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Newsletter of Lincoln Memorial Garden and Nature Center

Happy 150th birthday, Jens Jensen

by Virginia Scott

Come join the fun. Lincoln Memorial Garden members are invited to gather on Sunday, September 12th, to celebrate the birthday of the great landscape architect Jens Jensen.

The festivities, which take place in the Garden from 1 to 4 p.m., will kick off a three-year celebration of the Garden's own 75th Anniversary. It was, after all, due to Jensen's creative genius that Harriet Knudson's vision of a memorial to Abraham Lincoln became a living reality along the shores of Springfield's new lake.

So enjoy an afternoon in the Garden. Like any good birthday party, there will be cake, punch, and music. But don't be late. Special activities are scheduled at set times.

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Join Jens Jensen for a birthday party 150 years in the making!

The Garden launches its 75th Anniversary celebration



For 75 years, Lincoln Memorial Garden has offered the young and young-at-heart a place where they can explore the out-of-doors and learn to be good stewards of the natural world. Now Garden volunteers and staff plan a three-year celebration to recognize the many individuals and groups who made this remarkable project a reality.

Each year, a special public event will mark an important moment in the early life of the Garden.

November 14, 2011 — The 75th anniversary of the day the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts planted many of the first acorns throughout the Garden.

June 18, 2012 – The 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Lincoln Council Ring, the

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Honored guests include Tom Martin, former horticulturist at the Illinois Executive Mansion, who will talk about Jensen's Chicago legacy. He will speak at 1 p.m. in the Nature Center. As exciting, Jens Jensen and Harriet Knudson will be there in person — that is, in the persons of Don and Linda Schneider, popular Springfield actors. They'll appear in Council Ring 3 at 2 p.m. The Springfield Municipal Band will perform at 3 p.m. in Council Ring 4, where cake will be served in honor of Jensen's 150th.

Throughout the afternoon, staff and volunteers will be available to lead trail walks and explain the highlights of Jensen's

plan for the Garden, including his use of native vegetation, provision of sunny meadows among the trees, and siting of council rings.

The birthday party, which is free of charge, is limited to members of Lincoln Memorial Garden and their guests — so wouldn't this be a good time to take out a membership? Go online at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org or call the Nature Center at (217) 529-1111.

If you've already received an invitation in the mail, be sure to RSVP by September 7th. In lieu of birthday gifts, donations to the Garden's 75th Anniversary events will be accepted. ■

Share what the Garden means to you

We want to mark our 75th Anniversary with your memories

by Joan Muraro

It was neither the best of years nor the worst of years, but 1935 was one of our more eventful years. President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the Hoover Dam, Amelia Earhart made the first solo flight from Hawaii to California, and Elvis Presley was born. And late that year, after observing his 75th birthday, Danish landscape architect Jens Jensen put the finishing touches on his design for Lincoln Memorial Garden.

No one signed in on Facebook.

Now, to mark milestones in the Garden's history, we'll celebrate Jensen's 150th birthday this September 12th and the Garden's 75th Anniversary over the next three years. This time, we want you to sign in on Facebook and share some of your favorite memories of the Garden.

Of course, a project as complex as Lincoln Memorial Garden doesn't just spring from a single datable event. Mrs. Harriet Knudson, wife of a local physician, had already been at work well before 1935 to establish a memorial to Abraham Lincoln on 60 acres along the shoreline of the still-filling Lake Springfield. Jensen presented his plan in 1936. Later that year, he joined Mrs. Knudson to oversee Springfield-area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts while they planted acorns from 28 states. As the emerging oaks flourished, paths and council rings were laid, native Midwestern plants were added, and Jensen's vision began to solidify for the rest of us. The Garden has kept

pace, improving access, adding educational features, going online with a Web presence and, most recently, a Facebook page.

A lot of people helped to make the Garden a unique nature site, including those who made important decisions while walking the trails, proposed somewhere in its scenic quiet, or exchanged vows in one of the council rings. Scores of volunteers and visitors have planted seedlings, flipped pancakes, learned to identify an unfamiliar bird species, sipped cider, or boiled syrup at the Garden.

We're hoping they will share these stories.

If you were a Scout whose troop planted those acorns, or held the flag, or served as an honor guard at later events at the Garden, please let us know. If you had your wedding pictures taken at the Garden, or have made an annual event of bringing the kids to the pancake and sausage breakfasts, the fall hikes, the Christmas events, please share that with us. Or, if you know someone who could fill in some bare patches in the Garden's history, please tell us how to contact them so we can ask them to plant a few more memories.

Will you be the Garden's Facebook friend? If so, visit the Garden's Facebook page (which can be accessed through the Garden's web site at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org), click on the discussion tab or wall page, and tell us your story. ■



Take a hike, take a class

Garden's nature programs get down-to-earth

Leaf well enough alone

Are your kids needing help with their school leaf collections, but all you have are those pesky sweet gum trees that you're tired of making wreaths from? No problem. Lincoln Memorial Garden is offering its **annual leaf hikes** again this fall. On **September 19th** and **26th**, and **October 3rd**, bring those botany-deprived little scholars to the Nature Center at 2 p.m. and hit the trails with tree-ID experts from the Garden's staff. Outings last 60 to 90 minutes. Members free; others \$4/person. ■



pin oak

Bye-bye birdie

Migrating birds will soon be here, and birding expert Kevin Veara will help you check them out. At 8 a.m. on **September 18th** and **25th**, and **October 2nd** and **9th**, Veara will help birders of all skill levels scan the skies and treetops for avian species. And, with Veara, it's different. These are not outings filled with reassurances from your fellow hikers that "You just missed one!" while you were adjusting your binoculars. He'll do his best to help you locate those feathered friends.

Bring field glasses, patience, and your "indoor voice." Free. Hikes typically last 90 minutes. ■



blackpoll warbler



Our second summer fundraising celebration, held June 26th, netted \$5,000 for Lincoln Memorial Garden. More artists, including more student artists, donated creative work for the juried show and more came to the Garden to share their talents during the day-long *en plein air* program.

As a result, the event attracted a wider diversity of art this year, including such original three-dimensional creations as a quilt, a glass piece, clay and wood sculptures, and a ceiling installation. Painters and photographers submitted a wider range of nature-inspired work, too.

There were some exciting innovations. Planners added a green ribbon for best reused art, part of our continuing effort to promote recycling in all of the Garden's events. This new Best Trash to Treasure award went to Lincoln Magnet sixth graders who, under the direction of their art teacher Jan Vallar-Gillette, created "Chihuly-esque," a ceiling installation made out of repurposed materials.

Most gratifying, we gained a new community partner this year. The Springfield Art Association graciously offered to host the juried exhibition in its Gallery at 700 North 4th Street, beginning

Art in the Garden just keeps getting better

by Marianne Lawrence and Peggy Boyer Long

with a public opening on June 4th and running through June 20th.

Thanks to the exhibition venue and to the quality of the work donated by participating artists, Art in the Garden 2010 was a cultural as well as a financial success.

The event culminated in an evening reception in our own Nature Center, a party designed to honor the artists and celebrate our supporters. In the silent auction of juried pieces, which concluded during the reception, Chris Spangler's acrylic, "Enjoyment of the Day" — which also won Best of Show — drew top dollar. In the public auction of *en plein air* work, Joe Pictor's watercolor of the Ostermeier barn and prairie attracted the highest bid. Another of his watercolors, "Shoreline," won an Honorable Mention in the juried show.

Cassandra Pence received the People's Choice award during the reception for her photography on wood block, "Wildflower Blooms."

The exhibition jury had already selected seven winners. Besides Spangler's Best of Show, Pictor's Honorable Mention, and Lincoln Magnet School's Trash to Treasure award, the judges gave Honorable Mention awards to April Chamberlain, a student at Robert Morris University, for her untitled photograph; Mary Lou Hicks for her pastel, "Lake Trail #2, Let us strive....."; George King for his pastel, "We are Cypress knees ... if you please"; and Joseph Tury, a student at Robert Morris University, for his photograph, "Cascade."

Sponsors this year were Marine

Bank, Bunn-O-Matic, Kathy Hoffmann, Hiram and Gaile Phillips, Andrea Stonecipher, M.D., of Clocktower Therapy Center, and Joan Walters.

Special thanks to Michael Plog, who donated his auctioneering talents for the sale of *en plein air* art, and musician Ella Mae Chilovich, who performed during the

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Others provided contributions, in-kind services, and additional support, including Prairie Art Alliance, Illinois Prairie Pastel Society, Sangamon Watercolor Society, Spinner Specialty Awards, the Springfield Art Association, Springfield School District 186, Robert Morris University, and Johnson Depp & Quisenberry.

reception.

All profits from donations and the sale of the art during this event will help support programs at the not-for-profit Garden.

"We're just getting started," says Board President Joan Walters. "We hope to make Art in the Garden an even more successful fundraiser next year." ■



Pastel artist Sheri Ramsey takes her inspiration from a spot by the water during Art in the Garden 2010.

Build a Birdhouse, Watch an Artisan, Catch a Band

Experience Something Old and Something New at Indian Summer Fest

by Nicky Stratton



Think you can build a better birdhouse? Lincoln Memorial Garden's Indian Summer Festival, set for Columbus Day weekend, will be a good place to show off your skills.

The birdhouse building contest is just one of several new activities planned for the Garden's 71st fall event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., October 9th-10th. Cash prizes will be given that weekend for the best "green" birdhouse made with recycled or reused materials (\$100 prize), the best combination of style and function (\$75 prize), and the People's Choice (\$50 prize).

The contest is open to anyone, but the houses must be original and suitable for birds. Entries will be accepted beginning September 15th and must be delivered to the Garden no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, October 7th. Contestants may submit more than one design. There is a \$5 nonrefundable entry fee for each entry, but the fee includes admission to the festival on both days. Complete contest rules are available online at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org or by calling (217) 529-1111.

There'll be lots of excitement for everyone else, too.

Indian Summer Festival is the Garden's oldest and most-popular fundraising activity—and entry is still affordable. The charge for adults (13 years and older) is \$4.

The charge for children (up to age 13) is \$3. Infants and toddlers (up to age 2) will be admitted free. Profits from the two-day event help maintain the natural spaces in the Garden and support programs aimed at educating young people in nature conservation—and assure that this beautiful retreat remains free and open to the public year-around.

Many festival activities take place on the Cawley Meadow across from the Garden's entrance but there will be plenty to do in the historic Garden, including hiking and shopping. Families have come to expect bluegrass bands, and Halloween pumpkin-making. This year will be no exception. But festival planners are always on the lookout for something new.

For this festival, they've added an Artists' Lane. Members of the Springfield Prairie Art Alliance will transform the walkway in front of the Nature Center into a two-day, mini-art fair. Illinois Prairie Pastel Society and the Sangamon Watercolor Society will display and sell their work inside the Center. Meanwhile, the Split Rail Shop will offer a variety of Garden-related items for sale.

On the Cawley Meadow, across from the Garden entrance, members of the Sangamon Valley Wood Carvers Club will demonstrate and sell their carvings.

There'll be demonstrations on flint knapping and wool spinning. And vendors will sell honey, Indian jewelry, fur and leather bags, and hats.

There'll be something new in the children's area, though. Pumpkin decorating has always been one of the more popular activities, but this year kids and their families will get to carve the Jack-o'-lanterns. (Child-safe carving tools will be provided.) Children can make popcorn bird feeders, create art on rocks or in salad spinners, get their faces painted, or plant a tree. The ever-popular turtle races will be back. And, in keeping with one of our newer traditions of "greening" the festival, local groups have been invited to share messages about recycling, protecting the environment, and respecting nature. The fun will include a scavenger hunt in the Garden and a game called "The Trash Dash."

Abraham Lincoln will make a

return visit. He plans to bring his Civil War era tent, rope-making equipment, and foot-pedal jigsaw.

Meanwhile, adults can enjoy the musical entertainment on the main stage all weekend. Bluegrass and folk will headline. And, thanks to a generous Super Sponsor, that stage will have a brand new roof. **Sutton Siding & Remodeling** has donated the materials. In addition, members of the Sutton staff, with the help of Garden volunteers, will donate labor to build the roof in time for the festival.

Of course, there'll be lots to drink and eat, including pork chop sandwiches and veggie burgers, popcorn, baked goods, and chili. Members of the Springfield Civic Garden Club will open their popular Country Cupboard featuring homemade items to eat there or take home.

So come and experience something old and something new at Indian Summer Festival. ■

A guide to musical entertainment

Saturday, October 9

- 11:00 Sarah Schneider — folk music
- 12:15 South Fork — jamgrass music
- 2:00 River Ramblers — bluegrass music

Sunday, October 10

- 11:00 Andy Wiesenhoffer — Cowboy poetry
- 12:15 Tom & Owen Irwin — country-folk music
- 2:00 The Gordons — bluegrass music



A big hand for our festival sponsors

Indian Summer Festival wouldn't be as successful without the generous support of our community sponsors.

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In addition, we received help from many others. **Capitol Radio Group** is donating media time. **The Operating Engineers Local 965** is loaning tables.

Garden volunteer Sue Lohrenz has a natural bent for conservation

by Julie Dutton

"Use it up. Wear it out. Make it do — or do without."

Most of us have heard that. But how many of us have lived it? Count Sue Lohrenz among that number. Certainly, this Lincoln Memorial Garden volunteer's childhood during the Great Depression groomed her to leave a small carbon footprint. And if the foot making that print happened to have a sock on it? "My mother darned socks," recalls Sue. "And when the socks were past darning, she crocheted the strips of them into rugs."

The family farm in Mason County was home to this life-long lover of the land. And it sustained during those lean years of the Depression. "We grew most of what we ate," explains Sue. "We sold milk and eggs to cover other food costs. Nothing was wasted and everything was recycled, even to hand-me-down clothes." Not that Sue felt deprived. "We did not know we were 'poor' because everyone around us was in the same circumstances," Sue offers. "It was a good life."

Sue has continued her pursuit of a good life through involvement

at Lincoln Memorial Garden. Upon retirement from her small business creating window treatments and home designs, Sue knew it was time to go to work again — helping the Garden grow and thrive.

First, there was the Tuesday commitment making flower designs and crafts. A stint on the Garden Board followed. Then came other activities: heading up the crafters/artisans group; helping with the Split Rail Shop (including doing the books); helping with the Silent Auction. And anyone who wants to meet Sue in person will find her at the Nature Center Sunday afternoons, where she's likely to be behind the desk.

But over 18 years, a top interest for Sue has been the Holiday Market each November. Now serving as the coordinator of the volunteers who create the primarily nature-based wares for the annual sale, the veteran crafter says her contributions include such items as handmade Christmas ornaments, aprons, sock monkeys, and tote bags.

Sue is clear on why the Garden receives so much of her time and energy. "I do this because I enjoy it," she says. "I do this because I



believe in what the Garden stands for. I enjoy the people who work there, both the staff and the volunteers."

No doubt most of them embrace the solid principles Sue saw in action among her elders while growing up. "My grandfather said he did not believe he owned the farm, but was a caretaker of the land for future generations," Sue says. Dad, too, was visionary. "My father was always on the forefront in soil conservation."

Sue has given some thought to Lincoln Memorial Garden's future. "I hope the Garden can continue to educate the young in the joys of nature and preserving our environment," she says. "We should continue to protect the historic Garden, and maintain Jens Jensen's dream of a memorial to Lincoln." ■

Yoga at the Garden: Welcome to autumn

Join Carol Dunaway to learn how to better cope with holiday stress, changing weather, diet, and sleep patterns. Carol is a Certified Yoga Trainer with more than 500 hours of training experience. Help bring your body and mind into balance with the changing season, and embrace the beauty of autumn healthfully.

Participants should bring a mat and blanket, and should be able to move from standing to floor. Saturday, September 25th, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$35 for Garden members and \$40 for non-members. Call (217) 529-1111 to register. ■

"I cannot conceive of anything more poetic, more full of love, than a walk through one these lanes vibrating with the beauty of our native land when in bloom. Beauty is a fleeting thing—it comes and goes—and so it must."
—Jens Jensen

Thank You

Mary Cleverdon, the Garden Guild of Highland Park, Daniel and Sherry Frachey, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Schnirring, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Uteg for their Annual Fund donations.

Kevin Veara for leading our spring bird hikes and Samantha Reif for presenting programs at Summer Ecology Camp.

The Springfield Civic Garden Club for their generous donation that will help fund field trips for low-income classes.

Food Fantasies for donations from their April and May donation jar.

Gregory B. Hurst DVM of White Oaks West Animal Hospital for the wonderful care given to our box turtles. The Ecology Camp attendees were so appreciative.

Jeff Foust for his donation in honor of the birthdays of Pat Dennis and Susie Shackleton.

Mary Matthews for her donation and Bob Naugle for donating the money he received from recycling his ink jet cartridges.

Becky Grummon for her donation to help fund the Jensen film project.

Joyce Munie and an anonymous donor for helping fund a new

Nature Center display.

Jim Orr for his donation of prairie plants, Brenda Larison for donating archival material, and Linda Luepke for baking extra cookies that were sold to happy silent auction customers.

Rose Baker for supplying cupcakes to more than 200 Ecology Campers.

This year's outstanding corps of Ecology Camp junior counselors. Thank you to Ben Jennison, Jennifer Carey, Farris Mosley, Sara and Farah Tamizuddin, Catie Beuscher, Tyler Vonnahmen, and Emily Mayosky.

Illinois EPA interns for their assistance with a trail stabilization project and also for presenting Ecology Camp programs to our campers. Samantha Reif for presenting geology programs to our Ecology Campers.

Dan Debrey for completing his Eagle Scout project. Dan built a retaining wall on the Ostermeier pond bank that had caved in due to muskrat activity.

Employees of the Illinois State Bar Association who sent us a donation in honor of Donna Schechter's retirement.

Mike and Kathie Nenaber for a donation to celebrate the marriage of Linda Nickerson and Bob Shaefer. ■



Little kids + you, with training + outdoors = great fun by Julie Dutton

The Garden hosts some 3,000 to 4,000 school children annually—needless to say, we need adults to help with school hikes. Don't worry about being around oodles of kids. You'll be armed—with knowledge. The Garden is conducting Volunteer Naturalist training on Thursday, September 16th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. During the session, you'll learn about nature's

splendor and how to share it with wee ones (most school groups are preschool to 4th grade and generally tour the Garden during the fall and spring).

New volunteers are especially encouraged to take the training, but old hands wishing to brush up on their skills are welcome. Garden Executive Director Jim Matheis stresses that new volunteers will tag along with school groups first to observe how it's done before leading a group solo. "They're not thrown to the wolves right away," he promises. Free. Lunch provided. Dress for the out-of-doors.

Time to sign up for Fall Junior Naturalist sessions

Kids know: Green is the new black

How does the Garden know all those school groups it hosts are a hit? Because the students sometimes



sign up later to become Junior Naturalists. The annual sessions — held this year on October 16th, November 20th, and December 18th — help youngsters explore how the good earth is, in fact, great. Junior naturalists get lots of fresh autumn air while learning about the environment, animals, and the unique offerings of Lincoln Memorial Garden.

Cost is \$40 for all three sessions. Morning fun (9 a.m. to noon) belongs to 6-year-olds to 9-year-olds, while the afternoon good times (1 to 4 p.m.) are turned over to 9-year-olds to 12-year-olds. (Parents decide which group would best suit their 9-year-olds.) Each session takes only 25 participants so sign up soon.

A pdf of the registration form is available online at www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org or by calling 217/529-1111 and requesting a registration form in the mail. ■

Letters to Mrs. Knudson

by Peggy Boyer Long

Jens Jensen had some pretty firm ideas about what should—and shouldn't—be planted in Lincoln Memorial Garden. The world-famous landscape architect had long promoted natural designs using native species, but the public retreat honoring Abraham Lincoln alongside the new lake in Springfield seemed especially to engage him through his later years.

Jensen's letters from his own retreat in Wisconsin to Harriet Knudson, the organizing genius behind the Garden, offer glimpses of a relationship nurtured over time and grounded in mutual respect and trust. We've found 67 letters from him so far, each with the politely formal salutation more common to that time. "Dear Mrs. Knudson," he always began.

Their implied two-way conversation reflects a day-to-day immediacy, even urgency, about the evolution of the Garden. "I have your telegram," he writes in one undated letter. "If the lotus won't live why not plant waterlilies."

Garden Board President Joan Walters, who has been working with others to decipher Jensen's

handwriting and place his letters in historical context, says this seems to refer to a planting setback. A 1938 newspaper article quotes Harriet Knudson as saying that only one of 200 pond plants set out the year before survived the ravages of "... muskrats, ducks and waves..."

Yet this crisis seemed to give Jensen what, today, we would call a teaching moment. "Your lotus are Japanese," he writes. "We have to find native kinds—tuberosa and odorata. They are far better fitting to this little pond than the more showy and conspicuous lotus." And, underscoring his point: "You know the Lincoln Garden was conceived in the beauty of our native land... it is of the utmost importance to stick to that truth."

Besides Walters, the volunteer members of the history detective team are Helen Adorjan, Brenda Larison, Alan Loken, Joyce Munie, and Alyce Scott of the Illinois State Library. The group is considering visiting the Morton Arboretum in Lisle and the University of Michigan library to search for additional letters. ■

Our Wish List

Thank you to everyone who has donated funds for specific items on our wish list. In particular, thank you to everyone who made wish list donations since our last newsletter.

Our current wish list includes:

- ✓ **Aquarium Lights and Filters** – 4 @ \$35 each = \$140
- ✓ **Endowment Fund Donations** (interest used for operations) – any amount
- ✓ **Hardware** for the new bridge on Arrowwood Trail – \$200
- ✓ **Indian Summer Festival Sponsorship** – \$200
- ✓ **Bankers Boxes** for Split Rail Storage – \$40 per dozen
- ✓ **Archival Paper** for historical files – a ream of acid free paper = \$20
- ✓ **Archival Storage Tubes** – carton of 10 = \$150
- ✓ **Magnifying Glasses** – a dozen @ \$5 = \$60
- ✓ **Pumpkin Carving Supplies** for Indian Summer Festival – \$40
- ✓ **New Members** – Tell a friend about the Garden

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 Dr., Springfield, 62712. You can also place your donation in the Nature Center's donation box. ♡



Jens Jensen (center) with Harriet Knudson and Dr. Knudson, her husband.

Lincoln Memorial Garden

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Memorials



first of eight low stonewall circles, an integral part of the Garden design.

October 4-5, 2013 – The 75th anniversary of the dedication of Lincoln Memorial Garden by the Garden Club of Illinois, an early and enthusiastic sponsor of the project.

Why don't you consider becoming a sponsor of one or more of these exciting events? Call (217) 529-1111 to find out how. ■

A memorial for **Harold Oelheim** was received from Lana Leiner and a memorial for **Frances Wilken** came to us from Margaret and Ray Ackerman.

Donations in memory of **Ruth Riesler** were received from Berta K. Cochran and Lynne and Owen Regan. Alice Christensen sent a donation to honor the memory of **Fran Richardson** and another in memory of **Jim McGill**.

Margaret Kirschner made a donation in memory of her husband, **Henry Kirschner**. ■



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Calendar of Events

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Saturdays, Sept. 18th, 25th, Oct. 2nd, & 9th Bird Hikes with Kevin Veara — 8 a.m.

Sundays, Sept. 19th, 26th, & Oct. 3rd Leaf Identification Hikes — 2 p.m. \$4 per person. Members get in free.

Saturday, Sept. 25th Yoga at the Garden: Welcome to Autumn — 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Call (217) 529-1111 to register.

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 9th & 10th Indian Summer Festival — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day (*see newsletter article*)

Saturday, Oct. 16th Junior Naturalists: Signs of Fall — 6-9 year olds will meet from 9 a.m. to Noon and 9-12 year olds will meet from 1 to 4 p.m.

