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1 – 4 — Sunday
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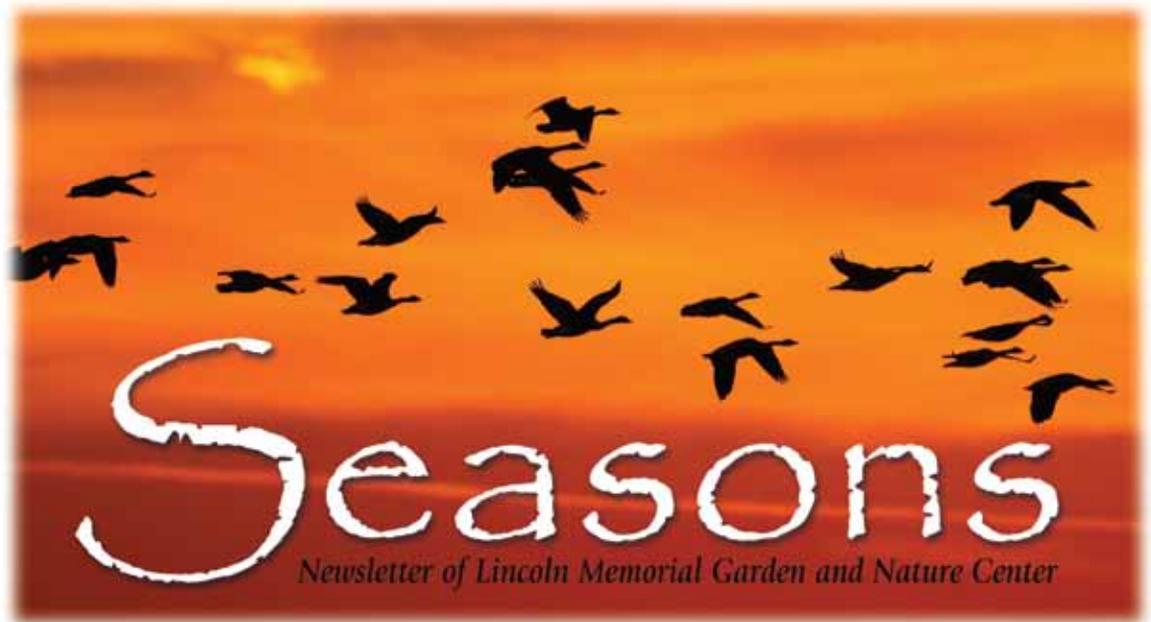
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Fall celebration returns to the Garden

by Tom Wilkin

Join in the fun on Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when Lincoln Memorial Garden's highly popular Fall Harvest Festival returns to Cawley Meadow.

Here's some of what you can do at the Festival:

- ❖ Eat at three food vendors: Hy-Vee, Great House BBQ and Fair Food.
- ❖ Listen to a variety of talented bands (see page 5 for details).
- ❖ Enter the raffle for a SmokeFire 2nd Gen EX6 wood-fired pellet grill, valued at \$1,200; tickets are \$20 or 3 for \$50, and the drawing will occur at 3:30 p.m. on October 10.
- ❖ Engage in a variety of activities with your family: make a scarecrow, make a walking stick, construct a fairy house, visit the new youth nature playscape and much more!
- ❖ Shop at our vendors' tables and visit the demonstration booths.
- ❖ View the winning entries in the annual LMG Photo Contest and cast your vote for People's Choice. The winner will be announced at 3:30 p.m. on October 10.
- ❖ Snap family photographs; several fun backdrops will be available.



Visit www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org or the Garden's Facebook page for the latest updates!

Proceeds from the event support the Garden's educational programs for youth and adults and help underwrite operating and maintenance costs for the nonprofit organization.

Lincoln Memorial Garden is taking measures to protect our staff, volunteers and the public from COVID-19. Because the COVID situation is dynamic, state and federal guidance on safe practices in place at the time of the event will be practiced. Visit www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org for updated information in advance of the 2021 Fall Harvest Festival. 🍂



Photo by Cathy Slater

Troll spotting

by Cathy Slater

Thanks to the creativity of a Springfield Art Association high school summer art camp, a woodland trail in the Garden is now home to a larger-than-life troll. This nine-foot resident sits under a little leaf linden tree with his nine-foot legs outstretched before him.

SAA education director Erin Svendsen, inspired by the scrap-wood works of Danish sculptor artist Thomas Dambo, lead her campers to create a piece of whimsical woodland art that Danish Jens Jensen would no doubt enjoy! ∞



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Above: Asters are one of many wildflowers that bring color and beauty to the Garden during autumn. Photo by Virginia Scott

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.

- ❖ Susie Burton, Andy Glosecki and family gave a memorial bench for Edie Glosecki.
- ❖ Jo Ann Bunn made a donation in memory of Elva Kay McMurray.

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.

Upcoming events and programs at the Garden

by Audra Walters

Fall Junior/Senior Naturalist Programs

Registration is now open for our fall sessions of Junior and Senior Naturalists. Sessions are once a month in October, November and December. This fall, young naturalists will explore the science of one of fall's iconic symbols, use bones to identify some of the animals found at the Garden and discover their artistic side through an art-in-nature program.



OCTOBER 2
Pumpkins



NOVEMBER 6
Bats



DECEMBER 4
Animals in Winter

Junior Naturalists (ages five through eight) meet from 9 to 11 a.m., and **Senior Naturalists** (ages eight through 12) meet from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost for all three sessions is \$30 for members and \$36 for nonmembers. Fees cover class materials and snacks. Naturalists can also register for individual sessions at a cost of \$12 each for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Register online at the Garden's website: www.lincolnmemorygarden.org.



Leaf ID hikes

If your student has been assigned the task of creating a leaf collection and doesn't know the difference between an oak and a maple leaf, then these hikes will be of interest to you. On September 11, 12, 18 and 19, the Garden will present leaf identification and collection hikes to assist students in completion of leaf collection projects. During these hikes, Garden naturalists will identify and distribute leaves from at least 25 species.

Hikes begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Nature Center. The cost is \$5 per person or \$3 for Garden members. Registration is required and hikes are limited to 25 participants each. Anyone going on the hike must register (including parents) online at www.lincolnmemorygarden.org.



Volunteer Naturalist Training

On Thursday, September 23, we will hold volunteer naturalist training for both new and experienced volunteers. This is an opportunity to come out and learn everything you need to know in order to lead schoolchildren on nature hikes through the Garden. At the same time, you will learn more about the natural world, enjoy the seasonal changes and experience the joy of sharing your new knowledge with the many children who visit the Garden.

This training session runs from 12 to 3 p.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Audra at (217) 529-1111 or audra@lincolnmemorygarden.org.



Tiny Adventurers

Tiny Adventurers is a hands-on nature exploration program aimed at children ages three to five with an adult chaperone. At each session, participants will learn about a different nature topic, make a craft and enjoy a story. There will be both a morning (10–11 a.m.) and an afternoon session (1–2 p.m.) available on each date. Cost for the program is per family: \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Register online at www.lincolnmemorygarden.org.

- ❖ October 6 — Pumpkins
- ❖ November 10 — Bats
- ❖ December 8 — Animals in Winter

Bird Hikes

As fall arrives at the Garden, so do a variety of migrating birds. The Garden's Saturday morning bird hikes, led by volunteer birding expert Kevin Veara, allow participants to seek out these visitors as well as year-round resident birds. Hikes begin at 8 a.m. in front of the Nature Center. They are free and open to birders of all experience levels. Binoculars are recommended. Hikes will take place on September 25 and October 2, 9, 16 and 23.



Song thrush

Support wildlife by minimizing your fall cleanup

by Kathy Andrews Wright

The onset of the shorter and cooler days of autumn signals deciduous trees to drop their leaves, a mechanism necessary to conserve food resources during the winter months. Falling leaves then trigger a ritual of autumn—raking leaves, filling yard waste bags and waiting on local providers to haul the bags off the curb. But look closely and you'll discover that your garden and lawn are alive throughout the year as hidden, miniature ecosystems that provide food and shelter to a host of organisms. Perhaps this is the year that instead of removing beneficial garden inhabitants, we can gift our landscapes with new gardening habits.

Fallen leaf litter contains a host of butterfly eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and even adult butterflies. On the ground, wrapped in leaves from the host tree they fed on as caterpillars, are the cocoons of luna moths and red-spotted purple, viceroy, swallowtail and sulphur butterflies. In our eagerness for a clean landscape before the snow flies, we rake up these cocoons

and send them to the landfill. Left undisturbed, the mourning cloak, question mark and eastern comma overwinter as adults, emerging from the leaf litter, or from under a slab of tree bark, to fly about on warm winter days.

Raking up the leaf litter, we also bag up beneficial, predatory insects that feed on garden pests, including praying mantises, lacewings, wolf spiders and ladybugs. Many insects overwinter as juveniles in the dried stems of wildflowers, grasses and berry canes, waiting to emerge when springtime weather hits. Native solitary bees survive frigid winter temperatures protected inside hollow stalks of standing plant material. The leaf-litter ecosystem also supports a diversity of creatures that feed on the invertebrates—from salamanders and box turtles, to frogs and shrews and chipmunks.

Even in the depth of winter, finches, sparrows, chickadees, nuthatches and other birds continue to find sustenance on dried wildflowers and grasses. Not only does this

vegetation provide food for wildlife, the aesthetic appeal they provide to the winter landscape delights many people, as does listening to the rattle of leaves on the winter wind. As winter turns to spring, many insects that have overwintered in our gardens will sustain early migratory songbirds.

Consider modifying your usual outdoor fall activities to create a more ecologically healthy and diverse landscape. Remove the diseased leaves and plants and rake what leaves must come off the lawn. For the remainder, add a blanket of leaves under shrubs to help hold moisture and moderate the temperatures of root systems. Create a compost system to allow insects to survive the winter. You'll reap the springtime benefits of nutrient-rich organic matter for your garden and have less need to spend money on fertilizer and mulch.

Make this the year you spend less time on lawn care and more time simply enjoying the fall colors and wildlife your garden supports.

Thank you to our many supporters!

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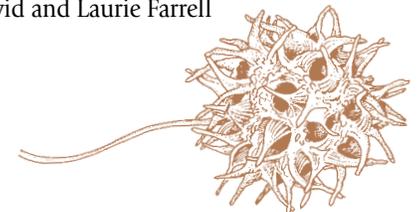
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Fall HARVEST FESTIVAL




OCTOBER 9 - 10, 2021
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days

ADMISSION: \$8
Children 10 and under FREE

SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE!

- Enjoy Live Music
- Build a Fairy House and Play the Migrating Monarch Game
- Visit the New Nature Playscape
- Make a Walking Stick
- Paint a Pumpkin and Make a Scarecrow
- Sample the tasty menus of the concessions and food trucks
- Take a Family Photo
- Have your Face Painted
- Vote for the People's Choice Winner for LMG's Photo Contest

COVID UPDATE

Because the COVID situation is unpredictable, state and federal guidance on safe protocols in place at the time of the event will be practiced. Visit www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org for updated information in advance of the 2021 Fall Harvest Festival.

MUSICIANS *Performances from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day*

SATURDAY

- Joel Gragg (Folk, Rock, Blues)
- Kraig Kenning (Americana)
- Cactus Ranch (Bluegrass)

SUNDAY

- River Ramblers (Bluegrass)
- Tom and Owen Irwin (Folk)
- The Deep Hollow (Americana)

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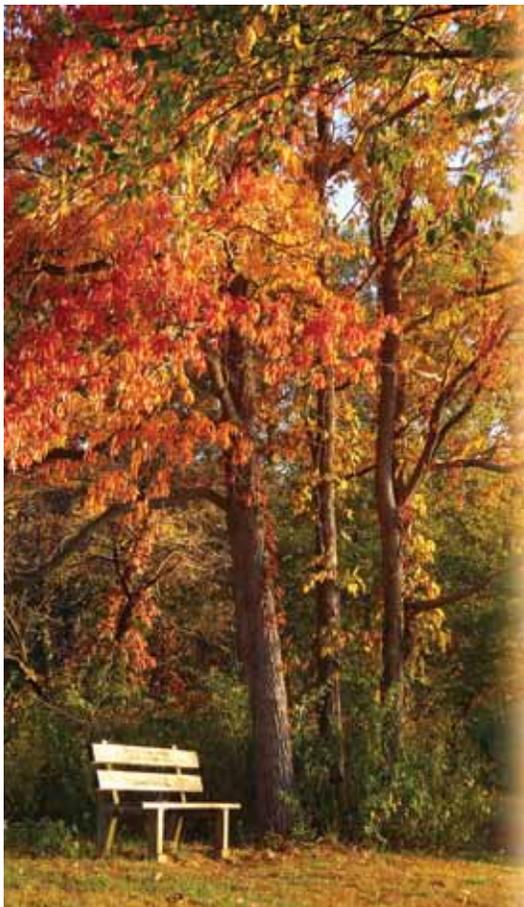
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Calendar

September

- 23 Fall Volunteer Naturalist Training | 12 – 3 p.m.
- 25 Bird Hike | 8 a.m.

October

- 2 Junior Naturalists | 5 – 8 years old | 9 – 11 a.m.
- 2 Senior Naturalists | 8 – 12 years old | 1 – 3 p.m.
- 2, 9, 16 & 23 Bird Hike | 8 a.m.
- 6 Tiny Adventurers | 10 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 2 p.m.
- 9 – 10 Fall Harvest Festival | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

November

- 6 Junior Naturalists | 5 – 8 years old | 9 – 11 a.m.
- 6 Senior Naturalists | 8 – 12 years old | 1 – 3 p.m.
- 10 Tiny Adventurers | 10 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 2 p.m.

December

- 4 Junior Naturalists | 5 – 8 years old | 9 – 11 a.m.
- 4 Senior Naturalists | 8 – 12 years old | 1 – 3 p.m.
- 8 Tiny Adventurers | 10 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 2 p.m.