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May 2 – The U.S. Green Building Council North Florida Chapter presents a **Green Schools Sustainability Workshop** from 5-6 pm at the Schultz Center on Boulevard Center Drive. Not only will the workshop be about sustainability issues in educational facilities, but participants will also get to network with local energy and green curriculum professionals, learn about free resources available to promote sustainability, and take away new ideas that can help organizations operate more sustainably. That makes this workshop worth attending even for those not involved with educational facilities. RSVP to Aaron Schreiber at 899-9412 or by email at aschreiber@stellar.net.

May 6 – Amelia River Cruises hosts the **St. Augustine Discovery Tour**. Travel aboard the Miss Kayla along the Western shoreline of Amelia Island and into the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve. Cross the St. Johns River and continue down the Intracoastal Waterway, passing under the familiar bridges of Jacksonville. The trip continues through the Guana River Marsh Preserve. Stop for lunch at the Old Florida restaurant, Cap's on the Water. Then it's on to the city of St. Augustine. Return by bus. All-inclusive tour costs \$110. Contact Dickie Anderson at dickie.anderson@gmail.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

May 9 – The Sierra Club of Northeast Florida is hosting **Sustainable Harvest International** volunteer Joy Urban for a talk about their success using organic gardening techniques, wood-conserving stoves, biogas digesters, and other innovations with communities in Honduras, Belize, Nicaragua and Panama in an effort to preserve the planet's tropical rain forests while overcoming poverty. Join the Sierra Club at 6:30 pm at Lake-wood Presbyterian Church on University Blvd. for a social. The talk will begin at 7 pm. Free.

May 10 – *New York Times* bestselling author **Mary Alice Monroe** returns to Amelia Island to launch her new book, **The Butterfly's Daughter**, with a special talk and gourmet breakfast at 9 am at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. There will also be a butterfly gardening demonstration. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a signed copy of Monroe's new book and a gift of milkweed seeds. Proceeds benefit Wild Amelia Nature Festival. Contact Dickie Anderson at dickie.anderson@gmail.com or 556-6455 for ticket information and purchase.

May 14 – The Friends of Northeast Florida Community Gardens (www.neflg.blogspot.com) is hosting a series of visits to area community gardens. This time, visit the **Clara White Mission Training Center & Garden** at 613 West Ashley Street. From 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, tour the LaVilla Organic Garden and the Clara White Mission Training Center and enjoy a tasting from the gardens provided by the Clara White Culinary Arts Center. The Clara White Mission has helped over 500 formerly homeless and veterans become gainfully employed through its training program in Culinary Arts & Gardening. The school partnered with UNF to develop an organic garden and introduce students to growing fresh vegetables and herbs. The program was recently recognized for its success by *Today Show* anchor Al Roker!

May 18 – You know all those stinky chemical cleaners you wash down the drain aren't good for our waterways. The St. Johns Riverkeeper is making it easy to clean up your act with the **River-Friendly Cleaners Make & Take Workshop**. Making your own cleaners saves money and the river! Join the Riverkeeper from 7-8 pm at the Willowbranch Library in Riverside to make floor cleaner, a soft scrub, an all-purpose cleaner for counters, and a window cleaner. Bring your own clean spray bottles and wide-mouth containers with screw tops. Sign up to make all four cleaners for \$10 or just two cleaners for \$5. Pre-registration is required, so contact Kelly Savage at 256-7613 or kelly@stjohnsriverkeeper.org. She'll let you know what time the workshop starts and answer any questions.

May 21 – **Yoga Under the Trees** at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is a great way to connect with nature. Join Master Yoga Instructor Susan Byrne Lee at the Arboretum's picnic tables shortly before 10 am. Bring your mat and \$10, and wear yoga-appropriate clothing. Those interested should contact director@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

May 21 – The **Turtle Crawl Triathlon & Nest Fest** celebrates athleticism and ecology on Jekyll Island. There is something for athletes of every skill level. At the finish line, guests can take part in Nest Fest, educational activities and exhibits culminating with the release of rehabilitated sea turtles. See the schedule and register for the event at www.georgiaseaturtlecenter.org/special-events.

May 20-22 – During the **Wild Amelia Nature Festival**, you can explore the local ecosystem by foot, kayak, boat and bicycle with local naturalists. The tours highlight the natural areas in Northeast Florida from Talbot Island State Park to Fort Clinch State Park. The green-business Eco-Expo on Saturday will include a Kids Niche with nature activities for all ages. There will be critters from the Jacksonville Zoo, a silent auction, green and nature-related exhibitors, nature photography classes, local musicians performing and more. Fees vary for tours and entry to certain locations, so check out www.wildamelia.com and click on "view complete online program."

May 28 – Get off the treadmill and head outdoors to the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens for a 9 am **Trail Walk**. The Arboretum is combining environmental awareness with physical activity in this fast-paced monthly walking tour. Increase your heart rate while learning about the important plants and functions of the various ecosystems of North Florida. Wear comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. For more information, contact director@jacksonvillearboretum.org.

Saturdays in May – Beaches Green Market in Jarboe Park, open every Saturday from 2-5 pm, welcomes a new vendor. **Second Nature Skin** offers natural skincare products good for normal skin, but also perfect for sun-damaged, sensitive, and allergy-affected skin. The products are natural and about 70 percent organic. Check out Second Nature Skin and all the other great Beaches Green Market vendors over in Neptune Beach at www.BeachesLocalFoodNetwork.org.

Please email listings for consideration to anna@eu-jacksonville.com by the 15th of each month.

WHITEY'S

Fish Camp & Restuarant

Mondays
 Men's Nite \$1 drafts
 Beer Pong 7pm

Tuesdays
 Texas Hold 'Em 7pm

Wednesdays
 Happy Hour All Nite, All You Can Eat Wings & Kids Eat Free,

Thursdays
 Country Nite..Live Country Bands
 \$1 Drafts & \$1 Wells

Fridays
 4pm-7pm.
 1/2 Price Appetizers

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 5-9pm: Deck Music
 9:30-1:30am - Great Entertainment
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 May 13: **A1A**
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5-9pm: **Sundays Live Entertainment**
 May 22: **Reggae Swat Team** • May 29: **Rezolution**

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