



Above , Master Gardeners unveil their new 'hoop house.' At right, some of the 8,000 visitors who came to see 'Audrey.' Remaining photos: first flowers in three shades of spring colors.

## Modern Technology Comes to the gardens

It may be the early bloomers in three pastel shades (see above), or the varieties of hosta and other perennials poking through the soil in the first warm week of springtime. Or the planting of the new Cercis Garden (redbuds); or recently, to view the rare Corpse Plant (see page 3).

Whatever the reason, thousands of visitors have ventured to the Close Gardens and Nathanael Greene Park. Many will be reading this newsletter for the first time. If you're reading this online, notice the various links to our web site, blog, calendar, forum and a the constant stream of timely information about the gardens.

The Japanese Stroll Garden (*free to FOG members and a friend*), is now open for the season. On Saturday, May 15, the expanded Bill Roston Butterfly House opens for its second season.

Many visitors are only now discovering the new 12,700 square-foot LEED-certified Botanical Center under construction. Now that the steel and roof beams are up for all to

see, it's obvious to many first-time visitors that some extraordinary is happening. If you're not already a member of Friends of the Garden, isn't it time you joined us (see application, page 7).

Ah, but there's one more addition, although you can't quite see it: a self-guided cell-phone based tour of the gardens. The [Guide By Cell](#) system is operational. Feel free to call **213-3016**. After a brief introduction, callers

will be invited to key a number followed by the # key. At present introductions have been recorded for the Hosta Garden (35#), Daylily Garden (42#), English Garden (37#), Ornamental Grass Garden (39#), Butterfly Garden (45#) and Butterfly House (#46). Soon there will be signage in place to assist visitors. Even after an especially harsh and wet winter, the Botanical Center is scheduled for a fall opening. See you at the gardens.



Botanical Center interior wooden beams still under wraps

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# AboutFOG

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Friends of the Garden is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1999 to develop the Close Memorial Gardens, located at 2400 South Scenic in Springfield, home of The Botanical Center, opening in Fall 2010. We seek a dynamic relationship with other organizations working to benefit the garden parks. This newsletter is published quarterly in print and online to members and friends. Past issues and other information can be found at [www.FriendsoftheGarden.org](http://www.FriendsoftheGarden.org).

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## Our Mission:

To establish and facilitate a Botanical Center, gardens, and arboretum at Close Botanical Gardens and Lake Drummond to inspire the discovery, understanding and appreciation of nature."

**Volunteer**  
[Friends of the Garden.org](http://Friends of the Garden.org)

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

Mike Ward designed and built his programmable router table connected to a computer to produce signs for the gardens.



## Profile: Mike Ward:

Showing the way around the gardens a sign at a time



**Before and after:** Mike Ward's shop of large and small projects reflects both his interest and ability to turn raw materials into art work. Rather than gardening, his creativity has helped others find their way around the Close Gardens.

Not all the volunteers at the gardens are gardeners. Mike Ward's contributions to the Close Memorial Gardens neither bloom nor grow, but they may take you in some new directions.

Ward's creations can be seen in the signage at the Close Gardens, most of which he and Garden Chairman Bob Childress have crafted in their shops.

You are more likely to find Mike Ward hunkered down in front of the dust-covered computer screen in his shop than you are to seem him in the gardens. In fact, his bout with Parkinson's Disease makes long walks an ordeal. Even so, he lends both his expertise and his talents to major projects as a

liaison, including four wooden signs that are themselves works of art.

After four decades in heavy construction that took him to every corner of the country, Mike and his wife retired to Clever where he set up shop to do a variety of projects, including the beautiful wooden signs that he creates on a custom-designed router frame. The results can be seen at several locations (including the directory at left), set in concrete to discourage vandals. Childress and Ward have combined their wood-working skills in a variety of ways to help park visitors find their way around.

In fact, many FOG volunteers lend their skills to assignments that range from organizing events, tours and designing educational materials to keeping financial records and raising the private donations that fund the gardens.





## Record numbers visit Gardens to see the corpse flower



'Audrey' in her glory,  
(& Roston in his element)

Dr. Bill Roston's fixation with the fauna and flora of the Ozarks now extends to a dubious dame nicknamed "Audrey." She received her moniker compliments of the 1960 Rock Musical "Little Shop of Horrors." Actually, she is both male and female (officially, *Amorphophallus Titanium*). In short, in bloom she smells awful, which may be why Judy Roston seems not the least bit jealous. Audrey uses her natural scent, which resembles a rotting corpse, to attract the carrion beetle on

the Island of Sumatra, her natural habitat. When he bought her on eBay, Roston had no idea the rare 35-pound tuber might bloom so soon since it does so only once or so a decade. From its first appearance at the FOG Annual Meeting in January, the plant grew to a height of at least four feet. Its rare flowering lasted only a day or so, but attracted 8,000 visitors to the gardens for a whiff. No one seemed disappointed that she really didn't smell that bad. They may have been relieved.



Above, visitors line up to get a closer look (and perhaps a reluctant whiff) at Audrey in bloom, which is unlikely to happen again for a decade or so. At right, the Corpse Flower in her first public appearance at the Friends of the Garden table at the Lawn & Garden Show in the E-Plex.







## FOG Forum, Facebook stir interest in gardens

[FriendsOfTheGarden.org](http://FriendsOfTheGarden.org), has become a popular destination on the Internet, Facebook and the **Friends of the Garden Community Forum**, thanks to the tag-team efforts of several members. Master Gardener and FOG Board member **Christine Chiu's** comprehensive events calendar for garden enthusiasts deserves high praise from those of

us who know of her devotion to getting it all just right. Webmaster **Lee Coates** is continually improving our web site with graphics and goodies.

**Jennifer Muschik** created our **Facebook** page to encourage our social network friends and fans to spread the word about FOG and the Botanical Center. For hard evidence that all these efforts are working, you

have only to look at the list of new members and renewing members opposite this page. Meanwhile, the Forum is actually an interactive "chat room" where comments, questions and gardening expertise can be shared. Our prolific president, **George Deatz**, continues to offer his **Garden Blog** to The Springfield News-Leader, where you are likely to see his postings more often than just about anyone. Veteran columnist Jeanne Duffey has recently created a new column on FOG in the News-Leader that appears each Monday on the front of the seasonal GROW section.

Speaking of events, mark your calendar:

- 🕒 **April 24:** Master Gardeners Plant Sale, 7:30 a.m., Nathanael Greene Park.
- 🕒 **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.
- 🕒 **June 26:** Bluegrass & Blossoms Concert.
- 🕒 **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.



# Sculpture Man

### How Sculptor James Hall creates bronze works of art for the gardens

One of the sentimental attractions at the Close Memorial Gardens is the collection of bronze artwork created by James Hall of Springfield, whose first project was of Anne Drummond, sitting on a bench overlooking the lake that bears her name.

Hall's most recent addition is of a kneeling Major Close, Anne's son-in-law, just outside the Hosta Garden, with trowel in hand. It was unveiled for his 79th birthday as a gift from his wife, Marthe. (For the record, their 52nd wedding anniversary was three days later on Aug. 17.) The Close family has been the major benefactor in the development of the gardens, and Major has given thousands of hours literally on his knees working.

If you've wondered how the artistic process happens, here's the process that James Hall uses in his creations, beginning with a clay miniature (below left), and then a full-size model in clay over blocks of foam.

James' latest project is an eight-foot Army soldier for Fort Leonard Wood, which began as a line drawing, then became a clay miniature. Blocks of blue foam block over a metal frame give the sculpture its strength. Hall then adds aerosol insulation foam to mold the sculpture into form before adding clay.

The sculpture is now being molded in fiberglass before heading to the foundry for casting in bronze at a foundry in Lawrence, Kan., with Hall on hand to supervise the process. The entire job will take nine months.

It all started with the Anne Drummond sculpture.

"You know, I was just thinking that she is still making a difference in the lives of people."



**Sculptor James Hall in the various stages creating an eight-foot WWII soldier, first from foam and then clay. The first step was creating the lower torso below. Hall created statues of Anne Drummond and Major Close as well as The Butterfly Girl.**



**The statue (above) with book in hand is Anne Drummond seated on a bench overlooking the lake that bears her name. The clay miniature (center) was the basis for the full-sized bronze of Anne's son-in-law, Major Close (right) kneeling near the Hosta Garden.**

# New and renewing\* members, memorials, tributes, garden donations

## Tribute Bricks

Sue Bowgen  
Danny & Karla Hubbard  
Gail Stineburg  
Robert Caringer

## Membership

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Jennifer Ailor  
Don & Betty Akers\*  
Donna L. Allyn\*  
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John & Patricia Ames\*  
Judy Averett\*  
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Gina Ballenger\*  
Carla & Robert Beezley  
Mark & Renae Bernskoetter  
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Cheryl Braswell  
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Susan Klepac\*  
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Barbara Brenner  
Jo Ann Brown  
Barbara & Bob Brugger  
Betsy Connell  
William & Sue Ann Dalton  
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Bobbi Springer  
Frances & Theodore Tarson  
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Sam Webber

## In memory of

### Eleanor Nelson

Bradford Park  
Neighborhood Association

## Memorial Tree

Marjorie Harris

## Growth and

### Maintenance Fund

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Heather Parker-Reece\*  
Janet Wall

## Butterfly Festival

Greater Ozarks Hosta Society\*

\*Since the Winter 2009 newsletter

## Butterfly plans include expansion of house, festival

### By CINDY WILLIS

Despite a persistent chill in the air, signs of spring are emerging – some even on the wing.

Sunny days in late winter and early spring may bring sightings of two species of butterfly:

☉ Mourning Cloak, a large maroon-brown butterfly with a brilliant yellow border, can be seen flapping and gliding through sunny spots in forests and suburbs.

☉ Goatweed Leafwings, with a deep orange upper side and a near-perfect dead leaf pattern underneath, can be found on sunny tree trunks feeding on sap or on rotting fruit.

Since these butterflies do not eat flower nectar, they can find nourishment in the winter, and have a much longer lifespan, up to 10 months or more. These butterflies hibernate tucked under loose tree bark and emerge on sunny days. Most butterflies can fly only when their body temperature reaches about 77 degrees, but even on a cool winter day the sun can warm these butterflies enough for flight.

Wondering where the rest of the butterflies are? All butterflies have four stages to their life cycle – egg, larvae (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis) and adult (butterfly). The adult stage is usually short, in the spring or summer, and most butterfly species spend the winter in another life stage. Eggs, caterpillars and pupae can survive the winter in a dormant state and emerge when temperatures warm in the spring. Most species in this area spend the winter as pupae, encased in a hard covering on plants or in leaf litter, or just below the surface

of the soil. A few species overwinter as eggs, and a few others as tiny caterpillars tucked into the bases of grass clumps or other plants. One famous species, of course, just takes off and spends the winter in warmer climates – summer's last generation of Monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico in the fall, and their offspring usually arrive in Missouri in April.

To make your garden a haven for overwintering butterflies, don't be too meticulous with your fall clean-up. Butterflies and other beneficial insects use leaf litter, dried perennials and other garden "debris" as shelter in cold weather.

### The Bill Roston Butterfly House

Want to learn more about butterflies? The expanded Bill Roston Butterfly House will open in May with dozens of species of native butterflies ready for up-close viewing. Volunteers are needed to lead tours of the house and to help collect caterpillars and butterflies. If you would like to help with the Butterfly House, please contact Bob Kipfer at [rkipfer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rkipfer@sbcglobal.net).

Save the date! You won't want to miss the second annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly



**Festival Co-Chair Cindy Willis steps into the limelight to talk about the first annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival.**

Festival this summer on July 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> in Close Memorial Park. The Bill Roston Butterfly House will be even bigger this year, with live butterflies, eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalides you can see up close. Learn how to attract butterflies to your home landscape, shop for plants and garden accents, and enjoy children's crafts and activities, including the Caterpillar Petting Zoo. Admission is free. Find out more about the festival at [www.friendsofthegarden.org](http://www.friendsofthegarden.org)

Volunteers are needed to help with tours of the butterfly house, children's activities, and caterpillar zoology. Please contact Cindy Willis at [cmw417@gmail.com](mailto:cmw417@gmail.com).



# Garden Notes & other good stuff

## Dan Kinney inducted into MPRA Hall of Fame

Dan Kinney, former director of the Springfield-Greene County Parks Board, has been inducted into the second class of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association's Hall of Fame.

The presentation took place during the 2010 MPRA annual conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort. Kinney retired in January 2006 after 35 years. He served from 1971 to 1977 as Springfield's assistant director, and was named director in 1977.



Dan Kinney

Under Kinney's leadership, the Springfield-Greene County parks system grew from 33 park and recreation facilities in 1971 to 88 in 2005 (including the Close Memorial Gardens and Nathanael Greene Park), with more than 75 miles of linear park trails..

During Kinney's tenure, the department received numerous awards, including the 2000 National Gold Medal Award from National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), selection as Sports Illustrated "SportsTown USA" in 2003, the Edward H. Bean Award for Dickerson Park Zoo's elephant management program and the Spotlight Award from the Governor's Conference on Tourism. Kinney also served as Missouri State Commissioner for the Amateur Softball Association for 20 years and president of MPRA. He was instrumental in the development of the Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission and Foundation as its first chairman.

He received the Fellow Award from MPRA, as well as the Alumni Award and Eye of the Tiger Award from the University of Missouri. He was inducted into the Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 and inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. NRPA awarded Kinney with its National R.O.S.E. award in 2008.

The Parks Board has had just three directors in its 97-year history. The late Jim Ewing, the department's first director, was part of the inaugural class inducted into the same Missouri Hall of Fame in 2009.

"Dan led the Parks Department to NRPA Gold Medal status during his tenure, one of the highest recognitions a department can receive," said current Director of Parks Jodie Adams. "The Park Board and staff are extremely proud of Dan and his deserving induction into the Hall of Fame."

## Thumb Buddy continues to win fans in gardens, sports

The popularity of FOG member Todd Young's Thumb Buddy is a fascinating entrepreneurial story that bears updating.

You may recall that Todd patented his simple thumb wrap, which is helpful in preventing blisters that come with gardening chores, and bone bruises if you happen to be a golfer or baseball player.

In fact, about half the major league baseball teams now buy Thumb Buddies by the dozen for its players. Among recent purchasers are the St. Louis Cardinals, Detroit Tigers, Florida Marlins and others.

Thumb Buddy has other applications as well. Women have been known to wear them to avoid blisters from ill-fitting shoes (that may even be an oxymoron). You can learn more about uses at [thumbbuddypro.com](http://thumbbuddypro.com). And who knows, if you volunteer at one of the work days, Todd may be handing them out to friends as he did last fall. Being a FOG member and volunteer does have its privileges.



## Speakers' Bureau offers programs to interested groups

If you have attended a Friends of the Garden monthly board meeting recently, you know that we try to have a plant expert say a few words on an important topic before we get down to official business.

FOG also has a Speakers' Bureau so that we can offer the expertise of our members to other organizations who want to learn about the gardens and other topics. Lee Coates chairs this group and is often a speaker himself as one who grows hostas, Japanese maples and conifers. Peter Longley, Drs. Bill Roston and Bob Kipfer, Chris Barnhart and others are available for presentations along with FOG President George Deatz.

## Around & about the Gardens

### President George Deatz wants you – to be a volunteer

So many times I have been asked, "What is Friends of the Garden?" For me, the answer has special meaning.

Friends of the Garden is the non-profit support group made up of dedicated volunteers that currently support the gardens and arboretum at Close Memorial Park. Along with MU Extension Service and the Springfield-Greene County Parks Department, they were instrumental in fund-raising for the construction of the new Botanical Center building. Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park's 114 acres combined will be known as the Botanical Gardens & Complex. Our plan is to surround the new Botanical Center building with up to 45 gardens, 21 of which are already in place.

Friends of the Garden's mission is to continue developing additional gardens, operate the popular Bill Roston Native Butterfly House while maintaining the current gardens and arboretum, primarily in Close Memorial Park. Growing the gardens in the park includes the additional assistance of other area garden organizations and the community as a whole.



George Deatz

One way you can help Friends of the Garden expand is through individual, family, and corporate memberships. In addition to our informative newsletters, there are many benefits of membership, including entrance to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden for two people for the entire season. However, the real benefit is knowing that you are part of an expanding base of people that are behind the exciting educational and recreational development. Three new gardens include the Redbud Garden and Native Shrub Garden east of the new building under construction, plus our newest garden now in the design phase, the Dwarf Conifer Garden to be located in the southeast area of the park.

Your minimal \$25 membership investment, plus any additional garden donation and any volunteer time you choose to contribute will help us reach the next level in garden growth. I have said in the past that if you are reading this, please take a few moments to join our family and make an important investment in your special park. Take a few minutes and become one of us by sending in your application today, found 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
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- ☐ \$ 150 - Bronze
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Please send your tax-deductible annual membership dues to:

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). April/2010

## Feedback

### 'Audrey's' a hit with garden fan

Dear Friends:

Although this is late, please don't let it minimize the expression of appreciation I have for bringing Audrey, the Corpse Plant, for us to see. I was there every day for four days waiting for her to bloom and was so intrigued at her beauty and mystery. It was incredible.

Thank you, Dr. Bill Roston, for caring for her prior to her showing her glory and also for keeping her for the next several years until she is ready to do it again. I also agree with Dr. Roston her fragrance was as he put it "beautiful." I did not find it offensive at all because of the beauty of the plant.

I brought my niece's daughter out to the Japanese Stroll Garden today. Even with the wind it was so lovely. She is in college here in Springfield.

Thank you all for making the park so stunning with all of the plants, flowers, lakes, walking trails and learning experiences you provide with your care, time and willingness to give. I am on your e-mail list and appreciate the updates.

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. V. R. R.*

**FOG loves to hear from our friends. Drop us a note with your thoughts on the gardens to [news@FriendsOfTheGarden.org](mailto:news@FriendsOfTheGarden.org).**

## 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](http://TheFreemanGroup.org)



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