



# The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

*Stewards of the land and Olmsted's plan*

Fall 2022 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.

## Upcoming Events

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| 9/17: 8 AM to Noon  | <a href="#">Landscape Workday</a> at Indian Gardens   |
| 9/24: 4 to 7 PM     | <a href="#">HopStop Craft Beer Festival</a> at Riverside Train Station  |
| 9/25: 2 PM          | <a href="#">Walking Tour</a> , (North) at Riverside Train Station   |
| 10/1: 8 AM to Noon  | <a href="#">Landscape Workday</a> at Longcommon / Downing Triangle  |
| 10/13: 7 PM         | <a href="#">Presentation</a> : <i>At Home in Chicago: A Living History of Domestic Architecture</i> at the Riverside Public Library |
| 10/15: 8 AM to Noon | <a href="#">Landscape Workday</a> at Longcommon   |
| 10/22: 8 AM to Noon | <a href="#">Landscape Workday</a> at Riverside Road   |
| 10/30: 2 PM         | <a href="#">Walking Tour</a> , (South) at Riverside Train Station   |
| 11/5: 8 AM to Noon  | <a href="#">Landscape Workday</a> at Longcommon / Downing Triangle  |

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## President's Letter



Yvonne Lucero  
*FLOS Board President*

It's almost autumn, and Riverside is...Alive!

Hi, All,

Our lawns are beginning to bear a few decorative leaves, the squirrels have been hard at work mulching the sidewalks, and the blue jays are spreading a lot of September gossip. But it's not time for wooly outerwear, so enjoy these golden days.

Joe Pye weed is flourishing, goldenrods of several types are everywhere, and asters provide pink and purple accent. While it's been dry, as everyone knows, if we get some rain in the next few weeks, our forest fungi should make an appearance; not to eat as much as marvel at the colors and shapes. Especially in the woods along the river between the Swim Club and Scout Cabin, you might find Hen of the Woods mushrooms, or giant puffballs. The former are highly textured, yellow to orange, and appear on fallen logs (lots of new tree fall for these) but the puffballs at ground level can be as big as soccer balls – no joke! Morels are reputed to be common in Illinois, but I've never seen them... maybe I need to look harder. Hummingbirds are still visible, and nuthatches are back.

Riversiders are busy, too...you can hear football games at R-B from my porch, and [HopStop](#) is only one week away!! Two more [tours of Riverside](#) by the FLOS docents remain on the calendar before November. FLOS-sponsored [presentations at the Riverside Library](#) will resume in October. Have you noticed a few new stop signs around the village? We hope they can slow down some of the traffic that endangers kids, dogs, and people.

Of special note, Connie Guard, longstanding member of FLOS, will be celebrated by the Riverside Lions Club as "Person of the Year" at a dinner on Friday, September 23rd. This event is open to members of the community (tickets may still be available). Congratulations for your diverse and dedicated service to the community, Connie!



FLOS Board Member Connie Guard  
(shown here with husband Tom) is the  
Riverside Lions Club 2022 Person of  
the Year.



Frederick Law Olmsted  
(or a larger-than-life  
facsimile, thereof) will be  
at HopStop on Saturday,  
September 24. Here,  
Connie and Tom Guard  
meet the great (big) man.



## HopStop Craft Beer Festival Returns

**Saturday, September 24, 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Riverside Train Station**

Riverside Foods, in conjunction with the Olmsted Society, are once again collaborating to bring you the HopStop Craft Beer Festival. This year, HopStop makes a return to the newly renovated [Riverside Train Station](#).

We will be sampling offerings from local craft brewers and food will be available for purchase.

[Joyful Bubbles](#) will be on deck for children and live music will round out a wonderful outdoor family-friendly setting in the arboretum Village of Riverside.

Make use of the free bicycle valet, bring a designated driver, or take [Metra](#) – which drops you off right at the venue.

A commemorative tasting glass is provided with each ticket sold, and this will be a zero-waste event.

100% of the proceeds from HopStop go to the Olmsted Society to help foster a sustainable future in our community and celebrate the legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted.

HopStop tickets are on sale at [Brown Paper Tickets](#).



## Walking Tours of Historic Riverside

### Let Us Share Our Hometown Pride

It's the 200th anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted's birth, and what better way to celebrate than to take a walking tour of Olmsted's Riverside, America's first planned suburb and a National Historic Site.

Today, this magical place of lush landscaping, curving streets, gas lamps, and charming parks still fulfills Olmsted's dream. It has since inspired architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Sullivan to create some of their most beautiful works. Over 70 landmarked structures representing over 150 years of American architecture dot the village.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside invites you experience this very special American place, a place with a hidden history that may surprise you.

Two separate docent-led tours alternate monthly on the following Sundays.

Date	Tour Area
September 25	North Division
October 30	South Division

Tours depart at 2:00 PM from the main [Riverside Train Station](#) on Bloomingbank Rd., south of the BNSF railroad tracks, on the east side of the platform.

Tickets are \$20 per person (\$15 for seniors 62+ and Olmsted Society members). Only PayPal or credit card payments in advance are accepted on the [Historic Walking Tours page](#) of our website.

Customized tours available by appointment. For details, phone 708-447-7635 or e-mail [tours@olmstedsociety.org](mailto:tours@olmstedsociety.org).





## Riverside Girl Scout, Lauren Sanduski, Improves Landscape

### FLOS Board and FLOS Member, Carolyn Huson, Support Effort

The Village of Riverside, Landscape Advisory Commission supports volunteers for improvements for public spaces and the Fredrick Law Olmsted Society has always been an important financial supporter of these efforts. This year, FLOS gave \$250 towards the improvement of the [T55 Triangle at Northgate and Bartram Roads](#), just east of Des Plaines Avenue and south of 26<sup>th</sup> Street. This is one of our signature triangles, as it is a very important route into our town. The Girl Scout, Lauren Sanduski was going for her Gold Award, which is the highest level of achievement in Girl Scouts.

Last Fall, Lauren removed invasive species and some taller natives that were creating sight line issues for traffic flow as well as pedestrian and bicycle traffic. A FLOS member and Riverside resident, Carolyn Huson donated understory plants, three Spice bushes and two Ironwood trees to balance off the American Beech, Hophornbeam, Sassafras, and Hackberry's that are currently part of the triangle's native specimens. Lauren has also tagged these larger specimen trees with their botanical and common names. Natives that have been at the triangle, planted by past volunteers include, Jacob's Ladder, Mayapples, Red Trillium, Columbine, and Spring Beauties.

In the Spring of 2022, another clean-up was done before 500 natives were planted and mulched in and watered. The plants include Rose Sedge, Pennsylvania Sedge, Hairy Beardtongue, Blue Stemmed Goldenrod and Celandine Poppies. The plant material was selected to survive without further watering, after the first year of being planted.

The FLOS donation was critical for the purchase of plants and served as a catalyst for others to support this project.

Thank you, Lauren, for your focus and determination to bring your Gold Award project to completion! Your efforts will help support a native ecosystem and be a welcome entrance to our historic village for years to come.



(Left) Before Lauren began work, the overgrown triangle presented a blind spot for drivers and pedestrians.

(Below) Once the non-native plants were removed and desirable natives trimmed, planting could begin.



(Left) Sedges were planted as ground cover along with other native plants and trees.

(Above) Lauren follows through on the project by weeding.





## *Tributes & Trees Program*

Linda LaBelle & Sandie Petrzilka

*Tributes & Trees Co-Chairs*

A windstorm in June resulted in significant loss of many old growth trees that are missed and need to be replaced. Please consider Tributes & Trees to recognize someone special, memorialize a person or pet, or to say thanks. Your donation will be used to enhance the landscape of Riverside. You can do your part to keep Riverside green and be a hero at the same time. Please visit the [Tributes & Trees Program page](#) on the FLOS website to learn more about the program and donate. Donations can be in any amount. PayPal or credit card payments accepted. Donate to Tributes & Trees today!

### Tributes & Trees Thanks

**Honoree:** Cathy Maloney

**Donors:** Kenilworth Garden Club

Twenty members of the Kenilworth Garden Club visited Riverside for a special landscape and garden tour led by Cathy Maloney. The Garden Club enjoyed the tour and donated to Tributes & Trees as a thank you to Cathy.



## *Vintage Baseball A Hit With Fans*

### Record crowd cheers Chicago Salmon at Big Ball Park



In what's becoming a new favorite Riverside tradition, the Olmsted Society hosted a Vintage Baseball Game on July 30. The Chicago Salmon swam past the Blue Island Brewmasters with an exciting match-up that ended 6 to 3 in favor of the Salmon. Game day weather was delightful with a slight breeze, sunshine, and puffs of clouds. Big Ball Park was the venue, and, as a community event held outdoors, the Olmsted Society is sure that Riverside founder, Frederick Law Olmsted, would have been proud.

The Salmon and Brewmasters are part of the national Vintage Baseball Association, a group that plays ball according to antebellum rules. The attire of the men and women playing the game are period-appropriate and add to the fun. Players circulated among the more than 200 spectators (called "cranks" in Vintage Baseball parlance) who enjoyed the game.

Following the game, Riverside youth wanted to run the bases, and the baseball players accommodated them by pitching balls and watching the kids chase around the diamond. For more color commentary on the game, read the Salmon's August 3 newsletter, [The Salmon Spectator, Issue 10, Vol. II](#).

As the crowd cheers, "Huzzah!"







## Presentations Report



Dan Murphy  
*Presentations Chair*

### At Home in Chicago: A Living History of Domestic Architecture

**Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 PM at the Riverside Public Library**

This presentation was originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note the new date.

Author Patrick F. Cannon and photographer James Caulfield will present an inside look at some of the Chicago area's most distinctive and architecturally-significant residences – including Riverside's Coonley Estate.



This presentation, based on Cannon and Caulfield's recently published book, *At Home in Chicago: A Living History of Domestic Architecture*, will span the history of Chicago residential architecture. The authors travelled across the metropolitan region to create an eye-opening look at the city's 200-year history through different home styles. They inspected houses built before the 1871 Great Chicago Fire, walked through the mansions that rose during the Gilded Age, explored apartments finished before the Depression, and scrutinized mid-century and new-century homes. Frank Lloyd Wright's Coonley Estate is featured in their book and will be given special emphasis for this Riverside presentation.

Patrick F. Cannon had a long career as a publicist, journalist, and editor and has led tours of Chicago-area architecture for more than four decades. After retiring, Patrick decided to build upon a long interest in architecture by writing about Chicago area architects and architecture. Since the publication of his first book, *Hometown Architect: The Complete Buildings of Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park and River Forest*, in 2006, he has published five more books in collaboration with one of Chicago's preeminent architectural photographers, James Caulfield. Their combined effort on *The Space Within: Insider Great Chicago Buildings* received the Gold Medal in the Independent Publishers Book Awards.



James Caulfield has been a professional photographer for more than 40 years, creating compelling images of people, places, and things both in the U.S. and abroad for advertising and direct clients alike. His interest in architectural subjects grew out of his own efforts restoring a Fromann & Jebsen-designed bank in Chicago, a mid-century modern home in Glencoe, and a bungalow in Berwyn. This passion for preservation led James to volunteer his services to the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust in Oak Park by documenting the buildings on the Trust's annual house walk, Wright Plus. There, he met architectural writer Patrick F. Cannon in 2004 and the two have collaborated on six books – their most recent is *At Home in Chicago*.

Join us for a visually engaging presentation of Chicago homes that spans the decades with varied architectural styles from Richardson's Glessner House and Wright's Robie House to van der Rohe's 860-880 Lake Shore Drive and Jeanne Gang's Aqua tower.



## Landscape Workdays



Cindy Kellogg & Holly Machina  
*Landscape Co-Chairs*

### Indian Gardens Workdays – August 27 & September 10

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, we enticed ten volunteers to pull weeds along the riverbank by the Scout Cabin to prepare the ground for planting sedge plugs for the next workday on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

September 10<sup>th</sup> was a perfect day to plant five flats of native sedges & grasses along the banks of the Des Plaines River in Indian Gardens. We had nine adult and one teen volunteer install the plants in the area that we cleared on the previous workday. Look at the results!

We will continue the restoration along the river in Indian gardens during our next workday on Sat, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please come and help us beautify our village. Thank you volunteers – you are amazing!



(Top) The riverbank choked with invasive weeds.

(Middle) Volunteers clear the bank in preparation for planting.

(Bottom) A Riverside Public Works truck filled with weeds.

(Right) The riverbank planted with sedges and grasses.







## Landscape Workdays (cont'd)

### Help Beautify Our Public Parks

For 2022, we are teaming up with the Village of Riverside to help beautify our green spaces.

Frederick Law Olmsted designed the parks in Riverside to provide changing vistas for both pedestrians & vehicles. His plan can be better realized by reducing shrub overgrowth, eliminating weeds, and opening the river view. Join us as we tame, and then maintain your public parks of Riverside.

All workdays are scheduled for **Saturdays from 9 AM to 12 PM**. Bring your own **work gloves and a water bottle**. All landscaping supplies and snacks will be provided.

For the most current information, see the [Landscape Workdays page](#) on the FLOS website.

Date	Location
Oct 1	Longcommon / Downing Triangle
Oct 15	Longcommon
Oct 22	Riverside Road
Nov 5	Longcommon / Downing Triangle

If you have questions or want to be added to our FLOS Landscape Committee email list, please contact:

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(Left) On the Swan Pond Walking Path along The Des Plaines River

(Right) Swan Pond at sunset





## 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.

Olmsted Society of Riverside is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted's vision for Riverside for generations to come. Its mission is guided by his concern for humanity, nature, sense of community and the innovative and thoughtful essence of his work.

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:

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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](http://www.olmstedsociety.org) and select the Membership tab.

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## Membership Report, cont'd.

### The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside 2022 Membership List

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## Membership Report, cont'd

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*We'd like to say a special "thank you" for your continued support to our 2022 members and benefactors (those named and anonymous).*



(Left) Riverside's historic train station, site of the 2022 HopStop.

(Below) The iconic water tower at sunset.





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