Lunch in Bloom

by Helen Adorjan

For more than a decade, Garden friends have gathered in the Spring for an elegant luncheon at the Island Bay Yacht Club.

This year the Garden’s “Lunch in Bloom” coincides with Earth Day, April 22, the annual event for people around the world to celebrate our world, and renew our commitment to building a safer, healthier and cleaner world for all of us.

Lunch in Bloom participants will have a ringside seat to the beauty of our area as they lunch just inside the yacht club’s full wall of windows overlooking Lake Springfield. On their luncheon tables will be gourd birdhouses, decorated by Junior Naturalists from the Garden to look like the globe in recognition of Earth Day. (Some lucky diners will be able to take a birdhouse home with them as a door prize.)

When luncheon guests first arrive at the club, they will be ushered into the casual elegance of the Crow’s Nest room, where they will have the opportunity to mingle with friends and look over the array of fun and enticing raffle prizes on display. The sounds of Ed Clark on the piano will be heard in the background. And bartenders will be available at the cash bar for persons looking for a glass of wine, beer or soda.

In the dining room nearby, staff will be putting the finishing touches on the buffet lunch. The menu will include a plated salad of mixed greens with mandarin oranges, strawberry slices, candied pecans and poppy seed dressing. The buffet will feature oven-roasted chicken glazed with butter, lemon and fresh herbs;

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Director’s message

by Joel Horwedel

Spring is here! The coming of spring means that the Garden is in full swing with events, activities and opportunities to get outside. I encourage everyone to check the calendar on the back of the newsletter or our website calendar to stay up to date on all of our happenings.

By the time you read this, our Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction will have come and gone. Thank you to all of our members and friends for all of the wonderful items donated to the Silent Auction. This fundraising event would not be possible without your support! Also, a huge thanks to Joyce Munie, Chris Davis and Elena Hornshaw for all of their hard work and many hours of donated time setting up and making our Silent Auction possible.

On May 19, LMG will hold its sixth annual 8K Trail Run (see story on page 3). To register for the race, go to www.getmeregistered.com/lincolnmemorialgardenrun.

LMG Head Gardener Larry Miller has been hard at work in the greenhouse raising plants for our two plant sales. Additionally, we will be offering geraniums this year! Geranium order forms are available on the LMG website, www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org. We hope to see you out in the Garden this spring!
Trail Race is a Big Job Made Possible by Many Dedicated Volunteers

One of the most dedicated is Susan Helm

by Nicholous Stratton

The idea of having a trail race at the Garden was Susan’s, and she has been the guiding force and co-director of the LMG Trail Race since its inception.

Joel Horwedel, Garden Director, explained, “Susan not only came up with the idea for the race, she took over the coordination and planning as well as secured all of the sponsors. The work and dedication that she puts into this event has made it a regional success and set the bar for other trail races. It’s opened the door for new members as well as new supporters of the Garden. She’s a friend-raiser and a fundraiser.”

Volunteers who have worked on this event for the past six years think it is time to thank her for the work that she has done. Susan would be the first person to point out that there are many people in the Garden family who make this event happen. And she would be correct, but someone has to track the myriad of details that make everything fall into place. That’s her job. Her co-director, Lance Cull, who fills the crucial role of designing the trail and making sure every detail is in place when the race begins, would surely agree.

Susan handles everything from big details like race registration, marketing and race day logistics, to the color of t-shirts and the distribution of posters. It’s a list of responsibilities too long to cover here.

Make no mistake: it takes many volunteers to back up her efforts. It also takes the support of staff and a contingent of volunteer ground committee members to get the garden ready, but Susan has been the heart of this race from the starting gate.

2018 Lincoln Memorial Garden Trail Race

Date and Time:
- Saturday, May 19, 2018
- 8K Trail Race begins at 7:30 a.m.; Children’s Fun Run starts at 9 a.m.

Description:
The 4.97-mile loop course starts and ends at the Garden entrance. The race is considered a Springfield Road Runners participation race.

Awards:
Awards will be given to the overall winner in each runner category and to the top one-third of finishers in all age categories. All participants and children will receive a participation award.

Cost:
The cost is $30 per entrant until April 30 at 11:59 p.m. and $35 thereafter until May 13 at 11:59 p.m. The price includes a dri-release t-shirt, unique participation medal, live entertainment and food.

The Children’s Fun Run (for toddlers through age 12) costs $6 per participant and includes a t-shirt.

After race entertainment:
Ben Bedford

Registration:
For more information and to register for the 8K and the Kids Run go to www.getmeregistered.com/lincolnmemorialgardenrun or www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Questions?
Call Joel Horwedel (217) 529-1111 or email joel@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Be an Ambassador for the Garden

by Joel Horwedel

Each year in April, we ask you to renew your Lincoln Memorial Garden membership. Very soon you will be receiving a membership letter and a form that will make this easy and convenient. You can send us the form with your check, or you can go to www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org and renew online.

You can also be an LMG ambassador and suggest a membership to a friend who loves the Garden, but never thought of supporting us with a membership. Here’s what you can tell them:

They are entitled to reciprocal benefits at over 250 gardens around the country that are part American Horticultural Society, including the nearby Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. On top of that, they get a discount at LMG’s Split Rail Gift shop, discounted rates for programs, invitations to special events and the Garden’s seasonal newsletter five times a year.

Here’s the best part: you will experience a warm and happy feeling knowing that you have helped us to expand our reach to new friends.
Meet the Staff: Audra Walters, Environmental Educator

by Kathy Andrews Wright

The face behind the education programs seems relatively new, and yet Audra Walters is someone who has a lengthy history with Lincoln Memorial Garden.

A native of Springfield, Walters started volunteering at the Garden in 2001 and continued leading hikes and helping with special events through 2012 and working seasonally with summer camps between 2008 and 2013. In 2014, Walters was hired as the Garden’s full-time educator.

Years of experience and a degree in Environmental Science from Marian University in Indianapolis meant that Walters was ready to hit the ground running with programming for all ages. Some days her schedule includes heading down the trail with a visiting school group or helping Boy or Girl Scouts meet requirements for a nature-oriented badge. Other days are dedicated to preparing for and participating in an array of annual public programs, including those at the Garden—wildflower hikes, leaf identification hikes and Maple Syrup Time—and some off-site events—First Night Springfield and Illinois EPA’s Earth Stewardship Day, for example. Throw in daily interactions with visitors and the occasional special presentation for community organizations, such as the Jacksonville Garden Club, Springfield Area Retired Teachers and Ansarettes, and you have the life of the Garden Educator.

And then there’s Walter’s favorite aspect of her job: the annual summer Ecology Camp. For eight weeks each summer, Walters organizes week-long, age-specific nature activities for youth ranging in age from 4 to 15.

“It is heartwarming seeing the kids who come to camp grow and return every summer ready to get back outside,” Walters said. “I enjoy the enthusiasm they have for learning about and exploring the Garden. It’s especially heartening to see the seasoned campers who want return as a junior counselor so that they can give the next generation the same experience they had.”

One of her most memorable experiences at the Garden occurred during an Ecology Camp and is proof positive that Walters is able to plan on the fly.

“Friday afternoons during Ecology Camp normally include a cookout and playing in the water on the slip and slide,” she explained. “One especially soggy week, conditions made the normal plan impossible, so campers donned their bathing suits and slid through the standing muddy puddles, played mud dodge ball and ran through the pouring rain. All the campers, and many of the counselors, were covered in mud from head to toe, and no one cared that we missed out on our usual Picnic on the Prairie.”

Where does Walters head when she has a few moments to slip away for some quite reflective time?

“The pond at the Ostermeier Prairie Center is my favorite place to sit and enjoy the peaceful serenity of the Garden,” she remarked.

One would suspect that during those reflective moments, her mind slips into thoughts of how programming can further entice visitors to take the time to visit Lincoln Memorial Garden and discover what she considers a true Springfield gem.

“Lincoln Memorial Garden is a place where people can run or walk the trails, look for migrating birds or spring wildflowers, take advantage of educational programs or merely sit on one of the wooden benches and enjoy the peaceful serenity,” Walters explained. “There’s always something new to discover about the Garden.”

Above: A young camper makes some interesting discoveries in the Cypress Grove at LMG at 2015 Ecology Camp. (Photo by Audra Walters). Right: Audra is shown here demonstrating how to make noise-makers from natural materials during the 2017 First Night Celebration. (Photo by Katharine Eastvold)
Ecology Camp

Registration is now underway for Lincoln Memorial Garden’s popular summer camp. Ecology Camp offers children ages 4-15 the chance to explore the varied ecosystems of Illinois, including the prairie, woodlands, wetlands and savanna.

Our camp is designed to cultivate respect and appreciation for the environment and inspire a sense of wonder through direct experiences with the natural world.

Weeklong sessions include nature hikes, outdoor games, hands-on activities, nature crafts and animal and plant encounters. Our Nature Center provides an indoor area of learning, but the great outdoors will be our place of play and discovery. Register online at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org or call (217) 529-1111. ☀

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Pre-order/Pre-sale Geranium Sale

by Cathy Slater

Through Friday, April 15, eight varieties of locally grown geraniums are for sale with order pickup on April 21, 8 a.m. to noon at LMG’s Prairie Center greenhouse. Delivery is free for orders of four or more flats of 15 pots each. Checks should be made payable to: Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62712. Varieties include red, white, salmon, violet, pink, Maverick Orange and Maverick Star, plus Bullseye Cherry. Visit www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org for order forms and pictures of the flower colors available. ☀

Annual Wildflower Sales at the Garden

The first of two annual native wildflower sales at Lincoln Memorial Garden will be held April 14-15 and will feature shade-loving woodland wildflowers as well as bare root trees. Times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. A variety of herbs also will be offered. Some of the featured plants are ferns, trillium, wild geranium and spiderwort. Herbs include lavender, basil, cilantro, rosemary and dill. Trees include dogwood, redbud, silverbell, American plum and several varieties of oaks.

The second plant sale, which will be held May 12-13, will feature sun-loving plants, including lead plant, purple coneflower, prairie smoke, spiderwort, blazing star, nodding onion, horse mint and more. Nature Center doors will be open for that sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 13. ☀

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.

In memory of Barbara Greening, memorial donations were received from . . .

- Ron and Beth Horwedel
- Linda Chronister
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- Dottie Troop

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A gift in honor of Ray Ackerman’s birthday was given by
- Karen H. Pletsch

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- Roselyn Wallis
Prairie Path Bridge Completed

Story and photos by Steven Read

Through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, Kathy Germeraad and the Germeraad Family Fund donated $7,500 to the Garden for the purchase of materials needed to replace the Prairie Path and the Jesse Knotts Bridges. Garden volunteers were to provide the labor to demolish the old bridges and construct the new ones.

Work began on the Prairie Path Bridge in late October of last year. Work continued into the winter, through the holidays and during some very cold weather. The bridge was completed in early February. Thanks are due to Chuck Allen, who supervised the project, and the Building & Grounds Crew volunteers. Chuck has been involved with the replacement of nearly all of the bridges, and we especially want to thank him for sharing his experience and expertise. Jones-Blythe Construction Co. donated the concrete forms and accessories, and Selvaggio Steel donated the steel strap bars used for the handrail. Work is scheduled to begin on the Jesse Knotts Bridge as weather and creek conditions allow.

Thank you to Kathy Germeraad and the Germeraad Family.

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.

Yoga at the Garden

Caring for our bodies and the Earth while cultivating the seeds of our intention

This class is for all who would like to grow in physical strength and flexibility and manifest the deepest intentions of the heart... for gardeners and those who love gardens. Friend of the Garden Carol Dunaway will lead the class. All experience levels are welcome. Following the class, there will be a short walk to enjoy the Garden and the emerging spring wildflowers.

Please bring a mat and blanket; chairs will be provided. The class will begin on Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m. in the Nature Center. Sign up at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org to reserve your spot.

A donation of $20 is suggested. All proceeds go to LMG.
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