



# FREE! 12TH ANNUAL MEADOWBROOK PARK JAZZ WALK

**Friday, Sep 9**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm** (rain date Sep 10)

The **Wandell Sculpture Garden** is a beautiful backdrop for live, local jazz music during this sunset event brought to you by the Urbana Park District, Clark-Lindsey and the Urbana Parks Foundation. 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 thanks to Stone Creek Church on the corner of Race and Windsor. Call the Rainout Line for postponement information: 217-367-9575.

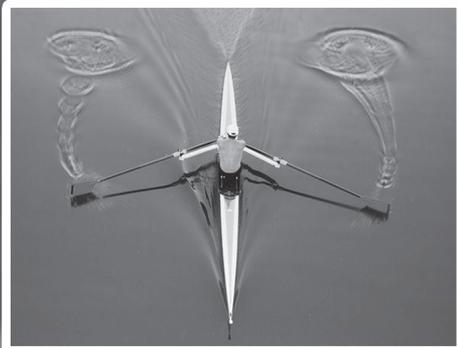


## 31ST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FUNFEST

**Monday, October 24**  
**5-8pm**  
**Marketplace Mall, Champaign**  
**Ages 2-11 with parent or 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 8pm.





# Best In Show Photographic Print Competition

**Feb 11-19, 2017**

**Lincoln Square, Urbana  
All Ages**

The Urbana Park District and Champaign County Camera Club are proud to announce their sixteenth 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. Purchase foamcore at Art Coop, Michael's and Walmart.

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 25 at 6pm to get Early Bird rate on entry fee! Regular entry deadline is Wednesday, February 1 at 6pm.

***Exhibition on display from Feb 11 at Noon to Feb 19 at Noon***

***Judges' critique for all entrants Feb 19, 1-2pm***

***Feb 19- All photos must be picked up between 2 and 5pm***

# BEAR

THE 4th PERFORMANCE PROJECT FROM THE UNRELIABLE BESTIARY

*“MANY SCIENTISTS PREDICT THAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN ACTIVITY WILL PUSH HALF THE SPECIES ON THE PLANET INTO EXTINCTION BY 2050. ANIMALS HAVE BEEN AT THE HEART OF CULTURAL MYTHS ALL OVER THE WORLD - WHAT WILL WE DO WHEN OUR DREAMS DISAPPEAR? WE HOPE THAT EVENTS LIKE BEAR WILL PLANT THE SEEDS OF ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP AND REAWAKEN PEOPLE TO A WORLD THAT IS SLIPPING AWAY.”*

—artist Deke Weaver

The Urbana Park District will host one of the three parts of this interdisciplinary public performance. In September and October, the Meadowbrook Interpretive Center will be the hub for guided walking tours through the wilds of Urbana’s Meadowbrook Park.

**Wednesday through Sunday  
Sep 21-25 and Sep 28 -Oct 2  
6 tours a night (12 people per tour)**

**The event is free, but reservations are required. Tickets are available through the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, [www.krannertcenter.com](http://www.krannertcenter.com)**

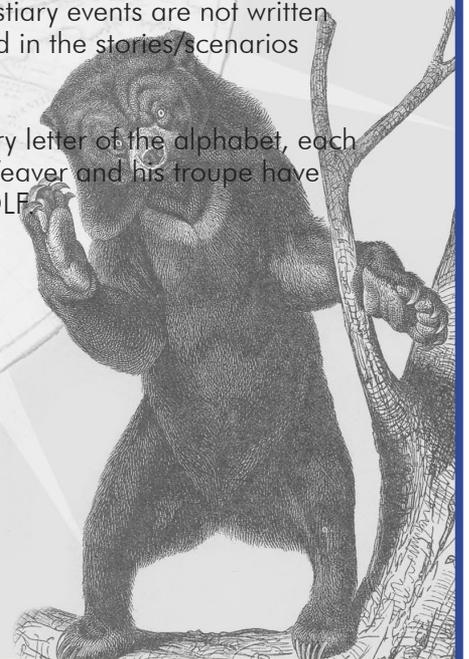
Unreliable Bestiary Rangers will lead each group on silent walks through Meadowbrook Park. Humorous, informative and haunting, the walking tours feature bear facts and folklore, dance, music and a story told in a close, dark den.

BEAR’s 90 minute walking tours through Meadowbrook Park will take place over uneven, possibly muddy, terrain. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing. BEAR and other Unreliable Bestiary events are not written for children. There may be violent, sexual, and uncomfortable images included in the stories/scenarios depicted.

The Unreliable Bestiary is a life-long project presenting a performance for every letter of the alphabet, each letter representing a particular endangered animal or habitat. To date Deke Weaver and his troupe have completed performances about three animals: MONKEY, ELEPHANT and WOLF.

Links to images, video, and more at [unreliablebestiary.org](http://unreliablebestiary.org)  
Contact Deke Weaver: [dekew@illinois.edu](mailto:dekew@illinois.edu)

Look for more BEAR presentations elsewhere in 2016-17 Winter (2016-17 winter): inspired by surveillance-camera-trap videos of animals, one hort online video will be released for each month the bear spends underground. The videos will contain clues to BEAR elements hidden in three East Central Illinois parks. Spring (February-March 2017): a theatrical event (an Urbana location to be determined) brings performers and audience members together in the final chapter of BEAR’s three part reflection of the hibernation cycle. The three-part structure will reflect the bear’s seasonal hibernation cycle.





**All ages**  
**Thursday, November 24, 2016**  
**CHECK-IN: 8:00am**  
**RACE START: 9:00am**  
**Lake House in Crystal Lake Park**

Join the Urbana Park District for a Thanksgiving morning tradition. Turkey Trot is a free 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 800 participants to cross the finish line will receive a finisher 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 Scholarship Fund. Your donation will help the park district offer fee waivers for summer camps and other opportunities for children in need next year.

Parking is available at the special event lot on Broadway Ave.




# Art Show

at the Anita Purves Nature Center



**Local Artist: Lori Fuller**

**Show Title: The Nature of the Trail**

**Show Dates: October 8-December 2, 2016**

**Opening Reception: October 8, 1-3pm**

*"My drawings and paintings depict the skies, creeks, mountains, and waterfalls found along the scenic trails of the natural landscape. I travel to many locations, looking for places that sustain my attention. My artwork conveys the ecstatic experience I have when I pause and open my eyes to the wonder that exists around us. I find great inspiration in the everyday display of the natural world; the textures of the rocks, moving water, the sun shining through the trees, the mysterious shadows that linger on the ground and an unforeseen color palette.*

*For me, the process of creating begins on-site where I react to the landscape around me, where I observe and collect information, where I absorb the complex beauty of the natural world. My artistic journey is an accumulation of experiences: visual, emotional and mental. As an artist, I aspire to capture the essence of the natural world."*

-Lori Fuller