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**November/December 2021**

## **Letter from the President, Donna Johnson The Holidays Are on the Horizon!**

Though the programs and activities of the Nature Club had been curtailed, the holidays are near, and we are looking forward to our Handcrafted Wreaths and Decorations Sale! 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/springvalleywreaths2021> Nature Club will coordinate everything for you! Go to the site, place your order, then come to Spring Valley Nature Center Saturday November 27, 2021, 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 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.

**November 3, 2021, 7:00pm Spring Valley Nature Club Meeting & Hands on Program**

**Megan Martinez – of Mis Plantitas Plant Shop & Home Goods**

Megan will guide us through the fun adventure of “Creating Winter and Holiday Décor With Natural Items”..

She will have supplies to get our creative juices flowing! We’ll have an opportunity to make a mini terrarium with live plants and décor. We will create pinecone gnomes, and Santas. If you have any little treasured fobs or mini décor items, interesting small twigs or stones, bring them along it will make your items special! This is a great opportunity to get ideas on how to make additional treasures at home for some unique and special gifts for friends, relatives, teachers, neighbors, or even yourself!

To assure we have enough supplies and space for everyone, we are asking those that would like to create their own items, to make a reservation and place a refundable deposit of \$5.00 via [springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com](mailto:springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com) and send the payment via PayPal. Your deposit will be returned when you come to the meeting.

Refreshments will be served. You may bring a friend if you wish, you do not need to be a member to attend.

**The guidelines outlined by the CDC, State of Illinois and Schaumburg Park District allows us to have our Nature Club meeting indoors, however mask must be worn until further notice.**

**There will not be a meeting in December.**

Check Website for January Annual General Meeting Date.

Thank you, stay well and be safe.

## Spring Valley Update for November/December Newsleaf – 2021

Spring Valley's grounds and facilities will assume winter hours, starting November 1 (see below). The Park District to require all visitors to wear a mask when inside our facilities regardless of their vaccination status, in accordance with state of Illinois guidelines. Area schools have begun returning to Spring Valley for field trip programs, making things feel that much more normal. Meanwhile, we have begun bringing back some of our special events and continue to offer a full schedule of family, youth, and adult programs.

- Spring Valley's grounds and walking trails are open for walkers every day from 8am-5pm during the shorter days of late autumn and winter. Portable toilets are available near Merkle Cabin and Heritage Farm; the new restrooms near Bison's Bluff Nature Playground will soon be winterized and shut down until springtime.
- The gate leading onto Heritage Farm's walking paths from St. Matthew's Church will remain closed during the winter months, except during our scheduled Christmas event.
- The **Nature Center Museum** is now open to visitors Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm. The restrooms, drinking fountain and vending will be opened every day for visitor use.
- **Volkening Heritage Farm's Visitor Center**, as well as the farmhouse, will remain open to visitors every Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm through November only. Buildings will close for the winter on November 29.
- **Bison's Bluff Nature Playground** will remain open daily from 10am-4:00pm throughout the winter, except during snowy, icy or rainy weather. Admission is free during winter.
- A number of other programs and a holiday event will be offered between now and the New Year (see descriptions below).
- Volunteers continue to assist with outdoor conservation projects, trail maintenance, and with some of our modified events and programs. If you are willing and able to assist with projects, please contact Brenda Korecky at [brkorecky@parkfun.com](mailto:brkorecky@parkfun.com).

### **Autumn/Winter Events & Programs**

NOTE: On-line pre-registration is required for most of the programs listed below. Nearly all classes have limited capacity and will be held outdoors whenever possible. More information and on-line registration are available within the Park District's virtual **Fall Program Guide**, found at [www.parkfun.com](http://www.parkfun.com).

#### **Christmas in the Valley – Sun., December 12, 12:00-4:00pm**

This year's version of our annual holiday event will feature demonstrations of 19<sup>th</sup> century holiday preparations, live music, food, and visits with St. Nick. All activities will take place at Heritage Farm and will mostly be outdoors. Parking is available at St. Matthew's Church. Admission fee is \$3/person or \$12/family.

#### **Nature Printmaking Workshop – Sat., November 20, 10:00-11:30am**

Bring the family to learn how to make simple cards and prints suitable for framing with natural objects and paints. There will be hands-on participation for all ages, and everyone will leave with an artistic creation or two that they can use as a gift or natural keepsake. Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$20/resident family or \$24/non-resident family.

#### **Monthly Mindfulness Hikes – Sun., November 14 & December 12, 9:00-10:30am**

Explore Spring Valley's trails through the lens of mindfulness; enjoy the sights and sounds with a fresh perspective and make some nature art along the way. Ages 18 and above. Pre-registration required.

Fee is \$10/resident or \$12/non-resident.

Additional programs will be offered throughout the winter months at Spring Valley – visit the virtual **Winter Program Guide** to learn more!

### **COMING IN 2022!!**

**Spring Valley Winter Fest** on Saturday & Sunday, February 12 & 13 – snowshoeing, dogsled demos, and more!

**Sugar Bush Fair** on Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20 – the pancakes will return!

*Snowshoes will be available for rent on a reservation basis again this winter!* At least 4" of snow is necessary before snowshoes will be rented. Call the Nature Center for more information.



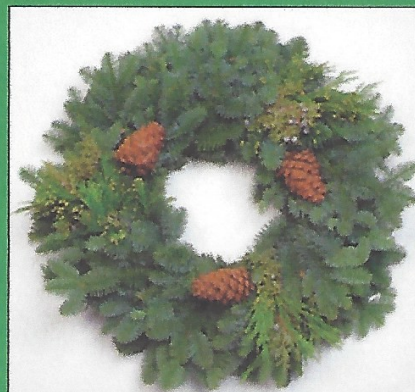
# Handcrafted Wreaths and Decorations



*Single Face Balsam Outdoor Wreath 26", 36", 48", 60", 72"  
Double Face Balsam 36"*



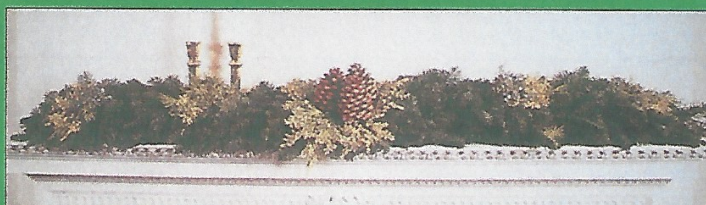
*12" Pinecone Chandelier Hanging Decorator*



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



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



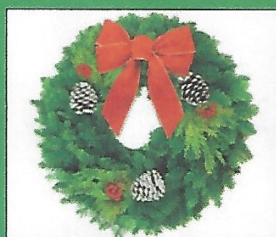
*4' Mantelpiece/Centerpiece*



*'Balsam Swag*



*12" Candle Ring Wreath  
with 4" Candle*



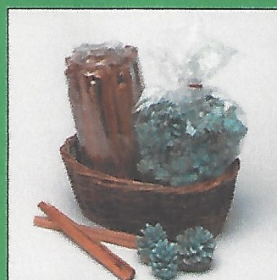
*24" Boxed Decorator Wreath*



*Holiday Yule Log 12"*



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



*Firestarter Basket*



*Fallen Hero Wreath  
Delivered to a  
National Cemetery*



SPRING VALLEY NATURE CLUB  
HANDCRAFTED WREATHS AND DECORATIONS PAPER ORDER FORM

DESCRIPTION	COST	QTY.	TOTAL
12" MIXED NOBLE CANDLE RING WREATH 4" CANDLE	\$24.00	_____	_____
12" PINECONE CHANDELLIER HANGING DECORATOR	\$34.00	_____	_____
4' NOBLE MIX MANTELPiece/CENTERPIECE	\$45.00	_____	_____
12" HOLIDAY YULE LOG	\$21.00	_____	_____
OUTDOOR EVERGREEN PLANTER (32")	\$34.00	_____	_____
SUPERSIZED OUTDOOR EVERGREEN PLANTER (38")	\$48.00	_____	_____
FIRE STARTER BASKET	\$21.00	_____	_____
DOOR SWAG WITH VELVET RIBBON	\$19.00	_____	_____
20" PREMIUM NOBLE FIR MIX (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	\$25.00	_____	_____
36" PREMIUM NOBLE FIR MIX (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	\$48.00	_____	_____
48" PREMIUM NOBLE FIR MIX (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	\$72.00	_____	_____
24" DECORATOR WREATH BOXED W/ VELVET RIBBON	\$42.00	_____	_____
26" FALLEN HERO WREATH	\$25.00	_____	_____
26" SINGLE FACE BALSAM WITH VELVET RIBBON	\$21.00	_____	_____
36" SINGLE FACE BALSAM	\$34.00	_____	_____
36" DOUBLE FACE BALSAM	\$46.00	_____	_____
48" SINGLE FACE BALSAM	\$50.00	_____	_____
60" SINGLE FACE BALSAM	\$64.00	_____	_____
72" SINGLE FACE BALSAM	\$85.00	_____	_____
25' BALSAM GARLAND	\$34.00	_____	_____
25' PREMIUM CEDAR-DOUGLAS MIXED GARLAND	\$42.00	_____	_____
25' PREMIUM NOBLE GARLAND (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	\$58.00	_____	_____
CEMETERY STANDS	\$7.00	_____	_____
INDOOR/OUTDOOR VELVET RIBBON FOR 20" WREATH	\$3.00	_____	_____

**GRAND TOTAL**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Paper or Electronic orders must be received by 5:00PM Wednesday November 17, 2021

Electronic order form is the best way to order, follow this link.

<http://go.wreathsaleapp.com/springvalleywreaths2021>

Pick Up Your Order at Spring Valley 1111 E Schaumburg Rd Saturday November 27, 2021, from 12:00 PM – 2:00PM

Questions? Call Spring Valley (847) 985-2100

Proceeds benefit the Spring Valley Nature Club. Please make checks payable and deliver to:

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

## 1974 And Beyond

**Spring Valley began as a dream by one of the founders of the Village of Schaumburg, Ellsworth Meineke.** Early on he referred to it as “The Spring Valley Dream.” It was he who convinced the Schaumburg Park District and the Village of Schaumburg to work together to acquire and preserve land for Spring Valley. Ellsworth founded the Spring Valley Nature Club in 1974 as a not-for-profit service organization which provides volunteer and financial support for Spring Valley and promotes conservation, nature, and environmental education. The Club sponsors nature programs and teacher field trips, and members volunteer at festivals and fund raisers. We have been working hard since 1974. Won’t you join us?

These words reflect the dedication that the founders felt for the purpose of the Club and the love of the natural world around us. Since the Schaumburg Park District assumed the responsibility of recruiting volunteers, Nature Club’s purpose has evolved to share its love of Spring Valley by offering timely programs that reinforce a more wholesome lifestyle. We have initiated monthly educational programs that instill a comprehension of our ability to lessen our carbon footprint by reducing waste, recycling and reusing our valuable resources. Our monthly programs enlighten us to appreciate our environment and respect its fragile beauty.

We have lessened our impact on landfill waste by eliminating the mailing of our bimonthly News Leaf. We are encouraging members to attend educational programs which teach us the importance of the wildlife around us, the art of using our natural resources wisely and being more self-reliant by advising how to live a more wholesome lifestyle, grow and live more organically and become more self-sufficient.

With the kind donations and assistance from local merchants and organizations, we can exist more ecologically by shopping locally. Some of the wonderful supporters and contributors to the club have been, Roselle Ace Hardware discount coupon on purchases; Schaumburg Park District 1-day Fitness Pass; Platt Hill Nursery for their support and discount coupon at their garden centers; Holistic Art Studio discount coupon; Skincare by Carmela for their discount on services and Sweetland Bakery for their purchase discount.

Our wonderful supporters have given us a way to lessen our footsteps by offering valued products and services at discounted prices while saving our energy dollars by reducing the number of miles we travel. Please support our supporters. With their help, we have been successful in raising additional funds to sponsor educational programming for our Club members, Spring Valley Volunteers, and school children and teachers from our community. We have supplied funds for books for Spring Valley’s Library and have sponsored various free to the public programs and events that the Nature Center has offered.

Thanks to you all, and especially our valued Members and Supporters of Spring Valley Nature Club!

Please take time to review all the wonderful benefits we are offering to our members with their Nature Club membership. Won’t you join us?

Spring Valley Nature Club is a 501(c3) organization and contributions may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor.

## Spring Valley Nature Club 2021 Membership Rates

To show our appreciation for our members' loyalty, we have come up with special benefits for all 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 or all ten 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. Donations appreciated and help our cause.

Your Membership Packet needs to be picked up in person at the Spring Valley Nature Center 9:00 – 5:00 daily. Any member may have the membership package mailed to them for a handling fee of \$2.00

### Yearly Memberships Begin February 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>

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

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**Senior - Individual – Family – Supporting - Life – Sponsor**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **St** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:  
Spring Valley Nature Club - 1111 East Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194