

*They're Back!*



# Ribbit the Exhibit II

**NOVEMBER 1 - JANUARY 31**

Leu Gardens will once again be invaded by frogs but this time, with more attitude and fun! A.J. Cobb's Ribbit the Exhibit II will feature 26 whimsical copper frog sculptures located in 18 displays throughout the gardens.

Harry P. **Leu** Gardens

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## Artful Holidays

**C**an you believe it's the holiday season? For some reason, this year has flown by faster than a peregrine falcon. I saw a Facebook post the other day mentioning how many days left until Christmas, and a deep breath was required. Every year it just seems to sneak up on me. I'm not sure why, because my mother definitely never modeled that behavior. She was raring to go and get holiday-organized by October. She was a force to be reckoned with when it came to shopping. She had lists and lots of coupons. We would lug our coats and shopping bags (remember those?) around the department stores purchasing that special gift that would make the recipient smile. When I was 10 years old, I actually fell asleep in a dressing room weary from all the "fun." On the upside, we always got to have a fancy lunch. Wow, how the shopping experience has changed.



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And speaking of annual holiday traditions, our very own Jeff Revels, artistic director for the Orlando REP, is serving as one of the executive producers for this year's Orlando Citrus Parade. The parade will feature local art groups and more performance-based entries. What a wonderful addition to a beloved custom. There is also a new kid in town with the inaugural FusionFest (page 22), a cultural celebration in a festival atmosphere. Spearheaded by Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs Director Terry Olsen, this event takes place the weekend after Thanksgiving with food, dance and so much more. You can walk off some of your turkey while exploring.

In this issue we also feature our annual holiday gift guide (page 16). You will find everything from tickets for concerts and theater to beautiful baubles found in our fantastic museum gift shops. There are ideas for family outings, as well as free performances. We also offer creative date-night ideas, so make sure your sitter is booked. You can shop from the comfort of your home or make a day of it with your friends. So many ideas should make shopping a breeze sans the winter coats, but don't forget the fancy lunch.

Happy holidays and happy New Year!

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