

Franklin Grove Creek and Preservation Corporation

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Summer 2015

Upcoming Events

Singing Bird Chautauqua at Franklin Creek State Natural Area

Saturday & Sunday, August 15-16

First annual family fun event with focus on storytelling, music, food, fun, and more. Check out page 1 for more info.

“Take a Walk With Me” Nature Walk Saturday & Sunday, August 15-16

Take a walk through nature and see what you might find. We’ll take a look at it all during this 10 am nature walk for the whole family. More details on page 2.

Evening at the Mill: Where Bison Roam Saturday, October 17th, 6:00 PM

Cliff Knapp & Rev. Jeff Schlesinger present the various aspects of bison: past, present, future. Tickets are \$25 and includes a meal. Contact Alyssa by October 12th at (815) 456-2718 to purchase tickets. Details on page 2.

Ongoing Events

See page 3 for more details.

Bird Walk (next one August 8th)

Monthly, through October, 8 AM Free

Geology Walk (next one July 25th)

Monthly, through October, 10 AM Free

Franklin Creek Grist Mill Hours:

- April through October: Fridays, Saturdays, and most Sundays (check website calendar) from 12pm—4pm. Stop in for a tour or to just look around.
- Grinding demonstrations are held on the last Saturday of every month and stone ground corn is always for sale! See our featured recipe on page 3.

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What’s New at Franklin Creek!

Singing Bird Chautauqua: Reviving a Local Tradition August 15-16

Join us for the inaugural year of the Singing Bird Chautauqua at the Franklin Creek and have fun while helping to keep the Franklin Grove Creek and Preservation Corporation a growing and vital part of the fabric of the Sauk Valley. Eat, drink and be merry! And, learn something too! Spread the word and invite your friends and family!

This year’s theme will be Lincoln’s Life and Times in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

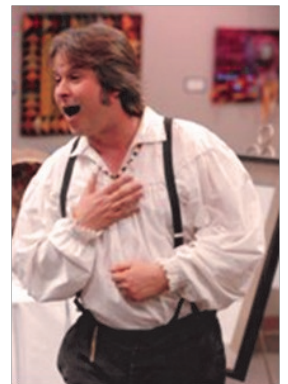
There will be first person portrayals of Lincoln’s law partner, William



Herndon; Mary Todd Lincoln and her confidante and dress maker, Elizabeth Keckley; and President Lincoln and his childhood friend, Austin Gullaher. These performers and others will engage and delight as they take us on a journey through times past. Their historically accurate performances are world class.

There will be music, nature walk, art lessons, art & craft vendors, games, good food and drink, and activities for children 5-12 (3 and 4 must be accompanied by a parent). There will be something for the entire family to enjoy and become a part of living history.

(Look for more details on page 2)



Water/Ways Smithsonian Exhibit—Coming 2016!

Water...what type of relationship do you have with this critical resource?

Water is an essential part of life not only for humans but all life on the planet. It shapes the landscape, impacts the climate, powers the environment, but it’s not just biological and environmental. It connects people together. Our connection to water affects where we live and how we move; we are inspired by water in art and literature, and in many societies it is a sacred symbol. Water drives life and we can not survive without it.

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Singing Bird Chautauqua – What you need to know

What is a Chautauqua? Besides for being a difficult word to spell, it was a popular event, often 2 weeks long, that flourished in rural America in the late 19th and early 20th century. Today they are making a comeback. Chautauqua's provided education combined with entertainment in the form of lectures, concerts, plays, and more for audiences young and old; rich and poor.

The FGC&PC are putting together the first ever Chautauqua at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill. During the weekend you will find plenty of food and fun. Purchase your tickets early for a discount. Advance tickets are \$45 for the weekend or \$25/day. At the door tickets are \$60 for the weekend or \$35/day. Children 12 and under are free. Visit our website www.franklincreekgristmill.com for more details on the event.

Saturday, August 15

10:00-1:00 Grist Mill Tours, Nature Walks, Art Classes, Art & Craft Sales, Music, Fun & Games for Adults & Kids and Lunch

1:00 Brian "Fox" Ellis as **Austin Gullaher**:

Lincoln Tales Tall and True

2:30 Kathryn Harris as **Elizabeth Keckley**:

Mary Todd Lincoln's Dress Maker

4:00 Barry Cloyd as **The Drummer Boy of Shiloh**

5:00-8:00 Dinner and Music featuring **Bluegrass Express**

Sunday, August 16

10:00-1:00 Grist Mill Tours, Nature Walks, Art Classes, Art & Craft Sales, Music, Fun & Games for Adults & Kids and Lunch

1:00 Brian "Fox" Ellis as **William Herndon**:

Lincoln the Lawyer

2:30 Pam Brown as **Mary Lincoln**

4:00 Fritz Klein as **Abraham Lincoln**

5:00-7:00 Dinner and Music featuring **Cowboy Carter**

"Take a Walk With Me"
Nature Walk
Saturday & Sunday, August 15-16,
10:00 AM
Take a walk through nature and see what you might find. Trees, birds, flowers, and rocks, we'll take a look at them all during this nature walk for the whole family. Spend the morning before the Chautauqua with local experts Ellen Baker on Saturday and Alyssa Rod on Sunday. Meet at the Grist Mill front porch.

(Continued from page 1 *Water/Ways*)

This is the focus of the new *Water/Ways* exhibition, part of the *Water Matters* water initiative from the Smithsonian Institute which will debut in May 2016. The exhibition will be produced by Museum on Main Street, and is a partnership between the Smithsonian Institute and Illinois Humanities. The Franklin Creek Grist Mill was selected as one of six sites to host this exhibition in Illinois.

The Grist Mill will house the exhibit from May 28 – July 10, 2016.

Matt Meacham, program coordinator with Illinois Humanities said "A water-powered mill located within a natural area devoted to the conservation of a historically important source of water seems an ideal setting for this exhibit...the thoroughness and creativity of the plans described in the FGC&PC's application, as well as the strong sense of community spirit that it conveys, are truly impressive."



The *Water/Ways* exhibit will explore the role of water in the lives of communities and individuals and ask several questions including "How do Americans use water?, How does water unite communities?, How does water affect the ways in which we live, work, create, and play?, and How do we care for our water and protect the resource for the future?"

"We are very excited to host the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit and to use local assets such as the Franklin Creek State Natural Area and the Grist Mill to explain how water has impacted our history, how it influences our community today and how it will shape our future" said Donna Ducharme, FGC&PC's Board Chair.

Illinois has a rich water history that connects us to nature and the Franklin Creek State Natural Area increases that history with the various springs, seeps, the creek, and the mill itself.

Check our website www.franklincreekgristmill.com for more details as they unfold!



An Evening at the Mill Where Bison Roam October 17th , 6:00 PM

Bison: big, bold, beautiful, beneficial. These are just a few words that explain bison in the view of today's society. What about the past? This program will entice you to learn more about the past, present, and future of the bison. What is a bison and why is it important today? Find out more about these magnificent creatures and their history with local FGC&PC board members (and bison aficionados): Cliff Knapp, professor emeritus from N.I.U. and Reverend Jeff Schlesinger, pastor of Freedom Lutheran in Oregon. (Photo by Jeff Schlesinger.)

Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. To purchase tickets for this event, contact Alyssa at (815) 456-2718.

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Future Generations Campaign What will he see?

The goal of the Future Generations Campaign is to raise \$450,000 in the coming year in order to secure and expand the legacy already created by hundreds of volunteers over the years at Franklin Creek. Help us to make the public use and access improvements at the Headwaters property and achieve our educational goals at the Grist Mill. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Future Generations Campaign. For more information or a tour call us at (815) 465-2718.

Count me in at the following level!

___ Hummingbird (up to \$499)	___ Wood Duck (\$5,000-\$9,999)
___ Swallow (\$500-\$999)	___ Pheasant (\$10,000-\$24,999)
___ Oriole (\$1,000-\$4,999)	___ Eagle (\$25,000+)

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail to:

Franklin Grove Creek &
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Franklin Grove, IL 61031

Geology Walks

~The last Saturday of every month, May-October at 10am. Meet at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill. Get ready for a lesson in geology! For starters Franklin Creek State Natural Area has the oldest exposed bedrock in Illinois. At 500 million years old, the New Richmond Sandstone is remarkable. **Mark your calendars for July 25th, August 29th, September 26th and October 31st.**

Bird Walks

~The second Saturday of every month, May-October at 8am. Meet at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill. Join seasoned birders as they lead a walk through the Franklin Creek State Natural Area highlighting the migrating birds and the ones who make the natural area their home. **Mark your calendars for July 11th, August 8th, September 12th and October 10th.**

Become a Volunteer

Do you love spending time at the Grist Mill? Do you enjoy nature, the outdoors, or mill works and machinery? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, think about becoming a volunteer. Please contact Phyllis Dupre for more info: phylbdupre@gmail.com or 815-519-7969 (leave message or text).

FEATURED RECIPE

Orange Cornmeal Cake

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup olive oil, plus more to grease pan
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar, plus 1/3 cup for topping
- 1/2 cup orange juice (or dry white wine)
- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup finely ground STONEGROUND CORNMEAL
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Zest of 1 large orange

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Brush bottom and sides of 8" round cake pan. Line bottom of pan with parchment paper, then brush lightly with oil.
2. In large bowl whisk eggs, oil

and 1 cup sugar and orange juice until smooth. Add flour, cornmeal, salt, baking soda and orange zest. Whisk to lightly combine.

3. Pour batter in prepared pan. Sprinkle remaining 1/3 cup sugar evenly over top. Bake until toothpick comes out clean. 25-35 minutes. BEING CAREFUL NOT TO OVER BAKE, CHECK AT 25 MINUTES.
4. Cool cake in pan 20 minutes. Run knife around edge and invert onto plate. Peel off parchment paper. Re-invert cake onto wire rack and cool completely before serving.

Serve with marmalade or whipped cream.



Find these common words used around the grist mill:

BULL GEAR
CORNMEAL
GRINDING
HISTORICAL
MILL SPRING
WATER

CORN
FRANKLIN CREEK
GRIST MILL
MILL POND
MILLSTONE
WATER WHEEL

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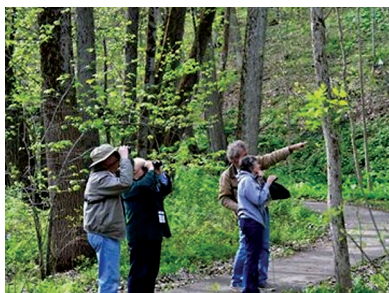
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Return Service Requested



So Much to See and Do!

Take a hike with a
volunteer guide.



Evening at the Mill
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at Franklin Creek
State Natural Area

Singing Bird Chautauqua
this August 15-16 (pg 2)

Family and group tours
available!



The Franklin Grove Creek & Preservation Corporation strives to preserve and protect high quality natural areas in the Franklin Creek watershed, while providing educational, cultural and recreational opportunities for the public to discover, explore and experience the area.