



Above , Todd Young demonstrates his patented blister protector, the 'Thumb Buddy.' Above right, can you dig it, construction has begun on the Botanical Center.



At left, the Mirowskis, Ford, Faith and mom, Dana, at Work Day in the Hosta Garden. Above, a duck of mysterious heritage shows off his colors. To find out more about this duck, please turn to Page 6.

A FOG membership is the gift that keeps on giving

One reason you're getting this Winter edition of the FOG newsletter before the holidays is to remind you that there are several opportunities for giving, sharing the good news about the Close Memorial Gardens.

And if your investment portfolio allows it, donations to FOG Growth & Maintenance Fund are appreciated as well as tax deductible.

A membership makes a great gift for someone you know who fits the following criteria:

- Loves walking, sitting, smelling and otherwise enjoying the gardens (or should) and needs to be reminded this is a virtue.
- Very possibly has everything else that anyone could possibly need or want, causing great stress to others wondering what to give this year.
- Still hangs a stocking in hopes that St. Nick has not done a

comprehensive background check on past behavior.

Let's face it, there are gifts that keep on costing (a two-year cell phone plan with Internet access and text-messaging being one example) and gifts that keep on giving (subject to renewal, mind you).

Membership in FOG is available for as little as \$25 a year, and can include an appropriate gift card for easy mailing, stuffing in a stocking or otherwise distributing as you see fit for a lifetime of pleasure. Did we mention a membership in FOG will fit almost any size envelope, and makes a great door prize?

And it's tax deductible. It's also good for year-round visits for the recipient and a friend to the Japanese Stroll Garden. And a membership includes this swell newsletter delivered either online or by mail, or both. And if you,

like some of us, have directionally impaired progeny and other shirt-tail relations, there's even a handy map of the gardens (see back page), which may be good for a Boy or Girl Scout merit badge.

Still not convinced?

Okay, so you have a brother-in-law that you need to send something, but you're tighter than the bark on a native Missouri honey locust tree. Or you have been collecting an assortment of free fast-food condiments, and now you wonder if the U.S. Postal Service still offers C.O.D.

We still have a better alternative that may just get you off that holiday dilemma.

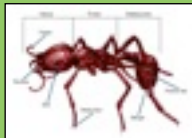
Just send them a copy of this online edition of the FOG newsletter. Suggest they turn to Page 7, and hope they'll get the hint and join us. After all, it's the thought that counts.

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Profile: Stan Horsch

Page 2: Meet Dr. Stan Horsch, a quiet volunteer who does some serious heavy lifting on behalf of the gardens.



Invasion of the ants

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Around & about the Gardens

President George Deatz wants you to be a volunteer

My first year as your president is almost over. All of the officers from this year have agreed to serve a second term as we start 2010, a very important year for *Friends of the Garden* and *Close Memorial Park*. I have been asked, "why I would serve another year?" One of the main



George Deatz

reasons for me is our excellent group of volunteers.

A number of times I have been asked am I required to do anything to keep my membership active other than pay my dues? The short answer is no. However many of our members, plus some non-members from the

community, volunteer to work in our many gardens. Others volunteer to write articles for our newsletter, the community newspapers, our blog and the new community forum.

Volunteers provide docent services in the **Bill Roston Butterfly House**, attend other organizations meetings as educational speakers, and staff community event booths telling our story to anyone who will listen. Members also serve as volunteers on our excellent Board of Directors and various committees.

As we move into 2010, the opportunities to volunteer will increase with the opening of the new Botanical Center building. We will have an office to staff so the public can ask questions and research *Close Memorial Park* and *Friends of the Garden*, plus other areas of interest. As we continue to expand the number of gardens we will need more people to help "dig in the dirt".

For example, this coming year we are going to finish the

Redbud Garden, plant the Native Shrub Garden, and expand the Butterfly House and Wildflower Garden. All of

this growth inside and out will take hands. I loved the recent comment from FOG member **Dana Mirowski** last month after she and her two children helped clear the Hosta Garden for winter: "We had the time of our lives and are ready to do it again." Now that's what this is all about!

However, if you do no more than tell a friend about our organization and that in turn helps us expand our membership base, then you have done more than enough. The main thing that is important is for you to enjoy your experience as a member of the *Friends of the Garden*. Join us, won't you? Please contact me by phone,

840-5472, or email, news@friendsofthegarden.org. Together we will continue to grow the *Friends of the Garden*.

Volunteer
Friends of the Garden.org

Volunteers who lend their time and talents at least three times can receive a FOG T-shirt.

Patriarch of the gardens:

Stan Horsch:

'If he sees something that needs fixing, he just fixes it.'

- George Deatz

Like many of the volunteers who have developed a passion for the gardens and *Close Memorial Park*, Stan Horsch stepped up to help and never stopped. A retired orthodontist, he grew up on a farm and later owned his own.

"I just think of this as my farm," he chuckles, rubbing his sore back after rebuilding the rock walls around the Iris gardens. Stan is 80, but he can outwork a teen-ager. His back might disagree.

This year, you might think of Stan as the Hardscape Man because rebuilding and upgrading the stone borders has been his priority. Just the Iris gardens required 25 tons of stone, each one lifted a time or two, or three.

He still remembers the day his longtime friend, Major Close, called him to take a tour of the land he and Marthe had bought recently.

"He wanted to tell me what he had planned," Stan remembers. "If you saw that land then and now, you just wouldn't believe the difference. It's pretty amazing; it was really just about 10 guys, five or six when you think about it."

Stan also created the Columbine Garden this year. You may have seen it just north of the Butterfly House. Perennial gardens often take time to get established, so stay tuned.

FOG President George Deatz is impressed by his friend's stamina: "Stan is a very hard working volunteer. He is a member of the board, Garden Committee, and Landscape Planning Group for the new Botanical Center building. He is always working without much acknowledgement. For example, he designed, built, furnished the plants and maintains both the Columbine Garden and the Woodland Garden. It seems like you wake up and a new garden has been planned and planted."

He still spends endless hours cleaning areas around the garden locations of underbrush so that the gardens will show and grow properly, trimming plants as needed, clearing beds of weeds.

"If he sees something that needs fixing, he just fixes it." Now that's a volunteer.



Before and after: Stan Horsch fills in with a hoe after placing 25 tons of stone. At left, the Iris Garden before a facelift. Last spring, Stan guides volunteers in rebuilding a section of the White Garden.



Record number of volunteers help with fall clean-up in Hosta Garden



Ford and Faith Mirowski more than hold their own among the adult crew, including their mother, Dana, who is digging it in a hosta bed. Above at right above is Fay Sanders, loading leaves onto a tarp. Below right is Janet McWilliams



Volunteerism to the max

It takes all ages to keep the gardens looking their best. In the spring, bedding plants must be laid. In summer, weeds will take over in a hurry if there is no one to pull them. In fall, it's clean-up time, when plants and leaves must be cleared from beds along with fall leaves. After the Saturday Work Day on Nov. 21, Garden Chairman Bob Childress reported a record turnout of 25 volunteers to clear off detritus from the Hosta Garden. Thanks to all who showed up to help. If you're interested in volunteering a couple of hours a month, you can let FOG know by simply contacting Chairman Bob Childress at 838-9454, or by e-mail at ulmusfan@mowisp.net.

At right, Garden Chairman Bob Childress distributes jonquil bulbs during Work Day in the Hosta Garden. At far right, Tom Dye shows off his green thumbs, slightly rounded from decades of bike riding.





FOG Blog expands as source for news and views

FriendsOfTheGarden.org, is becoming a popular destination on the Internet, Facebook and the [Friends of the Garden Community Forum](#), thanks to the tag-team efforts of several members. Jennifer Muschik has volunteered to create our presence on [Facebook](#), while Christine Chiu created the FOG Forum.

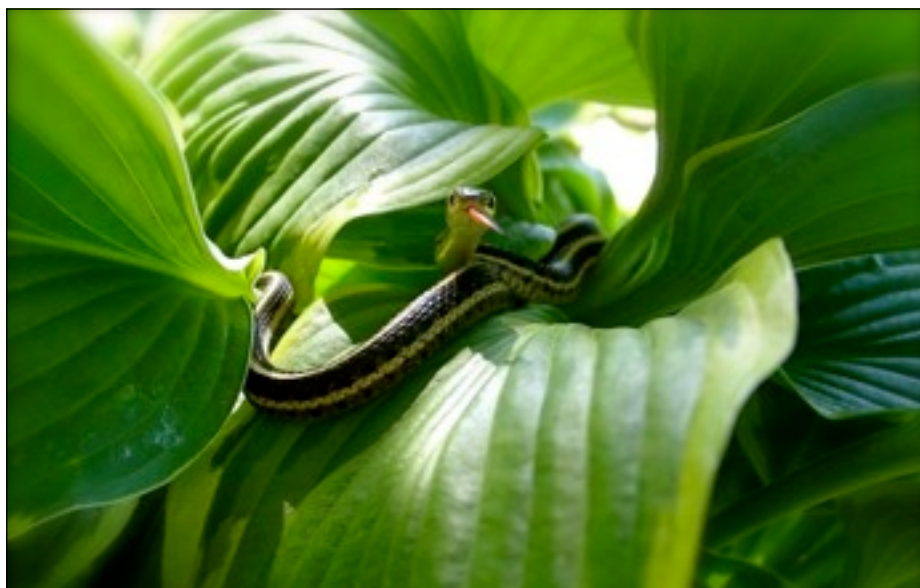
The forum is actually an interactive "chat room" where comments, questions and gardening expertise can be shared. Facebook is a separate entity of its own known for social networking. Our prolific president, **George Deatz**, has even taken his [Garden Blog](#) to The Springfield News-Leader web site, where you are likely to see his postings more often than just about anyone. And of course there is the Friends of the Garden web site, created by **Lee Coates**. All of these interactive sites are great ways to share information and opinion on any garden-related topic.

Help us recruit 1,000 members for FOG

Our goal is to have 1,000 members by the time the Botanical Center opens next fall. Not everyone feels comfortable recruiting members, but all of us can try this: Just send this newsletter to friends and even business acquaintances with a brief note inviting them to join personally, or better yet, become a corporate sponsor.

Mark your calendar:

- 📅 **Jan. 14:** FOG Annual meeting, 5 p.m., Chesterfield Family Center.
- 📅 **Feb. 19-21:** Lawn & Garden Show.
- 📅 **March 27:** Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden Spring Kite Festival.
- 📅 **April 17:** Earth Day Celebration at Discovery Center.
- 📅 **April 24-25:** Garden Adventures Nursery Azalea Festival, Nixa.
- 📅 **May 1-2:** ArtsFest on Walnut Street.
- 📅 **June 6 or 12:** Young Sprouts in the Garden.
- 📅 **July 24-25:** FOG Butterfly Festival.
- 📅 **Aug 20:** Insect-O-Rama, Conservation Nature Center.
- 📅 **Aug. 24:** Frontier Days at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park.
- 📅 **Sept. 10-12:** Japanese Fall Festival -Mizumoto Stroll Garden.
- 📅 **Sept. 18-19:** Gray-Campbell Farmstead Lifestyle Exposition.
- 📅 **Sept. 18-19:** Cider Days on Historic Walnut Street.
- 📅 **Sept. 25-26:** Harvest Festival at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park.
- 📅 **Oct. 9:** Botanical Society Mum Festival.



Is this snake smiling? Board member (and FOG's webmaster) **Lee Coates** is certainly pleased. The co-owner of Peggy's Flowers was pulling hostas for a customer this summer when he discovered an unexpected passenger. "I just walked by and saw a foot-long garter snake sunning itself. It gave me a chance to use the camera's macro-setting. I left the snake to resume its business." Later, Lee and Peggy attended the Dixie Regional Hosta Society Convention when they asked if we had any entries for the photo contest. "I didn't know about the photo contest but I seized the moment." The picture was the contest winner. First prize was a copy of the Color Encyclopedia Of Hostas endorsed by one of the authors, Mike Shadrack. "I have shared this image with lots of folks in the hosta community around the world and will continue to do so."

Ants abound: Read all about the invasion

We may be only a modest epistle, but we're not afraid to dig up a good story. Lately, we have wondered why there seem to be more ants than ever, and in some strange places.

Not just any old ant either.

It can now be revealed, and you read it here first, that Springfield has been invaded by a species of aggressive Japanese ants. As you can see in the graphic at right, these are some big ants, about the size of a large Doberman.

Okay, we're kidding, but the ant invasion is real – and because you are either a FOGGIE or our friend, you are among the first to know.

The scientific name for these invaders is *Tetramorium tsuschimae*. It's unlikely any of us could tell one ant species from another, but Dr. Lloyd Morrison can.

Although Lloyd does not object to being called an ant expert, he is an ecologist with National Park Service at Wilson's Creek Battlefield.

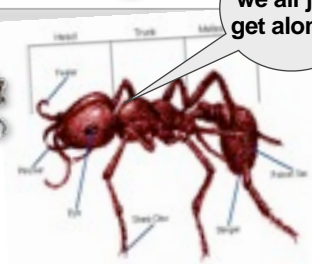
Lloyd believes the ant species are being transported in potted plants, where they nest and proliferate like – well ants.

The newly arrived ants were first identified in St. Louis and Columbia. Lloyd found them marching purposefully around in his back yard

Egad, Japanese ants invading the Ozarks. This can't be good.



Can't we all just get along?



Tetramorium tsuschimae may look like a common sugar ant, but it isn't.

and used DNA testing to confirm his observations.

That helps explain why there are now more ants. But before you declare war on ants, you should know that they do a lot of good in the garden, although they can certainly be annoying pests. Ants are like earthworms; they till the soil and collect insects that they turn into fertilizer. They also attack many seed-eating insects, interrupt their courting and egg-laying. Then again, Lloyd says some ants have a sympathetic relationship with aphids, protecting them from other insects. And carpenter ants are another story.

The best solution: create a barrier, and if you find ants in all the wrong places; destroy their map-making pheromone trail.

You can learn more about insects at www.missouriconservation.org.

New and renewing members*

Tribute Bricks

Marilyn K Brehmer
Erman J. Stahl
Beverly B. Sauer
Ginnie Beaman

Membership

Freida M. Alexander*
Shirah Miriam Aumann*
Diane & David Awbrey
Chris & Debra Barnhart
Marjorie Bartow
Lorene & Wilbur Brill
Phyllis Chalender
Michael Cuniff
Gary DeHaven
Mildred Eisele
Harold Falls
Carol & Gerard Gerhart*
Karen Horny
Sandra & Donald Letson
Gary and Betty Lipscomb
Genilie & Hal Lurie*
John E Moore Jr.
Sam & Catherine McGowan*
Mickey & Linda Moore

Ed & Ruby Miller
Charlie O'Reilly
Peggy & Jim Owens
Stuart & Kim Paulson*
Lorraine Sandstrom
Mike Schilling
Doris F. Sheets*
Regina Snyder
Kaleen Valentine
Alice Williams
Mike & Carol Williamson
Marc & Mary Lou Wittmer
Jim & Jewel Woodward
Jon & Marci Woodward
Robert & Patty Workman*
Xiang M Yu*

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Ever Green Garden Club*
Ann Gentry*

*Since the Fall 2009 newsletter

Four decades of research confirms rare plant species in Missouri

If you want to consider the importance of a botanical garden and the research that comes with it, ask **Dr. Turner Collins**. The professor emeritus at Evangel University often returns to the Missouri Botanical Gardens to continue working on the Flora of North America, a project of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

For 40-plus years, Collins, professor of biology at Evangel from 1971 to 2004, has been researching *Orobanche riparia* (differing from *Orobanche ludoviciana*). His article, co-authored with Alison E.L. Colwell and George Yatskivych, was recently published by the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (Vol. 3, No.1).

Collins confirmed two ecological species that grow in Missouri. *Orobanchaceae* is a parasite (think mistletoe); it cannot reproduce unless its seed comes in contact with the Giant Ragweed or Cockleburs. Germination may take a decade and even then the odds are slim.

Fortunately, each of several pods delivers up to half a million seeds. Since 1818 (as described by Thomas Nuttall from observations in North Dakota), the new species had been misidentified.

Collins discovered differences in these plant "cousins" in 1970, but DNA confirmation came only recently. You may be asking, "So what?" It is the same question asked all too often about rare species, often too late.

The answer may come from Chinese researchers who are doing cancer research on the various seeds of *Orobanchaceae* in its many forms.

Note: Although reporting on the work of Prof. Collins is humbling, we hope to expand on it online at www.friendsofthegarden.org.



Turner Collins

Dow Whiting chronicles the evolution of a new conifer

By DOW WHITING

In the spring of 1997, at our family-owned nursery west of Nixa, I happened upon an interesting mutation.

Genetic mutations are not uncommon in the plant world; however, many are twisted, gnarled, deformed growths that require nurturing to bring out the beauty.

This one was different; it was a graceful, soft-textured growth that I immediately fell in love with. Like all love affairs, this one has had its trials and tribulations, but true love never fades. This is our story.

The original mutation was found in a block of Boulevard False Cypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Boulevard'). Boulevard is powder-blue in color with "feathery" textured foliage. The mutation had the same blue coloration, but the foliage was fern-like and quite graceful. I separated the plant from the others for further evaluation, and in the early summer I took the first step in what would prove to be a long, frustrating, yet satisfying process. I took the first cuttings in the summer of 1997 and by the spring of the following year the original plant had mostly reverted back to Boulevard. In the summer of 1998, I took cuttings only from the cuttings I took in 1997, but some of them had lost the blue color and were a soft green. Over the next several years many cuttings were taken, many reversions were disposed of, and lots of changes had happened to the plant.

By the summer of 2003, after six years of reversions and further mutations, the plants had finally stabilized, but did not look like the mutations I first started with. At this point



the plant was dark green in color, with the same graceful, fern-like foliage of the original mutation. They were conical in shape, and very compact, like its parent. Here in the Ozarks, Boulevard will rarely exceed 6', and this plant showed the same habits. In our region, many conifers struggle. We have heavy clay soils, hot summers, and high humidity. Our only native conifers are Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) and Shortleaf Pine (*Pinus echinata*). A beautiful Spruce here is the exception, rather than the rule. Many people plant Dwarf Alberta Spruce (*Picea glauca conica*), but the failure and subsequent replacement rate is quite high. Blue-needled conifers, Boulevard included, struggle unless they are creatively placed. This plant gave me high hopes of an upright, dwarf conifer that could not only be

grown successfully, but would thrive in our less-than-desirable conditions.

In August 2003, I contacted Tim Wood, head of product development at Spring Meadow Nursery, to see if they would be interested in giving the plant a trial. Spring Meadow specializes in the development and introduction of new plant varieties. Mr. Wood agreed to evaluate the plants and in April 2004 I sent approximately 25 plants to them to plant in their test gardens and evaluate them for how well they reproduce and grow in the nursery. This was the nervous part for me. Would anyone else see the beauty and usefulness of this plant?

I received word from Mr. Wood in May 2007 that Spring Meadow had decided to introduce the plant. It would be patented as *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Dow Whiting' and trademarked as Soft Serve *Chamaecyparis*.

Mr. Wood said the name choice was a reference to the shape and texture of the plant, and that he wanted to provide a good positive feeling about the plant.

Ten years had passed, and a lot of sweat and tears had been shed, but it now seemed that the love and nurturing was going to result in a viable plant. In the spring of 2008, Spring Meadow Nursery officially released Soft Serve to its growers, and it should be available in limited quantities at garden centers sometime in 2009.

This article first appeared in the American Conifer Society Quarterly, Summer 2009.

Dow and Linda Whiting are members of FOG, and owners of Garden Adventures Nursery West of Nixa on Missouri 14.

Web-site: www.gardenadventuresnixa.com.

Garden Notes

other good stuff

Officers and board elected for 2010; annual meeting Jan 14

New board members were elected to three-year terms at the November 2009 meeting. Congratulations to **Chris Barnhart, Carla Beezley, Christine Chiu, Jeannie Duffey, Cliff Kennedy, Dana Mirowski and Sharon Owings**. Returning to the board are **Bob Childress** and **Lee Coates**.

Officers elected at the December board meeting for 2010 are unchanged: **George Deatz**, president; **Bob Kipfer**, vice president; **Gail Stineburg**, secretary; and **Kauleen Voluntine**, treasurer.

As defined in the bylaws, terms for board members begin immediately upon their election. Officers are formally installed at the annual meeting at 5 p.m. on Jan. 14, conducted in addition to the board meeting at the Chesterfield Family Center, 2511 W. Republic Road. Members and guests are welcome.

Thumb Buddies may be the answer to your blisters

Volunteers at the Hosta Garden Work Day on Nov. 21 were pleasantly surprised when one of their fellow workers handed out his own patented invention to ward off thumb and finger blisters.



"Thumb Buddies" look like a red reusable Band-Aid, except they're designed to protect against blisters before they happen. FOG member **Todd Young** patented his invention and now sells them online at www.thumbbuddypro.com.

Thumb Buddies have numerous uses, including sports, yard work, weight-lifting and just about any activity where you might get a blister.

Todd's wife, **Nancy Hopkins**, reports there is interest in Thumb Buddies from Major League Baseball players to wear under their hitting gloves.

Grants continue efforts of two FOG volunteers

Once again, the volunteer hours donated by FOG members **Cliff Garland** and **Frieda Alexander** have paid dividends to Friends of the Garden.

For the third time in 2009, Walmart's Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) Grants recognized their combined work as volunteers, bringing their support to a combined \$1,500.

The VAP grants recognized the efforts of Cliff and Frieda in the Daylily Gardens at Close Memorial Gardens and Park. Both are also

members of the Ozark Daylily Society; Frieda as President and Cliff as Garden Coordinator.

Boswell and Wood combine to win Fox Trotter honors

After a 25-year break, **Susan Boswell** is back in the saddle again. FOG's esteemed Development Chair won three blue ribbons over the summer, one each at the Mid-America Show in Springfield, one at Bolivar and one at the Grove Springs Show.

Meanwhile **Steve Woods** of Branson, also a FOG member and supporter, had four horses in the show ring this year.

Most notable was Ally McBeal, a 3-year old who took 1st Place at both the Ava Spring show and the Mid-America Show. Rock's Ann was reserve 2-year old champion at the Mid-America Show and also at the \$100,000 Breeders Cup Classic Show. Prince Jester's Sez-Who also won 1st place at the Mid-America Show and 1st at the \$100,000 Breeders Cup Classic Show.

All of Wood's horses did well at Ava, but the highlight was HTR's Rock'n Roller, which won 5-year and older stud and gelding world champion class. Competing against the top winners of Stud and Geldings as well as the top winners of the Mares category, the "Rock" again took 1st place, making him the 2009 World Grand Champion Missouri Fox Trotter.



Steve Wood and Susan Boswell

"Rock" is now retired and shall we say, living a comfortable lifestyle at Trigger Creek Ranch.

By the numbers:

One way to measure public awareness of the gardens is to look at the numbers. Here are some other numbers that help measure the popularity of the gardens.

- 12,000-plus visitors to The Bill Roston Butterfly House.
- 700 daffodil, tulip bulbs planted.
- 25 tons of Arkansas limestone have been laid along beds in 2009.
- 3,324 FOG Blog visitors since September.
- 152 flowering shrubs are in the gardens.
- 225 tree tags have been posted on maples.
- 108 varieties of trees are in the gardens

About that duck: This is a Muscovy duck. It is native to Central America and South America. It can be found in both domesticated and wild forms. The latter tend to be darker, like this one. (domesticated ducks tend to be white.) The orange skin around the eyes is normal for this breed; it's one of the identifying characteristics of a Muscovy.

—Francis Scalicky
Missouri Department of Conservation



Andrew Duncan, a student at Ozarks Technical College will do his required internship at the Close Gardens in Spring 2010.

Q&A

Question: Springfield has several noteworthy college-level programs that train professionals in horticulture and other fiends. Any chance of getting students involved through internships?

That's a great question. As a matter of fact, Andrew Duncan, who is enrolled at OTC in their Lawn & Turf Management program, has asked to do a community internship as part of his final year in the program. He participated in the most recent Work Day in the Hosta Garden on Nov. 21, and will continue his work during the Spring Semester. Interns do not need to be gardeners, although that is our greatest need. We're willing to work with marketing majors and others as well.

Question: I understand weddings and other events occur in the gardens with some regularity. Is there a charge?

Weddings are allowed in the Close Gardens (although not in the Japanese Stroll Gardens). There is a \$350 fee charged by the Parks Board. Half of those funds go into a dedicated fund maintained for Friends of the Garden to cover expenses for conferences and other approved uses. Various professional and plant organizations use the pavilions. We expect a dramatic increase when the Botanical Center opens next fall.

Outdoor weddings, family reunions, picnics and a variety of other events are also permitted in both Nathaniel Greene and the Close Memorial Gardens. Inquires should go to the Park Board, 417-864-1049.

Let us answer your question. Send them to news@friendsofthegarden.org. You can join FOG using the form on Page 7.



Support Friends of the Garden: Become a member

Your interest in being a member of a Friends of the Garden is the first step to make a lasting difference in developing The Botanical Gardens and Complex at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park in Springfield, Mo.

Purpose of Membership

Friends of the Garden Inc., is a non-profit organization, that supports the development, construction and maintenance of The Botanical Gardens at Close Memorial Park.

Membership Benefits

Friends of the Garden believes that gardens enrich our lives and those of future generations by giving some back. Members receive the following:

- **Newsletters** about gardening programs, events and other educational opportunities.
- **Free Seasonal Admission** to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden for you and one other person.
- **Special events**, including the Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival and exhibitions, Bluegrass & Blossoms concert, educational and other benefits.
- **New friends** who share your gardening interest and make Springfield a more beautiful city to visit and call home.
- **Opportunities to volunteer** on projects from gardening to fund raising.

Membership levels:

- ☐ \$ 500 - Benefactor
- ☐ \$ 250 - Patron
- ☐ \$ 100 - Sponsor
- ☐ \$ 50 - Contributor
- ☐ \$ 25 - Friend
- ☐ \$ 25 - Gift Membership
- ☐ Other

Corporate Memberships:

- ☐ \$ 150 - Bronze
- ☐ \$ 250 - Silver
- ☐ \$ 500 - Gold
- ☐ \$1,000 - Platinum

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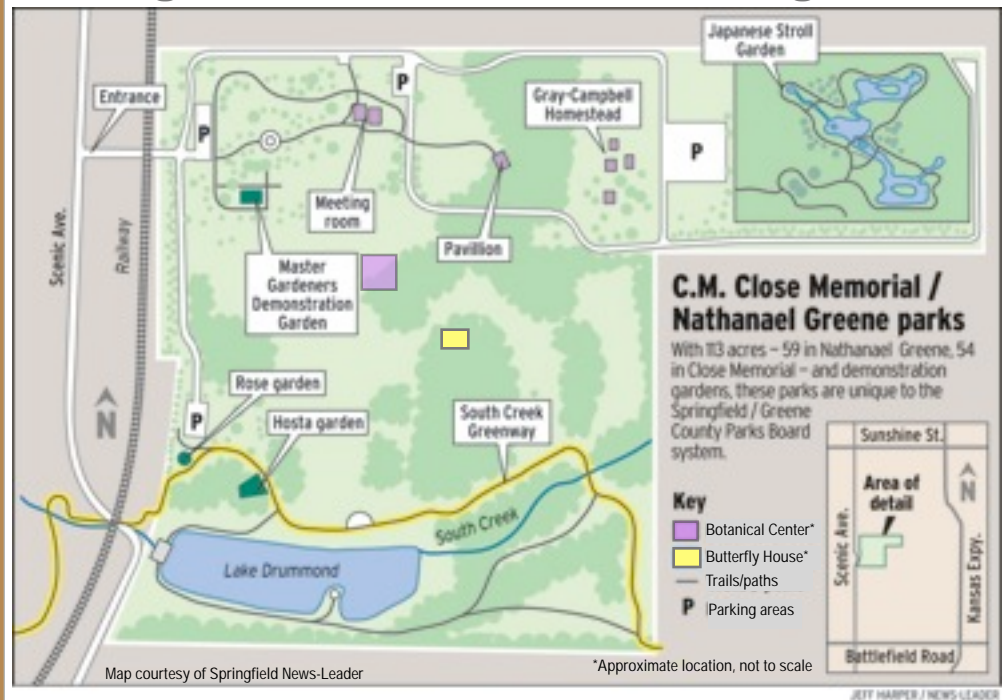
Membership, c/o Friends of the Garden, Inc. P.O. Box 8566, Springfield, MO 65801

You or someone you know may wish to consider purchase of memorial bricks for the Memorial Walk in the English White Garden, memorial trees for the garden or help finance a new garden as a memorial to someone you choose. (For more information, please contact our garden chairman, Bob Childress (417-838-9454). Dec/2009



Next spring you're likely to see a new generation of volunteers at the Close Gardens, only this time they will be learning as they go. So far two events are planned by the Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland. From 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, May 22, Girl Scouts will be learning "How Does Your Garden Grow? From 1-4 p.m., Brownie Scouts will be having a 'Butterfly Adventure.' FOG is actively working with Girl Scouts and other groups to provide events for young people. Could your group be next?

Getting to the Gardens; take the right turn



First-time visitors to Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park describe it as an unexpected experience, but you've got to get there to enjoy it. In fact, anecdotal research suggests that many potential visitors (and thus, members of Friends of the Garden) have yet to hear of Close Memorial Park. Hence, this convenient map, which includes directions to the parks as well as convenient parking so you can enjoy them. They belong to you!

Newsletter produced by FOG member George M. Freeman, TheFreemanGroup.org



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