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Get a Natural, Sweet Fix During LMG Spring Events
by Kathy Andrews Wright

The art and science of maple sugaring is a time-honored spring tradition. Deeply rooted in the history of the United States, maple syrup is seeing a resurgence today, thanks to the natural foods movement, which uses it as an earth-friendly replacement for processed cane sugar. Devotees not only drizzle their homemade syrup on pancakes, but incorporate it into everything from cakes to ice cream to stir fry.

Lincoln Memorial Garden celebrates this great North American tradition with two popular activities: syrup-making demonstrations and a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy visiting the Garden grounds to learn how to identify barren maple trees in the winter woodland and to witness the centuries-old tradition of tapping trees to collect sap. From there, you'll move to the evaporation station and see first-hand the process of boiling sap over a wood fire to produce syrup. And, to cap off your experience, taste the sweet reward of this labor-intensive process. The tapping and syrup-making

Every Rotarian, Plant a Tree: Challenge Brings 175 New Trees to LMG
by Nicholous Stratton

How do you thank someone who gives you 175 trees?
I guess you just flat out say, "Thank you… to the five generous Rotary Clubs in Springfield for giving us 175 beautiful young trees that were just planted in the Garden late last fall." Here’s how all this came about.

The President of Rotary International for 2017-2018 issued a challenge for every Rotarian worldwide to plant a tree by Earth Day 2018. All five of Springfield’s Rotary clubs accepted this challenge. They applied for and received grants from the Rotary Foundation, then each of the five local clubs contributed additional funds. With help from Garden volunteers and Rotarians, 175 trees were planted in the Garden in the fall of 2017.

Lincoln Memorial Garden member Karen Witter coordinated the project, which involved the Rotary

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The annual Silent Auction Fundraiser, happening concurrently with the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, always includes an exciting assortment of items—everything from art to jewelry to tickets for cultural and sporting events, as well as items for your home and garden. Plan to spend some time before or after your breakfast walking through the Nature Center to check out all the items. Bidding closes at noon on Sunday, March 25, so if there’s something you are anxious to possess, stop by again on the last day to check on the status of your bid!

While a walk through the Garden at any time of year is a treat for the eyes, ears, nose and soul, early spring presents a unique opportunity to taste the flavor of this land’s majestic maples. We look forward to dining with you at maple sugaring time!

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by Steven Read

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WANTED: Awesome Silent Auction items!

What makes the Silent Auction so popular is the wide variety of valuable, interesting, beautiful and even edible objects that are available for bidding each year. If you have an item you want to donate, please bring it to the Garden by March 10. If it is too big or heavy for you to transport, just give Joel a call (217) 529-1111 to arrange a pickup.

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Your greatest impact when selecting vegetation for your landscape can result from selecting plants that will provide the most benefits to native fauna and minimize the potential for future environmental damage caused by the spread of invasive species.

Planting native species is a good practice because you’re providing the food sources and habitats that native animals and insects have evolved to eat and inhabit. Native shrubs attract a variety of pollinating insects, and in turn, those insects and their young provide rich food resources for nesting birds.

Native shrubs valued for their attractive fall color
American beautyberry (Callicarpa americana) flowers attract bees and butterflies, and the high-fat, late-summer fruits provide valuable food for overwintering and migratory songbirds. As a bonus, crushed beautyberry leaves will deter ticks and mosquitos.

Coralberry (Symphoricarpos orbiculatus) produces nectar attractive to bees, wasps and flies. It hosts 25 species of butterflies and moths and attracts numerous fruit-eating birds.

Sumacs (Rhus sp.) provide a high-fat food supply for more than 98 species of migrating and overwintering birds and are pollinated by native bees, honeybees and pollinating flies. Carpenter bees reproduce by creating a tunnel nest in the stems. Sumac hosts 58 species of butterflies and moths, and it is one of the few plants that can be a reliable source of nectar during a drought.

American witch hazel (Hamamelis virginiana) hosts 63 species of butterflies and moths, and the plant’s late-season pollen and nectar are much needed by pollinating insects. Many species of mammals and birds eat the seeds.

When considering future landscape plantings, consider shopping at Lincoln Memorial Garden’s annual Woodland and Prairie Plant Sales.

For additional information, consider reviewing the recently published book *Midwestern Native Shrubs and Trees: Gardening Alternatives to Nonnative Species*, by Charlotte Adelman and Bernard L. Schwartz (Ohio University Press, 2017). The book is currently available in Lincoln Memorial Garden’s Split Rail Shop.

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**American beautyberry** (Callicarpa americana) provides nesting materials and locations for carpenter and mason bees. These insects hollow out a portion of the stem, causing little damage in the process of creating a new generation of pollinators. Rich in carbohydrates and proteins, the fruits are a valuable resource for migrating birds. Elderberries support chipmunks, woodchucks, foxes, rabbits, more than 120 species of birds and numerous pollinators, including bees and butterflies.

**Spicebush** (*Lindera benzoin*) is the preferred host for the spicebush swallowtail butterfly and is also used by another 10 species of butterflies and moths. The high-fat, protein-rich fruits are eaten by at least 17 bird species, including migratory warblers that eat these fruits to develop high-energy fat stores for their long-distance flights.

**Elderberry** (*Sambucus sp.*) provides nesting materials and locations for carpenter and mason bees. These insects hollow out a portion of the stem, causing little damage in the process of creating a new generation of pollinators. Rich in carbohydrates and proteins, the fruits are a valuable resource for migrating birds. Elderberries support chipmunks, woodchucks, foxes, rabbits, more than 120 species of birds and numerous pollinators, including bees and butterflies.

**Dogwoods** (*Cornus sp.*) host 118 species of butterflies and moths and are especially valuable to native bees. Summer and fall fruits, called drupes, provide a higher-than-average fat and caloric content for turtles, beaver, rabbits, raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, white-tailed deer and more than 98 species of birds.

**Willows** (*Salix sp.*) rely on insects for pollination, including the more than 455 species of butterflies and moths they are known to host (only oaks and plums/cherries surpass this number).

**Native viburnums** (*Viburnum sp.*) host a known 104 species of butterflies and moths, and the fruits attract at least 35 bird species. Fruits have a high fat and carbohydrate content and serve as a critical cold-weather food source.

Here are a few native shrub landscape options that will create attractive additions to your landscape while also benefiting wildlife.

Native shrubs valued for their spring color and fragrance:

**Chokeberry** (*Pyrus sp.*) is known to support 29 species of butterflies and moths and at least 21 species of overwintering birds. Before spring foods become available, early migrating bird species will eat the persistent berries. A multiple-stem growth form creates excellent nesting habitat.

**Sand cherries** (*Prunus pumilia var. pumilia*) will host a known 456 species of butterflies and moths, and the fruits sustain more than 84 species of birds, as well as chipmunks, squirrels and foxes. As a group, the cherry/plum family comes in second only to the oak family in the number of species known to utilize the plants.

**Serviceberry** (*Amelanchier sp.*) berries are high in carbohydrates and proteins. Because the berries ripen early in the growing season, they are a valuable food supply for more than 40 species of birds, numerous pollinators (including 124 species of butterflies and moths) and numerous mammals.

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We Have People Power; We Need Horsepower
by Steven Read and Larry Miller

On December 2, 2015, we took delivery of our new Kubota Tractor Model L3301, 33.5 Hp, with accessories that included a grader box, ballast box, loading forks, front end grapple claw, third function hydraulic preparation for the front end of the tractor, R4 off-road tires and a very badly needed trailer. The cost of the tractor with all the accessories was $24,250.

The new Kubota L3301 is the real work horse of our equipment fleet. We also have a 15-year-old, 20 Hp Kubota 7800. We planned that the two Kubota tractors would team up with our 34-year-old John Deere 750 (donated by John Barker many years ago) to give us two reliable tractors and a somewhat reliable John Deere. In the past few years, the John Deere has had several mechanical issues that have included fuel system problems, which we think we have finally repaired. However, there are still several serious mechanical deficiencies that include a bad throw out bearing and clutch plate, no brakes and four bad tires. If we could drive it, it would not be safe.

We are extremely fortunate to have a very active and loyal group of 23 “regular” and “special projects” Building and Grounds Crew volunteers. We could not do all we do in the Garden without them. Not only do we have a significant number of volunteers, but they are experienced and well-trained. Larry and Chuck can assign specific tasks to them and know the tasks will be completed properly and safely. Without the John Deere, there are many occasions when we have volunteers available to do work and not enough equipment to use them efficiently. Our current volunteers include Mark Allen, Jack Anderson, Michael Brewer, Chuck Burmeister, Brad Butcher, Wayne Carlson, Denny Cocagne, Mike Diedrichsen, Susan Flanagan, Susan Helm, Bill Hunt, Rich Johnson, Geoff Kucera, Bob Leach, Valerie Leonatti, Mike Luepke, Steven Read, Lori Reardon, Cathy Slater, Mike Stehlin, Tom Wilkin, Julie Wullner and Mark Yergler. While we have a terrific group of volunteers, we can always use more help. Please contact Larry Miller for volunteer opportunities.

We would like to purchase another Kubota 33.5 Hp L3301 (or an identical Kioti) with accessories that include R4 off-road tires, a front end loader with quick release, rear hydraulic connections and rear quick release for attachments. The cost of this tractor is approximately $19,000. We will very much appreciate your generous contributions to underwrite the cost so we can continue to maintain and improve the Garden and take advantage of our willing, hard-working volunteers.

We do not think we can be good stewards of your donations and continue to spend money on the maintenance and repairs required to keep a 34-year-old, unsafe machine only semi-reliable at best.

While Larry Miller and Chuck Allen (our equipment gurus) can work wonders with worn-out tools and equipment, the repairs required for the John Deere are beyond their expertise. We do not think we can be good stewards of your donations and continue to spend money on the maintenance and repairs required to keep a 34-year-old, unsafe machine only semi-reliable at best.

We have made great strides in the Garden during the past two years and have used our tractors very efficiently. We have cleared the parking grove, brush-mowed many areas to remove the bush honeysuckle and other invasive species, chipped trails, cleared dead trees and logs near the trails that were cut down by LMG or a third party and hauled them to the chipper, mowed the prairies, hauled LOTS of water to keep newly planted trees alive and supported the Walgreen Bridge project. Our major concentration in 2018 will be trail maintenance; this will include chipping trails, brush mowing invasive plants and clearing and chipping fallen trees and brush in the vicinity of the trails and throughout the Garden.

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

- Donations to Tractor Fund—any amount
- Silent Auction donations
- Air Hose Reel — $100

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.
New Programs in 2018

This spring, Lincoln Memorial Garden will introduce two new programs geared toward families with young children.

**Babes in the Woods**
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Senior Naturalists (9-13-year-olds) are invited to join us for our annual overnight at Lincoln Memorial Garden. This is an amazing opportunity to experience the Garden after dark.

We’ll play Predator/Prey under the stars, take a night hike, enjoy stories and s’mores around the camp fire, have a pizza party, play some favorite indoor games, make a nature craft, watch a late-night movie and even have time left to sleep. Please come join in the winter fun. Be sure to dress for the weather, and wear your camouflage for Predator/Prey.

We will meet at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 17. We ask that your naturalist bring a sleeping bag, pajamas and a change of clothes. They may also bring flashlights, board games and/or a favorite movie we can vote on for late-night viewing. On Sunday morning, naturalists will enjoy breakfast before parents arrive for pick-up at 9 a.m.

The cost is $50 for Garden members and $65 for nonmembers. If you’re unsure of your membership status, call the Garden to check. This event is limited to 25 naturalists and does fill up, so register early. Online registration is available at the Garden’s website, [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org).

Questions? Please call (217) 529-1111 or email audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

**Spring Tiny Adventurers**
March 7 — Maple Syrup Time
April 11 — Wiggly Worms
May 9 — All about Bees

For both these programs, we recommend that you bring along snacks and drinks, and make sure to dress for the weather; depending on the season, some trails may be muddy or icy in spots. Please note that hikes are not accessible for strollers. No dogs, please. Our walks are cancelled only if it is raining or snowing.

**Ecology Camp**
Exploring the outdoors has long been one of the joys of summer, and Lincoln Memorial Garden’s Ecology camp provides the ideal location for those explorations with its woods, prairies and wetlands. Every summer, campers spend time hiking the trails, playing outdoor games, and making crafts, all the while learning about ecology, native plants, animals, insects and our environment.

There are opportunities for children ages 4-15 to attend camp throughout the summer. Half-day sessions are limited to 24 campers and full day sessions to 36 campers. (See below for dates and fee schedule.) Online registration will be available at [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org) beginning March 5 for members and March 10 for everyone.

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**Spring Junior / Senior Naturalists**
Registration is now open for the spring session of Lincoln Memorial Garden’s Junior and Senior Naturalists program. This program uses hands-on activities, games and interactive lessons to teach children about the exciting natural world. Dates and themes for the spring sessions are:

**March 3** — Winter Olympics: Animal Edition
**April 7** — Unseen Nature (Soil Exploration)
**May 5** — Buzzing Bees

Junior Naturalists (ages 5–8) meet from 9 a.m. to noon, and Senior Naturalists (ages 9–12) meet from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for all three sessions is $40 for members and $45 for nonmembers. Costs cover class materials and snacks. Naturalists can also register for individual sessions at a cost of $15 each for members and $18 for nonmembers. Register online at the Garden’s website [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org).
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Lincoln Memorial Garden
Memorials

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.

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- Vivian Bennett-Held

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- Sharon and John Kwedar

NEW TREES — cont’d from page 1

Clusters of Springfield Sunrise, Downtown, Midtown, Westside and Springfield South. Not only did these clubs provide volunteers to help plant, but several of the clubs have also contributed trees to the Springfield Park District to be planted this spring at Centennial Park and Rotary Park. In addition, Midtown Rotary Club is using a District Grant to fund field trips for Washington Middle School students to visit LMG.

According to Larry Miller, LMG’s head gardener, volunteer crews have made a concerted effort this past year to clear large areas of invasive species that continue to threaten Jen Jensen’s original plan. “It is important to know that all of these new trees are being planted in accordance with Jensen’s original plan for the Garden,” Miller noted. Two Eagle Scout projects aimed at fighting invasive species also helped the effort.

The new trees represent a diversity of species, including three new species of oaks, American elms that are resistant to Dutch elm disease and a new genus of pecan trees. Miller explains, “The trees at Lincoln Memorial Garden were planted well over 80 years ago. These trees will grow as older trees die and must be replaced. “

In addition to these 175 trees, those same hardworking LMG volunteers planted an additional 225 trees at the beginning of the season last year. That’s a total of 400 new trees in less than 12 months. So, thank you to the Rotary Clubs and in addition, thank you to all of the dedicated garden volunteers who cleared the way and helped to plant.
Calendar

**Harbinger of Spring**
*(Erigenia bulbosa)*

This tiny flower emerges through the leaf litter on the woodland floor in late winter!

**February 17 - 18**
Senior Naturalist Overnight — 6 p.m. - 9 a.m.

**February 22**
Maple Syrup Time Volunteer Training — Noon, Nature Center

**February 24 - 25**
Maple Syrup Public Demonstration — 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**March 3**
Junior Naturalists — 9 a.m.; Senior Naturalists — 1 p.m.

**March 3 - 4**
Maple Syrup Public Demonstration — 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**March 5**
Ecology Camp registration opens for members of LMG

**March 8**
Babes in the Woods — 11 a.m.

**March 9**
Tiny Adventurers — 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**March 10 - 11**
Maple Syrup Public Demonstration — 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**March 17, 18, 24 and 25**
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast / Silent Auction — 8 a.m. - noon.
Reservations required; call 529-1111.

**April 7**
Junior Naturalists — 9 a.m.; Senior Naturalists — 1 p.m.