Calling 8- to 10-year olds

Become a citizen scientist and learn about monarch butterflies in the prairie

By Brenda Larison

What insect migrates 2,000 miles each year, has a wing span less than four inches, and weighs less than a paper clip? This summer at Lincoln Memorial Garden’s Ostermeier Prairie Center, a dozen 8- to 10-year-olds will learn the answer to that question: the monarch butterfly. Each child who enrolls in the Monarchs for Kids class will learn about this magnificent insect, the only butterfly known to migrate such distances—from Canada to the mountains of central Mexico.

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Many Thanks for a Remarkable Effort

As you will see when you read the final report from the Acorn Legacy Committee, Lincoln Memorial Garden had a very successful campaign (see pages 6–7).

The idea for the Acorn Legacy Campaign to increase Lincoln Memorial Garden’s endowment fund was first suggested in 2009 as the Garden board and staff began to discuss ways to commemorate our 75th anniversary.

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butterfly and the relationship of this iconic state insect to Illinois’ native prairie plants.

The classes will be taught by University of Illinois Extension Logan-Menard-Sangamon Unit Master Naturalist and Master Gardener volunteers, with advice from local educators and experts on butterflies.

Students register for all six sessions. Each session, lasting about an hour and a half, will include lessons on butterflies, a show-and-tell of live monarch caterpillars, and a chance to net an adult monarch as we explore the Ostermeier prairie and wildflower garden. We will examine milkweed plants looking for monarchs at each stage of their life cycle: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and adult butterfly.

We plan to tag, record, and release any adult monarchs we successfully net. The tagging information will be provided to Monarch Watch, an outreach program of the University of Kansas dedicated to education, research, and conservation of monarchs. The tagged butterflies will be headed to their overwintering sites in Mexico, and the tags are a way to identify their locations along the migratory route.

At the end of each Monarchs for Kids session, the students will be encouraged to keep and share a field journal documenting what they observe in the wildflower garden and the prairie. Special attention will be paid to native plants and their pollinators.

“The Monarch for Kids program will enable young naturalists to get hands-on experience being real scientists,” says Garden environmental educator Audra Walters. “They’ll learn the correct way to identify life stages, journal, net and tag butterflies, and report the data they collect to Monarch Watch.”

Classes will be held on six Saturday mornings: Aug. 16 and 23, and Sept. 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In the case of rainy weather, we plan to meet in the Nature Center at Lincoln Memorial Garden. Each child in the class will be invited to prepare a project for the Sangamon County 4-H Show in the summer of 2015. In addition, any interested child will be offered the opportunity to demonstrate the monarch migration and life cycle at the Garden’s Indian Summer Festival in October.

“I think it will be a great experience for the children involved in the monarch program to present what they have learned at the Garden’s fall festival,” says Walters. “When children take ownership in a project like this, it helps them feel connected to the environment and increases awareness of just how important it is that we preserve native habitats. And whenever a child can teach another child, it is an amazing thing.”

The Ostermeier Prairie Center is located at 2425 East Lake Shore Drive, approximately one half mile west of the Garden’s main entrance.

The Monarchs for Kids class is supported by a grant from the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program. Each child in the class will be enrolled in a special 4-H Entomology Club. A $20 registration fee will be payable at the time of registration. That fee covers the cost of 4-H membership and educational materials.

A registration form for the Monarchs for Kids class is available at the Lincoln Memorial Garden website: www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org. For further information, contact Audra at (217) 529-1111 or email audra@lincoln memorialgarden.org.

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cases one donor at a time. They did all of this with a very modest budget, no part of which came from the donors’ contributions. It was a remarkable effort.

Here’s to Cullom Davis, Judy Everson, Carol Hemdon, and Virginia Scott for their hard work and dedication. Here’s to all of our donors for their generosity. This successful effort has helped to assure the future of the Garden.

We are all very grateful,

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Ecology Camp Update
By Audra Walters

Registration for the 2014 Ecology Camp is well under way. Many young naturalists have already signed up to come explore and learn about nature in the Garden. But there is no need to worry: it’s not too late to get your child registered. There are still spots available for campers of all ages. The half-day session is $65 for members and $85 for non-members. Full day sessions are $130 for members and $170 for non-members.

Registration can be done online at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org/EcologyCamp2014.html. A mail-in registration form can also be printed from the Garden’s website, or picked up at the Nature Center.

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Membership has its privileges, at home and away
By Theresa Gegen

Membership at Lincoln Memorial Garden offers many benefits, both locally and nationally. With a reciprocal agreement in place with the American Horticultural Society, members can receive free or reduced admissions at botanical gardens and arboreta throughout the United States.

Among those closest to home is the Luthy Botanical Garden in Peoria. Covering five acres and located near the Peoria Zoo, the Luthy Garden features theme gardens, a conservatory, sculpture and stunning floral displays. Educational programs and special events are offered throughout the year, and there is a gift shop on site.

Lincoln Memorial Garden members receive free admission (normally $2.50) for adults to Luthy Botanical Garden. With an estimated drive time of about 80 minutes garden-to-garden, it’s a perfect day trip.

Luthy Botanical Garden is located at 2520 N. Prospect in Peoria. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Visit the website at http://www.peoriaparks.org/luthy-botanical-garden/ for more information.

For a list of the American Horticultural Society’s reciprocal sites, visit: www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events.htm.

For information on all the benefits of a membership to Lincoln Memorial Garden, or to start or renew your membership, contact the Garden at (217) 529-1111 or visit http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org/portalmembershipform.php.

The Springfield Civic Garden Club (SCGC) celebrates 85 years in 2014. A year-long celebration, with many special events, is planned by the SCGC, which was founded on March 1, 1929 by a diverse group of local citizens lead by Mrs. Harriet Knudson. Today, with over 400 members, SCGC is one of the largest in the country and is the largest garden club in Illinois.

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


July 7—All About Hummingbirds. Speaker: Vernon Kleen, Illinois Audubon Society, will share from his extensive experience studying and banding hummingbirds.

SCGC Special Events
June 21—Pond-O-Rama Garden Tour, St. Louis Water Gardening Society—Encore event to last year’s popular excursion. Call Joan Gardner for details (546-6487).

June 27 and 28—SCGC Standard Flower Show at the Trutter Museum, Lincoln Land Community College. Friday: noon to 5 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to noon.

August 4—A Morning at the Mansion, Illinois Governor’s Mansion. Monday: 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Horticulturist Harry Lewis will give updates on the latest garden and landscape projects at the Mansion. Refreshments by the 85th Anniversary Committee.
In appreciation

We thank the following for their donations in support of Lincoln Memorial Garden.

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- Ron and Beth Horwedel—purchase of a new Bush Hog mower
- Leigh and Maureen Seaborn—purchase of a new chainsaw

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**Ecology Camp Donations**
- Jeffrey Alans
- Solution Printing
- Springfield Reprographics

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**Our Wish List**

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

- Lunch in Bloom Sponsorships—$200
- Video microscope donations for Nature Center
- Heavy duty paper cutter—$150
- Ecology Camp 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. ☺️
Fall Festival Planning Begins

By Marianne Lawrence

One of Lincoln Memorial Garden’s favorite fundraisers—Indian Summer Festival—is also the garden’s most important fundraiser, supporting the educational programs offered year round for children and adults, as well as helping with the Garden’s maintenance costs. So, it’s not too early to mark your calendars for the weekend of October 11-12, 2014, for this year’s festival.

The planning committee for the historic Garden’s annual event has begun work under the guidance of new board member, Tom Wilkin. The committee will fill the two days with all the familiar activities and may even come up with some new ones.

“For almost 50 years, Indian Summer Festival has provided an opportunity for families to spend time together in a beautiful outdoor setting,” says Joel Horwedel, the Garden’s executive director. “Against the backdrop of the Garden’s fall colors, over 4,000 people annually attend this major fundraiser. Clowns, wildlife demonstrations, pumpkin painting, and faerie house building are on tap for youngsters, and music, crafts, and food are available for all.”

There are many ways to participate in the festival. Watch for entry forms to enter the annual birdhouse building contest, register to sell your handmade crafts, and for the artist, sign up to participate in Art in the Garden. But most of all, plan to come and enjoy everything the Fall Garden has to offer.

To learn more about the Festival and opportunities to participate, contact the Garden’s staff at (217) 529-1111.

I never get tired of the blue sky.
—Vincent van Gogh

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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.
Acorn donors add more than a million to the Garden’s endowment

With gratitude for the generous spirit of our donors, the Acorn Legacy Committee wraps up its three-year campaign to "grow" the Garden’s endowment. This fundraising effort honors the Garden’s 75th anniversary and helps ensure financial stability in the years to come.

Pledges to the Acorn Campaign total a remarkable $1,051,288.17 in the form of gifts, grants, and bequests. More than half a million has been paid to date and is already generating new income for the Garden.

To all who supported the campaign, a heartfelt thank you!

Cullom Davis and Virginia Scott, co-chairs; Judith Everson, Carol Herndon, Joel Horwedel, Jim Matheis, Barbara Rogers, and Nicky Stratton

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Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Springfield, Lincoln Memorial Garden is partnering with the Friends of Brookens Library to host a private screening of Jens Jensen: The Living Green. This documentary film was recently completed and has not appeared on television yet. Carey Lundin, the film’s director will be available after the showing to answer questions about the production. Lincoln Memorial Garden is included in this film because it was Jensen’s last major public project. This film screening event is free and open to the public.

This is also a reminder that Lunch in Bloom is coming right up on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at Island Bay Yacht Club. This year’s lunch features a Mississippi Queen Riverboat theme, and includes the privilege of being one of the first events to be held in the newly renovated Yacht Club. Reservations are required. The cut-off for reservations for the luncheon is May 31.

Monday–Friday starting June 9—Ecology Camp

Saturday, July 12—Stargazing at the Garden, 9–11 p.m. in the Cawley Meadow

Saturdays, August 16 and 23, September 6, 13, 20 and 27—Monarchs for Kids, 10–11:30 a.m. at the Ostermeier Prairie Center. For further information, contact Audra at (217) 529-1111 or email audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org

October 11–12—Indian Summer Festival