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## **Celebrate Mother's Day at the Zoo**

**FREE Admission for Moms and Garden & Art Festival May 12 & 13, 2018**

May 8, 2018 – Jacksonville, FL – Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is celebrating moms all weekend long with the second annual Garden and Art Festival and FREE admission to all mothers, all weekend long!

The Garden and Art Festival is sure to have the perfect gift for mom, with vendors selling handmade goods, original artwork, and plants. Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' own horticulture team will be selling plants that you can find on Zoo grounds including plumeria, salvia and other pollinator favorites! Funds from the sale of the Zoo plants go towards plant conservation projects like the protection of the endangered Chapman's fringed orchid.

The festival will stay lively with live music and a cash bar selling beer and sangria. Jax Mural Project will be set up on the Great Lawn for an interactive installation. The Garden and Art Festival is free with Zoo Admission.

While mothers receive free general admission May 12 and 13, they do still need a ticket from the ticket booths. For additional pricing information or more on the Garden and Art Festival, visit [www.jacksonvillezoo.org](http://www.jacksonvillezoo.org).

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### **About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens**

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. **The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and a portion of every ticket sold goes to the over 45 conservation initiatives Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens supports around the world, and here in NE Florida.** JZG is proud to be an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit [jacksonvillezoo.org](http://jacksonvillezoo.org).