Walgreen Bridge closed
Bridge of “stalwart timber” is no longer sturdy

By Steven Read

In her autobiography Never a Dull Day, Myrtle Walgreen wrote:

“One of my favorite birthday presents is in that garden. One day, Mrs. Knudson happened to remark that she wished some club would lead out in starting a fund for a much-needed bridge to span a ravine. The next day I told Charles (Charles R. Walgreen, founder of Walgreen Company) what I felt would make a pretty nice birthday gift—and the bridge of stalwart timber and sturdy lines materialized.”

The bridge of “stalwart timber” measured 70 feet long and 15 feet high. As the story goes, thereafter Charles Walgreen’s gifts to Myrtle had to fit inside a closet.

Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden was officially dedicated on October 4, 1938. The foundations of the Walgreen Bridge were completed in November of 1939, and the bridge itself completed in early 1940. The bridge was constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) at a cost of $1,000, which was possibly the cost of the materials Charles contributed. It was repaired in the 1970s and again in 1988.

Unfortunately, the bridge of ‘stalwart timber and sturdy lines’ has deteriorated significantly over...
Welcome to the newest members of Lincoln Memorial Garden:

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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.
Welcome new board members

By Steve Read

The Lincoln Memorial Garden Annual Meeting is a time to visit with members who we may not have seen for a while. It is a time to thank members of the board who have completed their terms and a time to welcome new members to the board. This year we have a very dedicated group of retiring board members. Those board members who completed their terms include Jack Anderson, Karen Nachtway, Nicky Stratton, Bruce Strom, and Jane Treadwell. They will be missed, but I am sure they will remain active in Garden activities.

Officers who continue to serve include Steve Read as president and Tom Wilkin as president-elect. Newly elected officers are Tom Skelly, treasurer, and Kathy Kojis, secretary. Board members elected to a second term include Dick Adorjan, Sharon Kweder, and Tom Skelly. Carol Green, President of the Springfield Civic Garden Club, and Laurel DeBoer, President of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. will serve their second year on the board. Members to serve on the Executive Committee are Brent Beeman, Kathy Kojis, Steve Read, Tom Skelly, Nicky Stratton, and Tom Wilkin.

We are so pleased to welcome a very outstanding group of new board members who bring a wide range of skills and talents.

Meghan (Meggie) Davlin is the Director of Communications and Special Events at the Illinois Automobile Dealers Association. Her responsibilities include coordinating, promoting, and executing annual meetings and a state convention. Davlin’s previous experience included work in market research. She was responsible for the production of the Junior Circle of Hope, a division of The Hope Institute for Children and Families.

Susan Flanagan retired from the State of Illinois after a 32-year career in IT development and management. Flanagan and her husband Doug have two children, five grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. She is a volunteer on the LMG grounds crew and also volunteers as a front desk hostess. Last year she participated in the Monarch Project and planted milkweed, which attracted monarchs and several other pollinators. Flanagan especially appreciates being part of the team to introduce the next generation to the wonders of nature through the various programs at LMG.

Brittney Isringhausen grew up on the lake and has enjoyed Lincoln Memorial Garden her entire life. She graduated from Greenville College in 2012 with a BA in Sociology/Anthropology and a minor in Art. She graduated from St. John’s College of Nursing in 2014. Brittney works as a registered nurse at the Memorial Medical Center emergency department. She was married at Lincoln Memorial Garden last August.

Cathy Slater and her husband, Doug, are long-time members of LMG. In the late 1980s while starting a backyard prairie, she helped collect prairie seeds from abandoned railway corridors with a group of LMG volunteers led by Jim Mathias. Upon retirement from Glenwood Middle School as a Language Arts teacher, Slater began beekeeping, completed Master Gardener training, and joined the newly established Nature Book Group. She is a member of the Illinois Native Plant Society. Cathy and Doug’s two sons live with their families in Colorado. She shares an appreciation and enjoyment of all things outdoors with her four grandkids. Two have already attended Ecology Camp, and two more will be attending in the coming years.

Welcome to all the new board members.

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson
Memorials

Lincoln Memorial Gardens extends gratitude to the following individuals, who made contributions in memory of their friends and loved ones.

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In memory of Lucille A. Anderson, a memorial donation was received from . . .
- Donald and Judith Anderson
Wildflower demonstration project

By Nicky Stratton

How would you like to go to wildflower school?

No, it’s not what you’re thinking—no hard wooden chairs, power points or lectures. This is the kind of nature school that Lincoln Memorial Garden was designed to teach. This one will be right outside the Nature Center on a big plot of land that is easily accessible and perfect for a wildflower school.

A dedicated group of University of Illinois Extension Service Master Gardeners and other volunteers will be maintaining the garden aided by Larry Miller, LMG’s Head Gardener. They’ve already gotten a good start this year.

The first step was to clean the area, which is home to many wildflowers but also invasive plants that were crowding them out. Lincoln Memorial Garden’s regular volunteer grounds crew worked early in the spring to eliminate the understory plants and non-native species so the wildflowers have room to grow. Then the area was measured to create quadrants, which will make it easier to manage.

As the project develops, volunteers will move vulnerable plants from other parts of the Garden to place them in this area where they can survive and thrive. Eventually the plants will be marked with identifiers so they can be easily recognized.

The garden plot will illustrate the progression of wildflowers through a growing season. Visitors can learn about the emergence of a succession of plants—from the tiny delicate early spring wildflowers to the tall grasses and finally the big late summer plants like white and yellow snakeroot and goldenrod.

A bonus comes with this project. The work to make room for the wildflowers has recreated Jen Jensen’s original vision of an open area with a view of the lake through filtered sunlight. Much of that view was lost when the invasives moved in.

When you take walks in the Garden, be sure to pass by this area and watch the progression of the project and the succession of the wildflowers through the seasons. This school will be in session all summer (and beyond).

The photos on this page show the area just west of the Nature Center that was cleared of invasive species (top left) in order to allow the native spring wildflowers to flourish once again. Photos courtesy of Mark Krell and Dick Adorjan.
Still a chance for Ecology Camp

By Audra Waters

In just a few short weeks Lincoln Memorial Garden will be filled with the sounds of excited young naturalists; the crunch of woodchips as they hike along the trails, “oohs and ahs” of seeing a snake beside the lake, animated squeals as ‘prey’ run away during a much-loved game of Predator/Prey. Campers can look forward to favorite activities such as making a camp T-shirt, studying lake water, and picnicking on the prairie on Fridays—but campers will also discover new favorites. If you are still looking to fill your child’s summer schedule, Ecology Camp at LMG is a great way for him or her to spend warm summer days. Registration for most sessions is available at the Garden’s website www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org. If you would like more information or have any questions contact Audra at (217) 529-1111 or audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

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Lincoln Memorial Garden would like to thank all of the following for their contributions to the many events and activities that take place at and for the Garden.

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- Jo Alessandrini and Guerry Suggs
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Pancake and Sausage Breakfast volunteers
The Garden relies on its volunteers, especially for the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Thanks to Dick and Helen Adorjan, Jack Anderson, Neil Brumleve, Dan Brill, Kathy Burda, Dean and Lisa Butzow, Kim Cessna, Nancy Chesley, Paul Countryman, Mary Anne Elson, Dale and Veronica Fesser, Doug and Susan Flanagan, Scott Germeraad, Jim and Mary Grundel, John Hamilton, Jim and Susan Helm, Mike and Donna Holinga, Ron and Beth Horwedel, Wayne Huckabee, Nancy Hunter, Lois Jazo, Albert Jefferies, Rich Johnson, Glen Jones, Karen Kirk, Dave and Kathy Kolaz, Bob Leach, Kent Massie, Dick McLane, Joe and Marilyn Muller, Charlene Myers, Sally Putnam, Kathryn Ransom, Steve Read, Lori Reardon, Jim Reed, Bill and Barbara Rogers, Fran Sehring, Tom Skelly and Karen McNaught, Nicky Stratton, Bruce and Lois Strom, Jane Treadwell, Joan Walters, Tom Wilkin, Rick and Kathy Wright.

Save the Date!

The Garden is happy to announce the dates of its biggest fundraiser, the Indian Summer Festival. This year’s festival will be held on October 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Traditionally, we always hold the Festival on the first two days of the Columbus Day Weekend.

Planning is underway, and several great music acts have already signed. This year’s music lineup includes Cactus Ranch, Ben Bedford, the Burr Oak String Band, Kraig Kenning, and The Deep Hollow.

As always, our Festival traditions will continue with great artisan sales and demonstrations, fairy houses, nature crafts, wildlife demonstrations, and many children’s activities.

“This wonderful family-oriented Festival provides an opportunity for families to spend time together in the splendor of the Garden’s fall colors,” says Festival chair Tom Wilkin.

Proceeds from Indian Summer Festival support the Garden’s educational programs for children and adults and help with operating and maintenance costs.

Our Wish List

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

- Battery Tender 4-bank battery charger—$150
- Metal storage shelf—$100
- 4.5-inch angle grinder—$100
- Ecology Camp supplies or sponsorships—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.

Acorn Legacy Fund

Since 2009, the Acorn Legacy Fund has been the endowment fund for Lincoln Memorial Garden.

Karen C. Schwenk
Membership Renewal Time

Lincoln Memorial Garden members know it’s that time of year again! The Garden is in bloom and the prairie and woods are alive with the signs of summer. It is also time to renew your annual Lincoln Memorial Garden membership.

Thanks to the continued support of our members, Lincoln Memorial Garden has been a treasure in our community for over 75 years. During that time, members have donated countless hours of volunteer work and financial support and their efforts have created a natural garden that continues to grow and flourish every year.

We hope the Garden will continue to inspire its visitors for many years to come, but that can only happen with the contributions made by new and returning members. Together, we can realize the dream of Garden founder Harriet Knudson and landscape architect Jens Jensen by honoring the legacy of Abraham Lincoln and inspiring future generations to enjoy nature.

As a member, you are entitled to reciprocal benefits at other American Horticultural Society (AHS) gardens, a 10 percent discount in the Garden’s Split-Rail Gift Shop, discounted rates for many programs, and invitations to members-only events.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support. Membership renewal can be done online by visiting the Garden’s website at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org. We look forward to seeing your renewal soon.