

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

Stewards of the land and Olmsted's plan

Winter 2019 Newsletter

Our Mission

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 Olmsted's 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.

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Nominations for FLOS Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is pleased to announce the following candidates for the society's Board of Directors:

Officers

- President: Cathy Maloney
- Vice-President: Cindy Kellogg
- Secretary: Joanne Rogers
- Treasurer: Theresa Pelletier

Renewing Board Members

- Constance Guardi
- Tom Guardi
- Cathy Maloney
- Mike Maloney
- Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga
- Tim Ozga

New Board Members

- Kim Freeark
- Trisha Flassing
- Dave Flassing
- Susan Worthington

Officers and new board members will be elected and renewing board members will be confirmed at the Olmsted Society's Annual Meeting on January 10, 2020.

Annual Meeting

Friday, January 10, 2020 at 7 PM in the Riverside Township Hall Auditorium

To kick off 2020, we will host our Annual Meeting on Friday, January 10, 7:00 PM, at the Riverside Township (Village) Hall Auditorium. All are invited.

The election of new Officers and the business portion of the meeting will be followed by a performance, *My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago*, and book signing with photographer, author and conservationist Mike MacDonald.

At the meeting, there will be a Membership Table where you can pay your 2020 annual dues or join the Olmsted Society.

Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!



My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago — Performance & Book Signing

Friday, January 10, 2020 in the Riverside Township Hall Auditorium

Immediately following the Annual Meeting



Mike MacDonald is an internationally published photographer, nationally acclaimed author, professional comedian and public speaker, and conservationist. His informational, inspirational performances are a fusion of humor, passion, and world-class photography.

For over twenty-five years, Mike has been photographing Chicago's natural wonders, with images that have been nationally and internationally featured in many publications, including *Outdoor Photographer*, *Petersen's Photographic*, *Boy's Life*, and BBC's *Gardens Illustrated* magazine. Most recently, his landscapes of Chicago's nature were part of the 2019 and 2020 editions of the Sierra Club Wilderness Wall Calendar.

There are many words that describe Mike's unique background. But only one word is needed to describe the man: passionate. And Mike is passionate about Chicago nature.

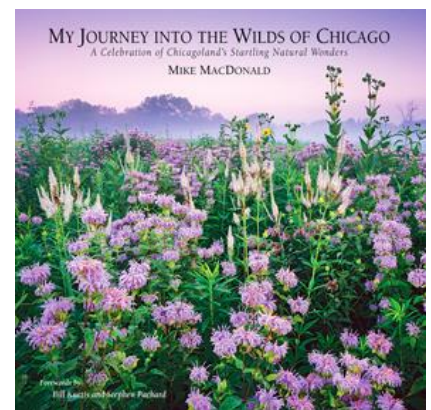
Through passionate public speaking, inspirational writing, and breathtaking photography, he conveys the marvels and magnificence of a wild Chicago that rivals any place on Earth. Playing the role of "nature matchmaker," Mike introduces people to Chicago's natural beauty and biodiversity in the hope of sparking thousands of love affairs.

There is more protected natural area within fifty miles of downtown Chicago than most of the national parks. Yet, most Chicagoans are unaware. Until now! Come to be informed and inspired, as internationally published photographer and nationally acclaimed author and humorist, Mike MacDonald, takes you on a virtual journey into Chicago's wild side—a verdant, untamed Chicago that has been there all along, just waiting to be explored.

Combining breathtaking images and imaginative storytelling, Mike leads you on an adventure into wondrous, enchanted lands located just up the road from home, work, and school. From kaleidoscopic tallgrass prairies to the open canopies of rare oak savannas, from the free-flying expanse of the butterfly to the mysterious world of the coyote, Mike's startling photographs and inspirational stories of a vast and scenic Chicago represents a loving invitation to get out into nature and play.

Mike's nationally acclaimed literary coffee-table book, entitled *My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago: A Celebration of Chicagoland's Startling Natural Wonders*, is based on this very performance. *Publishers Weekly* wrote about the book, "It is celebratory, soulful, and poetic..."

A book signing with refreshments follows the performance. Copies of Mike's book will be available for purchase.





2019 Year in Review

Some facts and figures about the many ways the Olmsted Society served the Riverside community, preserved the environment, inspired kids' creativity, partnered with the Village, schools and business, educated residents and visitors, and had fun in 2019.

Poetry Contest

- 5 Overall winners
- 7 Schools
- 150 poets from 1st Grade to High School

Presentations

- [Olmsted's Offspring: From Riverside to Seaside](#) with Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk
- [Secrets from Very Old Trees](#) with Dr. M. Ross Alexander & Dr. Christine Rollinson
- [Wild Flower Walk and Talk](#) with Chris Benda, the Illinois Botanist
- [City in a Garden, New England Roots](#) with Blair Kamin & Barbara Mahany

Landscape Workdays

- 12 volunteer workdays at eight work sites throughout the village
- 321 volunteer work hours
- \$8,100.00 value of labor donated to the village
- 16 trees and shrubs purchased
- 1520 [native plant plugs sown](#) in two locations
- \$6,500 donated to Village of Riverside
- 2019 [RB Day of Service](#)
- 1 White Oak Riverside Tree Heritage Program

Vintage Baseball Game¹

- 2 teams; Deep River Grinders vs. Chicago Salmon
- 1869 rules
- 25 sandwiches, 25 bags of chips, 25 salads served
- Many innings
- Thousands of raindrops
- Countless fun

Walking Tours

- 88 attendees
- 5 Sunday afternoon tours
- 7 docent guides
- 1 great loss; bedrock tour guide Tony Pecelunas

Masterworks House Walk

- 270 Attendees
- 80 Volunteers
- 9 Local business sponsors
- 1 [House Walk Video](#) narrated by Terri Hemmert, Chicago radio legend
- 1 Renowned Chicago architect attending (John Vinci, Freemark House designer)

HopStop Craft Beer Festival²

- 700+ attendees
- 25 purveyors of beer and cider
- \$20,000 (give or take) in ticket sales
- 6 local business sponsors
- 1 original musical composition; "HopStop" by Oto Carillo of the CSO
- 90% of event waste diverted from landfills
- Many good times!

BioBlitz³

- 24 hours in Riverside parks & public lands
- 400+ plants & animals observed
- 200 (give or take) unique species found
- 10+ scientists
- 5 scientific institutions
- 70+ attendees/amateur naturalists

1 Co-sponsored with Riverside Parks & Recreation Dept.
 2 Co-sponsored with Riverside Foods and Flood Brothers
 3 Co-sponsored with Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission



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Subscribe to our newsletter by emailing us at: newsletter@olmstedsociety.org

Check out our social media links for information on upcoming events:

 facebook.com/RiversideFLOS

 twitter.com/RiversideFLOS

Visit the Olmsted Society website at:

olmstedsociety.org

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a member. 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 minimum \$35.00 tax-deductible contribution by check or you can subscribe or renew online:

[FLOS Membership Renewal Form](#)

If you prefer, print and mail the form below:

Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside
PO Box 65
Riverside, Illinois 60546

Thank you for your continued support!

 **BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE**

Founded in 1968, the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the original plan for Riverside. The town was developed in 1868 by Landscape Architect Frederick Law Olmsted and his business partner Calvert Vaux.

Membership is open to all interested individuals for the current calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31), and is tax deductible. It includes your immediate family members living in your household. Please return this form with your **check payable to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society PO Box 65, Riverside, IL 60546** or join online at www.olmstedsociety.org and select the Membership tab.

<p>MEMBERSHIP:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Reliable Redbud</i> \$35-\$49 \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hearty Hickory</i> \$50-\$124 \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sugar Maple</i> \$125-\$249 \$ _____ (includes 2 walking tour tickets)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mighty Oak</i> \$250 + \$ _____ (includes 4 walking tour tickets)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Renewal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gift Membership</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>COMMITTEES: <i>Put your talent to work & your energy to good use by joining a committee!</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education & Tours</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising events: <input type="checkbox"/> Hop Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Housewalk</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4th of July Parade Float</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Workdays</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Library</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wish to receive a receipt for my tax deductible donation</p>
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