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## Christmas shopping starts early at the Garden

— By Marianne Lawrence

Jackie Carey hopes you'll begin your Christmas shopping on Nov. 13th and 14th at the Garden's annual Holiday Market.

"There will be so many unique and reasonably priced items to choose from to decorate your home for the season. You'll find the perfect hostess gift, or just the right presents for family and friends," says Carey, manager of the Garden's Split Rail Shop.

You can sip hot apple cider and munch on donut holes in the Nature Center as you shop the Market's offerings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13th, and from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14th.

There will be no shortage of items for sale. Volunteer artisans have been busy as Santa's elves, creating unique holiday swags, wreaths, centerpieces, and one-of-a-kind Christmas tree ornaments to supplement the gift shop's extensive inventory of books, jewelry, herbal soaps, toys, and garden and home items.



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## Annual Fund gifts help to keep the Garden free

— By Virginia Scott

*Imagine a ticket booth at the entrance to the Garden — a turnstile and an admission fee.*

You can't imagine such a thing? Part of the beauty of Lincoln Memorial Garden is that it's free! From dawn to dusk, you can walk right in. You can hike, jog, take photos, meditate, look for birds, romp with your children, and commune with nature. What a gift.

But, of course, there is an expense behind every gift.

The Garden remains free because of the hundreds of people who love it, who believe in its mission, and who willingly support it with their volunteer efforts and their dollars.

Many of those supporting dollars come from the Garden's Annual Fund Campaign. You may soon be receiving a letter inviting your support for the com-

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## Visit the Garden!

### Hours of Operation:

#### NATURE CENTER

10 - 4 — Tuesday - Saturday

1 - 4 — Sunday

Closed Monday

#### GARDEN

Garden is open every day  
sunrise to sunset.

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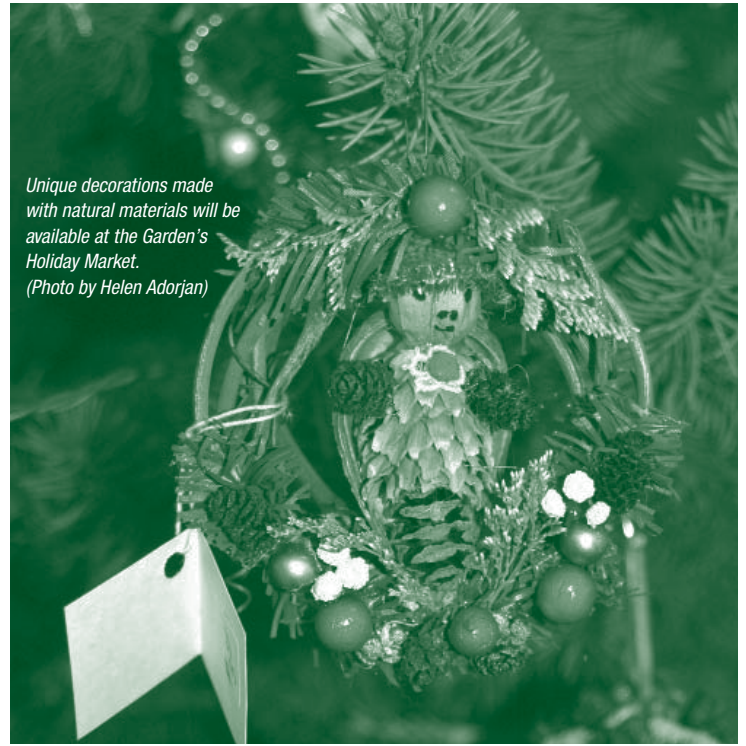
# Jensen Garden party drew honored guests

— Photographs by Virginia Scott

Garden members and friends threw a party for Jens Jensen. The celebration, marking the 150th anniversary of the landscape architect's birth, took place throughout the Garden on a mild and sunny Sept. 12th. The event kicked off a three-year celebration of the Garden's 75th Anniversary.

Jensen, the Garden's designer, made an appearance alongside Harriet Knudson, the Garden's organizing genius. They were portrayed by local actors Don and Linda Schneider and were joined in one of the Jensen-

designed council rings by Mrs. Knudson's daughter Berta Cochran and son Sam Knudson. Ada Lynn Shrewsbury of the Springfield Civic Garden Club portrayed one of the ladies from the Garden Club of Illinois, which sponsored creation of the Garden. She joined the Schneiders in enjoying the concert by the Springfield Municipal Band. The day included a presentation on Jensen's Chicago legacy by Tom Martin and tours of the Garden. And plenty of cupcakes and punch. ☺



Unique decorations made with natural materials will be available at the Garden's Holiday Market. (Photo by Helen Adorjan)

## HOLIDAY MARKET— cont'd from page 1



Local actors Don and Linda Schneider (left) portrayed Jens Jensen and Harriet Knudson while Berta Cochran (center) and Sam Knudson (right) enjoyed the performance.



The Springfield Municipal Band provided a festive atmosphere to the birthday celebration.

Popular gifts featured last year were the scented wax pottery bowls and spheres. They provide a year's worth of fragrance without using a flame. There will be more fragrances to choose from this year and the wax spheres will be available in two sizes.

A selection of environmentally friendly jewelry, totes, and coin purses made from recycled materials — along with bamboo items that were introduced at last year's market — will be available again, along with great gifts for gardeners, including yard ornaments, hummingbird feeders, chimes, and garden flags and stakes.

A display of artwork by members of the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society and the Sangamon Watercolor Society will offer original artwork in all price ranges that will make unique gifts for friends and relatives, while supporting Springfield's talented local art community.

A collection of nature, garden-

ing, and science books will include whimsical children's selections that will answer such curious questions as, "How do birds find their way, and how do seeds grow?" Also available will be copies of *Siftings*, a memoir written by the Garden's landscape architect, Jens Jensen, and a biography of Jensen by Robert Grese, *Jens Jensen: Maker of Parks and Gardens*.

This annual fundraiser supports the Garden's nature education programs with special experiences for school children, and sustains the woodlands and prairies that were created nearly 75 years ago. Carey believes that, "when a gift is purchased at a not-for-profit store such as ours, it really creates a second gift, which in this case is support of the Lincoln Memorial Garden and Nature Center."

Be sure to tell your friends and family to come out to the Garden and enjoy a unique shopping experience in a beautiful fall setting. ☺

# Film crew visits Garden for Jensen documentary

— By Helen Adorjan

Lincoln Memorial Garden hosted the film crew from Viva Lundin Productions for two days in August as they made one of their last stops in a four-year odyssey to film a documentary about Jens Jensen, the renowned landscape architect who designed the Garden.

providing a human touch to the filming of the Lincoln Council Ring as the sun set behind them.

“The Garden itself is beyond doubt Jens Jensen’s greatest and most enduring achievement and work of art,” Frazel said. “It rivals his fantastic work at The Clearing



The film crew from Viva Lundin Productions captures the Garden’s bright sunflowers as one of the scenes for their documentary on Jens Jensen, which they hope to air on PBS in the spring. Cinematographer; Pete Biagi, is on the ladder, while Carey Lundin, director and co-producer; monitors the shot, and Lucien Smith, camera assistant, steadies the boom. Lincoln Memorial Garden hosted the film crew for two days in August on one of their last stops in a four-year odyssey to film the documentary. (Photo by Dick Adorjan)

The crew included Carey Lundin, director and co-producer; Mark Frazel, writer and co-producer; Pete Biagi, cinematographer; and Lucien Smith, camera assistant.

Lundin and Frazel expressed their gratitude for the warm reception and support they received during their visit, particularly the assistance given by Board President Joan Walters and Executive Director Jim Matheis. Others who pitched in to provide invaluable assistance included Dick Adorjan and Wayne Huckabee, who helped with locations for filming and provided scene shots. Other help came from the two dozen Garden aficionados who served as “extras,”

in Door County as a statement of his vision.”

Following their filming at the Garden, Viva Lundin has one more stop, Frazel said: a recently restored private residence Jensen designed in 1912.

For the documentary team, the hard work of sorting through the 40 hours of film begins, including interviews and B-roll (shots of the parks and landscapes). In addition, there are hundreds of photos and other materials gathered from research efforts, including 10 days in the Jens Jensen Archive at the Morton Arboretum. The Chicago Park District also provided rare archival photos. Frazel recently discovered a 16 millimeter Kodak

film of Jensen at The Clearing, and a 55-minute radio interview with Jensen at the Milwaukee Public Museum. Archival interviews and materials also came from other Jensen scholars.

The synopsis for the film states: “Jensen sought to mitigate our

it is finished. Then, he said, “after the film is ‘locked,’ we will have to do the sound design and add music, do color correction and finish the titles.”

Viva Lundin Productions explained the process of making the film to an audience at Garfield

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— Mark Frazel

human footprint on our landscape. He dreamed of a harmonious world of humans living within nature. He was one of the great social visionaries, a founder of the field of ecology, a great artist and leader.”

Frazel is working with editor Terry Schwartz “to assemble a ‘rough cut’ of the 55-minute film.” Frazel said it will probably go through a number of “cuts” before

Park in late September. They showcased the trailer for the film, clips of Jensen speaking, and a short clip from the film. But the completed documentary — *Jens Jensen Harmonious World* — isn’t expected to be completed before next spring. It is to be aired on PBS and nature channels, and shown to nature and conservancy organizations, including Lincoln Memorial Garden. Stay tuned for further information. ∞



## Home Tweet Home

One of the winners of the Garden’s first Birdhouse Building Contest at this year’s Indian Summer Festival was Elizabeth Drake, whose combination tin can and gourd house won for best green design and best combination of form and function. John Fechtman’s “Apartment House” won the People’s Choice Award. ∞

# Annual Report

April 1, 2009 – March 30, 2010

Innovation was key to this past year. On the eve of Lincoln Memorial Garden's 75th Anniversary, we launched several initiatives to ensure that our founders' vision thrives into the future.

Given the economy, we've worked harder to maintain funds for Garden operations. But this year we took steps designed to strengthen our base. First, we moved to invest in technology that will enable us to better track our relationship with members and donors. We assessed new database software that should help to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of fund-raising and friend-raising. Once the program is up and running, it will enable us to keep much more detailed donor and membership records.

We aimed to build on our sponsorship program with a new event information packet and a detailed plan for approaching potential sponsors. The packet, which can be given to individuals and companies, will offer a ready reference on sponsorship opportunities.

We stepped up our fundraising calendar and set new financial expectations for each event. The Corkscrew Wine Emporium volunteered to host a wine-tasting fundraiser, the sausage and pancake breakfast drew a record number of guests, and the combined profits from the breakfast and that weekend's silent auction also set a record. But we pushed for innovation here, too, by creating Art in the Garden. That day-long fundraiser, held in June, encompassed a juried show of nature-inspired art and *en plein air* activities along the Garden trails. We met expectations

for a first-time event, and most important, the Garden will benefit from new alliances with the arts community.

We also explored innovative ways to reach the wider community through an interactive Web site and a Facebook page. As with the technology itself, this new communication strategy will remain an ongoing project.

Meanwhile, our education program looked to the future. This year, we received a \$1600 grant from the Sangamon County Foundation and another \$900 grant from the Rotary, enabling pre-school students from the Early Learning Center, many of them

from low-income families, to explore the Garden for the first time. In an effort to encourage teachers to see past declining budgets, we provided an assessment on ways the Garden's programs meet state education standards. And, with an eye to extending our education efforts and volunteer opportunities, we entered discussions with the University of Illinois Extension Office on involvement in the adult Master Naturalist program.

At the same time, we continued efforts to maintain our buildings and grounds. We began examining sustainability options for the Nature Center, purchased a new truck, and installed a second "Looking

for Lincoln" wayside exhibit at the entrance to the Garden. And, nearly 75 years after the first acorns were planted, we continued our efforts to maintain Jens Jensen's design by installing more native trees in the Cawley Meadow and removing invasive bush honeysuckle and garlic mustard throughout the Garden.

We have begun drawing up plans for a three-year celebration honoring what our founders accomplished over the last 75 years. After all, it was their innovative thinking that made the Garden what it is today. Please watch for upcoming events as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary. ∞

## Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden Foundation, Inc.

### Balance Sheet

March 31, 2010

	2010 Total All Funds	2009 Total All Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 100,135	\$ 85,810
Investments	1,044,458	860,749
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,144,593</b>	<b>946,559</b>
Property and equipment	1,048,813	1,037,199
Less accumulated depreciation	(368,594)	(329,248)
Total fixed assets	680,219	707,951
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,824,812</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,510</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Payroll withholding	1,860	2,426
Deferred grant income	5,517	5,517
Notes payable	20,217	—
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 27,594</b>	<b>\$ 7,943</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Unrestricted	1,483,162	1,328,325
Restricted	225,000	225,000
Temporarily restricted	89,057	93,242
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,797,218</b>	<b>\$ 1,646,567</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,824,812</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,510</b>

Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden Foundation, Inc.

Receipts & Disbursements  
Fiscal Year through March 31, 2010

	2010	2009
<b>Cash Receipts</b>		
Contributions and memberships	\$ 51,643	\$ 47,330
Memorials	9,725	5,480
Education Income	35,762	39,400
Fundraising	126,924	116,293
Grants	3,300	1,710
Investment Income	234,045	(165,105)
Split Rail Sales	58,063	57,027
Other	15,458	16,042
Temporarily restricted	—0—	70,000
<b>Total cash receipts</b>	<b>\$ 534,960</b>	<b>\$ 188,167</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>		
Education	53,155	57,299
Grounds and buildings	169,393	177,751
Management	100,136	96,507
Membership	7,365	9,117
Fundraising	54,260	61,327
<b>Total cash disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 384,309</b>	<b>\$ 402,001</b>
<b>Receipts in excess (or deficient) of disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 150,651</b>	<b>(\$ 213,834)</b>

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ing year. We hope you will give generously as we mark the 75th Anniversary of the Garden.

November is one of the two times each year that the Garden regularly seeks your support. In the spring, we encourage new memberships and renewals. In the fall, we invite members and non-members alike to send a special gift for maintaining the Garden we love.

Membership fees are not enough, not nearly enough, to fill the annual budget; they provide

less than 10 percent of the total. *Donations to the Annual Fund are crucial, providing at least 20 percent of our annual needs.* (The rest of the budget? It is pieced together from special events, investment interest, fees for weddings in the Garden, tuition for programs, revenue from the Split Rail Shop, and more. *Not a penny comes from taxes.*)

With your response to the Annual Fund, you will be supporting vital work you may take for granted — clearing trails, removing

invasive species, caring for equipment, painting, fixing, chopping, cleaning, and improving. Your gift also helps to support the Garden's outstanding staff, few but dedicated.

You know that Jens Jensen, who designed this natural retreat, would not have wanted a ticket booth at the Garden. Nor does anyone. Please affirm his — and our — faith in public support by giving generously to this year's Annual Fund! ☺

Thank you to.....

Mervis Iron and Steel for donating bridge building material.

Sarah Ferguson for raising and releasing Black Swallowtail butterflies at the Garden.

Our early silent auction donors: Michael and Kathleen Nenaber, Sandy Schinneer, Bovano Studio, Jo Alessandrini and Guerry Suggs.

Members of the Decatur Garden Club who spent a day at the Garden creating gift items for the Split Rail Shop.

American General, Michael and Lori Downing, Mary Ann Egizio, and Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Jennison for their recent donations.

Everyone who helped out with the August filming for the Jens Jensen documentary: Joan Walters, Dick and Helen Adorjan, Melissa Kirwan, J.D. and David Eason, Wayne Huckabee, Berta Cochran, and many extras.

Wilson and June Park for a donation in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary, and John and Katie Huther, who made a donation in honor of Charlie Hammond's birthday.

Donors who made special Jens Jensen birthday donations: Grace Wenz, R-Lou Barker, Mary Ann Egizio, Lois Jazo, Jim and Mary Grundel, Berta Cochran, Susan and Tom Laue, Mrs. Walter F. Brissenden, Jo Alessandrini, Jonathan and Loretta Hess, Lois Korda, Willa M. Fuhrken, Bill and Sue Donels, Alva Beckemeyer, Lawrence and Constance Bussard, Susanne Burton, Bob and Fran Naugle, John and Katie Huther, and Orvetta Robinson.

The Springfield Municipal Band, Tom Martin, Linda and Don Schneider, and Ada Lynn Shrewsbury for making our Jensen birthday party a success. ☺

# Indian Summer Festival Thank You's

This year's Indian Summer Festival was one of our most successful ever. Great weather with lots of sunshine contributed to near-record crowds and a record profit.

Our numbers demonstrate just how busy we were. Almost 200 volunteers sold food, helped with children's activities, parked cars, and sold tickets. Children carved or painted 800 pumpkins, and the

Country Cupboard sold hundreds and hundreds of cookies, brownies, and baked goods. We used almost a ton of ice, sold more than 100 cases of water and soda, and consumed almost 1000 pork chop sandwiches, brats, and hot dogs.

A big thank you goes out to the following organizations, businesses, and individuals for making this year's event possible. ♡

## ***Thank you to the following businesses and organizations who donated, goods, services, or in-kind donations:***

Capitol Radio Group  
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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Illinois Native Plant Society  
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Tom Day Business Machines  
Marilyn Davison  
Cathy Mosley  
Nicky Stratton

## ***Volunteers from:***

Auburn High School  
Chatham Glenwood High School  
Lanphier High School  
Lincoln Magnet School  
Lincoln Memorial Garden  
Lincoln Land Community College Environmental Club  
Pleasant Plains High School  
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Springfield Civic Garden Club  
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**Bob and Fran Naugle**  
**The Loken Family Fund**

*Clockwise from top photo: George King (right) and another artist at the Pastel Society tent; David Scott and Jonathon Izzo demonstrate how to use the flying hoop; Elizabeth Budinger checks out the jewelry vendor's booth. (Photos by Virginia Scott)*



**Indian Summer Festival 2010** (photos courtesy of Virginia Scott)

Above: Will Budinger in deep artistic concentration at the pumpkin decorating table.

Below: The River Ramblers fill the air with their distinctive, crowd-pleasing bluegrass.



## 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
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **New Set of Tires** for one of our tractors – \$400
- ✓ **Buckets of Ice Melt** for the front walk – \$20 each
- ✓ **Wireless Router** – \$179
- ✓ **New Laser Printer** – \$399

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. ♡

## Memorials

Donations made in memory of **Mark Hoffman** were received from Ashley Elizabeth Hoffmann, Alice Christensen and Tom Payne, Patrick and Nancy Chesley, Ken and Shelley Hoffman, Linda and Larry Allen, Jane and Mike Gillespie, Debbie Price, AFSCME Local 2224, Christopher and Linda Wheal and James and Mary Patton.

A memorial for **Mrs. Audrey Wichterman** was received from Berta K. Cochran and a memorial donation for **Gladys C. Gewe** came to us from Myrtle F. Brady. A memorial for **Pauline Cormier** was received from John Hammel and Carol Whitehead. ♡



# Lincoln Memorial Garden & Nature Center

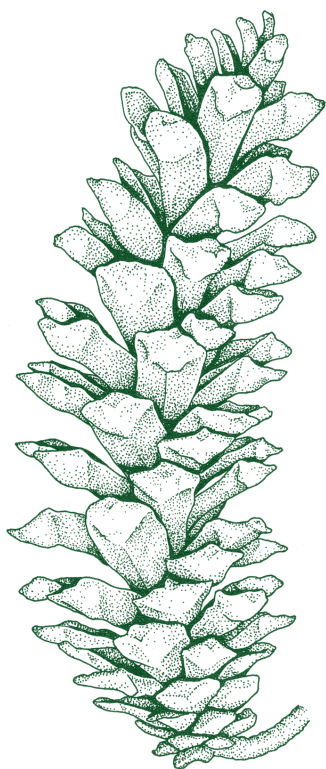
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## Calendar of Events

**Saturday & Sunday,  
Nov. 13th & 14th** Holiday Market — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

**Saturday, Nov. 20th** Junior Naturalists — 6 to 9-year-olds will meet from 9 a.m. to Noon; and 9 to 12-year-olds will meet from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 18th** Junior Naturalists — 6 to 9-year-olds will meet from 9 a.m. to Noon; and 9 to 12-year-olds will meet from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 24th thru  
Saturday, Jan. 1st** Nature Center Closed — Have a happy holiday season.