



# Thirteen Lines

News and Notes from the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation

Winter 2021

## 2022 Friends Membership Drive!

The Friends of LaGrange County Parks exists to support the County Park system by obtaining grants, holding fundraisers, and volunteering at Park events. The more members, the more we can do. Please consider joining us today!

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership level:

\_\_\_\_\_ Seedling: \$ 10

\_\_\_\_\_ Twig \$ 25

\_\_\_\_\_ Branch \$ 50

\_\_\_\_\_ Tree \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Park Benefactor \$250

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Life Member \$500

Make checks payable to: LaGrange County Community Foundation

In Memo Line: Friends of LaGrange County Parks

Mail to: Trenia Bowen, 1155 E 455 S, LaGrange, IN 46761

Please cut out, tear off, or photocopy this page and return to Trenia Bowen.

Donations to Friends of LaGrange County Parks are also welcome and always appreciated!

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LaGrange County Offices Closed:

November 11, 25, 26

December 23, 24, 31

January 17, 2022





# Quilting Classes

## Winter Quilt Classes: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**November 20: Falling Charms (aka Taffy)**— A one block with more than one layout. Simple block that is quickly made into a table topper or larger. Great gift idea!

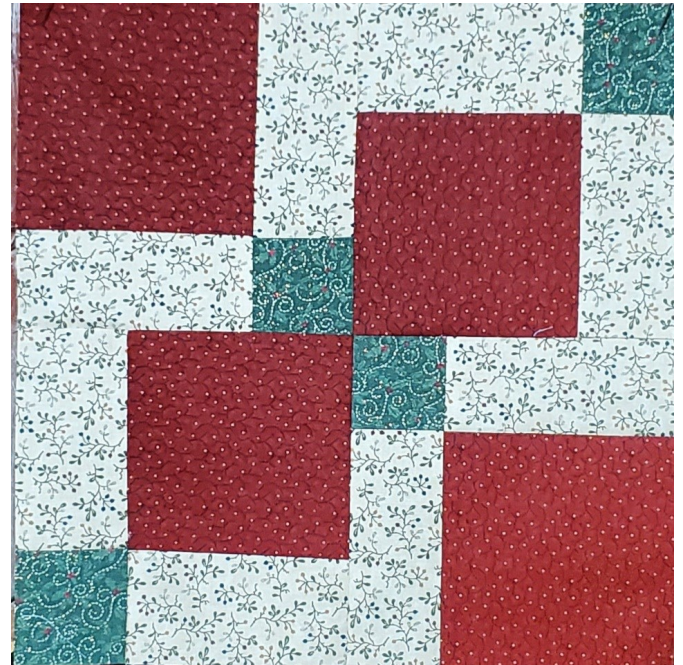
**December**— No quilt class. Happy Holidays.

**January 15: Disappearing Nine Patch**— Much easier than it looks! Easy for almost any size and any themed quilt.

Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office, 260-854-2225. Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks)

For more information, contact Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438. Please bring a sack lunch.

Classes are at Maple Wood Nature Center.



Above: January Pattern in Christmas-themed colors

Right: November Pattern in Taffy arrangement



# Walks



## **November 9—Homeschool Seed Travelers Program Pine Knob Park 10:00-11:15a.m.**

This program is best suited for homeschool students age 2nd grade and older, but all ages are welcome. We'll study the shapes and features of several different types of local native seeds to determine how they travel and survive. We'll take a



hike to a prairie! Families will be welcome to collect any seeds they find. This program meets some Indiana state science standards. RSVP to Leslie Arnold at 260-854-2225 or [larnold@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangecounty.org).

## **January 1, 2022- First Day Hike! Off the beaten path!**

Maple Wood Nature Center  
4:30 p.m.

This hike will be intentionally off-trail through the woods—a bit more rugged than usual but we'll go slow. Enjoy winter's quiet calm and meander through the woods. Water resistant boots are strongly recommended. Be a part of the national movement of January 1 hikes and start 2022 with a step in a good direction. The Friends of LaGrange County Parks will have a campfire going with cocoa for the walk (while supplies last.) Walk will last approx. 1 hr.

RSVP to Naturalist at 260-854-2225.



If bad weather on January 1, this walk will be postponed to January 2. If there's still bad weather, then we'll cancel.



# Monthly at Maple Wood

## Maple Wood Fiber Guild

***Second Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.***

Open to anyone and any kind of fiber art! Knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, dyeing, tatting, embroidery, and more!

Bring projects to work on, get inspiration from others, or learn a new hobby. *Bring your own sack lunch and snacks. Donations for the Parks are appreciated. RSVP to Naturalist at 260-854-2225*

## Sewing Group

***Fourth Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.***

What is a UFO? If you answered an un-finished object...this is the perfect sewing group for you!

Open to anyone! Bring your sewing machine. Get help and direction with a project, share ideas with others, and make new friends. Please bring a sack lunch and munchie to share. Please bring a \$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks. RSVP to Linda Grobis 260-351-3609

\*This group is not meeting in November, December, or January - contact Linda for spring news.

## Folk Jams

***Fourth Sundays, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.***

Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added. For more information contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247, or reo43@aol.com

**November 28**

**December 26**

**January 23**



# Crafts & Programs



## Make - n - Take Crafts

*Second Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.*

**November 13: Halloween Leftovers! Campfire stories and crafts! (no campfire if rain)**

**December 11: Handprint reindeer ornaments**

**January 8: Pinecone Birdfeeders** \*May contain peanuts

Easy nature crafts for the entire family! Crafts at Maple Wood Nature



## 122nd National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count

### Pigeon River CBC: Sunday, December 19

Contact compiler Dave Messmann at [powersmessmann@gmail.com](mailto:powersmessmann@gmail.com) or 260-602-2601 to join the count.

Maple Wood Nature Center Feeder Watch, 12/19, 2:00- 5:00 p.m.

Come anytime and stay as long as you like! Our feeder count will be added to the Pigeon River CBC.

### Pokagon CBC: Tuesday, December 28

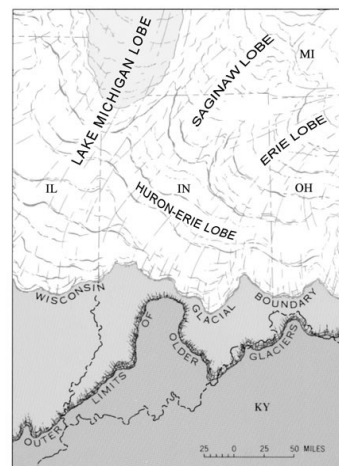
Contact compiler Fred Wooley at [fwooley@frontier.com](mailto:fwooley@frontier.com) or 260-243-0513 to join the count.

## Wednesday, January 19, 2022: Homeschool Glacier Program

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Maple Wood Nature Center

This program is ideal for homeschool students 4th grade and older, but all ages are welcome. Learn about geological forces around the Earth and the story of how glaciers shaped northeastern Indiana. Discover glacial remnants in LaGrange County! This program meets some Indiana state science standards. This program will discuss the Ice Age and periods thousands of years old. Family units will be spaced 6 feet apart. Space is limited. RSVP to the Naturalist at 260-854-2225



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Park Hours: 8:00am—Sunset

Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00am-Noon, 12:30-3:30pm

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## Maple Wood Nature Center

4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN, 46761

(260) 463-4022

### Hours:

Wednesdays 8:00a—4:00p

2nd Saturdays 9:00a—5:00p

4th Sundays 1:00p—5:00p

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Park Ranger Randy asks all patrons to please practice “leave no trace” when visiting our parks and beaches, and to follow posted speed limit signs for our children’s safety. Let’s all work together to keep our parks clean and safe.

