

# Spring 2023

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### 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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## Lunch in Bloom Scheduled for April 23rd

Garden friends are once again invited to gather for Lunch in Bloom at Island Bay Yacht Club. This April soiree with all its charm of past years invites Garden friends to enjoy the food, a lakeside view of the Garden, and the excitement of a raffle.

**DATE:** Sunday, April 23, 2023, at Island Bay Yacht Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**MENU:** A delicious buffet luncheon with both a Macadamia nut and panko breast of chicken and an oven roasted white fish with a butter sauce. And, of course, all the accoutrements.

The vegetarian option will feature portabella mushrooms stuffed with spinach. A similar gluten-free meal will be available upon request. The children's menu (for 12 and under) will be chicken strips and tater tots. Luncheons include dessert as well as beverages—iced tea, lemonade and coffee.

A cash bar, with wine, beer and soda, will be available during the social hour. While friends greet one another and exchange pleasantries, the relaxing piano music of local talent Ed Clark will be playing in the background.

**LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:** Persons wishing to attend Lunch in Bloom can register and pay online at the Garden's website, <http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org>. Others can mail in their requests and payments for luncheon tickets (priced at \$50 per adult and \$20 per child's meal). **The deadline to RSVP is April 17, 2023.** Mail-in requests should include your name and phone number, plus the number of each category of ticket

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## 8K Trail Race & Kids' Fun Run at LMG on Saturday, June 3

by Colleen Germeraad

Come join us for the eighth Lincoln Memorial Garden 8k Trail Race! Follow the beautiful course as it weaves through the woods, along trails next to Lake Springfield, and around the grounds of the Ostermeier Prairie Center. It is a truly unique way to experience the Garden and a great way to spend a Saturday morning! Sign up before April 14 for a \$5 discount on registration!

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## Director's Message

by Joel Horwedel

It's the busy season again at LMG! The arrival of Spring means that the Garden

is in full swing with events, activities, and opportunities to get outside. Be sure to check the calendar on the back of the newsletter or our website calendar to stay up to date on all of our happenings.

By the time you read this our Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction will have come and gone. A big heartfelt thank you to Joyce Munie, Chris Davis, and Elena Hornshaw for all of their hard work and many hours of donated time setting up and making our Silent Auction a success.

Are you looking for activities for your child or grandchild this summer? Don't forget LMG's Summer Ecology Camp! Spots are still available for our weeklong day camps. On June 3, LMG will hold its annual 8K Trail Run (see page 1). I encourage everyone to sign up and give the race a try or come out and experience the excitement as a spectator.

Lastly, the UIS LMG Star Parties are returning to Cawley Meadow! Join UIS Astronomy professor, Dr. John Martin, for two events. On April 29 and August 12, Dr. Martin and the Sangamon Astronomical Society will be on hand to talk about the night sky and offer looks through telescopes. Both events are from 8 to 10 p.m. in our Cawley Meadow property (across the street from the main parking area). Flashlights and lawn chairs are recommended for this event. I hope to see you out in the Garden! ☺



Dutchman's breeches  
(*Dicentra cucullaria*)



LUNCH IN BLOOM — cont'd from page 1

wanted (Adult – \$50 and Children – \$20). Any vegetarian or gluten-free meals need to be ordered at this point, as well. In addition, payment for tickets should be included as well. These tickets will be held at the Yacht Club to be picked up when checking in for the luncheon. (Note: \$27 of each adult ticket is tax deductible as is \$12 of each child's ticket. Consult your tax advisor for information on this.)

**RAFFLE:** Artfully displayed in the Yacht Club's Crow's Nest will be "Gro Pro Pots of Plenty" raffle items. Guests can admire and decide which of these selections they would most desire. The four colorfully ribboned gardener Gro Pro pots—each overflowing with a variety of gifts and fun—are the prizes for the lucky raffle winners. The **Blue** ribbon pot will be filled with items for Summer Fun. The **Red** ribbon pot is for Vibrant Veggies. **Green** is for Flavorful Herbs. **Purple** is the Pollinator Delight. Raffle tickets will be available at the Yacht Club on the day of the luncheon.

The raffle will round out the day of casual elegance at the Yacht Club, with fond memories of a delightful luncheon spread and the camaraderie of fellow Garden supporters. ☺

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Following the race, include the whole family in the fun! At 9 a.m., kids of all ages can participate in a fun run by the pond at the Cawley Meadow. Please see the race website for more details:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Springfield/LincolnMemorialGarden>

**When:** June 3 at 7:30 a.m.

**Trail Race Registration:** \$30 before April 14, \$35 before June 2

**Kids' Fun Run:** \$6 per child

Thank you to our current race sponsors:

**Gold Level:**

**Andrews Engineering**

**Silver Level:**

**Flying Turtles Running Club**

**Springfield Running Center**

We are still looking for additional Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500), and Bronze (\$250) Level Sponsorships if individuals and businesses would like to support the mission of LMG!

# LMG Membership Benefits

by Melissa Skinner-Liberman

Did you know that Lincoln Memorial Garden is a private, self-sustaining, 501(c)(3) organization that relies 100% on donations and memberships? It is a common misconception that we are a publicly-funded park or nature preserve.

Your annual membership helps fund our mission and operations, so we can keep the trails maintained and continue to offer robust education programming and activities. In addition to the financial support, we appreciate seeing members at our events. We always welcome the entire community to come and connect with nature at LMG!

## Additional membership benefits:

**Seasons:** The Garden's seasonal newsletters keep members informed of LMG events and educate members on native flora and fauna

**Classes and Events:** Reduced fees for all LMG members

**Ecology Camp:** Priority registration and reduced fees for all LMG members before registration opens to the general public

**Split Rail Gift Shop:** 10% discount for all LMG members

## American Horticultural Society (AHS)

**Reciprocity:** Privileges ranging from free admission, free parking, and discounts to over 300 botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories across the country. Some local sites include the following:

- ❖ Missouri Botanical Garden (check out their new Chihuly Exhibit May 2 – October 15)
- ❖ Anderson Japanese Garden
- ❖ Cantigny Park
- ❖ Chicago Botanic Garden
- ❖ Garfield Park Conservatory



- ❖ Hauberg Estate
- ❖ Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden
- ❖ Lincoln Park Conservatory & Gardens
- ❖ Luthy Botanical Gardens
- ❖ Mizzou Botanic Gardens (MO)
- ❖ Morton Arboretum
- ❖ Nicholas Botanical Gardens
- ❖ Oak Park Conservatory
- ❖ Powell Gardens (MO)
- ❖ Quad City Botanical Center
- ❖ Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park (MO)
- ❖ Washington Park Botanical Garden
- ❖ Additional sites may be found at <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/rap/>

## Wild Birds Unlimited (Springfield, IL):

LMG members receive a discount on all purchases

To initiate or renew a LMG membership, you can visit <https://lincolnmemorialgarden.org/membership/> or pick up an envelope at the Garden.



Photos by Cindy Harris

# Maple Syrup Time and Pancake Breakfast

by Joel Horwedel

In the early 1970s, Lincoln Memorial Garden Naturalist John Hammel was tasked with coming up with a free public education program during the waning weeks of winter. Over 50 years later, the Garden still conducts free Maple Syrup demonstrations.

At the end of the maple tapping season, the Garden celebrates by hosting a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast held over two weekends in the Nature Center. This year marked the return of our breakfast and auction, which hasn't been held since 2019 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It was so great to see so many familiar faces as a record turnout came out to enjoy the breakfast and look at the wonderful assortment of donated items for our auction.

Part of the joy of this event is the wonderful people who volunteer to cook, clean, and coordinate this popular event. I can't thank these volunteers enough. You are vital to our organization! A huge thanks to all of the Silent Auction donors who generously donated items to be sold for a great cause, supporting LMG! We hope to see all of our friends again next year at breakfast. ☺



## 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.

# Ecology Camp is Filling Up Quickly!

Online registration is now open for members and nonmembers alike, however all the sessions are full except for 6 and 7 below. Visit [www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org) to snatch up those last available seats! ☺

\*Session 3 a.m./p.m. meets Tuesday – Friday.

Session	Dates	Time	Ages	
1	June 5 – 9	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	6, 7, 8	FULL
2	June 12 – 16	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	6, 7, 8	FULL
3 a.m.*	June 20 – 23	8:30–11:30 a.m.	4, 5, 6	FULL
3 p.m.*	June 20 – 23	12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	4, 5, 6	FULL
4	June 26 – 30	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	8, 9, 10	FULL
5	July 10 – 14	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	9, 10, 11	FULL
6	July 17 – 21	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	10, 11, 12	
7	July 24 – 28	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	12 – 15	



## New Members

- Lisa M. Baines
- Whitney L. Barnes
- Vivianne C. Beyer
- Nikki Budzinski
- Nicki Burke
- Stephanie K. Chabez
- Lindsay DeRosa
- Elizabeth H. Dinges
- Mark T. Fanale
- Ashley R. Fleck
- Susan M. Gerding
- Janis Gomien
- Kimberly Gonczy
- Amanda Jordan
- John and Laura Justice
- Melissa C. Kahle
- Elizabeth Kohlrus
- Laura Lenhart
- Jennifer and Corey LeSueure
- Jimeen D. Lucas
- Dan and Cynthia Lund
- Amanda Lundeen
- Nancy L. McCarrel
- Monica Millburg
- Hillary Needham
- Steve Reinke
- Kathy Robinson
- Elisabeth Robinson
- Gina M. Russell
- Lindsey Rae Selinger
- Don Van Houten
- Darci Vespa
- Meredith Volle
- Kendyl Wear
- Shannon Wilmarth
- Rosemary Zarr

## Gone Batty Building Bat Houses

by Marissa Jones

Lincoln Memorial Garden will soon install new bat houses, three four-chambered nursery bat houses and a two-chambered rocket box, built by local Eagle Scout, Gage Homan. Homan stated the project wasn't without its challenges and "found out that sometimes even though the plans were detailed, things didn't exactly work as expected."



Nonetheless, he found it rewarding to see the raw materials come together to create functional bat houses.

The Garden's previous bat houses were damaged by weather and ornery woodpeckers. Homan was thoughtful to select plans that included multiple chambers and vents to allow thorough air flow and heat distribution to keep bats well acclimated, in addition to nursery chambers that can house baby bats, also called pups. Bat populations are slow-growing; females often have only one pup a year, so the need for warm, safe housing is essential.

The two-chambered rocket box is the larger of Homan's builds and can hold roughly 200

bats. This style, mounted on a pole rather than the side of a building or natural structure, will soon replace the barn owl box located at the Ostermeier Prairie Center which has lacked a resident for several years. The Illinois Bat Conservation Program has equipped the Garden with acoustic monitoring equipment that

records echolocation calls; this will allow for identification of bat species and the Garden locations they favor.

The Garden welcomes scouts and students to explore their interests and try their hand at new skills. Before deciding on a service project, Homan recommends brainstorming with Scout Masters or fellow peers, and he encourages others to consider their interests and how they can contribute to their community.

Keep an eye out for Homan's bat houses throughout the Garden and Ostermeier Prairie Center. Additionally, mark your calendars and join us for Family Friday Night on May 19 to learn more about bats and how you can help with acoustic monitoring in the Garden! ☺

## April

- 12 7 p.m. | Annual Meeting | Social Hour at 6 p.m.  
13 7 p.m. | Bobcat Program | Stan McTaggart, IDNR  
15 8 a.m. | Bird Hike | Kevin Veara  
15 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Woodland Wildflower Plant Sale pick-up  
20 12 – 2:30 p.m. | Spring Volunteer Naturalist Training  
20 6:15 p.m. | *Jensen: The Living Green* | Illinois State Museum | Food and Social Hour at 5 p.m.  
22 8 a.m. | Bird Hike | Kevin Veara  
23 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Lunch in Bloom | Reservations Required  
23 2 p.m. | Wildflower Hike  
25 5:30 p.m. | Volunteer Party  
28 – May 10 Sun Loving Plant Sale opens (Online Only)  
29 8 a.m. | Bird Hike | Kevin Veara  
29 9:30 – 11 a.m. | Forest Therapy | Cassandra Claman  
29 8 – 10:30 p.m. | Astronomy Program | Cawley Meadow  
30 2 p.m. | Wildflower Hike

## May

- 6 8 a.m. | Bird Hike | Kevin Veara  
6 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Junior Naturalists (Bird Migration)  
6 1 – 3 p.m. | Senior Naturalists (Bird Migration)  
7 2 p.m. | Wildflower Hike  
10 10 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m. | Tiny Adventurers (Bird Migration)  
13 8 a.m. | Bird Hike | Kevin Veara  
13 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Sun Loving Plant Sale pick-up  
19 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Family Friday Night (Bat Program)  
20 8 a.m. | Bird Hike | Kevin Veara  
27 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Forest Therapy | Cassandra Claman

## June

- 3 7:30 a.m. | 8K Trail Race and Fun Run

# Calendar