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Letter from the President, Donna Johnson November/December 2022 The Holidays are Right Around the Corner!



There is nothing quite as welcoming as something that you make yourself! November 2nd, we will have a hands-on session where we will create a Fresh Greens arrangement to take home which will last through the holidays. You can grace your Holiday table or bring a Thank You gift for the hostess of that special meal.

Spring Valley Nature Club Meeting Wednesday November 2, 2022, 7:00pm–8:00pm

Creating Fresh Greens Holiday Décor- Presented by President Donna Johnson. Join Donna and Nature Club members and friends in learning about crafting your own Holiday Décor. Most of the supplies will be provided, but we need you to **bring your own container**; a special mug or small leakproof planter no larger than 6". Have some interesting small décor items (floral picks, mini birds, pinecones, mini ornaments, etc.) bring them along to make your creation extra special! To make sure we have enough greenery, décor, etc. we need to have a head count to determine how much to bring. If you have a glue gun, bring it, otherwise we will share glue guns. We will have a limited supply of extra containers in the event you do not have one. This is a FREE event! Let us know if you and a friend will attend. Email us at springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com Please RSVP

Spring Valley Holiday Craft Show Workshop, November 12 & 13 10:00 – 3:00 . Join me and Nature Club members and friends for fun sessions of letting our creative juices flourish! You don't have to be a crafting whiz, just come and join in the fun of getting together and getting to know one another in a festive atmosphere! We will have a plethora of crafting materials available and some fun ideas for various projects. If you have any crafts, you have made and would like to contribute them to our Craft Booth, your items would be appreciated! We'll have refreshments, lots of conversations, much laughter and so much fun! Bring a friend, the more the merrier! Please let us know if you and a friend will attend. Email us at springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com.

Saturday & Sunday 10am 3pm come for an hour or two or stay for the day, anything is greatly appreciated.

Spring Valley Update for November/December Newsleaf – 2022

Spring Valley's grounds and facilities transition to 'winter' hours on November 1. We continue to offer a full schedule of family, youth, and adult programs and unique events.

- Spring Valley's grounds and walking trails are open for walkers every day from 8am-5pm.
- NOTE: the parking area at St. Matthew's Catholic Church will be available through mid-December only. The gate leading onto Heritage Farm's walking paths from St. Matthew's will be CLOSED during the winter months.
- The **Nature Center Museum** is open to visitors Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm.
- **Volkening Heritage Farm's Visitor Center** and other farm buildings are open Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm through the end of November. After that, they will be closed during the winter months.
- **Bison's Bluff Nature Playground** is open daily from 10am-4:00pm, weather permitting. During the winter months, there is no admission fee to use the playground.
- The Merkle Cabin is available for private events when not scheduled for programs. Requests for rentals need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Rates are based on residency.
- Volunteers continue to assist with outdoor conservation projects, trail maintenance, and with events and programs. If you are willing and able to assist with projects, please contact Spring Valley's Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Severson at saseverson@parkfun.com.

Spring Valley App

Staff has developed a Spring Valley app for use on either Android or Apple smartphones. It features not only information on hours, site features, and facilities, but two guided tours that provide information on various natural history or historical topics as you walk the trails. The app is FREE and available from either the Google Play Store or Apple Store (simply type Spring Valley Nature Center into the search bar). It is also available as a web-app by going to www.springvalley.stqry.app.

Autumn and Holiday Events & Programs

NOTE: On-line pre-registration is required for many of the programs listed below, which have limited capacity; however most special events have walk-in registration. More information and on-line registration are available within the Park District's virtual **Autumn Program Guide** and **Winter Program Guide** found at www.parkfun.com. You can always call the Nature Center during business hours, and staff will be happy to assist you with registration.

Spring Valley Holiday Craft Fair – Sat. & Sun., Nov. 26 & 27, 10:00am-4:00pm

Plan to visit the Nature Center on Thanksgiving weekend to peruse the displays of hand-crafted gift items available from our vendors. From jewelry to unique home decorations, you'll be sure to find something for those on your holiday gift list. Spring Valley Nature Club will be selling food and beverages as well. Admission is free!

Christmas in the Valley – Sat. & Sun., Dec. 10 & 11, 12:00-4:00pm

Spring Valley's holiday event is two days again this year! Experience a 19th century farm Christmas at Heritage Farm with demonstrations in the farmhouse, stop by a warm fire for cocoa or soup, and walk to the Merkle Cabin for children's crafts and a visit with St. Nick. A wagon shuttle will transport you between the farm and cabin areas. Admission is \$3/person or \$12/family, with children under 3 admitted free.

Family Full Moon Hikes – Fridays, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2, 7:00-9:00pm

Bundle up and enjoy an autumn night hike during the full moon. A naturalist will guide you and reveal the secret to survival for local nocturnal wildlife as you move through the woods at night. This family experience is best suited to children ages 5-12. Pre-registration is required, and fee is \$6/resident or \$8/non-resident.

Farm to Table: Pie-a-palooza – Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:30-11:00am

Explore the vast world of pies at Heritage Farm's first (of several) Farm to Table cooking classes. Participants will learn to create a sweet pie as well as a savory pie. Also covered will be making the perfect pie crust – just in time for Thanksgiving preparations! Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$20/resident or \$25/non-resident.

Sip & Make – Saturday, Dec. 3, 9:30-11:00am

Experience something unique and fun this winter at this first of a new series of adult programs. Meeting in the cozy Merkle Cabin, participants will create a pinecone flower ornament to take home and accent their holiday decorations, while they gather around a fire in the hearth and sip coffee, tea, or mimosas. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$17/resident or \$20/non-resident.

Coming Soon!!

Winter Fest returns in mid-February! Join us during the weekend of February 11 & 12 to frolic in Spring Valley's winter wonderland, with snowshoe walks, s'mores by the campfire, ice fishing demonstrations, outdoor games, and dogsled demonstrations. Warm up inside the Nature Center with games and activities that teach about winter wildlife.

Also, make sure you put March 18 & 19 on your calendar, as the always popular *Sugar Bush Fair* returns with the best pancake breakfast around!

Snowshoe Rentals!!

Snowshoe rentals will once again be offered anytime there is 4 inches or more of snow on the ground. Rentals are available between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm. The cost is \$5/pair for one hour of use. Call the Nature Center for more information on snow conditions.

Handcrafted Wreaths and Decorations Fundraiser

We have an easy and exciting opportunity to view what is available and order your Holiday décor from the comforts of home! Simply press on the link or copy and paste the following in your browser. <http://go.wreathsaleapp.com/spring-valley-nature-club-wreaths-2022> Nature Club will coordinate everything for you! Go to the site, place your order, then come to Spring Valley Nature Center Saturday November 26, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 PM – 2:00PM to pick up your order under the canopy at the main entrance of the center. You will save the hassle of shopping and know that you are assisting Nature Club in providing funds for entertaining, educational programs and activities for the community at Spring Valley Nature Center.

If you prefer to mail your check and order. Paper forms are available (attached) for those folks that may not have internet access. Please share this information and forms with your friends & neighbors.

SPRING VALLEY NATURE CLUB
HANDCRAFTED WREATHS AND DECORATIONS PAPER ORDER FORM

DESCRIPTION	COST	QTY.	TOTAL
12" NOBLE CANDLE RING WREATH "NO CANDLE"	\$24.00		
12" PINECONE CHANDELLIER HANGING DECORATOR	\$35.00		
4' NOBLE MIX MANTELPiece/CENTERPIECE	\$45.00		
12" HOLIDAY YULE LOG	\$24.00		
OUTDOOR EVERGREEN PLANTER (32")	\$34.00		
SUPERSIZED OUTDOOR EVERGREEN PLANTER (42")	\$55.00		
FIRE STARTER BASKET	\$24.00		
DOOR SWAG WITH VELVET RIBBON	\$20.00		
20" PREMIUM NOBLE FIR MIX (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	\$27.00		
36" PREMIUM NOBLE FIR MIX (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	\$50.00		
48" PREMIUM NOBLE FIR MIX (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	\$80.00		
24" DECORATOR WREATH BOXED W/ VELVET RIBBON	\$45.00		
26" FALLEN HERO WREATH	\$25.00		
24" SINGLE FACE BALSAM W/RIBBON	\$22.00		
30" SINGLE FACE NOBLE W/RIBBON	\$33.00		
36" DOUBLE FACE BALSAM	\$52.00		
40" SINGLE FACE BALSAM	\$50.00		
60" SINGLE FACE BALSAM	\$70.00		
72" SINGLE FACE BALSAM	\$92.00		
25' BALSAM GARLAND	\$39.00		
25' PREMIUM CEDAR-DOUGLAS MIXED GARLAND	\$45.00		
25' PREMIUM NOBLE GARLAND (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	\$65.00		
CEMETERY STANDS	\$8.00		
INDOOR/OUTDOOR VELVET RIBBON FOR 20" WREATH	\$3.00		

GRAND TOTAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Electronic ordering is the best way for you to order the Wreaths and Decorations, follow this link.

<http://go.wreathsaleapp.com/spring-valley-nature-club-wreaths-2022>

Pick Up Your Order at Spring Valley 1111 E Schaumburg Rd Saturday November 26, 2022, from 12:00 PM – 2:00PM

Questions? Call Spring Valley (847) 985-2100 – Proceeds benefit the Spring Valley Nature Club.

Paper order form must be received by 5:00PM Friday November 11, 2022, make checks payable and deliver to:

Spring Valley Nature Club 1111 E Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60194

Spring Valley Nature Club 2022 Membership Rates

To show our appreciation for our members' loyalty, a special benefit packet is offered to club members.

"Discount Coupon Packet" This packet will include certificates and coupons for various merchants, i.e., Holistic Health Studio (massage discount), Platt Hill Nursery (discount on purchase), Chick-Fil-A (Free Sandwich - Schaumburg Stores only), Skincare by Carmela (Discount on Services), Ace Hardware (Nerge Rd. \$5 off)

Special Benefit; An invitation to the Spring Valley Volunteer/Meineke Award Picnic on the first Friday in August. A postcard will be sent to current members in good standing by mid-July asking for an RSVP.

Free Entry to the Nature Club Programs: Allows you to attend any of Spring Valley Nature Club monthly meetings and educational programs from February through November where you can enjoy some refreshments and camaraderie with fellow supporters of the Nature Club and the Spring Valley Volunteers.

Membership Card & Bi-monthly News Leaf: Identifies you as a supporter of the Nature Club's efforts.

Life Membership: In addition to the above items, this membership includes a Nature Club Commemorative Fleece Throw (\$35.00 value); this fleece throw is for **New Life Memberships Only**.

Current Life Members are eligible for the Discount Coupon Packet. Any donation is appreciated and helps the Nature Club fulfill its charter to support Spring Valley Nature Center.

Your Membership Packet needs to be picked up in person at the Spring Valley Nature Center 10:00 – 5:00 daily. Any member may have the membership package mailed to them for a handling fee of \$2.00

Yearly Memberships Begin February 1st through January 31st

Senior 55 Plus	\$10.00
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Supporting	\$35.00
Life	\$150.00
Sponsor	\$1000.00

Senior - Individual – Family – Supporting - Life – Sponsor

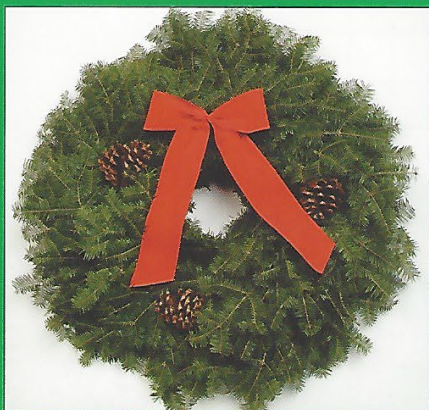
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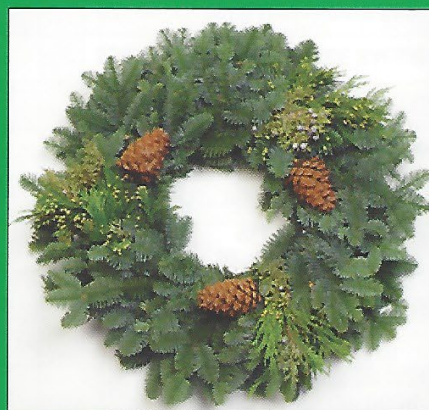
Handcrafted Wreaths and Decorations



*Single Face Fir Outdoor
Wreath 24", 30", 40", 60", 72"
Double Face 36"*



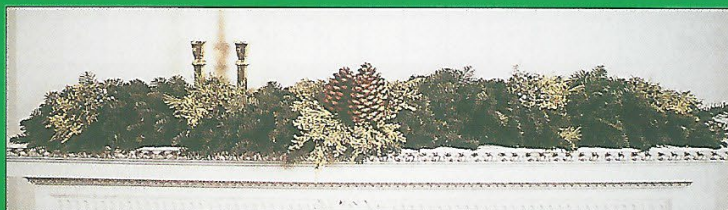
*12" Pinecone Chandelier
Hanging Decorator*



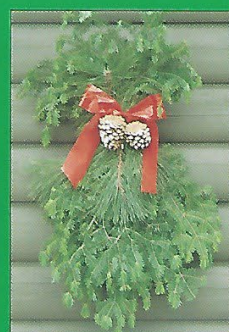
*Noble Fir Mixed Wreath
20", 36" & 48"
Indoor/Outdoor*



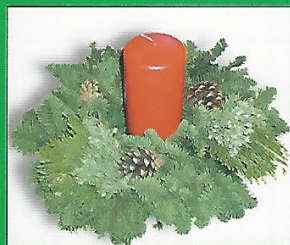
*Evergreen Planter
Regular 32"
Supersized 42"
(Outdoor)*



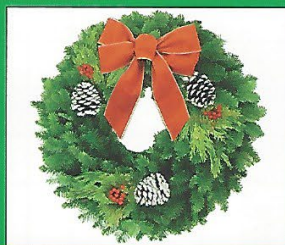
4' Mantelpiece/Centerpiece



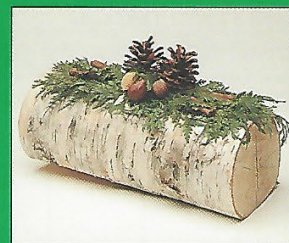
Door Swag



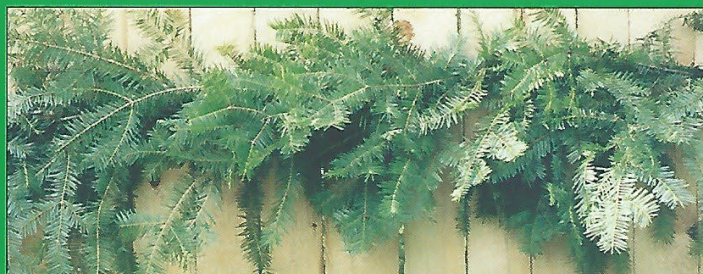
*12" Candle Ring Wreath
No Candle*



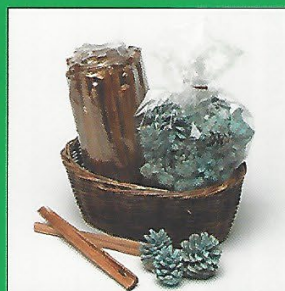
*24" Boxed
Decorator Wreath*



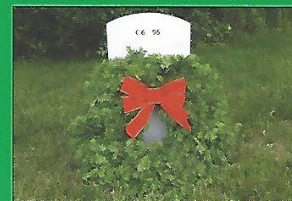
Holiday Yule Log 12"



*25' Balsam Fir Garland
Mixed Cedar & Noble also Available*



Firestarter Basket



*Fallen Hero Wreath
Delivered to a
National Cemetery*