Celebrate the season October 8 and 9

By Maggie Carson

Lincoln Memorial Garden invites you to enjoy the beauty of the season with the annual Indian Summer Festival, being held this year on October 8 and 9. This event offers fun, food, art, and entertainment for all ages. The Saturday and Sunday event is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Admission to the Indian Summer Festival is free for children age 5 and under, $3 for children 6 to 12 and $5 for teens and adults. The fee entitles you to attend all activities and events for the entire day.

Among the daily activities are face painting by the Zoo Lady and the Zoo Crew out of Peoria; pumpkin and gourd painting and decorating; and playing the Monarch butterfly game, along with various crafts for children. Again this year, children can build a fairy house; this popular event has been expanded.

While you’re here, watch the Henson Robinson Zoo program. We’ve also invited beekeeper Arvin Pierce, who was recently featured in the Illinois Times.
Director’s message  
By Joel Horwedel

You might notice a few changes in this and future editions of LMG’s Seasons newsletter. I am happy to announce that we are going to begin including a nature education story in each issue. I mention this because in order to accomplish this we have decided to create an “extended” newsletter in the online version.

We will continue to mail our standard newsletter to everyone, however stories may be continued on the online version. When you see the computer icon, check out Seasons on the Garden’s web site for the extended article.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Seasons.

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for his work with bees and other important pollinators.

We will have a wide variety of food and soft drinks available, including marinated pork chops, nachos, and hot dogs.

Funds generated during the Indian Summer Festival will be used for care and maintenance of the Garden, to support education programs, and to ensure the Garden remains open and available to everyone at no cost.

As always, parking at Garden events is free. Please follow the direction of our helpful volunteers.

Heartland musicians headline ISF stage

A varied lineup of heartland musicians will be featured at Lincoln Memorial Garden’s annual Indian Summer Festival. These include

- **Cactus Ranch** of Decatur, which specializes in country and bluegrass music.
- **Burr Oak String Band** of Springfield, which offers selections of Americana, folk, and old-time music.
- **Ben Bedford**, singer/songwriter from Chatham who returns to delight audiences with folk music.
- A trio of folk/Americana musicians from Springfield known as **The Deep Hollow**.
- **Kraig Kenning** of Chicago will be back with more contemporary folk, blues, roots rock, and American Fingerstyle.

**New** to the LMG stage will be Taylorville native **Amy Benton**, a country singer-songwriter.

**MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, October 8**

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Cactus Ranch  
12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  Ben Bedford  
2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.  Amy Benton

**Sunday, October 9**

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Burr Oak String Band  
12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  Kraig Kenning  
2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.  The Deep Hollow

**Welcome to the newest members of Lincoln Memorial Garden:**

Eric A. Birtch  
Jeff Boehm  
Christie and Chris DeFrates  
Sommer and Micah Glauberman  
Mike and Susan Jakoby  
Sharon Kochanek  
Colin and Melissa Liberman  
Grace and Matt Lowe  
Melanie Ostermeier  
Jo Ann Satterfield  
Mary B. Schaefer  
James Stuart  
Avery N. Thompson

If you are interested in being a **VENDOR** at the 2016 Indian Summer Festival, please contact Joel at the Garden by phone or email, or go to the Garden’s website http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org/events.html

While you’re here, take a few minutes and walk some of the trails. Rediscover the beauty of the Garden and of the tranquility of nature.
Recap: LMG 8K Trail Run and Children’s Fun Run  
By Susan Helm

The fourth annual Lincoln Memorial Garden 8K Trail Run and Children’s Fun Run was held Saturday, May 21, under perfect running conditions. More than 275 people participated in the 8K race and about 80 kids participated in the Fun Run.

This boutique race is known for being organized and well run, offering the “best race food” (that’s a quote from our participants), well-marked course, awesome awards (handmade coffee mugs and birdhouses), handmade 8K finisher’s medals, and live entertainment on the main stage in Cawley Meadow. It’s such a great event that Smokey Bear has made an appearance each of the past four years.

The overall winner was Brian Wilmarth with a time of 32:39 for 8K (4.98 miles). The top female, defending her crown from 2015, was Joy Guardia, who finished in 33:53. In the Master’s category (ages 40+), the male winner was Fess Teklehaimanot with a time of 35:32 and the female winner was Terese Laughlin with a time of 41:27.

We would be remiss if we did not send a huge “thank you” to the staff and all the volunteers. Each person was crucial to the overwhelming success, and his or her efforts are very much appreciated and definitely did not go unnoticed. Our sponsors are the best—Flying Turtles, Steve and Robin Reed, Drew Davis Financial, Physiotherapy Professionals, and Frisina Chiropractic.

The Lincoln Memorial Garden 8K Trail Run and Children’s Fun Run welcomes any and all participants. This year, we were honored to have our oldest participant to date (80-plus) and her efforts earned her first in her age group.

All net proceeds go directly to the Garden. In 2016, the event raised an estimated $6,300, which will help support the maintenance of Garden’s trails and educational programs that it offers.

The fifth annual Trail Run and Children’s Fun Run has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017. Mark your calendars and look for registration to go live at a discounted price in December. Remember, we always sell out!
Calling all birdhouse builders

The birdhouse building contest, now in its seventh year at Lincoln Memorial Garden, offers even more categories, prizes and fun.

Birdhouse builders can choose to construct a home that a real Illinois bird might want to move into next spring. Or the house can be purely whimsical. Or this year it could be a gourd birdhouse.

Entries can be delivered to the Garden’s Nature Center during regular hours beginning September 26. Deadline for entries is 4:30 p.m. October 7, 2016.

Prizes and categories are:
- Best Functional Design .......................................................... $100
- Best Whimsical Design ............................................................ $75
- Best Gourd ........................................................................... $50
- People’s Choice ................................................................. $50
- 12 years and under Best Functional Design ...................... $50
- 12 years and under Best Whimsical Design ....................... $50

Prizes will be awarded at 4 p.m. October 9, at the close of the 2016 Indian Summer Festival. Contest rules and entry forms are available online at http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org/event/indian-summer-festival/ or by calling 529-1111.

Grapes and Gourds Workshop

By Kathy Andrews Wright

Join Lincoln Memorial Garden for a fun evening out. Enjoy a glass of wine and the camaraderie of new and old friends, and leave with a handcrafted gourd birdhouse—of your own creation—ready to attract birds next spring.

Lincoln Memorial Garden is sponsoring a Grapes and Gourds fundraising workshop that will take place on from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 15, at It’s All About Wine, 1305 Wabash Ave., Suite M, Springfield.

The cost of the workshop is $25 per person, and includes one glass of wine, a gourd, and an assortment of decorative supplies. Sample birdhouses and helpful coaches will be on hand to help provide crafting inspiration.

Not interested in creating a gourd? For $10, come out and support the Garden and watch the crafters in action while sipping a glass of wine. From September 15–21, It’s All About Wine will donate 10 percent of sales to LMG when you mention the Garden and ask for a voucher. Make this the week to stock up for all your holiday gifts and party supplies!

And don’t forget the birdhouse competition at the Indian Summer Festival, October 8–9. You’ll leave the workshop with a birdhouse ready for the competition and may take home a cash prize! Details can be found at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Register today at lincolnmemorialgarden.org, because the Grapes and Gourds workshop registration is limited to 35 participants.

Invasive species, making a difference

By Larry Miller and Steven Read

Larry Miller, Head Gardner, has identified 21 invasive species that proudly make their home in Lincoln Memorial Garden. Of these, he has categorized six as Priority 1, meaning LMG will concentrate efforts on them because they are so prolific. Those making this list are oriental bittersweet, two species of bush honeysuckle, Japanese honeysuckle, garlic mustard, poison hemlock, and sericea lespedeza.

Our grounds crew volunteers are making some gains fighting invasives throughout the Garden and prairies. This spring we pulled garlic mustard in the historic part of the Garden and in ditches adjacent to the Garden. Several trash bags were filled, and we do not think any went to seed. There are several patches of poison hemlock in the Ostermeier building area, Ostermeier dam and pond area, and the prairies. Spot spraying each individual plant proved to be very effective.

We have several patches of sericea lespedeza (Lespedeza cuneata) in the Cawley Meadow, parking grove, and the prairies where the lespedeza has overtaken other plants. We have lespedeza along the edges of some of the trails in the historic Garden, especially along Lake Trail and the Garden prairies.

Sericea lespedeza was first introduced in North Carolina in 1896. By 1924, the USDA cultivated the species on experimental farms. It was originally thought to be useful for erosion control, hay, and wildlife cover. Sericea lespedeza has been so successful spreading because it is drought tolerant, thrives in all...
Sericea lespedeza has been so successful spreading because it is drought tolerant, thrives in all types of soils, has few natural predators, and sets large numbers of seeds. One stem can produce up to 1,500 seeds. Its hardiness gives it a competitive advantage over many native species.

Our first priority is to prevent any lespedeza from going to seed. The last two years we mowed the prairies in late August and burned them after the foliage had dried. In late October/early November, easily identifiable lespedeza plants began to sprout and grow. The grounds crew formed a skirmish line with backpack sprayers and sprayed each small individual lespedeza plant with low-toxic herbicide while being careful to not harm other plants. We have seen a decline in the mature lespedeza population, but new seedlings grow each year and we will face a continual battle for 20 years or more.

Miller thinks a result of burning the prairies is an increase in the forb populations of scruffy pea, partridge pea, several species of black-eyed Susan, wild white indigo, rosinweed, spiderwort, compass plant, prairie dock, and bee balm. Fall burning promotes more colorful forbs that can compete with the prairie grasses.

Bush honeysuckle is another issue. We have killed lots, but we’ve still GOT LOTS! We are limited in our fight against it because we do not want to damage any native plants in the spring. We do not remove bush honeysuckle or other woody invasives during the bird breeding season (mid-April thru mid-August).

Bush honeysuckle is easy to identify in the late fall and very early spring because it is one of the last plants to lose its leaves in late fall and the first to leaf out in very early spring. Its bark is easily identifiable during winter. Some of the stems of these “bushes” grow to several inches in diameter. We kill honeysuckle by cutting the stems and painting the remaining stump with a woody herbicide to kill the remaining roots—otherwise the honeysuckle will grow back with a vengeance. We also kill honeysuckle by spraying it with a low-toxic herbicide. Unfortunately, the window for killing honeysuckle is relatively small, but it remains one of our highest priorities.

We appear to have an increasing population of common milkweed scattered throughout the prairies and the Garden. We have seen a good number of swallowtail butterflies, but we have only seen a few monarch butterflies.

Everyone is working very hard to fight our invasive species, and we know we are making a difference.


Is garlic mustard becoming less aggressive?
By Kathy Andrews Wright

Researchers at the University of Illinois recently shared some happy news: Garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata) populations decrease with age. Native to Europe, this aggressive invasive can be found in woodlands throughout the Midwest where it has been displacing native woodland wildflowers.

Garlic mustard secretes the chemical compound sinigrin into the soil, which hinders the growth of other plants, ultimately decreasing competition. Researchers have found that the concentration of sinigrin declines as the mustard population ages, which may eventually allow native plants to regain their former foothold.

The decline of garlic mustard won’t happen overnight, and might take decades, but researchers believe that the woodland ecosystem will eventually achieve balance.

In the meantime, University of Illinois and USDA Agricultural Research Service ecologist Adam Davis recommends landowners and managers take a holistic view of the ecosystem, undertaking management actions that minimize the habitat disturbances that invite an invasion.
Lincoln Memorial Garden Mission

The mission of Lincoln Memorial Garden is to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln through re-creation of the native landscape he would have known, and to serve as a place to find inspiration in the changing seasons, learn stewardship of the environment and explore the relationship among plants, wildlife, water, soil, and sunlight in an atmosphere of peace and beauty.

Our Wish List

Thank you to everyone who has donated funds for specific items on our wish list. Our current wish list includes:

- Indian Summer Festival Sponsorships — any amount
- Battery Tender 4-bank battery charger — $150
- Metal storage shelf — $100
- 4.5-inch angle grinder — $100
- Donations for Junior/Senior Naturalists equipment — any amount

If you can help, send a check to the Nature Center at 2301 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, 62712. You can also place your donation in the Nature Center’s donation box.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and sponsored events at Lincoln Memorial Garden:

### Indian Summer Festival Sponsors
- Jo Alessandrini and Guerry Suggs
- Apple Barn
- Davis Financial
- David and Laurie Farrell
- Jim and Mary Grundel
- Rosemary King
- Kathie Kojis and Carl Arentzen
- Sutton’s Siding & Remodeling
- Warren Boynton State Bank

### Acorn Legacy Fund
- Kelly & Karen Grant

### Ecology Camp Donations
- Gail Savidge (also donated to Native Wildflower Garden)
- Joyce Munie
- Tri and Angela Nguyen
- Cathy and Doug Slater

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- Shelley Walter
- Cathy Slater
- The Nguyen Family
- The Scott Family
- Dick Adorjan
- Barb Lieberhoff and the IEPA Interns
- Lincoln’s Home National Historic Site

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- Kathleen and Craig Campbell
- Lois Jazo
- Julie and William Kellner
- Linda and Mark Flotow

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To the following individuals who have chosen to honor the memory of a loved one with a gift to Lincoln Memorial Garden, we say thank you.

**In memory of Joyce Liberman**, memorial donations were received from . . .
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- Khajha Rogers
- Annette Stanley
- Colin and Melissa Liberman

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- Christine Mullins

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- Samantha Reif
Junior/Senior Naturalists programs announced

Our Fall Naturalist programs afford your youngsters an opportunity to get out and explore the Garden while focusing on the specific topic of the month.

October 1 — Trees and Seeds
November 5 — Creatures of the Night
December 3 — Winter Wonders

Each session is limited to 20 registrants. The cost for the three session fall series is $40 for Garden Members and $45 for nonmembers. If your naturalist is unable to attend the entire 3-session series, individual session registration is also available at a cost of $15 each for members and $18 for nonmembers. Register online at the Garden’s website www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org, or a printable registration form is also available.

Junior Naturalists (5 to 8 years) meet from 9 a.m. to noon.
Senior Naturalists (9 to 12 years) meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Questions? Contact the Garden at 217-529-1111 or email audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Got Goldfinch?
Join a Bird Hike
Saturdays, September 17 and 24 and October 1, 8 and 15, 8 a.m.

Join expert birder Kevin Veara this fall for one of his entertaining bird hikes. Veara will lead birders of all skill levels through the Garden in search of both native and migrating birds. Hikes start at the Nature Center beginning at 8 a.m. These hikes are free and open to the public.

Got ginko?
Leaf identification hikes scheduled
Sundays, September 11, 18 and 25

Again this fall Lincoln Memorial Garden will be offering leaf identification hikes for area students to assist in the completion of leaf collection projects. During the hike, Garden naturalists will identify and distribute leaves of at least 25 tree species. Naturalists will also be available after the hike to answer individual questions.

Hikes begin at the Nature Center at 1:30 p.m. The cost is $5 per person or free to Garden members. Please reserve a spot by calling the Garden at (217) 529-1111 or audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Volunteer Naturalist training
Thursday, September 15, 9 a.m. to noon

Soon busloads of area children will arrive at the Garden for fall school hikes, and we will need dedicated volunteers to lead them on their adventure. If you savor the crisp fall air, delight in the company of children, and seek to learn more about nature, please join us at Volunteer Naturalist Training on Thursday, September 15. The training runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We invite both seasoned and new volunteers to attend this training session. We’ll teach you tips and tricks for leading hikes, and sharpen your natural history IQ. All new volunteers may observe as many hikes as necessary until he or she feels comfortable leading.

Be sure to dress for the weather, as most of the session will be spent out in the Garden. If you are unable to attend, and still want to volunteer, we can make arrangements that fit your schedule. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to (217) 529-1111 or audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Come fly with ‘Monarchs and Me’

What insect migrates 2,000 miles each year has a wingspan less than 4 inches and weighs less than a paper clip? This September at Lincoln Memorial Garden, 8- to 10-year-old children will learn the answer to that question: the monarch butterfly.

Each child enrolled in the “Monarchs and Me” class will learn about this magnificent insect, the only butterfly known to migrate such distances annually—from Canada to the volcanic mountain ranges of central Mexico.

Join us for this two-session workshop September 17 and 24. This program is free, but registration is required. Register online at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org.
Lincoln Memorial Garden & Nature Center

A Project of the Garden Clubs of Illinois
2301 East Lake Shore Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62712-8908

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Calendar

September 15  Volunteer Naturalist Training — 9 a.m. to noon
Grapes and Gourds Workshop — 6 to 8 p.m., It's All About Wine, Springfield

September 17  Bird Hike — 8 a.m., Nature Center
Monarchs & Me Camp — 10 a.m. to noon, Nature Center

September 18  Leaf Identification Hike — 1:30 p.m., Nature Center

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September 25  Leaf Identification Hike — 1:30 p.m., Nature Center

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