 28 at 8:00 PM
Co-hosts of the Emmy-nominated Discovery series star in this family friendly stage show. This will be Jaime Hyneman's farewell tour.

Chris Botti
Thursday, April 30 at 8:00 PM
The highly acclaimed, Grammy Award-winning smooth jazz artist Chris Botti returns to the Florida Theatre.

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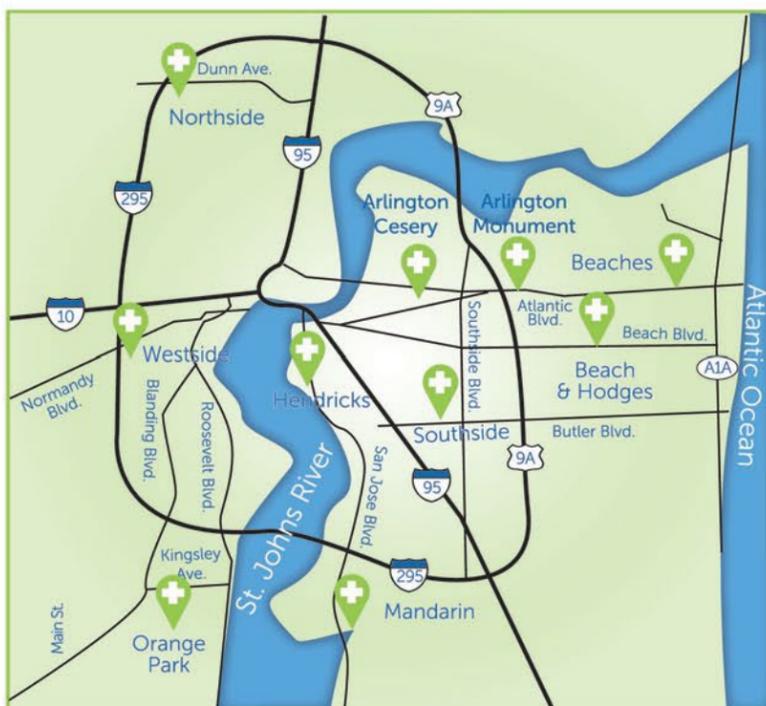
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