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# Seasons

Newsletter of Lincoln Memorial Garden and Nature Center

## Art in the Garden

April is "art-meets-nature" month. At least that's what we're calling it here at Lincoln Memorial Garden. We've planned a number of public activities aimed at giving you a chance to meet artists who are inspired by the out-of-doors, watch them at work along our trails, and purchase their creations. All to the benefit of Lincoln Memorial Garden. While the activities are free and open to the public, any purchase of art helps support our environmental education programs for children—so they'll have a chance to grow up being inspired by the out-of-doors, too.



## The Garden partners with the Springfield Art Association

Enjoy an evening reception and meet some of the artists inspired by Lincoln Memorial Garden.

The Springfield Art Association has again graciously offered to host our juried exhibition of nature-inspired art in its Gallery at 700 N. 4th Street. This year, the exhibition will run from April 15th through April 28th. Part of our Art in the Garden fundraising celebration, the exhibition will open with a white wine reception for participating artists in the Gallery on Friday, April 15th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The opening reception and the exhibition are free to the public.

The Association will display up to 50 juried pieces, including original works created in pastel, watercolor, photography, textiles, and pottery. The Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

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Wild Geraniums – photo by Virginia Scott

## Spring tree and wildflower sales bring a touch of the Garden to your own yard

There's no better way to welcome spring after a long winter than to polish your trowel, plan for your garden, and buy flowers and trees at our annual plant sales.

The popular Spring Tree and Wildflower Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, April 9th**, at the Lincoln Memorial Garden Nature Center. The event resumes on **Sunday, April 10th** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

You'll find at least two dozen varieties of native trees, including favorites such as dogwood and redbud, offered as bare-root saplings at very reasonable prices. You'll also find many of your favorite Garden wildflowers for sale, including celandine poppy, Jack-in-the-pulpit, Virginia bluebells, wild geranium, and bloodroot.

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The jury will award a Best of Show and five Honorable Mentions, as well as a Green award for the best art using recycled materials. A People's Choice award will be chosen from among the juried pieces by those who attend Art in the Garden.

Area artists were invited to submit original work reflecting the spirit of nature and to donate their pieces to benefit the not-for-profit Garden. The artwork will be sold through a silent auction that opens during the exhibition and closes during a reception in the Garden's Nature Center on the evening of Art in the Garden, Saturday, April 30th. A rain date has been set for Sunday, May 1st. ∞

## Local artists' groups partner with the Garden

Spend a day in the Garden watching talented artists at work along our trails.

For the third year in a row, members of the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society and the Sangamon Watercolor Society, as well as acrylic artists from the Springfield area, have enthusiastically lent their time and energy to help plan and to participate in Art in the Garden.

Besides those artists who enter the juried exhibition, many pastelists, watercolorists, and acrylic artists will create *en plein air*—out-of-doors and on-the-spot—during Art in the Garden on Saturday, April 30th (rain date May 1st). The public is invited to watch them at work along the Garden's trails from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those creations will be sold to benefit the Garden at an evening live auction.

Children and their families also are invited to participate in an out-of-doors art activity from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Families may join the fun at any time.

That evening, everyone is invited to a public reception from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Garden's Nature Center, where the art created *en plein air* that day will be sold through a live auction. The silent auction for the juried art will close at that time.

There is no admission fee for any activities on the day of Art in the Garden. ∞

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## Art in the Garden public events

There is no admission fee for any of these activities.

**Friday, April 15th** — Reception for juried artists at the Springfield Art Association Gallery, 700 N. 4th Street, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 15th – Monday, April 28th** — Juried exhibition at the Association Gallery from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

**Saturday, April 30th** — Art in the Garden

- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., watch artists at work along the trails.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., art activities for children and their families.
- 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., reception in the Nature Center. Silent and live art auctions.

**Sunday, May 1st** — Rain date for Art in the Garden

## Still time for artists to enter

Artists who wish to be considered for the juried exhibition have until Friday, April 8th, to apply. Submit original work to the Garden during regular office hours, along with a digital image or quality photograph of the work, and an application. Submissions will be reviewed by a two-person jury. Up to 50 pieces will be selected. The jury will award a Best of Show and five Honorable Mentions, as well as a Green award for the best art using recycled materials. A People's Choice award also will be chosen by those who attend Art in the Garden.

Pre-registration for the *en plein air* activities is due by **Tuesday, April 26th.**

All artwork accepted for Art in the Garden will become the property of the Garden. The funds generated through a silent auction of the juried pieces and a live auction of the *en plein air* pieces will help support the Garden's environmental education programs for children. Artists who donate their pieces for the event will be invited to sell their art commission-free and with no entry fee during the Garden's Indian Summer Festival and Holiday Market.

The Call for Artists and entry forms are available on the Garden's web site at [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org). For more information, contact Jim Matheis, executive director of the Garden, at 217-529-1111 (email [LMG2301@comcast.net](mailto:LMG2301@comcast.net)). ∞

## SPRING FLOWER SALE— cont'd from page 1

If your garden has sun as well as shade, you won't want to miss the Prairie Wildflower Sale on Saturday, May 14th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, May 15th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You can choose from cardinal flower, butterfly weed, purple coneflower, blazing star, and dozens more sun-loving varieties.

Put the sales on your April and May calendars. These events offer many plants that you're not likely to find at local nurseries—and, of course, the proceeds benefit the Garden. Experienced staff members will be on hand at both sales to tell you about the plants being offered and advise you on good choices. ∞



## Share a Meal set for Tuesday, April 12

Donating to LMG was never so easy—or tasty! Dine out at participating restaurants as part of this year's Share a Meal event, and a portion of your tab will go to Lincoln Memorial Garden, other area not-for-profits, and Community Shares of Illinois. Eateries that have agreed to "fork over" some of their receipts from the day include **Augie's Front Burner, Azteca Mexican Grill, Café Moxo, Caitie Girl's, Centrum Café** on Toronto Road (breakfast and lunch), **Holy Land Diner** (lunch only), **Mal-daner's Restaurant, Mariah's, Tai Pan** (dinner only), **Sgt. Peppers Café** and **ZBistro**. ∞

## Welcome spring and join us for Lunch in Bloom

The bluebells will have come and gone and the sweet William will be on center stage. And it will be time to welcome spring with our popular Lunch in Bloom celebration. So mark your calendars now for **Sunday, May 15th**, and join us for this annual event at Island Bay Yacht Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We'll host a social hour from 11 a.m. to noon and serve a plated lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of admission tickets and raffle chances will help support the Garden's environmental education programs throughout the year.

The social hour on the club's lower level will feature champagne punch and beautiful open-air lake views. Volunteers from the Garden's Split Rail Shop will be on hand to offer nature-related items for sale. And, of course, we'll be selling raffle chances for fabulous prizes.

Lunch will be served upstairs. The menu includes basil and brie breast of chicken with a white wine sauce, Asiago cheese-piped potatoes with a garnish of sundried tomatoes, and asparagus. The vegetarian option is portabella mushroom stuffed with spinach Florentine and dusted with Parmesan cheese. Dessert is lemon cake with fresh strawberries. Coffee and tea will be available.

A harpist, courtesy of Garden supporter Jo Alessandrini, will perform during lunch. After lunch, members of the Garden Board will award lovely spring centerpieces made by our talented volunteer Sue Lohrenz. Then we'll conduct the raffle.

- **First Prize.** A newly constructed Lincoln Memorial Garden bench, inscribed with the winner's choice of quotation. *Courtesy of Mike Carroll and Redwood Signs, and Lincoln Memorial Garden.*
- **Second Prize.** Four field box seats (Section 138) and a parking pass for a home game of choice (depending on availability) during the St. Louis Cardinals' 2011 season. *Courtesy of Kerber Eck & Braeckel LLP.*
- **Third Prize.** A hot stone massage session. *Courtesy of BJ Grand Salon & Spa.*
- **Fourth Prize.** Two matching ceramic pots filled with annuals. *Courtesy of Buckley's Prairie Landscaping.*

Raffle tickets will be sold before the luncheon, as well as during the event. A single chance costs \$5. Three chances cost \$10.

The lunch is \$45 per person (\$27 of that is tax deductible).

Invitations and raffle tickets will be in the mail soon. Return the reservation form (and raffle tickets) with a check. **Reservations must be made by May 9th.** This year, you may also make reservations and pay online with your credit card through the Garden's web site at [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org). See the link in the "News" section of the site.

Call 217-529-1111 for more information. ☺

## Jensen film preview on May 12th Biographer Robert Grese to attend

A special members-only preview of the film "Jens Jensen Harmonious World" will be held in the auditorium of the Illinois State Museum at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 12th. Filmmakers Carey Lundin and Mark Frazel have been working on this Jensen documentary the past several years and, as part of their work, visited Lincoln Memorial Garden last summer to shoot footage.

In addition to the preview, a panel discussion on Jensen's work will feature Robert Grese, University of Michigan professor and Jensen biographer.

The film and panel discussion are part of the Garden's ongoing 75th Anniversary celebration. The chance to attend this program is also being offered to Illinois State Museum Society members. The auditorium can accommodate 185 people so seating is on a first-come, first-served basis for Garden and Museum Society members only. ☺

### Celebrating 75 years in the Garden



#### Sign marks the spot

Imagine standing in an almost-barren field and envisioning towering oaks and nodding bluebells along the banks of a slowly filling lake. Mrs. T. J. Knudson had that vision and Jens Jensen created the plan for it. This sign was put up in April 1936 to mark the location of the future Lincoln Memorial Garden. Planning was under way then and Mrs. Knudson wanted to make sure everyone knew this garden was going to be a reality. It has been for 75 years. For more information on our celebrations to mark this anniversary, go to [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org). ☺



# Annual Fund Contributors

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations to this year's Annual Fund Campaign. (These donations were received Jan. 1st – Feb. 28th). As this year's fund drive winds down, we hope you'll take this opportunity to make a donation — if you haven't already done so. You can donate online. Go to the Garden's web site at [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org) and click on "How To Give/Annual Fund".

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The Garden received donations in memory of **Dr. Edward Kwedar** from Randall and Cynthia Lorimor, Rex and Cindy Evans, Scott and Susan Homa, L. Kathleen Brown, John and Sharon Kwedar, Mrs. Radine Riffle, James and Stacey Klein, Edward and Helen Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shupenus, Violet and Pia Goodman, Andy and Cindy Honegger, Garrett Bates, Jimmy, Cydney, Cathryn and Cameron Ayers, Springfield Clinic, CareLink Inc., Helen Evenson, Howard and Lori Hammel, Eileen Dunnetski Lamb and Susan Lamb, Charles and Susan Hammond, Karen Andrews, Brad and Jill Houston, Algis Marcinkevicius and Rita Meskauskaite, Frances Brown, and Dr. and Mrs. Lance Steahly.

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A memorial donation for **Charlene Kennedy** was received from Rob and Cynthia Kennedy and a memorial for **Jean Vitale** was received from Julie and John Eggold.

Joseph and Marilyn Mueller sent us a memorial for **Rose Schechter** and a memorial for **Perry McClelland** was received from William and Ruth Sibley.



# There are benefits in Garden membership

## *Time to renew or join*

Did you know that your annual membership in Lincoln Memorial Garden entitles you to a reduced entry fee at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis?

That's not all. Your membership provides a range of reciprocal privileges at more than 250 other botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories across the country. All of them—along with Lincoln Memorial Garden—belong to the American Horticultural Society, which encourages this cross-fertilization of garden supporters. The Chicago Botanic Garden, the Garfield Park Conservatory in Chicago, and the Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford are just a few of Illinois' other society members.

You can go to the society's web site at [www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org) to find a list of all of the reciprocating facilities in the country and the benefits that are offered by each.

Of course, there are more important reasons to join Lincoln Memorial Garden. You'll receive this newsletter, *Seasons*, five times a year. You'll also receive first notice of special programs at the Garden, a 10 percent discount on most items in our Split Rail Shop, and reduced fees for our Summer Ecology Camp and other special events.

And don't forget the pleasure you'll get in knowing that your membership provides crucial financial support for the Garden. The budget enabling us to offer environmental education programs and maintain the Garden's woodlands, prairies, and wetlands relies on donations and grants throughout the year, our Annual Fund appeal each fall, and, most especially, our membership drive each spring. So please renew your membership or join for the first time. The cost isn't much for the value you receive in return.

A membership letter with a renewal/new member form enclosed will go out in the mail soon. Please send the form back to the Garden, along with a membership check. Or you can renew your membership through the Garden's web site at [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org).

Then proudly use your new membership card to receive price breaks at Lincoln Memorial Garden or any number of sister gardens across the country. ☺

## *Email is faster and cheaper*

Like many small organizations, we will be relying more on email to send information to our members. It's often quicker, and certainly less expensive. So, if you have an email address we can use, please include it when you join or renew.

If you prefer not to receive information by email, don't worry. You'll hear from us in the traditional way. ☺



## Photo workshop at the Garden April 16th



When spring wildflowers begin peeping out of the woods, photographers who use "point-and-shoot" digital cameras are invited to gather at the Garden for a photography workshop from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on **Saturday, April 16th**.

Dick Adorjan will help sharpen your photographic skills and inspire you to have more fun with your photography. He will trade tips with other shutterbugs, using the colorful Garden trails as a living laboratory of native flora and fauna.

Adorjan is a former photojournalist for United Press International. He has been cited for his personal photography in recent years, receiving a Kodak International Photo Award. Many of his photographs of Lincoln

Memorial Garden are used in Garden projects and publicity.

The workshop will include photo basics for automatic digital cameras, an opportunity to shoot in the Garden, and a critique of photos.

Cost is \$25 for Garden members and \$30 for nonmembers, which includes morning refreshments. Registration is limited to 20 participants. Registrants are asked to indicate what types of camera equipment they will be using that day and bring manuals for those cameras. They also are encouraged to bring examples of their favorite photos.

To register, go to the Garden's web site at [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org) and register online. ☺

## 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.

# 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:

- ✓ **Endowment Fund Donations** (interest used for operations) — any amount
- ✓ A bale of **Sunshine Mix** for potting our wildflowers — \$30
- ✓ **Oil Change** for the Garden's truck — \$39.95
- ✓ **Fund a Camp Counselor** for a week — \$380
- ✓ A **Gallon of Stain** to help paint the Nature Center eaves — \$40
- ✓ A **Load of Gravel** for the parking lots — \$180
- ✓ **Golf Cart** — We need a second golf cart for giving rides to those less able to walk at events and for other uses at special events. — \$2,500 (any amount toward the price)

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. ♻

## Annual Meeting April 13th

The Annual Meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden Foundation will be held on Wednesday, April 13th, at the Nature Center. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Business will include the yearly financial report, a report on 75th Anniversary activities, and the election of new Board members and officers. All Lincoln Memorial Garden members are invited to attend.

This year's slate of officers and Board members includes **Barbara Rogers** as **President** and **Nicky Stratton** as **President Elect**. Board members serving their second three-year term are **Brian Barstead**, **Mary Anne Elson**, and **Ann Hamilton**. New Board members nominated for their first three-year term are **Susan Helm**, **Kathy Kojis**, **Mike Maniscalco**, **Steven Read**, **Dave Clodfelter**, and **Jim Reed**. Serving as **Past President** this year will be **Joan Walters**. The rest of the Garden's Board includes **Neil Brumleve**, **Keith Burg**, **Bill Donels**, **Jeff Foust**, **Becky Grummon**, **Karen Kirk**, **Alan Loken**, **Sylvia Miller**, **Donna Schechter**, **Virginia Scott**, **Bruce Strom**, and the new **Springfield Civic Garden Club President**, **Ada Lynn Shrewsbury**, and the new incoming **Garden Clubs of Illinois President**.

We thank these members who have completed their terms on the Board: **Linda Kopecky**, **Brenda Larison**, **David Leonatti**, **Peggy Boyer Long**, **Joyce Munie**, and **Grace Wenz**. Also departing are **Springfield Civic Garden Club President Sherry Park** and **Stephanie Greene**, **President of the Garden Clubs of Illinois**. ♻

## Is that a warbler? Join bird and wildflower hikes in the Garden

Set aside some weekend time in April and May to enjoy guided trail hikes at Lincoln Memorial Garden.

Experienced guide Kevin Veara will lead Saturday morning **Bird Hikes** on **April 16th, 23rd, and 30th** and **May 7th**, departing from the Nature Center at 8 a.m. These dates represent the height of the annual northward migration, and you may spot warblers, vireos, tanagers, waterfowl, and the colorful indigo bunting, along with year-round residents such as cardinals and woodpeckers. Be sure to bring your binoculars and camera.

The Garden is in its full glory in late April and early May, and you can join **Blossom Time Hikes** on three Sundays at 2 p.m.: **April 10th and 17th** and **May 1st**. You can't miss the redbuds and dogwoods, but if you look in the right places you may find Virginia bluebells, mayapples, and a whole meadow of shooting stars. Again, bring your camera.

The guided hikes are free, and no preregistration is necessary. ♻



## Volunteer naturalists needed

Already, quite a few busloads of happy children are scheduled to visit Lincoln Memorial Garden for our 2011 spring field trip season. With hundreds of young nature explorers coming to experience first-hand the wonder of the Garden's flora and fauna, we need

fulfill the Garden's environmental education mission to share the world of nature with the next generation.

Freshen up your tree, flower, bird, and insect ID skills, take a leisurely blossom time walk down the Garden's trails, learn how to share nature's delights with young children, and gather with kindred naturalist folks on **Tuesday, April 12th**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for our Spring Volunteer Naturalist Workshop. If you can't attend this training workshop, but still want a hands-on tutorial, just call Betsy to set up a time to go over the basics. If you know any other friends or family members who might be interested in leading hikes, please invite them to attend the training workshop with you.



a cadre of enthusiastic volunteer naturalists to help us. Please join us for a fun-filled season with these inquisitive children. Our volunteer naturalists' time and efforts help us

Lunch and snacks will be provided. Just let us know you are coming by calling us at 217-529-1111 or or emailing [LMG2301@comcast.net](mailto:LMG2301@comcast.net). ♻

## Register now for Summer Ecology Camp

Warm, windy, spring weather leads into long, sunny, summer days at Ecology Camp!

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2011 camp. This summer, we are offering six weeks of Ecology Camp to children from 4 through 13 years of age. For five fun-filled days, young campers will explore Lincoln Memorial Garden's native ecosystems through discovery hikes, nature arts and crafts, and environmental songs and games with like-minded naturalists.

Camp sessions run for five days, 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and are organized by age group. Please note that Session I for 4-, 5-, and 6-year-olds will be offered in the morning only, 8:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Camp sessions and times are as follows:

### ECOLOGY CAMP 2011

<b>Session I</b>	4, 5, 6 years	June 13th - 17th	8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
<b>Session II</b>	6, 7, 8 years	June 15th - 19th	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<b>Session III</b>	8, 9, 10 years	June 27th - July 1st	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### NO ECOLOGY CAMP: JULY 4th – 15th

<b>Session IV</b>	8, 9, 10 years	July 18th - 22nd	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<b>Session V</b>	9, 10, 11 years	July 25th - 29th	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<b>Session VI</b>	11, 12, 13 years	July 27th - 31st	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### The cost per session is as follows:

Session I (half day)—\$65 per child for members, \$80 for nonmembers.  
Sessions II-VI (full day)—\$125 per child for members, \$150 for nonmembers.

Camp sessions are strictly limited to 36 participants. Register early to avoid disappointment because the sessions often fill quickly. To register, download a registration form at [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org) and click on the "News" section.

Mail your completed form to: Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 East Lake Dr., Springfield IL 62712. No phone registrations will be accepted.

Please check your summer vacation plans and other camp schedules carefully before registering. No refunds will be given. ∞



## NEW!!! Fiddlehead Naturalists spring series

The Garden's new Fiddlehead Naturalists preschool enrichment program offers young children the opportunity to learn more about the natural world through outdoor exploration adventures on the trails and indoor discovery time in the Nature Center. Music, art, literature, math, and science are integrated with seasonal nature topics.

This new six-session series meets once a week for two and a half hours on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to Noon. **Fiddlehead Naturalists are 3 to 5 years old.** Children ready for the program must be 3 years old by April 1st. Children must be toilet trained unless a parent attends. If your child has trouble adjusting to organized preschool activities, consider accompanying him/her to the series for a while.

### Meetings dates and topics are:

April 19th	Wildlife is Everywhere!
April 26th	Looking at Leaves and Finding Flowers
May 3rd	Grow As We Go
May 10th	Wiggling Worms
May 17th	Hiding in Plain Sight
May 24th	Who Lives in A Tree?

The cost is \$60 for members and \$75 for nonmembers for all six sessions. To register, download a registration form at [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org) and click on the "News" section. Mail your completed form to: Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 East Lake Dr., Springfield IL 62712. No phone registrations will be accepted. ∞

## Spring Migration

Light turns green,  
Signal's Go!  
Feathered traffic  
Starts to flow,  
  
Revved up motors  
On the wing –  
Long blue highway  
Home to spring.

–by Beverly McLoughland  
Williamsburg, VA

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# Lincoln Memorial Garden & Nature Center

*A Project of the Garden Clubs of Illinois*

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## Calendar of Events

- Saturday, April 2nd** Junior and Senior Naturalists—6- to 9-year-olds will meet from 9 a.m. to Noon and 9- to 12-year-olds will meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday  
April 9th and 10th** Annual Spring Wildflower and Tree Sale—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.
- Sundays, April 10th,  
17th, and May 1st** Blossom Time Hikes—2 p.m. Hikes begin at the Nature Center.
- Saturdays, April 16th,  
23rd, 30th and May 7th** Morning Bird Hikes—8 a.m. Led by Kevin Veara and begin at the Nature Center
- Tuesday, April 12th** Volunteer Naturalist Training—9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nature Center.
- Friday, April 15th** Art in the Garden Opening Reception—5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Art Association Gallery.
- Saturday, April 16th** Photography Workshop—9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 30th** Art in the Garden—see newsletter article for schedule of activities.
- Saturday, May 7th** Junior and Senior Naturalists—6- to 9-year-olds will meet from 9 a.m. to Noon and 9- to 12-year-olds will meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, May 12th** Jens Jensen film presentation—7 p.m. at the Illinois State Museum.
- Saturday and Sunday,  
May 14th and 15th** Annual Spring Prairie Wildflower Sale— 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.
- Sunday, May 15th** Lunch in Bloom—11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Island Bay Yacht Club.

