

SUMMER 2010

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.

Membership is open to all interested individuals for a \$25 tax-deductible contribution by check or online.

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(Left) Blythe Park winners Katie Lahart and Natalie Lisle with Principal Bob Chleboun and Aberdeen Marsh Ozga.

(Bottom left) Hollywood first place winner Samantha Bitzer and Aberdeen Marsh Ozga.

(Bottom right) St. Mary's winners Kane Layng and Becky Warner with Aberdeen Marsh Ozga.

“Reflections On Riverside” 2010 Poetry Winners

Each April, in celebration of National Poetry Month, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society sponsors its “Reflections on Riverside” Student Poetry Contest. The contest, open to local elementary and junior high school students, challenges students to reflect upon Riverside’s natural areas and convey their impressions in poetic form.

This year, a record 88 students from six schools participated in the contest. Olmsted Society Board members made the rounds at year-end awards ceremonies, greeting the exuberant young poets with certificates and hearty congratulations.



NEWSLETTER, SUMMER 2010

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,

At the time of its founding more than 40 years ago, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society was at the leading edge of a nascent preservation movement. The Society's first president prepared and submitted the application for National Historic Landmark status for Riverside, a designation we proudly still hold today.

Rooted in the visionary conviction that preserving the Olmsted legacy would thus forth be critically important, and committed to countless hours of physical labor, the Society has had a relevance and vitality that cannot be overstated.

Today, in order to build upon and further Olmsted's vision of an exemplary community, I believe our most important task lies in the recruitment of the best and brightest community members to join the Society and serve on our board. With committed people, fulfilling our mission and proactively looking toward the future will be best achieved.

Take, for instance, the example of former FLOS board member Ted Smith, who brought forward a plan to the Village's Landscape Advisory Committee for opening up vistas to the river along Fairbank Road by cutting back some of the riparian brush. What a great idea, right in line with the ever changing vistas Olmsted had in mind. Imagine seeing glimpses of the Des Plaines river throughout all the seasons, framed by groupings of colorful native trees and shrubbery. Let's throw the full support of the Society behind this great idea.

Riverside is an amazing place, not least because of the extraordinary people who live here. We need to tap this amazing talent pool. If you know of anyone who may be interested in sharing their ideas or would like to become more involved yourself, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kim Jacobs
president@olmstedociety.org

RIVERSIDE WALKING TOURS 2010 SCHEDULE

Learn about the history of Riverside and discover the winding roads, delightful parks, beautiful landscapes, and varied architecture that makeup this historic landmark village. Conducted by the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, the two-hour guided walking tours are divided by region (north and south) and alternate monthly. Groups from one to 100 are led on a two-hour tour that departs from the Riverside Railway Depot at 2 p.m. on Sundays. The walking tours are an excellent way to share the unique attributes of Riverside with your family, out-of-town guests, friends and others unaware of Riverside's national significance.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
\$10 per person
(\$7 for seniors and FLOS members)

NORTH TOURS	SOUTH TOURS
May 30	June 27
July 25	August 29
September 26	October 24

Special group tours can be arranged at any time upon request. For more information, please call 708-442-7675 or 708-442-0845 or email tours@olmstedsociety.org.

Field Trip to the SC Johnson Building August 6

Please join The Frederick Law Olmsted Society on a field trip to the National Historic Landmark SC Johnson Administration Building in Racine, Wisconsin. The trip tours the SC Johnson Administration Building which includes the Great Hall, The Great Workroom, The Frank Lloyd Wright Library, Frank Lloyd Wright Reading Room and the newly completed Fortaleza Hall.

Transportation will be provided from the Riverside Metra Station to the SC Johnston Facility and back. Space is limited to 15 individuals and will be allotted on a first-come first-served basis. Lunch is not included in the cost of the trip, but we will stop at a local restaurant, or you can pack a lunch. The tour will require a good amount of walking, so wear comfortable shoes. Photography is not allowed inside the buildings.

Date: Friday August 6, 2010

Time: 7:00 a.m. (leaving Riverside Metra station)

Cost: \$35.00

Sign up online at www.olmstedsociety.org or mail checks payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, IL 60546. Deadline Sunday, July 25. Checks received after the first 15 paying requests will be returned. Email questions to architecture@olmstedsociety.org.



Gratitude for a Successful 2010 Housewalk

This year's housewalk was extraordinary. With a nod to our lost Louis Sullivan masterpiece, the Olmsted Society, unlike any previous year, featured mostly modern homes on the walk. For those that had an opportunity to take the tour, their opinions of modern homes will never be the same. We achieved our goal in that it was not only successful, but it was as beautiful as it was educational.

A housewalk is an enormous undertaking that can only be successful with the times and talents of many dozens of committed individuals. We first wish to thank our homeowners. Homes are imperative to a Housewalk, and these homes were truly amazing. Additionally, our wonderful housecaptains wrote scripts, secured docents, handled scheduling and more scheduling. The event also could not have been successful were it not for the countless volunteers who contributed to the homeowners' dinner and after-party, signage and poster hanging, and research and publicity. And, of course, the dozens of docents to whom we are so grateful for their guidance and time.

And finally, co chairs Constance Guardi and Kim Jacobs would like to thank the weather: What a perfectly glorious day it was.

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Bob & Sally Faust
Tony Pecelunas

HOMEOWNER GIFTS
Higgins Glass

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS
Shamrock Florists



A cash prize was awarded to each first-place winner, and all of the following poets were treated to framed certificates and sizable Aunt Diana's chocolate bars customized with the Society's trademark oak tree.

Ames	1st place:	Fiona Bushe	The Nature Side of Riverside
	2nd place:	Grace Pekny	I am Nature
Blythe Park	1st place:	Katie Lahart	Spring Wildlife
	2nd place:	Natalie Lisle	Swan Pond Haiku
Central	1st place:	Ben Lulich	In Riverside
	2nd place:	Skye Ozga	A Tour of Riverside
	3rd place:	Joseph Connelly	The Des Plaines River
Hollywood	1st place:	Samantha Bitzer	Riverside
St. Mary's	1st place:	Kane Layng	Turtle Park in My Eyes
Hauser	1st place:	Peter Prybil-Pierdinock	The Open Spaces of Riverside
	2nd place:	Becky Warner	Tunnel of Trees
	3rd place:	Hannah Ranft	Home

Special honors to Becky Warner, Hannah Ranft, Ben Lulich and Joseph Connelly as stanzas from their poems were selected by the Riverside Public Library for a rain barrel gifted to the Brookfield Zoo's new Great Bear Wilderness Area. All of the winning poems will be displayed on a rotating basis outside the Library this summer.

To celebrate the accomplishments of our young contest participants, all 88 poets and their families are invited to participate in a *Reflections on Riverside* Poetry Reading and Reception to be held at the Library on Thursday, July 15th at 7 p.m. Please register by calling 442-6366.

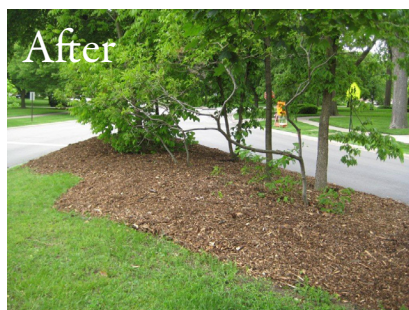
(Top left) Central with Principal Dr. Janice Limperis, 5th grade participants, and Aberdeen March Ozga.

(Top) Ames winner Fiona Bushe with Principal Colleen Lieggi.

(Above) Hauser first place winner Peter Prybil-Pierdinock and Aberdeen Marsh Ozga.

(Below) The photo of the rain barrel was provided by Anne Huston of the Riverside Public Library, and the school photos were taken by Jim Petrzilka.





2010 LANDSCAPE WORKDAYS SCHEDULE

JUNE 26 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Longcommon Common (at Addison)

JULY 17 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Scottswood Common (at Millbridge)

AUGUST 14 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Riverside Road (at Gage)

SEPTEMBER 11 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Riverside Road (at Gage)

OCTOBER 2 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Riverside Road (at Olmsted)

OCTOBER 23 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Riverside Road (at Olmsted)

NOVEMBER 6 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Longcommon Common (at Downing)

Lend a Hand at Our 2010 Landscape Workdays

In 2010, we are teaming up with the Riverside Public Works Department, the Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to help beautify Riverside.

Join us as we tame, and then maintain your public parks of Riverside. Scottswood Common and Longcommon Common serve as the backbone of Riverside's landscape architecture. The park along Riverside Road from the swinging bridge to Miller Woods follows the meandering Des Plaines River. The public planters along Burlington, Quincy and Riverside Roads will be planted with perennials to make the Central Business District more attractive.

All workdays are scheduled for Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., except where noted. Supervised children are welcome. Service hour credits are available. Bring your favorite work gloves and a water bottle. All other supplies and snacks will be provided. For more information or to be added to our FLOS Landscape Committee e-list, please email Holly Machina or Cindy Kellogg at landscape@olmstedociety.org.

Recap of the 2010 Zoo Woods and Waubensee Preserve Tours

Those that joined us for the Zoo Woods tour last May were delighted by the sights of native spring wildflowers such as Trillium, May Apple, Meadow Rue and Wild Geranium. We also saw a huge Oak tree estimated to be 150 years old and a magnificent “Phlox farm” near the river. It was a glorious day to walk in the woods. The 18 kids, mostly from Central Brownie Troop #238, and the dozen or so adults that attended were engrossed and amazed by this little piece of nature with so many beautiful surprises.

The tour of the Waubensee Preserve on June 19th was wet and swampy but luckily the old sidewalk built by the Riverside Improvement Company saved the day. The two children and the seven adults that attended were delighted to see Trillium, Green Dragon and May Apple in the savanna. The tour could not include the prairie due to the extreme wet conditions but another tour may be planned so watch your email for details.

We whole-heartedly thank John Kolar, FLOS member and Forest Preserve District of Cook County Master Steward, for his engaging talk during both tours.

To be added to the Landscape Committee e-list, please contact Holly Machina or Cindy Kellogg at landscape@olmstedociety.org.



(Bottom right and left) John Kolar leads the tours of Zoo Woods and Waubensee Preserve.

(Top) Jack-in-the-Pulpit



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. Sign up online or return this form with your check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, PO Box 65, Riverside, Illinois 60546. Please contact membership@olmstedociety.org with questions or see our website at www.olmstedociety.org.

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and your energy to good
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