For holiday shopping—we’ve got your back!

_By Nicky Stratton_

Starting to think about the upcoming holiday season? And thinking about all you have to do and all the things you have to buy?

Don’t panic. We’ve got you covered. Help is on the way.

The traditional Lincoln Memorial Garden Holiday Market will take place the weekend of November 14 and 15. The Market will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Just bring your gift list and we will help you accomplish it. The Holiday Market has gifts for kids, teachers, spouses, gardeners and maybe a little something for you. You will find books, walking sticks, birdbaths, jewelry, games, toys, pottery, candles and handcrafted items.

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A talented group of Springfield-area artisans has been designing wreaths, floral arrangements, ornaments, and centerpieces to decorate your home and complete your gift list. Visit the Split Rail Shop during Holiday Market for extraordinary treasures that will make your holidays sparkle!
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.

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That’s not all. A talented group of Springfield-area artisans has been designing wreaths, floral arrangements, ornaments, and centerpieces. Their time is donated, their talent is prodigious, and their one-of-a-kind creations are extraordinary. They have made works of natural art to decorate your door, your table, your Christmas tree, and even your dog. Okay, maybe not your dog. Maybe next year?

The Lincoln Memorial Garden Split Rail Shop is a great place to find things that you will not see in other stores in Springfield. What’s even better is that funds from every purchase you make go directly to support the Garden’s operating budget. So while buying a gift for friends or family, you are giving a gift to the Garden too.

Good news for members:
The Holiday Market Sneak Preview is scheduled for Friday, November 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. Remember, members also get a 10 percent discount on all of their purchases (with the exception of books). Come join us for a little wine and cheese and a chance to do your shopping early.

Presenting the 2015 birdhouse contest winners

Results are in for the sixth annual Lincoln Memorial Garden Birdhouse Contest. Judging took place during the annual Indian Summer Festival, October 10 and 11, 2015.

Thanks to all who took the time to design and submit an entry that will benefit our feathered friends.

Eight-year old Isabela Burke (above) carried the honors at the 2015 Indian Summer Festival birdhouse competition, receiving the Youth Whimsical and Youth Functional awards, as well as the award for the General Functional category. Her whimsical entry “Best Friends” featured Snoopy and Woodstock and was designed to house sparrows. Her functional birdhouse was a chickadee house she called “Turkey-Lurkey.”

Judges selected Kari Thornton as the best General Whimsical entry. Designed to house black-capped chickadees, Thornton’s birdhouse “Oribe Hut” was made of homemade clay and painted with traditional Japanese Oribe ware techniques.

More than 955 Indian Summer Festival visitors stopped by the Birdhouse Contest tent to cast their vote for the People’s Choice winner. Dan Downey’s “Robins Rustic Roost,” (shown below) made of recycled pallets, repurposed flooring, river rock, and natural birdseed, received the majority vote.

Garden Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 7
Junior and Senior Naturalist Programs — 9 a.m. to Noon; and 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, November 13
Holiday Market Members Sneak Preview — 4 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 14
Annual Holiday Market — Split Rail Shop at the Nature Center; 10 a.m.- to 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 15
Annual Holiday Market — Split Rail Shop at the Nature Center; 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 5
Junior and Senior Naturalist Programs — 9 a.m. to Noon; and 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 20
Senior Naturalists Overnight — Starts 6 p.m. Saturday evening; concludes 9 a.m. Sunday
Reflections of Indian Summer Festival 2015

By Helen Adorjan

After months of behind-the-scenes work by dozens of volunteers (with fingers crossed that the second weekend in October would be blessed with good weather), the dates finally arrived. And the wishes were granted.

It was a beautiful weekend for the annual Indian Summer Festival at Lincoln Memorial Garden. And the festival delivered all it had promised—lively music and art everywhere, including Art in the Garden in the historic Garden and kids facepainting, pumpkin painting and fairy house construction in the Cawley Meadow. In addition, there were the bonsai demonstrations, a monarch butterfly game, recycling of garden pots, plus lots of food and just plain fun.

Individuals and families took advantage of the “Kodak moment” spots for picturetaking and memory-making. And craft vendors offered a range of historic and natural products.

All in all, it was the most profitable Indian Summer Festival to date, according to executive Director Joel Horwedel. He and Committee chair Tom Wilkin offered a heartfelt thank you to all the individuals and sponsors who came together to make this year such a success.

“The energy, ideas, and resources allowed us to produce a family friendly event that proved once again to be an asset to our community,” Horwedel said. 

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Thanks to sponsors and volunteers!

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- Lincoln Memorial Garden extends its gratitude to
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  — Karen C. Schwenk
  for their endowment contributions.

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We have received overwhelming support for our tractor fundraiser. Thank you to the following who have donated to the tractor fund.

We are rapidly closing in on our goal!

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- Elizabeth M. Watson, in honor of Grant Pressnall’s birthday
- Randy and Kathy Germeraad, in honor of Scott Germeraad’s birthday

Save the dates for Ecology Camp 2016 —

Online Registration will open March 1!

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Announcing the 2016 Senior Naturalists Overnight

It’s time for Senior Naturalists (9-12 year olds) to mark their calendars for our annual overnight at Lincoln Memorial Garden. You don’t have to wait much longer to enjoy two of your favorite activities: playing Predator/Prey and chowing down on pizza and s’mores.

After the stars come out Saturday night, we will play Predator/Prey, take a night hike, listen to great stories, and munch s’mores around the campfire. And if that is not enough, we’ll continue with a pizza party, play some of your favorite indoor games, probably make a nature craft, watch a great late-night movie, and possibly even have time left over to sleep a while.

Please come join in the winter fun. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear your camouflage gear for Predator/Prey. We will meet at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Saturday, February 20. Every Senior Naturalist needs to bring a sleeping bag, pajamas, and a change of clothes. If you wish, bring along a flashlight, a board game, and a favorite movie we can vote on for late-night viewing. Sunday morning (after hours of sound sleep), Naturalists will enjoy breakfast before parents arrive for pick-up at 9 a.m.

The cost for this mini-vacation is $50 for Garden members and $65 for nonmembers. If you aren’t sure of your membership status, please call the Garden to check. This overnight event is limited to 25 naturalists and it does fill quickly, so register early. Online registration will be available at the Garden’s website www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Questions? Please call (217) 529-1111 or email audra@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

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Do you know what it takes to run Lincoln Memorial Garden, a 100-acre, privately funded, not-for-profit, free to the public garden?

$370,000 a year.

How do we raise those funds? We do it every year with your help. You help when you pay your membership, when you attend special events, when you send your children to camp or buy a gift at the Split Rail Shop.

Also, you help when you contribute to the Annual Fund Drive.

The Annual Fund is crucial. It provides at least 20 percent of our operating budget, which pays for supplies, services, tools, printing, equipment repair, invasive species eradication, trail maintenance, salaries and much more.

So you will be hearing from us soon asking you to support Lincoln Memorial Garden with an annual fund donation.

Please stop for a minute, picture the Garden, and give as generously as you can.

Photo courtesy of Virginia Scott