

WINTER 2011



The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted's vision for Riverside for generations to come. Its members are guided by his concern for humanity, nature, sense of community, and the innovative and thoughtful essence of his work. The Olmsted Society invites residents and visitors to join us in learning, protecting the environment, and preserving our cultural and physical heritage.

2012 Walking Tour Dates

Learn about the history of Riverside and discover the winding roads, delightful parks, beautiful landscapes, and varied architecture that make up this historic landmark village.

MAY 27 (NORTH)

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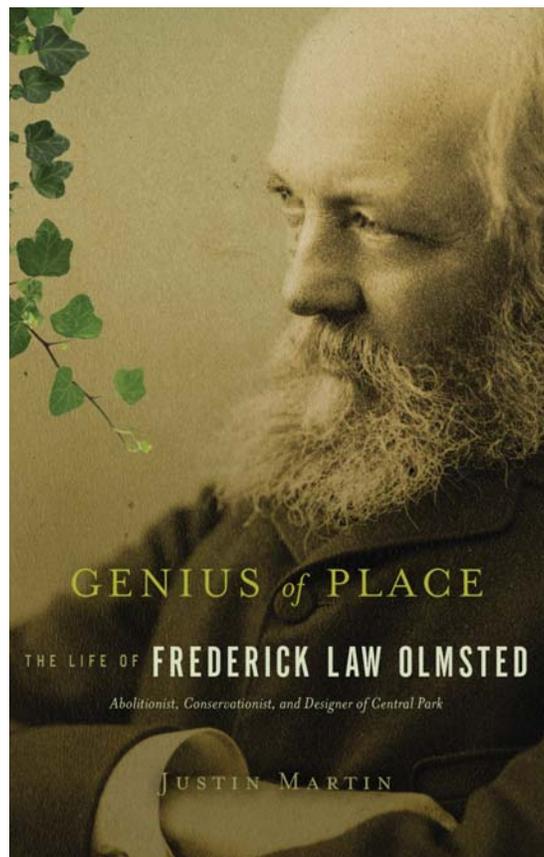
All tours start at 2pm and are \$10 per person (\$3 discount for Olmsted Society members and seniors 62+). Proceeds benefit the Olmsted Society and go toward landscape preservation, educational programs and architectural restoration in Riverside.

For more information:
tours@olmstedsociety.org

Annual Meeting on January 13, 2012, 7:00 pm

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society (FLOS) invites all members and friends to the FLOS Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Riverside Village Hall, 2nd Floor, on Friday, January 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm. The meeting agenda includes a summary of activities and accomplishments for 2011, and the nomination of FLOS 2012 Officers and Board of Directors. A highlight of the evening will be a lecture by Olmsted biographer Justin Martin.

Mr. Martin is the author of three biographies, most recently *Genius of Place: The Life of Frederick Law Olmsted*. He is a 1987 graduate of Rice University in Houston, TX, and lives with his wife and twin sons in Forest Hills Gardens, NY, a neighborhood designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. Following the lecture, refreshments will be served, and *Genius of Place: The Life of Frederick Law Olmsted* books will be available for purchase (\$30). Justin Martin will also conduct a book signing at the Riverside Library on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 1:00 pm in the Great Room in front of the fireplace.



2012 Housewalk - Save the Date!

Sunday May 20, 2012, Noon-5 PM

"HOMEwork:

A Look Inside the Homes of Riverside Architects and Interior Designers"

View interiors of six dynamic and inspiring homes as well as the newly renovated Arcade Building. \$35 in advance/\$40 day of.

2012 Membership Drive

Membership is open to all interested individuals for a \$25 tax-deductible contribution. Three easy ways to join:

IN PERSON At our Annual Meeting Jan 13, 2012, 7:00 PM

ON LINE www.olmstedsociety.org

BY MAIL See form on back page of newsletter.

NEWSLETTER, WINTER 2011

THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE

If you have a question or comment about the newsletter, please direct them to newsletter@olmstedociety.org.

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Dear Friends,

The most noticeable change over my last three years as President has been the makeup of the Board of Directors. More than 50% of the Board retired while new and enthusiastic members stepped up to the challenge.

It is an exciting time for the fledgling board and the Olmsted Society. This FLOS board will reap the great benefits from collaboration with the Board of Trustees and the Public Works Department. With a “can-do” spirit the board has embraced bold ideas like sponsoring FRED this summer (information below). And of course, the board continues to benefit from very engaged and available Honorary Directors that are always happy to lend a hand, an ear, or advice.

It has been a privilege to serve you and the community as President over these last three years. I wish you all the best as you continue to keep Riverside extraordinary.

Kim Jacobs

President, Frederick Law Olmsted Society

Meet FRED!

FRED is coming to Riverside! The Frederick Law Olmsted Riverside Education and Design Weekend (FRED) will be held August 16 through August 18, 2012. Sponsored by FLOS, the FRED is a three-day education and networking event that celebrates and provides education on garden and landscape design in Riverside, Illinois.

“FRED is the perfect match for Riverside,” says Cathy Maloney, one of FRED’s organizers and a FLOS Board member. “How appropriate for our community to host an event that highlights landscape design.” Using the Riverside “campus,” the FRED will include professional and public educational seminars, walking tours and design competitions, and hands-on demonstrations to explore the world of landscape architecture from the days of Riverside’s design master, Frederick Law Olmsted to today’s newest trends.

Partnerships with the Illinois chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (IL-ASLA), the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association (ILCA) and other local and regional groups are underway. The ILCA plans to host its professional education seminar during the first two days of the event with classroom instruction and tours of Riverside. The last day of the weekend will be open to the public.

“We think the FRED will draw lots of interest,” says Kim Jacobs, FLOS President. “Home gardeners, landscape professionals, historians and nature lovers will find lots to see and do at FRED.”

Watch for more information about FRED on the FLOS website. Volunteers will be needed before and during the event. Please contact Cathy Maloney at cjmaloney1@ameritech.net if you are interested in volunteering.

2012 Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following nominations for 2012 Olmsted Society Board:

<i>President:</i>	<i>Tim Ozga</i>	<i>Board Members, One Year Term:</i>	<i>Frank & Paula Gagliano</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Sander Kaplan</i>	<i>Board Members, Two Year Terms:</i>	<i>Rob & Kim Dixon, Tina Duve</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Yvonne Lucero</i>	<i>Board Members, Three Year Terms:</i>	<i>Kim Jacobs, Sander Kaplan & Theresa Pelletier, Cindy Kellogg, Shawn Sinn, James & Sandie Petrzilka</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Fred Kitch</i>		

Honorary Board Member: Dorothy Schroeder

The Nominating Committee was made up of Chairperson Rachael Franceschina, Board members Cindy Kellogg and Harjit Singh, and members at large Kristin Peschke, and Dorothy Sikora. The nominees will be presented and voted on at the annual meeting.

Landscape Committee 2011 Recap

The Landscape Committee had a phenomenal year. In conjunction with Chicago Wilderness, we hosted an expert round table in May to discuss riverbank restoration as it pertains to Riverside. In September, three committee members and four village employees attended prescribed burn training at the Morton Arboretum. Both events provided our committee with enough information to confidently lead four very successful landscape workdays on our riverbank. We cleared buckthorn along the Des Plaines River on Riverside Road from Gage to Olmsted Roads. The view of the river on that stretch is amazing! We've ordered the propagation of 16 flats of native sedges and grasses to be planted in 2012 and also plan to conduct prescribed burns to the area. Prescribed burns are a proven and cost-effective technique to remove weeds and promote the growth of native plants.

In addition to the riverbank, we worked four days each on the Longcommon and Scottswood Common. **A whopping 618 total volunteer hours were logged during twelve scheduled landscape workdays in 2011!** We are so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who also make workdays fun. We'd like to thank the regulars: Tom G., Bob F., Ken P., Eric Z., Dorie S. & family, Tim O. & family, Ken & Nick S., Fred K., Shaun S., Kim J. & family, Carolyn H., Jim B., and Harjit S. We'd also like to thank Hauser Middle School teachers, Lynn Janik and Kelly Schuldt, for organizing the student council to attend the April 9th workday at the Big Ball Park. They came out in force! We'd like to thank the leaders of Boy Scout Troop 24 for encouraging their scouts to obtain service hours by attending our landscape workdays. We also must thank Mike Collins, Riverside Forester, for his years of dedication to our committee and projects and Ed Bailey, Public Works Director, for his unwavering support since his arrival to Riverside. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

Cindy Kellogg & Holly Machina
Landscape Committee Co-Chairpersons



Before



After



**The Frederick Law Olmsted
Society of Riverside**

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE

Your support will help promote the progress of Riverside, educate residents about the history and significance of the Village, and support active involvement in the Village's needs. Membership covers a calendar year and entitles you to participate in the Society's functions free-of-charge or at discounted prices, reimbursements in Riverside's co-op tree planting program, and the quarterly newsletters. Please return this form with your check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546. Please contact *membership@olmstedsociety.org* with questions or see our website at www.olmstedsociety.org.

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