

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

Stewards of the land and Olmsted's plan

Fall 2020 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.

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Upcoming Events

10/10: 8 AM to Noon – [Landscape Workday](#)

10/16: 7 to 9 PM – [Family Trivia Night](#), online

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President's Letter



Cathy Maloney
FLOS Board President

Dear Members,

I need help learning how to embrace winter. This is an annual problem for me, made more difficult by the pandemic and attendant “stay home” guidance. Small potatoes, I know, given how so many are challenged greatly by the corona virus. Anyone have ideas on how to avoid cabin fever other than winter sports for which, well, I have no talent nor desire to freeze? Send in your thoughts and maybe the Olmsted Society can help facilitate.

During the summer, thanks to your support, the Olmsted Society was able to continue many of its programs, albeit on a reduced scale. Tours and workdays were conducted in a socially-distanced, masked way, and a new program, Garden Groomers, was launched. We're planning a virtual trivia night in October – read more in this newsletter. If you're a FLOS member not currently living in Riverside, or any Riversider, consider joining the fun in the Riverside-themed trivia night.

The Nominating committee is seeking new Board members. Know anyone interested in nature and preservation? Please let us know!

Our annual membership drive will be starting soon. Please consider renewing early; this can be done online if you are so inclined. Tentative plans for our annual January meeting might include a hybrid virtual/in-person event. Please stay tuned.

Meanwhile, take care of you and yours. There is light ahead.



Autumn in Riverside can be a time of clear, bright days and vibrant colors!



Garden Groomers Update

Sadie Brenneman, First Graduate



Sadie Brenneman, Riverside Garden Groomer certificate holder, learns some hands-on techniques in earth-friendly gardening.

Our first graduate of the Riverside Garden Groomers program received her certificate in June. Sadie Brenneman completed the online video portions of the course, which focused on earth-friendly techniques of maintaining a garden. She then worked with FLOS Board Member, Bob Finn, in the hands-on portion of the class to demonstrate skills in planting, mulching, weeding, and more.

We were delighted with Sadie's enthusiasm for gardening and her participation in the program. Asked to reflect on the program, Sadie wrote,

This was an informative program and was an interesting experience for me. It incited curiosity and research in various aspects of both nature and gardening. The people who run it are very sweet and I think it's wonderful that the program comes purely from people's care for their community and nature.

FLOS Family Trivia Night

Live, Online Friday October 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM



Where is Bourbon Springs? What did kids do in the Coonley playhouse? Give the right answers to these and other questions and you could win!

FLOS is sponsoring a live, online Riverside Trivia Night on Friday, October 16 from 7 to 9 PM. Co-sponsored by the Riverside Public Library, this will be a family-friendly event. Get your teams together for an evening of fun.

We will use [Kahoot!](https://www.kahoot.com/), the online quiz platform, for the questions, answers and score-keeping and [Zoom](https://zoom.us) web conferencing for real-time interaction between the hosts and players. There will be questions for people who could “write the

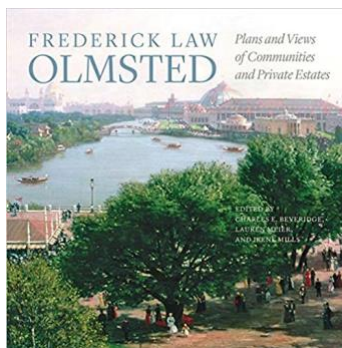
book on Riverside” and questions for those who would like to read it! Categories will include town history, notable locals, architects and designers, the landscape, wildlife, and all things Riverside.

Door prizes will be awarded. You must be present (*online*) to win.

To participate in the FLOS Family Trivia Night, send an email to trivianight@olmstedsociety.org. Be sure to include your name, email address and age (if you are younger than 18).



FLOS Library Donations



Two books will be donated by FLOS to the Olmsted Collection in the Riverside Public Library.

The first is the long-awaited final work of the twelve volumes of Olmsted's papers (Charles Beveridge, editor). This third supplementary book covers the communities and estates designed by Olmsted in which Riverside is featured.

The second book is *Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929-75* by Susan S. Benjamin and Michelangelo

Sabatino. It is a history of modern architecture in the Chicago area from 1929-1975. Two Riverside houses are included; the Freeark house and the Skala/Benda house at 211 Southcote (now the Ambrose/Sabatino house). The period photos and the text are a comprehensive study of the subject.

The Olmsted Collection is at the north end of the stacks on the main floor. It was established by the library and the Olmsted Society in the 1980's.



In addition to being a Riverside resident and Olmsted Society member, Michelangelo Sabatino is an architect, preservationist, historian, and co-author of the recently published *Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929-75*. He is also a professor and the Inaugural John Vinci Distinguished Research Fellow at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

For more information on *Modern in the Middle*, see the [Monacelli Press website](#) and "[The Modern Home](#)," a *Chicago Reader* review of the book.

Walking Tours Resume

In response to the need to limit contact with others, we have added a new tour category; "Family Only." These tours can start from your front door or any street in town. The route and narration will be geared to the interests of the family members. Tours will last about one hour and cost \$40 per family (up to six people).

Sunday afternoon docent-led walking tours resumed this summer with a limit of eight participants each. There is one remaining tour date for 2020 on **Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 PM**. This tour lasts about two hours. Tickets are \$20 each or \$15 for Seniors (age 62+) and Olmsted Society Members.

We will continue to offer custom, special tours for our out-of-town and international visitors, limited to eight participants. These tours are \$25 per person and require a \$75 deposit.

Phone 708-442-7675 or email tours@olmstedsociety.org for questions or to arrange a "Family Only" or custom tour. For further details, including safety requirements, and to purchase tickets, see the [Historic Walking Tours page](#) on the FLOS website.



Landscape Workdays



Cindy Kellogg & Holly Machina

Landscape Co-Chairs

FLOS had four Landscape Workdays since the pandemic began. Because of COVID-19, we had to comply with the State and Village requirements by limiting each of the workdays to ten volunteers or less.

The first of the workdays began in July with weeding at Scottswood Common and mulching at the large triangle at Longcommon and Downey. In August, we moved to Patriot's Park for more weeding and mulching. In the rain on September 12th, we weeded the sedge plantings at Longcommon and Kent. When that was finished, we moved across the street to weed at the Longcommon and Downey triangle.

There will be two more workdays in October; October 10th and October 24th. We hope, by that time, we will be able to have open workdays.



Landscape Workdays resumed in July with masks, social distancing and a limited number of people. Even a rainy Saturday morning in September didn't deter these volunteers.



For more information or to be added to our FLOS landscape committee e-list, please contact:

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Membership Report



Linda LaBelle
Membership Chair

To all of our dedicated members, thank you for your loyal support and all the membership renewals and donations to date. It is never too late to renew or make a donation.

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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](https://www.olmstedsociety.org/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!

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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SOCIETY OF RIVERSIDE	
<p>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.</p> <p>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>	
<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:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hop Stop</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><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>



Membership Report, cont'd.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside 2020 Membership List

Mighty Oak

David & Trisha Flassing
Kim Freeark
Thomas & Connie Guardi

Sander Kaplan & Theresa Pelletier
Cathy & Mike Maloney
William Marritt & Steven Oldham

Sugar Maple

Bob & Judy Finn
Auste Graham
Stephen & Ann Kubiczky
Linda & Rick LaBelle
Yvonne Lucero & Jim Harrington
Judy Meredith & Roy Benedek

Timothy Ozga & Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga
Corina & Stefan Pambuccian
Mark Shevitz & Amy Jacksic
Prof. Kathryn Stanley Podwall
E. & Joyce Van Cura
Susan Worthington & Laurel Anderson

Hearty Hickory

David Barker
Thomas & Janice Barr
Randy & Paula Jo Belice
Ramiro & Geraldine Borja
Greg & Sandy Briolat
James Bryniarski & Leona Hubatch
James Burns
Joseph & Valerie Cablk
Diane Ceragioli
Nancy & Sam Chmell
Jo Day & George Giesey
Jean DiMonte
Kim & Rob Dixon
Joseph Dvorak III & Nancy Dvorak
John Farneda & Fanie Greeff
Rachael & Luigi Franceschina
Mary Geroch
Nancy Graham
Stephanus Greeff
Kim & Thomas Jacobs
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Cindy Kellogg
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Jerry & Diane Balin

Ginny Beall

Donna Budil

Joseph & Grace Cieply

Joan DeRycke

Bryan Eddy

Nadine & Tom Espisito

Frank & Paula Gagliano

Roberta & Michael Gates

Martha & Lou Heine

Kristine Herbst & Roman Salij

Rodney Knox

John Kolar

Teena & Cliff Kotchka

Holly Machina & Jason Kinnan

Paul & Thea Marhoul

Stephen & Rosanne Marshall

Maureen Mulligan

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Jen & Chris Pacourek

Patricia Pavlich

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Mary & John Plunkett

Florence Rooney

David & Minetta Rubin

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Carol B. Skala

Robert & Carol Sprunger

Olga Sylvester

We'd like to say a special "thank you" for your continued support to our 2020 members and benefactors (those named and anonymous).



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