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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**FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY RECIPIENT OF 2012 IDNR VOLUNTEER AWARD**

Awards are given out in Illinois as part of Invasive Species Awareness Month

On May 29, 2013, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society was honored to receive a Volunteer of the Year Award from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). FLOS Board Members Cindy Kellogg and Connie Guardi went to Springfield to accept the award. We received this award for our leadership in invasive species education and management in the Village of Riverside. IDNR recognized us for organizing workdays to remove invasive species and replace them with native plants in the natural areas of Riverside, involving hundreds of volunteers donating countless hours towards these important stewardship activities. In addition, we solicited, funded, and sent volunteers to prescribed burn training; took the lead in donations and fundraising for stewardship; and through our efforts we have increased awareness within the community and the quality of land stewardship in Riverside.

2012 ISAM Award Winners L to R
Cindy Kellogg (representing Frederick Law Olmsted Society), Connor Shaw (representing Possibility Place Nursery), Glenn Seeber (representing Shawnee RC&D), and Alice Brandon. Jim Herkert (far right) from IDNR presented the awards
Greetings,

In May, thanks to your countless hours of volunteer work, the State of Illinois recognized the Frederick Law Olmsted Society as their “Volunteer of the Year” as part of their Invasive Species Awareness Month (ISAM). This summer, the Olmsted Society will be celebrating the many accomplishments of our volunteers who have helped with our continuous effort to remove invasive species from the Riverside public green spaces. A special tribute is planned for our march in the 4th of July parade.

As we wind our way through Riverside, the Society will have two tanks leading our battalion of weekend weed warriors, as we pay tribute to the thousands of hours spent over the past 40 years keeping are parks and triangles looking great. Of course, these aren’t real working tanks, but electric powered replicas that will be ‘camouflaged’ in invasive plants which we will have removed from our parks the evening before. Along the route, information regarding invasive species in Illinois will be passed out to parade goers, as well as a few tasty treats for our younger corps of volunteers.

We invite all our members to join us in marching in the parade. If you would like to join us in our march, or if you are interested in helping decorate the tanks the night before, please send me a note at: president@olmstedsociety.org.

Best Regards!
Timothy Ozga
President, Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside
Landscape and Architecture Heaven
By Jim Petzilka

On April 16th the Village of Riverside and The Frederick Law Olmsted Society hosted a field seminar and walking tours of Riverside for 52 members of the American Planning Association (APA), a group dedicated to making great communities happen, who were holding their annual convention in Chicago that week.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), a member of the APA, is the agency that, working with the Village of Riverside, has developed a comprehensive plan for the Riverside Central Business District. CMAP was instrumental in arranging this APA visit. The Village will be implementing the CMAP plan, with their assistance, over the next several years.

The municipal planners, elected officials and concerned citizens of APA were from all over the United States. They arrived at Township Hall at 9:30 am, were given refreshments, a short history of the Village and Olmsted’s underlying plan concepts, and then divided into smaller walking groups, led by Olmsted Society docents, to see how the original plan for Riverside has been carried out over 145 years. A break for lunch, catered by Riverside Foods, led to many laudatory comments about the quality and variety of foods available in our Village. The afternoon concluded at 2:30 pm after additional walking tours.

The APA group members were very impressed by what they saw in our village. Many expressed the desire to carry back to their own communities some of the things they saw in Riverside. Perhaps the general tone of the comments can best be summed up by the exclamation of one participant after the day was over. “I think I’ve just gone to Landscape and Architecture Heaven!”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2013, FOR
FRED 2013

Join us on Saturday, September 21, 2013, for the FRED, an exciting day of classes, tours and workshops brimming with new ideas for your garden or community.

FRED (Frederick Law Olmsted in Riverside Education and Design) is sponsored by the Frederick Law Olmsted Society to celebrate landscape design – the art of making your garden and community beautiful through the thoughtful arrangement of plants and outdoor spaces.

Whether you’re a new gardener or a pro, you’ll find a topic at the FRED that interests you. See Riverside through the eyes of landscape professionals, and enjoy its history and plantings from a fresh perspective. Here’s just a few of the ideas we’ll explore:

• Walk and Talk Landscape Design – A sidewalk tour of gardens with tips from a pro
• Design With Water – Drought or deluge, you can design with water for beauty and ecology
• Garden Makeover! Can this garden be saved? Yes! With inspiration from these real-life examples.

Registration for the FRED is now open. Visit www.Fred2013.com for details. Classes are very reasonably priced, ridiculously fun, and will fill up soon!
The Olmsted Society’s Reflections on Riverside program encourages area students to reflect upon Riverside’s landscape and natural areas and to express their impressions creatively.

Most of you are familiar with the Society’s Poetry Contest for students in grades 1-8, now in its eighth year. This year, the Reflections on Riverside program was extended to the high school level in the form of an Imagery Contest. Both poetry and visual arts were invited, and many fine entries were received.

At year-end ceremonies around Riverside, the Olmsted Society awarded each participant a gold foil certificate and warm congratulations. Second place winners were awarded sizable Aunt Diana’s chocolate bars iced with the Society’s trademark oak tree. Delighted first place winners also received a cash prize.

The following students are to be congratulated on the particularly thoughtful nature of their entries:

Ames
- 1st place: Emily Kowal What the Tree Sees
- 2nd place: Celia Chorzempa U-Turn City

Central
- 1st place: Owen Murphy Bike Trails
- 2nd place: Celia Carl The Love of Riverside

Jr. High
- 1st place: Kane Layng The Riverside Train Station

High School Poetry
- 1st place: Augustus Lee Switzer The Riverside Man

High School Visual Art
- 1st place: Mary Penckofer Swinging Bridge Landscape

To celebrate the accomplishments of our local youth, all 2013 contest participants and their families are invited to participate in a Reflections on Riverside Poetry Reading and Reception at the Riverside Public Library on Thursday, July 25th at 7 p.m. Please register by phoning 442-6366. It is a real treat to hear young poets gathered together to share their unique reflections on Riverside.

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The Riverside Man
by Augustus Lee Switzer

Once t’was a land past fields of crooked brook
Where miraculous things could be found in every
corner or nook
From bubbling creeks to mighty shivering rivers
Or dense great oak to meek stick slivers
There was a man whose eyes were weak
But still saw potential in this land of mystique.
Look! See! Watch! The Riverside Man
He came from afar, long ago
Strapped to his belt, metal tools clinging, clacking,
clicking
Against one another, swinging to and fro
He braved the woods alone
Crunching crisp pine cones with every step
Hearing a muse that formed a vision of our land
ahead
Listen! Hear! Detect! The Riverside Man
He noticed the natives where plagued by wicked
beasts,
Who lurked from the forests to the east,
So he built winding paths to confuse the fiends,
A natural labyrinth that blistered their feet,
He took slabs of concrete, in an attempt of deceit
Sculpted a form so hideous, the monsters would
weep,
The Predators had no idea that prey had taken them
for fools
Perched them high above our schools, to protect our
young
Yes, the gargoyles were important tools.
Recall! Remember! Reminisce! The Riverside Man.

After all the problems were done, and the dangers were
gone
The Riverside Man took to grassy lawn and looked to
the sun,
Started to stack a tower up,
Up, up and beyond
His throat began to be thirsty, because he was hotter
than air from fiery hell,
so he looked to the ground, and dug a well all the way
down,
Down, down, and deep till water spilt
And once he was finished, stone standing tall, water
flowing through halls
He ruled over us all, because his very middle name
was the Law,
Locked away at the top from winter to fall,
Would only venture outside, when leadership would
call,
Soon he stopped going at all.
Mourn! Praise! Rejoice! The Riverside Man!
Some say he flew away as soon as his hair turned grey,
Others claim you can see his face there to this day,
But whatever way he may have departed,
Just remember who built this place and what he had
before he started.
THE RIVERSIDE MAN

Augustus Lee Switzer,
High School Imagery
Contest 1st Place, Poetry
Division
FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY - 2013 LANDSCAPE WORKDAYS SCHEDULE

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For more information or to be added to our FLOS landscape committee e-list, please contact: Holly Machina and Cindy Kellogg, Olmsted Society Landscape Committee Chairpersons landscape@olmstedsociety.org

RIVERSIDE WALKING TOURS 2013 SCHEDULE

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society is pleased to offer great opportunities to learn about our historic landmark village. Discover the winding roads, delightful parks, beautiful landscapes, varied architecture and much, much more!

The North Tour covers the area north of the railroad tracks and features the Longcommon (key to Olmsted's plan), an architecturally significant school, a place of worship designed by Jenney, and homes by Silsbee, Wright, Perkins, and Purcell & Elmslie.

The South Tour includes Swan Pond Park, Scottswood Common, Wright's Country Estate and service buildings, architecture by Jenney, Drummond, Kenny & Vinci, Wittlesey, and a home designed by Olmsted's partner, Calvert Vaux.

- July 28, (North)
- August 25, (South)
- September 22, (North)
- October 27, (South)

The two-hour tours depart Riverside Train Depot, 90 Bloomingbank Road (main train station, east side of platform) at 2:00 p.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m. The cost is $10 ($7 for seniors 62+ and Olmsted Society members). Group tours arranged by calling (708) 442-7675 or via email tours@olmstedsociety.org. A deposit of $75 is required for Special Group Tours.
The goal of May 2013 Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month (ISAM) is to provide resources and opportunities to help stop the spread of invasive species in Illinois - each and every person can make a difference, including you!

On Sunday, May 11, 2013, FLOS held its Annual Great Garlic Mustard Pull. Garlic mustard is an invasive plant that grows in the understory of forests and woodlands and displaces native plants. Removing garlic mustard before it flowers and sets seed helps to give native plants a chance to grow and provide food and shelter for native animals like butterflies and birds.

We had 11 adults and 11 kids volunteer to help remove this invasive species from the area around the Scout Cabin.

We removed 30 bags of garlic mustard and beat last year's haul of 27 bags.

We also collected trash along the riverbank while we were eradicating garlic mustard. Many thanks to all our volunteers.

Bike Trails
By Owen Murphy

Going over the Swinging Bridge
Swing, Sway, Swing, Sway
Getting on the bike trails
Crumple, Crack, Crumple, Crack
Having the wind in my face
Swoosh, Swish, Swoosh, Swish
Stopping to throw some rocks in the water
Splish, Splash, Splish, Splash
And that’s the end

Of this beautiful Bike Trail
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 its preservation and maintenance. Membership covers a calendar year and entitles you and your family members 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 or go to our website www.olmstedsociety.org.

MEMBERSHIP
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