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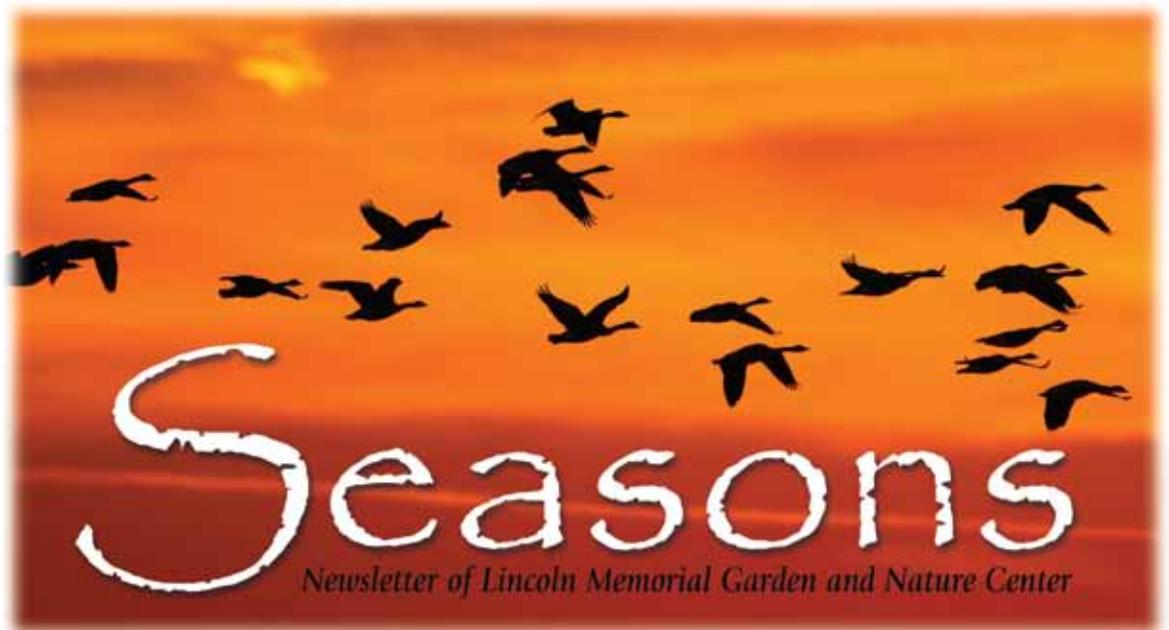
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Building for the Future

Infrastructure Improvements Underway at Lincoln Memorial Garden

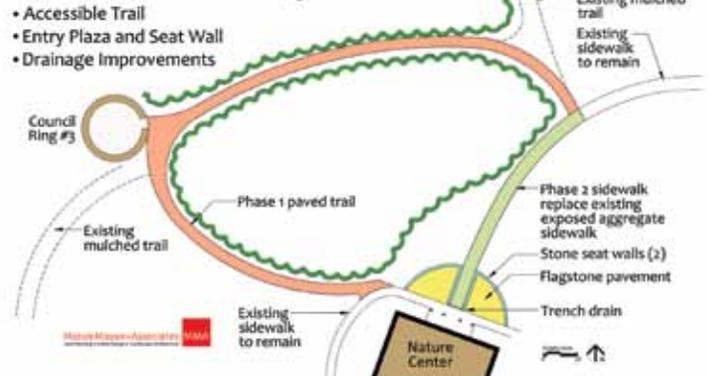
by Kathy Andrews Wright

As the design for Lincoln Memorial Garden came to fruition in the 1930s, Jens Jensen, a leader of the Prairie School of landscape architecture and one of Illinois' earliest conservationists, envisioned a series of connected paths, bordered by arrangements of native plants and punctuated by council rings, that would invite visitors to pause and reflect on the Garden. In the spirit of the invitation Mr. Jensen continues to issue visitors, the Board of Directors has authorized improvements to the Nature Center and grounds.

Phase one of the redevelopment process entails renovation of the Nature Center, with the work completed in early September. The interior redesign focuses on enhancing the vista of the Garden through the existing floor-to-ceiling windows. This has involved revamping both the reception area and the Split Rail Gift Shop and creating more efficient work environments for the executive director and staff. A shift to an LED lighting system will decrease energy and maintenance needs. Office improvements also will allow staff and volunteers the opportunity to organize and archive more than 80 years of historical records. These improvements were funded with minimal expenditures from the Garden's Capital Improvement Fund and enhanced with generous



Proposed Improvements Diagram



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Director's Message

by Joel Horwedel

Wow! Where did summer go? We wrapped up another great year of summer Ecology

Camp. A huge thank you to our educator, Audra Walters, as well as our camp counselors: Mason Byers, Anna Gegen, Amanda Parga and Dylan Power. These five individuals, as well as many junior counselors, helped make our summer program an outstanding success!

I would also like to thank Dr. John Martin, UIS Astronomy Professor, and the Sangamon Astronomical Society for providing two excellent astronomy programs at the Garden over the summer. If you missed these events, we are happy to announce that they will be back next year!

Over the past several weeks, the Split Rail Gift Shop has undergone a renovation. We have relocated the shop to the front of the Nature Center, painted the walls and are offering some new inventory. Many thanks to the volunteers from the Grounds Crew for all their help with this project. Please stop by and check out the new shop.

As we head into fall, our Indian Summer Festival crew has been hard at work planning another great event. This year marks the 50th anniversary of our Indian Summer Festival, and we are excited to announce that this year we will have food trucks for the first time! Please mark your calendars for October 6 and 7, and come out and enjoy our Festival set among the beauty of the fall colors.

We also have some great new programs coming this fall, so please see the other articles in this issue or check out schedule our online. I hope to see you in the Garden. ☺



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donations from Staff Carpet for the executive director's office and from the Illinois Realtors for the filing cabinets.

Fundraising is underway for phase two of the initiative, which will develop an accessible, paved trail to allow people of all abilities, as well as families with strollers, the opportunity to experience the beauty and serenity of our native landscape and learn firsthand the intent of Jens Jensen's design. The revamped Linden Trail will provide visitors a direct link from the Nature Center to Council Ring 3, located northwest of the Nature Center.

Approaching the Nature Center entry, visitors will find a new half-circle stone

seating area reminiscent of the design of the Garden's many council rings. This will provide a gathering place and additional outdoor classroom space for visitors, school groups and educational events. The improvements will also correct a drainage problem that has been allowing water, mud and ice to pool near the entry door. An estimated \$100,000 must be raised for this phase, and construction will commence once fundraising has been completed.

If you are interested in learning more about these exciting site improvements or making a donation for the projects, please contact Executive Director Joel Horwedel. ☺

Upcoming Event Briefs

by Kathy Andrews Wright

Monitoring Owls and Nightjars in Illinois Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m.

Join us for a presentation by Illinois Natural History Survey avian ecologist Tara Beveroth on Project MOON (Monitoring of Owls and Nightjars), a volunteer-based program occurring throughout the state from April to June to monitor breeding populations of barn owls (endangered in Illinois), barred owls, great horned owls, eastern screech-owls and short-eared owls (endangered in Illinois), and three species of nightjars—Chuck-will's-widows, common nighthawks and whip-poor-wills. Learn how the data collected can provide additional insights into the life histories of Illinois owls and nightjars.



Barred owl

Holiday Nature Crafts Saturday, November 10



Get a jump start on your holiday decor and gift making by attending a nature crafting session featuring tree cookies. Youth (one-hour session for ages 5–12 from 10–11 a.m.) will focus on making snowmen and reindeer ornaments (great as gifts for grandparents and teachers), with adults and teens (two-hour session for ages 13 and up from 2–4 p.m.) making and decorating a tree cookie wreath (materials provided but feel free to bring decorative materials of your choice). For additional details and to register, visit lincolnmemorialgarden.org. ☺

“We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.” — Aldo Leopold



Indian Summer Festival October 6 & 7, 2018

Music. Fairy Garden. Pumpkins.

Your favorite fall festival is set for Oct. 6 - 7

by Ann Londrigan

Mark your calendars for a celebration of fall at the 2018 Indian Summer Festival, taking place Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in Cawley Meadow at the Garden.

- ❖ Listen to live music.
- ❖ Explore the fairy woodland.
- ❖ Make a fairy house or a tree troll.
- ❖ Paint a fall pumpkin.
- ❖ Shop the craft vendors.
- ❖ Grab a bite to eat.
- ❖ Play the monarch butterfly game.
- ❖ Hands-on crafts and face-painting for children.
- ❖ Vote for the People's Choice winner of the LMG photo contest.
- ❖ Snap your fall family photo.
- ❖ Eat at the Hy-Vee Food Tent, new this year.

Musicians take to the stage from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. See the full lineup and times on the website. Tentative schedule:

Saturday

- 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ben Bedford (Folk)
- 12:45 - 2:15 p.m. Cactus Ranch (Bluegrass)
- 2:30 - 4 p.m. Mary Jo Curry Band (Blues)

Sunday

- 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pete Sander (Blues/Folk)
- 12:45 - 2:15 p.m. Avery Kern (Rock/Americana)
- 2:30 - 4 p.m. Micah Walk (Rock/Americana)

- ❖ FREE entry for children 10 and younger
- ❖ \$8 entry fee for adults (11+)
- ❖ No dogs, please.

Vendors and demonstrations include:

- ❖ University of Illinois Extension
- ❖ Illinois Stewardship Alliance
- ❖ Pottery
- ❖ Handmade furniture
- ❖ Nature photography
- ❖ Weaving and spinning
- ❖ Wood turning and carving
- ❖ Fall decorations
- ❖ And so much more...

Event proceeds support the Garden's educational programs for children and adults and help with operating and maintenance costs. Learn more: <http://lincolnmemorialgarden.org/event/indian-summer-festival-2018/>



Messy Woodlands are Friendly to Wildlife

by Kathy Andrews Wright

There are two ways of thinking about woodland management. Some like a “clean,” park-like woodland. On the flip side of the coin, some prefer a “messy” or natural woodland. At Lincoln Memorial Garden the ecological value of a “messy” woodland is the preferred management style.

From the silvery core of a dead-standing tree, or snag, comes the rat-a-tat-tat of a woodpecker searching for wood-boring insects, and in the spring it excavates a new nest cavity. Across the continent at least 85 species of birds—woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, flycatchers, eastern bluebirds, screech owls, wood ducks, American kestrels and more—create or use nest cavities. Over time, as the cavity enlarges, it will be claimed by any of an estimated 300 species of organisms, including fox, gray and flying squirrels, as well as raccoons, mink, mice, opossums, bats, snakes, bees, lizards and tree frogs.

Dead wood on the ground—what ecologists call coarse woody debris—serves multiple functions, including reducing soil erosion and providing food for everything from bacteria, fungi, lichens and mosses to creatures at the top of the food chain. A moss-covered log shows signs of an insectivore fervently digging in the decaying wood, and on one log, a pile of cut nuts reveals where a squirrel had fed while maintaining a watchful eye. Lizards and other cold-blooded reptiles and amphibians bask atop sun-drenched logs. Invertebrates—including spiders, ants and beetles—tunnel into the decaying wood. Hollow logs provide cover for chipmunks, cottontail rabbits, foxes, skunks, raccoons and bobcats.

Moisture retained beneath logs offers relief for salamanders, snails, slugs and mice during hot, dry summers. Against the log, fallen leaves accumulate and decompose, enriching the soil so that new woodland plants can germinate.

A brush pile created during an invasive species removal work day provides wildlife cover. Cottontail rabbits utilize the vegetation as escape cover from predators or protective cover during harsh weather conditions. Ground-



Above: Evidence of pileated woodpeckers active at the Garden. This dead tree offers a perfect housing opportunity. Photo by Joel Horwedel

Right: Close-up of a male pileated woodpecker; elusive and large (about the size of a crow), they are attracted to messy woodlands.



nesting birds, such as bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasants, wild turkey, brown thrashers and a variety of sparrows, seek out the seclusion the brush provides.

A lot is happening in our “messy” woodland. Snags are removed when they pose a risk to human health and safety, but by retaining snags and logs whenever possible and creating brush piles, Lincoln Memorial Garden benefits the local fauna, ultimately enriching the soil and contributing to the renewal of a healthy woodland habitat. ∞

New Tractor Hits the Trails, Thanks to Generous Donors

by Joel Horwedel

Thanks so much to everyone who helped us get a new tractor!

Aging equipment is always a problem at small nonprofits. There are often not enough funds for a large equipment purchase. Last year, we lost the use of one of our tractors, and we asked our members and donors to help with the purchase of a new one. I am happy to report that in early July, we took delivery of a new Kubota L3301. The entire amount of the tractor was funded by the following people, to whom we are extremely grateful:

- ❖ Chuck and Lynn Allen
- ❖ James and Kay Caruso
- ❖ Megan DeFrain
- ❖ Michael and Carol Diedrichsen
- ❖ Julie Dirksen
- ❖ Bill and Sue Donels
- ❖ Susan and Doug Flanagan
- ❖ The family of Evelyn Grummon
- ❖ Jim and Mary Grundel
- ❖ Stefan and Natalia Kozak
- ❖ Mike and Linda Luepke
- ❖ Cathy and Doug Slater



Get Your 10,000 Steps... And Some Zen

by Ann Londrigan

Is your daily fitness goal to log 10,000 steps? Next time skip the mall or your neighborhood pavement. Try something easier on the body, easier on the eyes.

Step into Lincoln Memorial Garden, where one pass around the border trails combined with a loop around the Ostermeier Prairie logs about 5,300 steps, depending on your gait.

On a recent trip with friends and LMG members Mike and Barb Boyd, it took us about an hour to walk this route. It may take you more or less time based on your pace. We made stops to check step count, take photographs, listen to songbirds and soak in the views of Lake Springfield, which are really some of the best in the area and the reason why landscape architect Jens Jensen chose this site for the Garden in 1936.

Do two laps and you'll hit 10,000 steps to earn the coveted circle on your Apple Watch or fireworks on your Fitbit.

Tracking miles? Use the route of the annual 8K Trail Race (4.97 miles), started six years ago by avid runner and LMG Board Member (2011-2017) Susan Helm, who now runs the Minds in Motion Alzheimer's program at the Southern Illinois University (SIU) Department of Neurology.

According to Helm, trail-running is trending.

"The reason trails are much more popular is two-fold," says Helm. "It's just definitely more pleasant as a runner to look and see things, whether it's fall foliage or a natural prairie, deer or cypress trees, Lake Springfield. All the things that are Lincoln Memorial Garden."

For those on their first trail run, realize you will be slower. Helm believes the mix of soil, mulch and limestone trails at the Garden are easier on the joints, whether you walk or run. She estimates 10,000 steps is about four miles.

"With six years of feedback from the Trail Run, we know there is a pleasant surprise for runners that there is some grade, some hills. People assume it's flat, but it is not," says Helm.

LMG member Kent Childs trains in the Garden to do 500-mile hikes.

Childs, co-owner of Midas franchises in New England and the Midwest, has walked 500



miles on sections of the Greater Patagonian Trail in Chile and Argentina, the Appalachian Trail that runs from Maine to Georgia and the Camino de Santiago in France and Spain.

To train, he logs five miles every day in Lincoln Memorial Garden.

"I like to be in nature all over the world," says Childs. "It helps me stay in better shape physically and spiritually."

Says Childs, "It's hard to find hills in Central Illinois. You can find them in Lincoln Memorial Garden. It's so beautiful, there's wildlife, and the trails are well-maintained. It's about the only place I know to train because you don't have to deal with cars." ∞



Top photo: Checking steps on mobile device

Second row: Scenes from the 2018 8K Trail Run, held each year on the third Saturday in May

Bottom row left: Getting their steps in the Garden are LMG members Mike and Barb Boyd.

Bottom row right: LMG member Kent Childs, posing with his walking stick at Catedral de Santiago, Spain

Thank you



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.

In memory of Dorothy Albright, a memorial contribution was received from . . .

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- ❖ Clark Snodgrass (to the Capital Improvement Fund)

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- ❖ Davis Financial

Donation of a new grill

- ❖ Dr. Roland and Susan Cull

Donation of a bush honeysuckle removal device

- ❖ Ron and Beth Horwedel

Greenhouse equipment grant

- ❖ Rotary Club of Springfield South

Donation of carpet for Director's office

- ❖ Staff Carpet

Our Wish List

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

- **Upgrade to the audio-visual system in the Discovery Room—\$2,000**
- **Donations to Infrastructure Improvements—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.

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.



New Members

Mike and Kathy Badger

Lisa M. Beenenga

Barbara Boucher

Barbara K. Boyd

Jean Fernandez

Eileen Grace

Carol A. Kerins

Ellen Petty

Renee Steinheimer

Elva Thompson

Judy C. Wheaton

Calendar

- Thursday, September 20** Fall Volunteer Naturalist Training — Noon to 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 23** Leaf I.D. Hike — meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Nature Center
- Tuesday, September 25** MOON Program (*see page 2*); meet at 7 p.m. at the Nature Center
- Saturday, September 29** Bird Hike — meet at 8 a.m. at the Nature Center
- Saturday, October 6** Bird Hike — meet at 8 a.m. at the Nature Center
- Saturday, October 6** Indian Summer Festival — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, October 7** Indian Summer Festival — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, October 13** Bird Hike — meet at 8 a.m. at the Nature Center
- Saturday, October 13** Jr./Sr. Naturalists — 9 a.m. / 1 p.m.
- Sunday, October 14** Garden Family Adventures — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 16** Babes in the Woods — 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 17** Tiny Adventures — 10 a.m. / 1 p.m.
- Saturday, October 20** Bird Hike — meet at 8 a.m. at the Nature Center
- Saturday, October 27** Bird Hike — meet at 8 a.m. at the Nature Center
- Saturday, November 3** Jr./Sr. Naturalists — 9 a.m. / 1 p.m.
- Sunday, November 4** Garden Family Adventures — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 6** Babes in the Woods — 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 7** Tiny Adventures — 10 a.m. / 1 p.m.
- Saturday, November 10** Holiday Nature Crafts — 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for youth ages 5–12; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for adults and teens 13+.
- Friday, November 16** Holiday Market Preview Party — 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 17** Holiday Market — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, November 18** Holiday Market — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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