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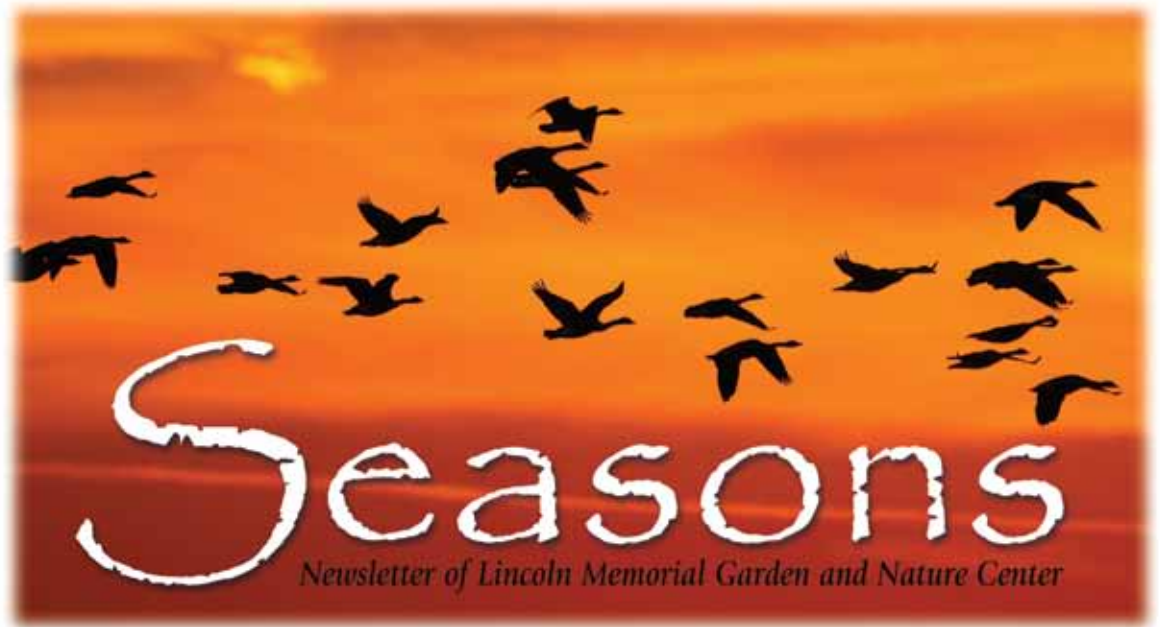
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Fall Harvest Festival

October 7th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October 8th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A few things are new at the 2023 Fall Harvest Festival on October 7 - 8!

- Mrs. Harriet Knudson, or her close interpreter, will greet visitors in the History Tent.
The Sangamon Valley Wood Carvers will offer a soap carving workshop for kids on both days from 1 to 2 p.m.
On Saturday, the festival will open at 9 a.m., so families may enjoy kid-familiar music by the "Tater Tot Rocks" starting at 9:45.

New and returning musicians, food vendors, and craft vendors, along with plenty of activities and demonstrations, promise to make this favorite seasonal fundraiser enjoyed by all!

Musical Entertainment

Saturday

Tater Tot Rocks..... 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Timo Artur..... 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Micah Walk & Dave Littrell 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
Rhodes & Battles 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Sunday

Ben Bedford..... 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tom & Owen Irwin..... 12:45 - 2:15 p.m.
Kraig Kenning..... 2:30 - 4 p.m.



As of September 1, the following food vendors are planning to participate in Fall Harvest Festival: Vessini Food Truck, Whisk Me Away, Pizza Guy, Smokin' House BBQ - Stewy's Style, and Sweets Shack Trailer!

Scarecrow Supplies Needed!

To make the ever-popular Build a Scarecrow activity successful, donations of used child-sized cotton or flannel shirts, blue jeans, pants, hats, belts, ties, and scarves are needed and can be dropped off at the Nature Center any time before the festival.

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Director's Message

by Joel Horwedel

Happy Fall! We had a wonderful summer at LMG! Our Summer Ecology Camp was very successful. This year we hosted 255 kids over the course of seven weeks. A huge thank you to our educator, Audra Walters, as well as our camp counselors, Connor Dove, Kate Held, and Collin Steele. These four individuals, as well as our many junior

counselors, helped make our summer program an outstanding success!

In late August, Michael von Behren Builder, Inc. started construction on our highly anticipated Children's Woodland Garden. Please excuse the mess around the Nature Center this fall as construction takes place. We will be temporarily closing the Maple and Buckeye Trails during the construction process. We anticipate construction will be completed sometime around the first of the year with a ribbon cutting sometime in spring of 2024.

As we head into fall, it is time to start thinking about our annual Fall Harvest Festival! Please mark your calendars for October 7 and 8 for this family fun event. We will once again have our "Build a Scarecrow" booth for kids and families. We are collecting old children's blue jeans, flannel shirts, and panty hose for the scarecrow activity. If anyone has any of these items to donate, they can be dropped off at the Nature Center. This year's Festival will include more food options than ever before, so we hope you will be able to come out and enjoy some great music, food, and crafts!

This year's annual Holiday Market is set for November 17, 18, and 19. The Springfield Civic Garden Club crafters will have many handmade holiday items for sale, and we will have our annual holiday photo opportunities available as well! Watch our website and Facebook for more information about this festive event. I hope to see you out in the Garden! ☺



Kate, Matthew and AJ Held

LMG Ecology Camp: A Family Tradition

Visitors to LMG during the months of June and July were greeted by the giggles and excitement of Summer Ecology Campers as they made their way throughout the Garden. LMG Educator, Audra Walters, and her team welcomed 255 campers to LMG over the seven-week program. Campers explored topics of recycling, soil health, water, photosynthesis, and much more during their week at camp, with lessons tailored to meet the developmental needs of the varying age groups each week. Traditions such as playing predator/prey, picnicking outdoors, and enjoying the Friday water day/watermelon afternoon continued to be favorites at camp this summer.

This year's senior counselor, Kate Held, is no stranger to LMG or Ecology Camp. Kate and her two brothers, Matthew and AJ, also attended Ecology Camp throughout the years, and all three of them have either worked or volunteered at LMG during the summers and at our annual Fall Harvest Festival. AJ continues to enjoy Ecology Camp as a 12 year old. As a recent graduate of SIU-C with a double major in Finance and Pre-Law, and minors in Environmental Studies, Spanish, and Economics, Kate worked with Audra and utilized her environmental science knowledge to develop engaging lesson plans for the 2023 campers. This fall, Kate heads to Michigan State to begin studies at MSU College of Law and hopes to practice in Environmental Law. ☺

Lincoln Memorial Garden Mission

Lincoln Memorial Garden & Nature Center welcomes everyone to experience the native landscape known to Abraham Lincoln.

In an atmosphere of peace and beauty, LMG's landscape, designed by Jens Jensen, is a place to find inspiration in the changing seasons and learn stewardship of the environment through thoughtful nature education.

New Children's Woodland Garden a Step Closer to Reality

Karen Ackerman Witter

The exciting new Children's Woodland Garden (revealed in a previous newsletter) is getting closer to reality! In June, Michael von Behren Builder, Inc. was selected as the general contractor and Custom Hardscapes, Decatur, as the landscaper. Construction documents were finalized and materials ordered so that construction could begin this month. The \$1.4 million Children's Woodland Garden is scheduled for completion no later than March 2024, in time for the annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast and hopefully before Christmas. This is the largest project undertaken since the first nature center opened in 1965.

The children's garden will be a fun place for kids and also an immersive learning environment that is unique to central Illinois. It will help fulfill the garden's priorities to tell LMG's story to the entire community, to reach new and diverse populations within the region, and to inspire an appreciation of nature.

Features of the Children's Woodland Garden include a simulated stream, water log tunnel, sensory table, water pump, natural musical instrument, footbridge, observation areas, outdoor sink, and log climbing structures as well as a third troll to be created in partnership with the Springfield Art Association. Windows in the existing nature center will be replaced with sliding glass doors opening to a covered outdoor deck with access to the children's garden.

Other nature-oriented play-spaces provided inspiration, including the *Anne O'C. Albrecht Nature Playscape* at Forest Park in St. Louis, Morton Arboretum Children's Garden, and the *Doris I. Schmuck Children's Garden* at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Members of the project team visited these and other nearby areas and determined what concepts could be transferred to LMG while designing something unique.

A children's garden was envisioned nearly a decade ago. The Garden Clubs of Illinois provided seed money, and others were inspired to contribute after seeing preliminary

sketches. With \$100,000 in hand, an extensive fundraising campaign was anticipated.

Remarkably, that was not necessary.

Kathy and Randy Germeraad were at the ribbon-cutting for the accessible trail when they saw a conceptual design for the new Children's Woodland Garden on display in the nature center. That piqued their interest to learn more. It didn't take long for them to commit to being the primary sponsor. Kathy has vivid memories of her Butler Elementary School fifth grade field trip to LMG in the 1960s. Both Kathy and Randy are former teachers and longtime champions of public education. They saw the benefits of the project and introducing children to nature when they are young and impressionable. Kathy and Randy have six grandchildren who live in Springfield. Son Scott and his wife Colleen have both served on the LMG board.

Kathy is the daughter of the late Bill and Mary Schnirring, dedicated community philanthropists who gave from the heart. Randy recalls Kathy's father repeatedly talking about their responsibility to give back to the

community where they live, and they have stressed that with their children as well.

The family of Cullom Davis is also a significant contributor. Cullom lived near Lincoln Memorial Garden, helped write the garden's first strategic plan, and worked tirelessly on the Acorn Legacy Campaign to build the endowment. While planning his memorial service at LMG, family members saw the conceptual plan for the children's garden on display in the nature center. They were reflecting on how to honor their father. Cullom's son, Cully, says the family concluded LMG was a logical place to celebrate Cullom's life, calling the garden a place for reflection and peace with no underlying political agenda. He says his father was committed to facilitating engagement, teaching and learning, equity, inclusion and access, and the garden connects all of these passions. In addition to supporting the canopy over the outdoor deck, which will provide new opportunities for public engagement, the family is contributing to a future project at the Ostermeier Prairie area. ∞

Welcome New LMG Board Member

The LMG Board of Directors is thrilled to welcome **Janet Keistler** to our Board. In her role as Co-President of the Springfield Civic Garden Club (SCGC), Janet will work in tandem with her counterpart, Maria Robinson.

Janet, who resides in Springfield, has served as a board member of the Springfield Civic Garden Club since 2014 and most recently held the position of First Vice President before stepping into the Co-President role. Additionally, Janet was the recipient of the Armstrong-Gray Award, presented by SCGC.

Outside of SCGC and LMG, Janet finds time to volunteer with the University of Illinois Extension's Master Gardener Program and also volunteers at Springfield Memorial Hospital. Janet notes, "I am interested in furthering my education and that of our community in all things related to horticulture. I believe LMG is one of Springfield's great treasures, and I am excited to be a part of and promote this gem here in our city."

The LMG Board appreciates our long-standing relationship with SCGC and their continued support of our programming and events. For more information on SCGC, please visit <https://www.scgc-il.org/>. ∞

Thank You Notes for LMG 8K Trail Race & Kids Fun Run



by Tom Skelly, Trail Race Coordinator

To all the runners, thank you for participating in this race and for your support of LMG.

To our sponsors — Andrews Engineering, Steve and Robin Read, The Flying Turtles Running Club, the Springfield Running Center, and Friends of the Garden who choose to remain anonymous — your financial support of this race has been crucial to making this event a success.

Also to Tracy and the Springfield Running Center for donating the gift cards that will go to our race winners and Masters winners.

To our timers, John and Eric at It's Race Time Inc., thank you for all you do.

Thank you to our photographers: Marty and Craig Dahlquist, Cindy Harris, Larry Miller, Karen McNaught and Tom Skelly.

To the Springfield Road Runners Club — Thank you for your support by listing this race in your Participation Series — we appreciate your advertisement. And we also appreciate your donation of your leftover Lincoln Half Marathon medals for our Fun Runners.

Thank you to the 41 runners who donated extra at registration, totaling \$449 for our special project, the purchase of a spotting scope. This will enhance the visitor experience for bird and other wildlife spotting at LMG. We bought a speaker system for our bird feeder area with last year's donations, which you can check out at the Nature Center.

Thank you to all of our in-kind vendors and friends of the Garden for donated services and items — water from Sam's Club, food from Elena and Tom Hornshaw, graphics from Polly Danforth, medical services from Dr. Colin Liberman, coupons from Papa Murphy's Pizza, bags from Cathy and Doug Slater, lining paint and lining machine from the Chatham Soccer Association, Alison at ID Signs for helping us with our many sign needs, and the Sangamon Valley Radio Club for your communication skills and course marshalling tasks.

While I cannot name everyone, all our volunteers are incredible. This race could not be held without all 50+ staff and volunteers. You are all the best and greatly appreciated. Thank you, thank you!

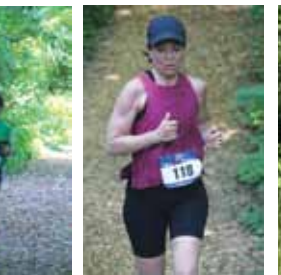


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Steve & Robin Read







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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.

The following donors gave in memory of **Dr. James Russell**:

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- ❖ Ghlee and Rebecca Jewison
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- ❖ Ron and Beth Horwedel

Community Scientist Opportunities at LMG Continue!

Community/Citizen Scientist: volunteers who collect data for research who are not professional scientists but may use the data results to become informed.

- ❖ Play a part in **The Illinois Bat Conservation Program's** statewide research of the bat population. Through acoustic monitoring through the month of September, join this scientific study along a designated LMG trail loop. As a volunteer Community Scientist, your research will include walking with provided acoustic monitoring equipment, and recording the echolocation calls of bats. Monitoring begins half an hour after sunset for one hour to three hours.

Interested families, partners, and budding scientists are encouraged to complete the Interest Form to learn more and share availability for monitoring: bit.ly/LMGBats (or scan the QR Code). After completing the form, you will be contacted to schedule a night for monitoring bats at LMG!

More information is available at The Illinois Bat Conservation Program website: <https://Illinoisbats.org>



- ❖ Play a part in the **Pollinator Partnership's Project Wingspan** at LMG learning about and collecting native prairie seed. Project Wingspan is a multi-year landscape scale project that aims to increase the quality, quantity, and connectivity of pollinator habitat throughout the midwest and Great Lakes region.

Interested friends and volunteer Community Scientists can participate in Project Wingspan's Seed Collection Training online at <https://www.pollinator.org/wingspan>.

PLEASE NOTE: Seed collecting by general public is prohibited at LMG and is only approved for LMG events.



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Autumn ~ 2023

Autumn Calendar

September 16	8 a.m. Bird Hike 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Monarchs and Me
September 17	1:30 p.m. Leaf ID Hike
September 21	12 – 3 p.m. Fall Volunteer Naturalist Training
September 23	8 a.m. Bird Hike
September 24	1:30 p.m. Leaf ID Hike
September 30	8 a.m. Bird Hike 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Forest Therapy
October 7	8 a.m. Bird Hike 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fall Harvest Festival
October 8	10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fall Harvest Festival
October 14	8 a.m. Bird Hike 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Jr. Naturalists 1 – 3 p.m. Sr. Naturalists
October 18	10 – 11 a.m. Tiny Adventurers 1 – 3 p.m. Tiny Adventurers
October 28	9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Forest Therapy
November 4	10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Jr. Naturalists 1 – 3 p.m. Sr. Naturalists
November 8	10 – 11 a.m. Tiny Adventurers 1 – 3 p.m. Tiny Adventurers
November 17-19	Holiday Market

2023 Trail Race Sponsors

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