

Franklin Grove Creek and Preservation Corporation

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Summer 2016

Upcoming Events

Evening at the Mill—Lee Murdock
Saturday, August 13th, 6:00 PM
Windjammers, Sternwheelers, and Tin-Stackers. Tickets \$25 and include a meal. Contact Alyssa by August 11th at (815) 456-2718 to purchase tickets or for more info. Details page 4.

Singing Bird Chautauqua at Franklin Creek State Natural Area
Saturday & Sunday, September 10-11
Second annual family fun event with focus on storytelling, music, food, fun, and more. Details to the right & inside.

Franklin Creek Waterways Exhibition
On display through October 31, 2016
NEW— Special exhibit devoted to water and the Franklin Creek area on display at the mill. Including new graphics about the mill and milling process. Check out page 2.

Ongoing Events

See page 3 for more details.

Bird Walk: Monthly, 8 AM Free

Geology Walk: Monthly, 9 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!

A Season of Water Adventures At Franklin Creek Continues

Water equals survival as it sustains all life. We depend on water in our daily lives for sustenance but also for work, music, stories, and more. The FGC&PC will be hosting three final events focusing on the importance of water through songs, storytelling, and daily life.

Evenings at the Mill

Lee Murdock will sing the songs of the waterways of Illinois on August 13th and Gayle Harper will take us on a winding 2,400 mile journey along the Mississippi River on October 8th. These events follow a wonderful dinner prepared by the



Franklin Creek Cooks. For more details on both of these upcoming programs and how to purchase tickets, check out page 4.

Rolling River Adventures

The second annual Singing Bird Chautauqua, a festival of art, music and culture, will be held at the

Franklin Creek Grist Mill on the weekend of September 10th and 11th. "Rolling River Adventures", the 2016 Chautauqua theme, will feature water-related stories, nature walks, river inspired music, art, food and a variety of performances. The main programs include music of the Mississippi by Dennis

Stroughmatt, the view of water from a French voyageur (Brian Fox Ellis), a closer look at the wildlife of the waters with David Stokes and his live animals, puppets, & songs, and Mark Twain the master of river lore.



Both days will offer nature walks, grist mill tours, and tasty food. A special wagon ride to the newly acquired Hurd Property will be held each day at 11:15am leaving from the mill. A blend of blues and folk music will be preformed by Nate Gordon on Saturday and songs of the rivers by Barry Cloyd on Sunday. Don't miss out on our Storytelling for all ages with locals Mona Barajas and Renee Morris. Participate in the photography contest with a picture or two with water themes.

For up-to-date details about all of these events visit our website www.franklincreekgristmill.com or contact FGC&PC coordinator, Alyssa Rod at (815) 456-2718 or email info@franklincreekgristmill.com.

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Singing Bird Chautauqua Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 10

- 11:00-1:00** Grist Mill Tours, Nature Walks, Wagon Ride to the Hurd Property (11:15), DJ Music, Fun & Food
1:00-2:00 Mussels, Moonshine, Music: **Mississippi Valley Migrants in the 20th Century** by Dennis Stroughmatt
2:00-4:30 Grist Mill Tours, Art Viewing, Art Corner, Fun & Food
2:15-3:15 Storytelling for kids of all ages with Mona Barajas & Renee Morris
3:15-4:15 Live Music with **Nate Gordon**
4:30-5:30 **The River as a Time Machine** by Brian Fox Ellis

Sunday, September 11

- 11:00-1:00** Grist Mill Tours, Nature Walks, Wagon Ride to the Hurd Property (11:15), DJ Music, Fun & Food
1:00-2:00 **Water Wildlife** with David Stokes
2:00-4:30 Grist Mill Tours, Art Viewing and prizes, Art Corner, Fun & Food
2:15-3:15 Storytelling for kids of all ages with Mona Barajas & Renee Morris
3:15-4:15 Live Music—Songs of the Rivers with **Barry Cloyd**
4:30-5:30 **Mark Twain** by Warren Brown

Franklin Creek Waterways Exhibition

Earlier this summer the Franklin Creek Grist Mill and the FGC&PC were given the great opportunity of hosting “Water/Ways”, a traveling exhibit created by the Smithsonian Institute's Museum on Main Street program, in conjunction with Illinois Humanities. “Water/Ways” focused on the relationship between people and water on a regional and global scale. We hope all of you had a chance to visit and enjoy this unique view on water.

While the Smithsonian's exhibit has moved on to other parts of Illinois, the Grist Mill will continue to host the local view of water in the “Franklin Creek Waterways” Exhibition. This exhibit

explains the story of water in our own community and takes a closer look at the Franklin Creek and surrounding areas. Visit the Mill to find out the answers to questions such as: How does water and geology mix to create the creek, wetlands and springs? What power did water provide for early settlements in the area? How does water impact the plant and animal life in the area? What is the view of water in Native American culture? Why is water an important resource to everyone? How will climate change impact the future of water in Northern Illinois? Guests are encouraged to create their own water-inspired poems and art work after viewing the exhibits



The Franklin Creek Waterways exhibits will be on display during regular Grist Mill hours through the end of October.



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Closer to the Creek Nature Day Review

When you take a close look at the water in Franklin Creek what will you find? That was the question posed to the participants of our "Closer to the Creek" Nature Day this June. Eight children and five adults enjoyed a warm day "getting their feet wet" in the cool waters of the Franklin Creek. They found a variety of bugs in the water, butterflies and damselflies along the shoreline, and birds in the trees. Everyone learned about why these critters are important to the creek and how they survive. Nathan Hill of the Rockford Park District took the group on a water adventure down the creek looking for bugs, mollusks, and more. Each specimen was returned back safely to where it was found. The type of bugs found in the water can tell us about the health of the creek.



Future Generations Campaign

What will he see?

The goal of the Future Generations Campaign this year is to raise \$45,000 in order to secure and expand the legacy already created by hundreds of volunteers over the years at Franklin Creek.

Help us to make 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) 456-2718.

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: _____

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An Evening at the Mill with Lee Murdock Windjammers, Sternwheelers, and Tin-Stackers: Working Waterways of Illinois

August 13th, 6:00 PM

\$25 Tickets for Dinner with program after
Purchase your ticket by August 11th

Lee Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories about the rivers, canals, and Lake Michigan shoreline in Illinois. There is an amazing timelessness in this form of music.

Bringing the language of the river rats and schooner-men, the lighthouse keepers and fisher-folk, the modern day sailor and the environmentalist to life, Lee will use song, speech, and instrumentation throughout this program.



An Evening at the Mill with Gayle Harper Roadtrip with a Raindrop: 90 Days Along the Mississippi River

October 8th, 6:00 PM

\$25 Tickets for Dinner with program after
Purchase your ticket by October 6th

Gayle Harper takes us on a journey with one tiny drop of rain, traveling down the 2,300 miles of the mighty Mississippi River.

Upon learning that a raindrop falling into the headwaters of the Mississippi in Minnesota travels for 90 days to reach the Gulf of Mexico, Gayle found a desire to follow its route.

Visiting unique places and meeting people along the backroads of the heart of America, Gayle tells the story of a tiny stream that grows into a massive force of nature.



The grist mill will be open all afternoon for tours prior to the dinner and program. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill, on the Grist Mill website at www.franklincreekgristmill.com, or by calling the mill at 815-456-2718. All proceeds from the event will go to support current and future projects of the FGC&PC.

FEATURED RECIPE

Citrus Poundcake



Ingredients:

- 1 cup margarine
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 1/4 cup flour
- 3/4 cup STONEGROUND CORNMEAL (available at the grist mill)
- 1 pound powdered sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup lowfat milk
- 1 tablespoon each: freshly grated lemon & orange peel

Glaze Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup each: fresh lemon & orange juice

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 12-cup bundt pan.
2. Beat margarine, sugar and baking powder in large bowl with mixer on low speed until blended. Increase speed to high, beat until pale and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. With mixer on low speed, beat in flour and milk in three additions until smooth. Beat in cornmeal and citrus peels just until blended.
3. Scrape into bundt pan. Bake 50-55 minutes until a pick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes, then invert on rack.
4. Mix glaze ingredients; brush over cake; cool.

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 May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 3, and October 8.**

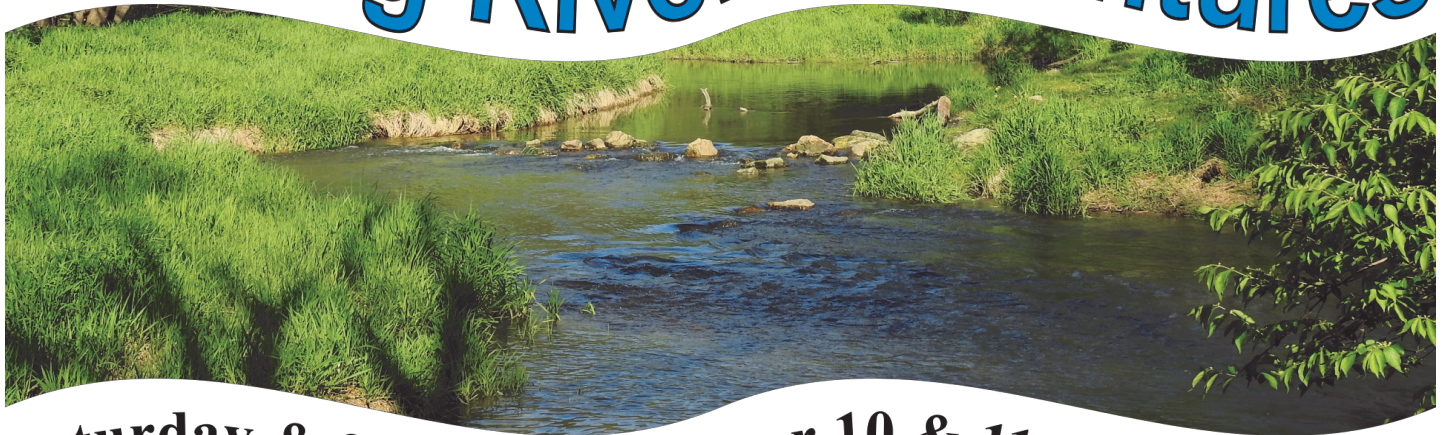
Geology Walks

~The last Saturday of every month, May-October at 9am. 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 April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24, and October 29.**

Become a Volunteer

Do you love spending time at the Grist Mill? Are you interested in how mills work? Do you enjoy nature and the outdoors? Do you have communications, marketing, writing, administrative or financial skills? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, ask about becoming a volunteer. Please contact the mill for more info: (815) 456-2718 or email info@franklincreekgristmill.com.

Rolling River Adventures



Saturday & Sunday, September 10 & 11 ~ 11am-5:30pm

A family friendly festival of art, music & culture. Featuring nature walks, storytelling, food & performances telling tales of river adventures and water lore.

All programs will be held in the big tent at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill, 1893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove, IL within the Franklin Creek State Natural Area

Performances

Saturday

Sunday



1pm



4:30pm



1pm



4:30pm

Live Music @ 3:15pm by Nate Gordon

Live Music @ 3:15pm by Barry Cloyd

Daily storytelling for kids of all ages, grist mill tours, nature walks, and art viewing.

Admission: \$10 donation per person/day. Children 12 and under are free.

All proceeds from this event will go to support current and future projects of the Franklin Grove Creek & Preservation Corporation, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.



**Saturday Louisiana Feast of gumbo (including vegetarian option) & catfish;
Sunday burgers, bison sausages & black-bean burgers;
Snack food, Soft drinks, Beer & Wine available for an additional charge.**

**For advance tickets or additional information:
nearby camping and lodging, directions, schedule details
Visit our website www.franklincreekgristmill.com, Facebook, or contact
Alyssa at (815) 456-2718.**



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Return Service Requested



So Much to See and Do!

Enjoy a nature walk with
a volunteer guide.



Evening at the Mill
this August 13 (pg 4)



**at Franklin Creek
State Natural Area**

Singing Bird Chautauqua
September 10-11 (pg 1)

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.