

# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meadowbrook Park Jazz Walk

Friday, September 8, 5:30-7:30pm  
Meadowbrook Park  
**FREE!**

There's no other jazz event like this one! The Wandell Sculpture Garden is a picturesque location for live, local jazz music during this sunset event brought to you by the Urbana Park District, Clark-Lindsey Village and State Farm. A selection of jazz soloists and small combos will be scattered along the paths of Meadowbrook Park; you can listen to as many as you like as you walk at your own pace through the Garden. Parking is available at the Race Street entrance with overflow parking courtesy of Stone Creek Church on the corner of Race and Windsor. Stop by our information table at the bridge near PrairiePlay playground to make a donation. Call the Park District Rainout Line for postponement information: 217-367-9575.



**Rain Date: September 9**



## Take a Child Outside Week

### September 22-30



September 22-30 is Take a Child Outside Week, encouraging children and adults to spend time together outdoors. Help children better understand and appreciate the environment, and join the national effort to reconnect children with nature.

Check out great ways to get outdoors throughout the park district! Just look for this symbol in the guide:



#### Regular contact with nature is associated with:

- Improved creativity, problem solving & self-control
- Enhanced ability to focus and reduced symptoms of ADD
- Better academic performance and social relations
- Increased physical activity and lower rates of obesity

For more information about Take a Child Outside Week activities, see pages 46 and 50.





## *Art at the Anita Purves Nature Center*



**Artist: Tyson Kruse**

**Show Title: Nature on Its Own Terms**

**Show Dates: September 30-November 30, 2017**

**Opening Reception: September 30, 2017, 1-3pm**

We all know that sometimes you can miss the forest for the trees, but what about missing the sporophyte for the forest? Or the mantis for the field? Or the daphnia for the pond? In this show, we will explore some of the easily overlooked aspects of nature on its own scale—where the tiniest spider is a terrifying predator, wildflowers are complex lures, and butterfly wings and feathers are marvels of engineering.

This show will feature areas and materials that can be found in and around the Urbana Park District, focusing on Meadowbrook Park, Busey Woods and the Anita Purves Nature Center. Like a picture? Just ask and we can tell you where and when it was taken - maybe you'll even be able to capture a keeper of your own!

Tyson is a life-long photographer with a background in graphic design at local newspapers and printing companies. He currently works at the Anita Purves Nature Center, and uses his knowledge of the properties to find interesting and educational images to help bring the beauty of local wildlife to the public. Meet Tyson and view his show on September 30th from 1-3pm – refreshments will be available.

The Anita Purves Nature Center has displayed the work of local artists who offer their original perspective on natural elements such as plants, flowers and wildlife since 1996.





## *32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween FunFest*

**Thursday, October 26, 5-8pm  
Marketplace Mall, Champaign  
Ages 2-11 with parent or adult guardian  
FREE!**

Join the Urbana and Champaign Park Districts and celebrate with fun carnival games, trick-or-treating and a haunted house designed especially for young children. This safe indoor Halloween alternative would not be possible without help from many generous and dedicated local organizations and clubs. Registration is not required. If your civic club or service group would like to help by running a carnival game, call the Champaign Park District at 217-398-2550. The Haunted House line will close at 7:30pm. Don't miss it!





Photo Credit: Wade Thweatt

**Thursday, November 23, 2017**  
**CHECK-IN: 8-8:45am, RACE START: 9:00am**  
**Lake House in Crystal Lake Park**  
**FREE!**

Join the Urbana Park District as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of a Thanksgiving morning tradition full of fun, memories, and gratitude. Turkey Trot is a one-mile fun run/walk that is a great way to get some exercise before you sit down for dinner. Free hot chocolate is provided. The first 1,000 participants across the finish line will receive a ribbon. Stay after the run for a prize raffle.

This year we'll again put the "give" in Thanksgiving by taking donations for the Urbana Park District Youth Scholarship Fund. Your donation will help the park district offer scholarships for summer camp and other opportunities for children in the next year.

Parking is available at the special event lot on Broadway Ave. Call the Urbana Park District Rainout Line for postponement information: 217-367-9575.



# Best In Show Photographic Print Competition

February 10-28, 2018

Lincoln Square, Urbana  
All Ages

Entry Deadline: Jan 31, 2018

*Photo Credit: 2017 1st Place Winner of Nature Category - "A Spider and His Mushroom" by Lara Darling*

The Urbana Park District and Champaign County Camera Club are proud to announce their seventeenth annual competition at Lincoln Square next February. This is a great opportunity for amateur photographers to have their photos publicly exhibited and professionally judged. There is a five-piece limit, and all prints must be mounted on foamcore.

For information on categories, eligibility and matting requirements see our website at [www.urbanaparks.org](http://www.urbanaparks.org) or pick up a Best in Show brochure and entry form at the Phillips Recreation Center, Lincoln Square, or the News-Gazette. Call Janet at 367-1544 ext. 277 for more information.

Early Bird rate on entry fee: \$5 for first print and \$3 each for the next four. The regular entry fee is \$10 for the first print and \$3 each for the next four.

**All entry forms are due to the Phillips Recreation Center by Wednesday, January 24 at 6pm to get Early Bird rate on entry fee! Regular entry deadline is Wednesday, January 31 at 6pm.**

**Exhibition on display from February 10 at Noon to February 18 at Noon.**

**Judges' critique for all entrants February 18, 1-2pm.**

**February 18 - All photos must be picked up between 2 and 5pm.**