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Lunch in Bloom to be Held April 28

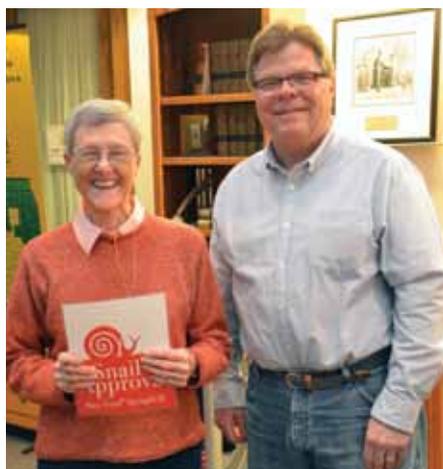
by Helen Adorjan

It was winter, and a hardy group (some described them as feisty) gathered in the Nature Center thinking about spring. They were busy learning how to fold and cut origami birds to be used in centerpieces for this year's Lunch in Bloom. It was their "Flights of Fancy."

Lunch in Bloom has long been a Rite of Spring at Lincoln Memorial Garden, together with the bluebells, celandine poppies, migrating birds and emerging butterflies. This year, Lunch in Bloom will be April 28, the Sunday after Easter. The location will again be the Island Bay Yacht Club, just across the lake from the Garden. This year's theme is, appropriately, "Flights of Fancy."

The social hour begins at 11 a.m., with guests joining their friends in the Crow's Nest, where a cash bar will be available for those wanting wine, beer or soda. Photos of the raffle prizes (two of which weigh in the neighborhood of 100 pounds) will be on display. Ed Clark's piano music in the background will help maintain the relaxing mood. Nearby is the dining room, which will be set up with salads and desserts, awaiting diners at their place settings. Salads will be mixed greens, thinly sliced red onions, pear slices and balsamic vinaigrette. Dessert will be chocolate mousse in a Queen Anne glass with a fanned strawberry, topped with shaved chocolate.

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A "Snail of Approval" for Lincoln Memorial Garden

by Ann Londrigan

Lincoln Memorial Garden is proud to be recognized this year with Slow Food Springfield's Snail of Approval for Education.

The Snail of Approval recognizes producers, purveyors and artisans who contribute to the quality, authenticity and

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Garden volunteer and former board president Nicky Stratton (left) accepted the "Snail of Approval" award on behalf of the Garden from Slow Food Springfield board member Joe Eby.



Director's Message

by Joel Horwedel

Spring is here! The coming of spring means the Garden is in full swing with events, activities and opportunities to get outside. We have many great learning opportunities coming in the next several weeks! Please make sure to check our calendar on page 7 of the newsletter or visit our website for more information.

By the time you read this, our Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction will have come and gone. Thank you to all of our members and friends for the many wonderful items donated to the Silent Auction. This fundraising event would not be possible without your support. Also, a huge thanks to Joyce Munie, Chris Davis and Elena Hornshaw for all of their hard work and many hours of donated time setting up and making our Silent Auction possible.

The Garden will not be hosting its 8K Trail Run this year. We decided to take a year off, but we are happy to announce that this popular tradition will resume on June 6, 2020. The race will have a new coordinator; Tyler Pence will assume this role as well as serving on the LMG Board. We are extremely happy to have Tyler take over this event.

At the end of April, three individuals will be leaving our board. Dick Adorjan, Sharon Kwedar and Tom Skelly have played major roles on our board over the past six years. All three have been an integral part of our Finance Committee and helped us navigate through several complex issues. I can't thank them enough for their service to LMG.

Hope to see you in the Garden soon! ☺

LUNCH IN BLOOM—cont'd from page 1

The buffet lunch selections will include Huli Huli chicken with smoked grilled pineapple salsa, cod with a lemon beurre blanc sauce, rosemary and garlic mashed potatoes, fresh-fried brussels sprouts King Pao style and Sister Shubert rolls.

A vegetarian and gluten-free option of Stuffed Florentine Portabella Mushrooms will be available upon request. Diners must preorder the vegetarian/gluten-free dinner when making their reservations. **The deadline for reservations is Friday, April 19.**

The reservation form on the luncheon invitation may be submitted by attendees with a check to Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712-8908, or they may register and pay online at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Tickets are \$50 per person (\$29.60 of that is tax deductible).

Each attendee will receive a free ticket for door prizes and will have the option of purchasing raffle tickets for the three coveted prizes listed at the right.

Raffle Prizes:

1. Tickets to a 2019 Cardinals baseball game at Busch Stadium
2. A graceful, classic Longshadow planter
3. A replica of the sturdy benches found at the Garden for at-home rest and relaxation

Raffle tickets are available (1) when making luncheon reservations or (2) later at the Garden Nature Center or (3) on the day of the event. A donation of \$10 per ticket or three for \$20 is suggested for the raffle tickets.

Prizes are numbered on the face of the tickets, and ticket purchasers are asked to indicate on their ticket(s) the number of the prize they hope to win. Winners will be drawn near the conclusion of the luncheon. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

Rounding out the activities at the event, Neil Brumleve of Massie Massie & Associates will give an update on the Garden's proposed entrance improvements, including the accessible walkway, entry plaza with a seat wall and drainage improvements.

Then, to cap it all off, Garden Executive Director Joel Horwedel will report on the Flights of Fancy currently going on at the Garden. ☺



New Members

Jennifer Bekker

Don and Melissa Bollman

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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.



A monarch butterfly nectaring on swamp milkweed. Photo by Carol Anderson.

How to Build a Butterfly Garden

by Ann Londrigan

1. Plant milkweed.

It's that simple, says Brenda Larison, retired Illinois Supreme Court librarian turned butterfly expert, certified Master Naturalist and Lincoln Memorial Garden's resident fount of monarch butterfly knowledge.

"The odds are stacking up against the pollinators," says Larison. "The bees, hummingbirds, ants and butterflies are facing insurmountable odds for long-term development with climate change, pesticides, pollution, you name it."

"All we can do is try," she says. "For me it's simple. Plant milkweed."

Many fuss about the common milkweed because it can be so invasive. Larison says there are several species that are beautiful and do not spread like common milkweed, such as swamp milkweed, prairie milkweed, orange and butterfly weed.

2. Find a sunny spot.

For a butterfly garden, size isn't very important, but sunlight is. Says Larison: "You can make a pollinator garden in a 10-by-10-foot area, or in potted plants on your patio."

The University of Illinois Extension promotes "pollinator pockets" where you can simply plant a "pocket" of flowers that attract pollinators in your own backyard landscape. (<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/pollinators/>)

3. Add nectar plants.

"The key to building a butterfly garden is the plants," says Dick Adorjan, who with his wife Helen specializes in the monarch-attracting garden. Theirs stretches across the back yard of their neighborhood subdivision.

Plants known to attract butterflies include:

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| ✿ aster | ✿ ironweed |
| ✿ bee balm | ✿ Joe Pye weed |
| ✿ black-eyed Susan | ✿ milkweed |
| ✿ blazing star | ✿ salvia |
| ✿ butterfly bush | ✿ sedum |
| ✿ butterfly weed | ✿ sunflowers |
| ✿ coneflower | ✿ zinnia |

"Red flowers are what butterflies look for, and you want to try to have blooms across the whole season," says Larison. "The prairie blazing star and aster are fall native plants.

Planting dill and fennel will attract the eastern black swallowtail."

The butterflies come depending on the weather: as early as April and as late as June, says Larison. "It has to be above 60 degrees at some point in the day for them to fly, for their muscles to warm up enough."

She cautions about buying plants from big-box stores.

"The Illinois Native Plant Society and Lincoln Memorial Garden sales are great places to get native, unadulterated plants without pesticides," she says. "Mail order is an option, too, from Illinois-specific seed sources."

In fact, Head Gardener Larry Miller and a team of volunteers have been pampering more than 6,500 plants for the Garden's annual plant sales. Some are grown from seeds collected in the Garden and the Ostermeier Prairie, others from growers.

"This year there will be an emphasis on native plants and shrubs, such as milkweed and hyssop, that attract pollinators, including birds, bees and butterflies," says Miller. "Fresh herbs are also being grown in the greenhouse, including lavender, rosemary, dill, fennel, parsley and cilantro."

4. Include a water feature.

"We've learned to add a place to provide some moisture," says Adorjan. "Put a shallow pan with some gravel in it and water. Place it so the butterflies can perch and get water. They have mud puddles to land in, in nature." ∞

**Do your part:
Plant more
milkweed**

As many as
1.8 billion
additional stems of
milkweed plants
may be needed in
North America to
return imperiled
monarch butterflies to a
sustainable population size.

(Source: U.S. Geological Survey, April 2017)



sustainability of the food we eat and the beverages we drink in Springfield and the surrounding area.

The Garden's annual Maple Syrup Time demonstrations and native plant sale are just two examples of the Garden's role in the slow food movement. ∞



Learn more at www.SlowFoodSpringfield.org.



From the Greenhouse to Your House: Native Plant Seedlings

by Kathy Andrews Wright

Lincoln Memorial Garden's annual native wildflower sales always generate an upwelling of excited customers anxious to shake off the winter doldrums and greet springtime. Few plant purchasers know the backstory of this sale or the months of work leading up to the two weekend sales.

The nearly 6,500 seedlings sold each year are produced on the grounds of Lincoln Memorial Garden, in a 24- by 48-foot greenhouse constructed in 1995 by Head Gardener Larry Miller and Assistant Gardener Chuck Allen. The greenhouse stands as a strong feature of the Ostermeier Prairie Center.

"Production of wildflowers nearly is a year-round process as a fair amount of the seeds are harvested by hand each fall from Garden prairies," Miller explained. "Stratification of seeds begins in November and the first seeds are planted about January 1st."

Stratification is the process needed to simulate the natural conditions that occur before germination.

"The wildflowers we produce require a cold, moist stratification process which entails placing seeds on a damp paper towel," Miller continued. "Each towel then goes into a plastic bag marked with the species, source location and date and is stored in a refrigerator set at 37 degrees. After four to six weeks, the seeds will be ready to plant into flats and set in the greenhouse."

Herbs are an exception to the stratification process, requiring only an overnight soak in warm water prior to planting. Herbs are the latest addition to the annual sale, added to the production process in 2018. Emphasis is placed on production of herbs that butterflies and other pollinators find attractive, such as fennel, parsley, cilantro and dill. Many herbs are available for purchase year-round.

Miller leads the greenhouse production program, with assistance from eight dedicated volunteers who assist with planting and care. An automatic misting system waters the seedlings, although seedlings are checked daily to ensure plants are not over- or under-watered.

Unfortunately, the most popular plants are also the most difficult to produce. According to Miller, the germination rate for milkweeds is low: only about one-fifth of the seeds sown. With the growing interest in developing monarch-friendly gardens, collection of an abundance of milkweed seeds is necessary each fall.

Miller stressed that the Garden's wildflower program emphasizes native species that attract pollinators and birds, but, on occasion, some non-natives are included, such as the herbs.

"Extensive research is undertaken to ensure that any non-native added to our production plan is documented as being non-invasive," Miller concluded. ∞



Annual Meeting to be Held April 10

The Annual Meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden Foundation will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at the Nature Center. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7. Business will include an operations report and year in review, approval of amended by-laws and the election of new board members and officers. All Lincoln Memorial Garden members are invited to attend.

This year's slate of officers is: Cathy Slater, President; Melissa Skinner-Liberman, President-elect; Greg Lutchka, Treasurer and Susan Flanagan, Secretary. Board members serving their second three-year term are Maggie Davlin and Lori Reardon. New members serving their first three-year term are Neil Brumleve, Carol Dunaway, Tyler Pence and Dan Skinner. Marilyn Krueger will serve on the board as president of Garden Clubs of Illinois, and Christine Ramirez-Campbell will serve on the board as president of the Springfield Civic Garden Club. ∞



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Friends of the Garden:

In honor of **Angie Crespi, Karen Pletsch** and **Steve Read**, a donation from Margaret Ackerman

In honor of **Virginia Scott**, a donation was received from Grace and Peter Wenz.

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 **Jerry Gifford**, memorial contributions were given by

- ❖ Dick and Helen Adorjan
- ❖ Brenda Larison
- ❖ Marian Pruitt

In memory of **Elva Thompson**, a memorial contribution was given by Dottie Troop. ∞



Photo courtesy of Virginia Scott

Springtime is 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 coming of spring. That means it's 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 80 years! During that time, members have donated their financial support and countless hours of volunteer work. Their efforts have created a natural garden that continues to grow and flourish every year.

We hope the Garden will continue to inspire visitors for many years to come, but that can only happen through sustained contributions from new and returning members. Together, we can realize the dream of Harriet Knudson and 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 gardens, a ten-percent discount in the Garden's Split Rail gift shop, discounted rates and early registrations for many programs and invitations to members-only events.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support. Look for your renewal notice in the month of May or visit the Garden's website at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org to renew online. ∞



Photo courtesy of Broc Hunter, 2017 photo contest contestant

Summer Star Parties Come to Lincoln Memorial Garden

by Kathy Andrews Wright

Expanding on the Garden's successful meteor shower viewing nights, LMG will host four Star Parties this summer thanks to our partner organizations: the Sangamon Astronomical Society and the UIS Astronomy-Physics Program. All Star Parties will be held weather permitting.

Saturday, May 11, 2019

8:30–10:30 p.m.

Join in a celebration of **Astronomy Day**, a biannual event sponsored by the Astronomical League. Evening sky viewing will include the Moon, the planet Mars and other springtime sky objects viewed by eye and telescope.

Saturday, June 15, 2019

8:30–10:30 p.m.

With the Summer Triangle getting higher in the east, evening sky viewing will include the Moon, the planet Jupiter and other summer sky objects viewed by eye and telescope.

Saturday, July 13, 2019

8:30–10:30 p.m.

Celebrate the first-quarter Moon in July with evening sky viewing including the Moon, the planet Jupiter, the planet Saturn and other summer sky objects viewed by eye and telescope.

Monday, August 12, 2019

8:30–10:30 p.m.

The **Perseid Meteor Shower** takes place annually in the beginning of August when the Earth passes through a stream of debris crossing its orbit from the comet Swift-Tuttle. In 2019, the shower is predicted to peak between August 11 and August 13. The Perseid meteor shower is known for producing more fireball-type meteors than any other. In a dark location on any given night, between three and five meteors per hour can be spotted. During the peak of a shower like the Perseids, one may observe up to 60 meteors per hour.

The meteor viewing may be canceled for cloudy weather. In case of clouds, Dr. John Martin will present an astronomy talk at the Nature Center at 8 p.m. Questions about whether the weather is suitable for viewing should be directed to (217) 206-8342 after 7 p.m. the day of the event, or visit the UIS Observatory Twitter feed (@UISObservatory).

For more information on Star Parties, contact John Martin at (217) 206-8342 or Joel Horwedel at Lincoln Memorial Garden at (217) 529-1111.

General Information

Parking is available in the spaces just off East Lake Shore Drive. Observing will be done in Cawley Meadow across the street from the Nature Center. Attendees are encouraged to wear bug repellent, dress appropriately for the cool evening hours and bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

For more information visit:
go.uis.edu/summerstarparties

Star Parties are not fully accessible. Visit <https://www.uis.edu/astronomy/about/DisabilitySupport/> to learn about our Sunday Night Accessible Star Parties for people with disabilities. ∞



Sangamon County Hosts a Rare Ground Squirrel

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 7 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial Garden Nature Center

The far western side of Springfield hosts a population one of the state's rarest mammals, the Franklin's ground squirrel (*Poliocitellus franklinii*). University of Illinois at Springfield professor Dr. Tih-Fen Ting will discuss this ground squirrel, historically called the gray gopher or prairie squirrel, and the research she has been conducting to understand the population residing in Centennial Park. ∞

Calendar of Events



Family Friday Program Go Batty for Bats

Friday, May 10, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Do you ever wonder what species of bats are flying overhead while out for an evening walk? Join Tara Hohoff from the Illinois Natural History Survey for an evening all about bats. There will be an outdoor presentation followed by an after-dark walk through the gardens surveying for bats using an ultrasonic microphone.

A bat craft activity will be available for children. After the walk, circle around the bonfire and enjoy a s'more.

This program is weather-dependent; check lincolnmemorialgarden.org or our Facebook page if weather is questionable that day

Please dress appropriately and bring bug spray and flashlight and/or headlamp. The event will be canceled in the case of inclement weather.

Tara Hohoff participated in her first bat survey in 2008 and continues to work extensively with bats through the Illinois Bat Conservation Program (www.illinoisbats.org) and the Urban Biotic Assessment Program (<https://ubap.inhs.illinois.edu>).



Feed Birds in Summer or Not?

June 4, 2019, 7 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial Garden Nature Center

There's no question about feeding birds in the winter when food resources are limited. Traditionally homeowners were advised to cease feeding as the weather warmed, but that's no longer the case. Wade Kammin, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Springfield, will discuss summer bird feeding, including tips for attracting ruby-throated hummingbirds and orioles to your landscape.

April 6	Jr./Sr. Naturalists (<i>Snails & Slugs</i>) 9 a.m.–11 a.m. / 1–3 p.m.
April 9	Babes in the Woods 11 a.m.
April 10	Tiny Adventurers (<i>Snails & Slugs</i>) 10 a.m. / 1 p.m.
April 13	Bird Hike 8 a.m.
April 13	Woodland Wildflower, Herb & Tree Sale 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Nature Center
April 14	Woodland Wildflower, Herb & Tree Sale 1–4 p.m. Nature Center
April 18	Spring Volunteer Naturalist Training Noon–3 p.m.
April 20	Bird Hike 8 a.m.
April 20	Geranium Pick-up 8 a.m.–noon
April 23	Volunteer Appreciation Party 5:30–7 p.m.
April 23	Franklin's Ground Squirrel Program 7 p.m.
April 27	Wildflower Hike 2 p.m.
April 27	Bird Hike 8 a.m.
April 28	Lunch in Bloom 11:30 a.m. Island Bay Yacht Club
April 28	Wildflower Hike 2 p.m.
May 4	Bird Hike 8 a.m.
May 4	Wildflower Hike 2 p.m.
May 4	Jr./Sr. Naturalists (<i>Bird Migration</i>) 9–11 a.m. / 1–3 p.m.
May 5	Wildflower Hike 2 p.m.
May 7	Babes in the Woods 11 a.m.
May 8	Tiny Adventurers (<i>Bird Migration</i>) 10 a.m. / 1 p.m.
May 10	Bat Program 8–9:30 p.m.
May 11	Astronomy Program 8:30–10:30 p.m.
May 11	Bird Hike 8 a.m.
May 11	Prairie Wildflower Sale (<i>sun-loving</i>) 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Nature Center
May 12	Prairie Wildflower Sale (<i>sun-loving</i>) 1–4 p.m. Nature Center
May 18	"Monarchs and Midwest Milkweeds" Program 10 a.m. Nature Center
May 18	Bird Hike 8 a.m.
May 25	Bird Hike 8 a.m.

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