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“As the old birds sing, so do the young ones tweet”
Indian Summer Festival 2014

The 2014 Indian Summer Festival at Lincoln Memorial Garden will take place October 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Most of this year’s events will take place in the Cawley Meadow, and the full Garden will be open to hike and observe nature at its finest.

The Indian Summer event committee, led by Tom Wilkin and 25 committee members, has prepared another exciting weekend of fun for all ages.

Birds will be featured prominently in this year’s event. The annual birdhouse-building contest has been expanded to include a children’s division of competition. A special children’s craft will also be “for the birds.” Lincoln Memorial Garden will welcome Wild Birds Unlimited to this year’s festival. Plans call for a tent full of information on how to feed and take care of birds as the colder months approach. They will also provide information on various kinds of bird feeders and the best food to provide during the winter.

The festival is the Garden’s oldest annual fundraising activity. Admission is affordable. Adults (age 13 and older) get in for $5. Children (up to age 13) get in for $3. Infants and toddlers are admitted free. Funds generated at this popular annual event support education programs for young people, help defray the costs of caring for the Garden, and ensure that it remains free to the public year-round.

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This year, one of the key uses for the funds will be to continue the ongoing effort to eradicate invasive species, including bush honeysuckle. Part of that project has been to eliminate the bush honeysuckle along the northern and western edge of the festival grounds—this opens up the view of the festival from the parking lot. The bulk of this work is being done by a grounds crew made up of volunteers who come weekly.

Children’s activities include pumpkin decorating, face painting, crafts, puppet shows, balloon sculptures, Smokey Bear and an entertainment stage. Of course, fairy house construction will take place, helping ensure even unseen creatures have safe shelter for the winter. Volunteers have been working to expand the fairy house area. Houses are built using all-natural materials, including acorns, twigs, bark, leaves, grasses and moss. Children and parents enjoy building these structures, many of which are very elaborate. Everyone loves watching and admiring the final projects.

Again this year, Art in the Garden will take place during the Indian Summer Festival. Artists are invited to join this on-site art demonstration on both Saturday and Sunday (see article below for details). Artists will contribute work created in the Garden to a Silent Auction which will be held on the festival grounds on Sunday. The Springfield Art Association is joining with Lincoln Memorial Garden again this year to provide children’s art activities for Art in the Garden.

Music on this year’s Indian Summer Festival main stage will include bluegrass, Americana roots, folk, country, rock, blues and Celtic music. See lineup and schedule below, provided by main stage chair Karen Kirk.

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists will be providing educational information and activities. Youth currently attending Brenda Larison’s class on Monarch butterflies will be “helpers” at the Native Wildflower Garden/UI Extension booth at Indian Summer Festival. Their efforts will include a special game for kids, to be played at 11 a.m. each day.

Attendees can also browse the craft fair and demonstration, which again this year will feature woodworker Jack Anderson, blade smith Dave Armour, and potters Barry and Linda Lane, who will demonstrate and sell pottery combined with natural wood products.

On Saturday, the Springfield Bonsai Society will be back with their very popular sales and demonstrations. A 50/50 drawing will take place again this year.

Of course, no festival is complete without food. Chair Steve Read and his team tell us that this year’s menu will include the popular butterfly pork chop sandwiches, plus hot dogs, veggie burgers, nachos, popcorn, kettle corn and drinks. The Springfield Civic Garden Club will return with homemade baked goods to eat at the festival or take home for dessert. This year they will have two tents—one near the children’s area featuring small treats to enjoy on the go.

Come join the many volunteers who work so hard to make this event possible. Many helpers are needed during the two-day event to serve food, take money, greet visitors, work the children’s events, park cars, and other activities. If you would like to be a volunteer, or for more information, call (217) 529-1111.

## Music in the air

### Indian Summer Festival Main Stage Lineup

#### Saturday, October 11

11:00 – 12:30  
Square of the Roots  
*Americana Roots, Folk, Country, Bluegrass*

12:45 – 2:15  
Johnny & 2Gs  
*Bluegrass*

2:30 – 4:00  
Murder of Crows  
*folk, Rock n Roll, Blues*

#### Sunday, October 12

11:00 – 12:30  
Skibbereen  
*Celtic*

12:45 – 2:15  
Deep Hollow  
*Americana, Folk, Country*

2:30 – 4:00  
The Gordons  
*folk*

## Calling all artists

Artists of all media are invited to spend a day in Lincoln Memorial Garden, creating art on Saturday and Sunday, October 11–12, during the Indian Summer Festival.

The Garden in autumn is nature in all its glory! Set up your work station anywhere in the 60 acres of splendor that awaits you.

The public will be invited to visit the artists at work in the historic Garden and watch them create. Artists will have the option to display and sell additional works in their work area. All proceeds remain with the artist. Artists can set up and create during a morning or afternoon shift, or both. Saturday artists are invited to donate one finished piece to the Garden at the end of the day. On Sunday, the second day of the Indian Summer Festival, the donated works will be moved to Cawley Meadow, displayed and sold at the Festival via silent auction with those proceeds benefiting the Garden.

Lunch, snack and beverages will be provided for the artists depending on the shift attended. Restroom facilities are available at the Nature Center. Artists are asked to pre-register by September 26 using the form available at [http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org/news.html](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org/news.html). You can also call the Garden for more information: (217) 529-1111.
Birdhouse building contest appeals to all ages

By Kathy Andrews Wright

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Entrants are encouraged to design and build a functional or whimsical house for the nesting wrens, chickadees or other feathered friends. Functional means the house is healthy and appropriate for the intended occupants. Whimsical designs allow for creativity to the overall design.

All entries must be original and built by the entrant within the last 12 months. Five prizes are offered: Best Functional Design ($100), Best Whimsical Design ($75), Best Youth Functional Design ($50), Best Youth Whimsical Design ($50) and People’s Choice ($50).

The contest is open to everyone, with the youth category open to those 12 years old and younger. Complete contest rules and entry forms are available online at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org, or by calling (217) 529-1111.

Birdhouses can be delivered to the Lincoln Memorial Garden Nature Center starting September 29, with the entry deadline at 4:30 p.m. on October 10. A $5 non-refundable application fee is due upon delivery of each entry, which also provides the entrant’s admission fee to the Indian Summer Festival on both Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12.

Join in the fun of creating a birdhouse for the competition, and then enjoy years of watching young birds being raised in your handiwork.

SCGC Upcoming Monthly Meetings

(9:15 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 South Walnut, Springfield)

Sept. 8—The Care and Propagation of Succulents and Cacti.
Speaker: Myra Middendorf of Freeburg, IL. Myra has been gardening for 40 years and has been interested in growing succulents and cacti for 15 years. She now has 33 different kinds of aloes and 18 different types of agave. Wanting to share succulents and cacti for decorative purposes, Myra plants and sells them in small, unusual containers.
Workshop: After the meeting, Myra will assist members in the creation of their own succulent arrangements. Participants will be able to select from a variety of containers, potting soil, sand mixture and plants provided by Myra. If you have a favorite container, stones or keepsakes, bring those for your arrangement.
Annual Flea Market: Garden-related and quality hand crafted items will be offered for sale before and after the meeting. Come early and enjoy this unique sale. Ten percent of the profits will go to SCGC.

Oct. 6—Doing It Dried.
Speaker: Ada Lynn Shrewsbury, SCGC Past President, Accredited Flower Show Judge and Floral Design Instructor. Whether you purchase flowers, grow and harvest them from your own garden or “admire and acquire” your floral material from the roadside—beautiful floral designs can be created with a minimal amount of cost. Join Ada Lynn as she shows us just how creative we can be with a small investment in time and money.

Annual Seed and Plant Exchange: Bring in your extra plants and seeds to share with other SCGC members.

Nov. 3—Committee Fair—Everything you Wanted to Know…
Presented by SCGC Committee Chairs. The November meeting will be a special meeting for members and potential members of SCGC. Learn about all the opportunities available for participation in the committees, projects and activities of the club. The meeting will have the feeling of a fair with informational booths, displays, prizes, great food, games and fun.

SCGC Special Event

Oct. 2—Workshop: Halloween Gourd Candy Dish.
SCGC’s own High Queen “Gourdess” of the Garden, Liz Drake, will lead this workshop in the creation of a Halloween candy dish. Participants will be provided with a clean and prepped gourd plus all materials needed to complete this project. The class fee is $37 ($5 of which will go to SCGC.) Class is limited to 10 students and will be held at the Washington Park Botanical Garden.

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Educational programs announced for Fall of ‘14

By Audra Waters

Fall bird hikes
Catch a glimpse of migrating birds with our volunteer birding expert Kevin Veara. Kevin will again be leading Saturday morning bird identification hikes on September 20 and 27, and October 4 and 11. Hikes begin at the Nature Center at 8 a.m. Hikes are free and open to birders of all skill levels.

Leaf collecting hikes
Every year the Garden receives many calls from frantic parents and students about school leaf projects. We will be offering two leaf-collecting hikes this fall to help students identify and gather leaves. These will take place on Sundays, September 7 and 14, starting at 1:30 at the Nature Center. The cost is $5 per person or free to members. Participants will be able to collect at least 25 different leaves, and a Garden naturalist will be available after the hike to answer individual questions. Call the Garden at (217) 529-1111 to reserve a spot.

Volunteer Naturalist Training
Every fall hundreds of school children visit Lincoln Memorial Garden, many for the first time. With the leadership of our dedicated volunteer naturalists, these students are introduced to the wonders of nature.

We are always in search of new volunteers, willing to give of their time to help lead fall nature hikes. Volunteers don’t need a vast scientific background or to be able to identify every plant in the Garden. We just ask that volunteers come with a willingness to open a child’s eyes to the importance of the natural world around them.

This year’s Fall Volunteer Naturalist Training will take place on Tuesday, September 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nature Center. The training will afford both new and seasoned naturalists an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Garden’s history, trails, flora and fauna as well as tips for leading hikes. Lunch will be provided for this event. Contact Audra at (217) 529-1111 or audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org to register or to get more information.

Fall Junior/Senior Naturalist Program
After a fun-filled summer of Ecology Camp, we are ready to welcome back our Junior and Senior Naturalists. This fall program series will give young naturalists an opportunity to explore the ever-changing landscape the Garden offers. Through hands-on activities, games and outdoor investigation we will discover some of the autumnal changes.

Each session is limited to 25 registrants. The cost for the three-session Fall Series is $40 for Garden members and $45 for nonmembers. Unable to attend the entire series? Individual session registration is also available at a cost of $15 each for members and $18 for nonmembers. Online registration is available at the Garden’s website at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org. A printable registration form can be found at that link as well.

Junior Naturalists (5-8 years) meet from 9 a.m. to Noon. Senior Naturalists (9-12 years) meet from 1-4 p.m. Questions? Contact the Garden at (217) 529-1111 or email audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Saturday, October 4—Come and Seed
Fall is the time of year when many of the Garden’s trees and plants are ripe with seeds. We will learn to identify trees by their seeds as well as how seeds move and grow.

Saturday, November 1—Creepy, Crawly, Icky
Not every critter found in the Garden is cute and fluffy, but they are just as important as those that are. Come join us as we go in search of these sometimes hidden creatures.

Saturday, December 6—Surviving Winter
We’ll learn about adaptations that help the Garden’s animals survive the cold Illinois winters.
Donate a dollar, and a match will make it two

Help bring new technology to the Nature Center

A teacher slides a page beneath a sleek silver cylinder. On the screen above her, images of birds appear larger than life, vivid and sharp. Around her, students gather to discuss the colorful display.

This wonderful learning tool is a video microscope, and you can help acquire one for Lincoln Memorial Garden’s Nature Center. It magnifies almost anything—a leaf, a fossil, a feather, even a printed page—and makes it possible for a group to share the magnified images shown on a large wall-hung flat screen. It is an outstanding example of modern technology enhancing environmental education.

A generous friend of the Garden has stepped forward and will match, dollar for dollar, donations for the video microscope until the purchase price is achieved. What a great opportunity to double your gift.

The Nature Center currently has nothing like this to offer the thousands of children (and adults) who visit the Garden each year. Its old microscope no longer functions, and at best was limited to one viewer at a time, unlike the video microscope that displays magnified images for all to see.

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln has awarded the Garden $500 toward the purchase price of $3,230. That leaves $2,730 to raise, but with the matching gift from our anonymous donor, we need only raise $1,365 to reach our goal.

Remember, every dollar brings a matching dollar; five hundred dollars means a thousand toward the purchase.

Will you help? Contact Joel Horwedel at joel@lincolnmemorialgarden.org, or call (217) 529-1111. Or you can simply send your check to Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712.

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

- Indian Summer Festival Sponsorships—$200
- Video microscope donations for Nature Center
- Heavy duty paper cutter—$150
- Junior Naturalist supplies—any amount

If you can help, send a check for the cost of the item, or a portion of the cost, 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.
Commemorating the extinction of the passenger pigeon

By Kathy Andrews Wright

Accounts written by early North American settlers tell of bird flocks obscuring the sun, of the constant roar of birds on take-off and landing and of the overwhelming thunder of millions of wings of migrating birds. Passenger pigeons ranged throughout the eastern portion of North America, and on occasion would winter in southern Illinois. Once considered the most abundant land bird in North America, the population was estimated to total three to five billion. Roost sites could cover an area five by 12 miles, with one reference citing as many as 500 nests in a tree.

March 24, 1900. On September 1, 1914, the world’s last passenger pigeon, Martha, died in the Cincinnati Zoo

Sadly, this year we commemorate 100 years of the loss of a species that stirred vivid, emotionally charged accounts of its existence.

A year-long international campaign is under way to encourage people to recognize the issue of extinction and motivate actions to build sustainable relationships with the world’s wildlife. Project Passenger Pigeon (www.passengerpigeon.org) is designed to familiarize people with the history and extinction of the passenger pigeon through educational materials, exhibitions, public events and citizen engagement. The website also contains details about a new 57-minute dramatic film, From Billions to None, on the important message of the passenger pigeon’s flight to extinction. The film uses the passenger pigeon to tell a story of extinction and to explore many of today’s environmental issues. Through cutting-edge animation techniques, viewers will have the opportunity to experience the sky-filling flight of the passenger pigeon. Visit the Project Passenger Pigeon website for a schedule of airings on local PBS stations and at events hosted by conservation organizations.

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Thanks & praise

Memberships

When you visit the Garden, chances are that many of the people you pass along the trails, meet at an event or see in the Nature Center are members of the Garden. They’re members because they enjoy and use the Garden, they care about the Garden, and they want to make sure the Garden continues to be maintained as its founders and designer envisioned.

New lifetime members

Life memberships are placed in the Garden’s Endowment Fund where they continue to earn interest for future Garden operations. When renewing your membership, please consider a life membership.

Amy McEuen and Leon Hinz
Drew Davis
Steven and Robin Read
Karen and Jim Nachtwey

New members

Alice Plutz
Jan Marsh
Margaret Coleman
Janet Hagen
Steve Paska
Bob and Valerie Patterson
Eric Stachera
Brad and Nancy Butcher
Mr. and Mrs. August Appleton
Alice Bigelow
Carey Lundin
Sharon Havey
JoAnne Willard
Nancy Slove
Nancy McTaggart
Julia and Tony Pezold
Erica Smith
Thomas Lerczak

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Thank you to the following individuals who contributed to the success of Lunch in Bloom:

- David and Laurie Farrell
- Joan Gardner
- Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hammel

### 2013 Annual Fund contributions

Helping children discover the out-of-doors and making them more aware of the natural world is one of the most important tasks we perform at the Garden. But in order to continue these programs we need your assistance with our Annual Fund Campaign which is the Garden’s single most important source of operating funds each year. It provides key support for our education programs as well as other vital components of Garden operations.

- Dennis and Kate Wilson
- Elva Thompson
- Jacqueline Bohn
- Marianne and Mike Lawrence
- Mary Caroline Mitchell
- Mary Lynne Cleverdon
- Patrick and Diane Lopez Hughes

### Acorn Fund donors

The Acorn Legacy Campaign has increased the Garden’s endowment, generating the earnings needed to fulfill long-term goals and reach new generations. Thank you to the following for their generous contributions:

- Kelly & Karen Grant
- Jim and Mary Grundel
- Grace and Peter Wenz

### Wish List donors

Thank you to the following for contributing items from the Garden’s wishlist: David and Laurie Farrell, for donating a two-ton floor jack, and Danny and Judith Morres for their contribution of hand tools.

Special thanks also to the Rotary Club of Springfield South, for donating money for the purchase of a digital SLR camera and zoom lens for the Education Program.

### Memorials

Memorials were made to Lincoln Memorial Gardens for the following individuals:

- In memory of Leon “Butch” Call, by JoAnn Satterfield.
- In memory of Lt. Col. Madison Post, by William and Linda Schlosser
- In memory of John Beechler, by Katie Teel
- In memory of Mary Ann Benya, by Sue Lohrenz, Irmgard and Willy Marick and Bob and Fran Naugle

### Contributions

The following contributions have been made to Lincoln Memorial Garden:

- Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Chesley, in honor of Helen Everson’s birthday.
- Richard and Kendra Pameiter, in honor of Larry Miller.
- Larry Tate, in honor of Paul Biggers.

### Indian Summer Festival Sponsors

The Garden thanks the following contributors in anticipation of the 2014 Indian Summer Festival (as of 8-25-14):

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### 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.

- Edward J. and Barbara Alewelt
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- Jim and Mary Grundel
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Sunday, September 7  Leaf collecting hike—1:30 p.m. at the Nature Center. Advance registration required; call (217) 529-1111. Free to members, $5 for non-members.

Sunday, September 14  Leaf collecting hike—1:30 p.m. at the Nature Center. Advance registration required; call (217) 529-1111. Free to members, $5 for non-members.

Tuesday, September 16  Volunteer Naturalist Training—9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nature Center. Call (217) 529-1111 for details.

Saturday, September 20  Fall migration bird hike with Kevin Veara—8 a.m. Meet at Nature Center. Free and open to public.

Saturday, September 27  Fall migration bird hike with Kevin Veara—8 a.m. Meet at Nature Center. Free and open to public.

Saturday, October 4  Fall migration bird hike with Kevin Veara—8 a.m. Meet at Nature Center. Free and open to public.

Saturday, October 4  Come and Seed Junior Naturalist Program—9 a.m. to Noon. See page 4 for registration and fee information.

Saturday, October 4  Come and Seed Senior Naturalist Program—1–4 p.m. See page 4 for registration and fee information.

Saturday, October 11  Fall migration bird hike with Kevin Veara—8 a.m. Meet at Nature Center. Free and open to public.

Saturday, October 11  2014 Indian Summer Festival at Lincoln Memorial Garden—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $5 adults (age 13 and older), $3 children (up to age 13), infants and toddlers are admitted free.

Sunday, October 12  2014 Indian Summer Festival at Lincoln Memorial Garden—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $5 adults (age 13 and older), $3 children (up to age 13), infants and toddlers are admitted free.

Saturday, November 1  Creepy, Crawly, Icky Junior Naturalist Program—9 a.m. to Noon. See page 4 for registration and fee information.

Saturday, December 6  Surviving Winter Junior Naturalist Program—9 a.m. to Noon. See page 4 for registration and fee information.

Saturday, December 6  Surviving Winter Senior Naturalist Program—1–4 p.m. See page 4 for registration and fee information.