



An opening so grand Botanical Center dedication, Oct. 11-17



Master Gardeners host special event, tours from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday

When the Springfield/Greene County Botanical Center opens officially with planned events throughout the week of Oct. 11-17, 2010, it will culminate a decade of dreaming, planning, public and private fund-raising and the passion of hundreds of members of Friends of the Garden and other organizations.

Although there will be events throughout the week, Master Gardeners of Greene County has invited Friends of the Garden and other guests from throughout the Ozarks to a special night of celebration from 5-9 p.m. on

Tuesday for Stakeholder/Volunteer Appreciation, featuring music by Trout Fishing in America; skywatching with Springfield Astronomical Society and a nighttime luminary walk after dusk. Unless noted, all events are free.

"This is going to be a week we've worked for more than 10 years," says FOG President George Deatz. At 5 p.m. Thursday, for the first time, we will have our monthly meeting and a special tour of the Botanical Center to elect board members and conduct business. Every FOG member is welcome.

Visitors will soon be invited to tour the gardens on a solar-powered tram, upper left, capable of 40-60 miles per charge. The tram has solar panels on its roof and a wheel chair ramp. A garden-inspired playground, left, is being installed north of the Botanical Center.



Events schedule:

- ☉ **Monday: 4-6 p.m.** Ribbon Cutting, Dedication and Rooftop Reception .
- ☉ **Tuesday, 5-9 p.m.** Stakeholder/Volunteer Appreciation; music by Trout Fishing in America; skywatching, Springfield Astronomical Society; candlelight luminary walk.
- ☉ **Wednesday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** "Convergence of Nature and Play, (\$10 for breakfast and lunch) tours, with Playcore, Robin Moore. **10-11 a.m.**, dedication of Natureground and Playpockets; **4-8 p.m.** Outdoor Family Fun Concert featuring Trout Fishing in America.
- ☉ **Thursday, 11 a.m.** Host Lions Club History Walk Dedication.
- ☉ **Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** Master Gardeners (Going Green in the Garden); **10 a.m.-4 pm.** Community Art Installation. **5 p.m.**, FOG membership meeting.
- ☉ **Sunday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** Hobbies in the Garden; special tours of Bird Walk, Prairie Walk and others; **2-5 p.m.:** Concert by Amber Norgaard and Judy Collins ("Tamberine Man," "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Send In the Clowns.")

Creating a historic statement: 'River of Life, Bread of Life' offers powerful message

Most of us aren't particularly fond of paperwork or dealing with the resulting trash that often clogs landfills.

For Mimi Aumann, who has a home studio in Branson West, turning "post-consumer waste" helps focus discussion of conservation issues.

On Friday, Oct. 16, Mimi will preside over the creation of "River of Life, Bread of Life" on the Great Lawn overlooking Lake Drummond. Imbedded in the "river" of colorful recycled paper pulp will be winter wheat that will germinate into a symbolic river of green. The project is expected to bring considerable attention to the parks and Springfield. Indeed, there are plans to take aerial photos of the creation. Among a certain niche of artists

around the world, it will gain worldwide attention.

"I want to emphasize that this is the community's project, a collaboration," says Mimi. FOG volunteers have already helped recruit elementary school students and others to save their waste paper for the project.

The idea came from a friend and fellow artist, Jane Ingram Allen, who "performed" an installation for **2006 Earth Day** in Taiwan.

A native of the Midwest who emigrated to Israel, Mimi combines her art with teaching the making of paper using environmentally safe methods. Most of her papers, however, are made from plant fibers, including banana leaves

from College of the Ozarks and other suitable plant fibers.

She recently demonstrated paper-making methods used in the earliest days of Missouri at the at the Gray-Campbell Farmstead 1860's Lifestyle Exposition (See photos, Page 8).

From 2000-2003, Mimi was an artist in the Little Bethlehem Christmas Festival at Silver Dollar City to demonstrate First-Century paper-making techniques as well as the papyrus of the Egyptians.

"At this time, my most important goal is to focus on conservation of our natural resources and to be involved with bringing this message to the general public through my art."

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About FOG

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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 October 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.

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George Deatz, President
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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

One way to identify a Friends of the Garden volunteer is by the bright T-shirt they're wearing with "Volunteer" on the front and back. Every volunteer undergoes a background check and receives an identification badge. Join us, won't you.

Profile:

Mr. President: George Deatz



President George Deatz during a 'stakeholders' tour of the Botanical Center.

FOG president lives and breathes passion for gardens

Garden Chairman Bob Childress calls George Deatz "our Great Communicator," the go-to guy for what has been some wonderful media attention during his two terms as president of Friends of the Garden.

George would be the first to tell you he's not a gardener, although he loves flowers, trees, birds, butterflies and the faraway mountains of New Mexico, where he goes to get away with his camera to hike and take photos.

Not that he's a shrinking violet when it comes to working in the gardens. As FOG president, he knows virtually every paved path and shortcut, sign and information drop box, which he resupplies almost daily. He is often the reluctant face of FOG if he can't find someone else to spread the word, which he is glad to share. If there's a meeting to attend, or an event that offers an opportunity, George will do everything except take off his official Friends of the Garden hat to be there. When vandals stole or damaged plants, he created a \$1,000 reward fund.

Like many of us, he's a passionate "Foggie" who prefers to grow the organization, recruit others and build bridges of cooperation with other groups and the community. On his watch, the number of FOG members has almost tripled. His e-mail list is legendary. If he can get someone to stand still, he will recruit them to membership.

"His communication skills have taken Friends of the Garden to a level none of us thought it could reach," says Marthe Close. "He's on top of any situation, and keeps the board and the membership informed. He just has this ability to get other people really involved."

Suggest to him that a task needs doing and he will begin the search for the solution, and then share the credit for getting the job done. His only office is a black canvas briefcase, his laptop and the nearest wi-fi hotspot, where he sends blogs and sends bursts of e-mail to members. The trunk of his car and pickup he drives are traveling

warehouses loaded with the necessary handouts, brochures, membership applications and recent newspaper clippings.

He knows most of the plants and all of the current and future gardens by name, and most of the members of FOG as well. He also knows the presidents of virtually every other organization working on behalf of the gardens, and the benefactors whose donations have benefited the gardens. If his cell phone seems permanently attached to his ear, it is to recruit others into sharing their talents.

"I just see him as being totally committed the volunteers and to advocate for FOG," says Cara Beezley. "We have become more visible to the community under his leadership. He speaks very well whenever he speaks for the organization."



On a spring Saturday (below) at Garden Adventures in Nixa, George Deatz invites attendees to visit the Close Memorial Gardens and join Friends of the Garden. At left, he photographs tea roses for a story.



Garden Notes & other good stuff

New FOG board members nominated for 2010-2011

Five new board members and three more who have agreed to a second term will stand for election at what will be a most historic meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14. All members are invited for a special tour of the new building.

Time and location: 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the newly opened Botanical Center during a week full of festivities.

Nominated for three-year terms on the board are **Ruth Arneson, Cindy Baird, Dorothy Brunskill, Tom Lakowske** and **Dr. Bill Roston**. Nominated for recurring three-year terms are **Major Close, Dr. Stan Horsch** and **Peggy Sauer**. The bylaws provide for board members to serve two consecutive terms; they can serve again after a one-year absence. Approval of these nominees will bring the board to its maximum number of members at 30.

Next will be the nomination of officers, including president, vice-president and secretary. Board member **Kauleen Voluntine**, a CPA with KPM, will continue for a third year as treasurer.

Any board member interested in being considered as an officer should contact **George Freeman**, chair of the nominating committee, george@thefreemangroup.org.

Two volunteer coordinators needed for FOG office, gardens

If you're the indoor type who prefers working in an office atmosphere, you may be the person FOG is looking for to serve as **Office Coordinator** in the new Botanical Center. For more information about this position, please contact George Deatz at 840-5472, or by e-mail:

news@FriendsOfTheGarden.org.

We're also searching for a **Coordinator of Volunteers** to help recruit and organize volunteers who work in the gardens. For more information, please contact Garden Chairman Bob Childress at 838-9454. These positions are voluntary.

Butterfly House nears record in second year of operation

Thanks to Scott Cunningham, chairman of the Butterfly House Committee and his cadre of docents, the number of persons touring the expanded facility has also grown.

Through the Labor Day weekend, a total of 9,829 visitors had been recorded, including 1,100 on the three-day holiday. That's on track to break last year's record of an estimated 12,000

visitors who experienced the unique adventure of viewing nature's most beautiful Missouri lepidoptera.

The house will remain throughout the grand opening of the new botanical center, Oct. 11-17, weather permitting.

'Growers' needed to help replenish host plants for 2011

Visitors to the Butterfly House quickly learn a key lesson about these wonderful little critters: collectively, they have a voracious appetite for the host plants they need to cycle through their stages to become butterflies.

For this reason, volunteers are being recruited to help grow additional stock for next year's house. If you have an interest, please contact Butterfly House Chairman Scott Cunningham at 860-8272, or at jscottc55@hotmail.com.

Step-up challenge raises \$25,000 for Extension Service

Guests at the "Stepping Up the Challenge Fund-raising Dinner," on July 10, raised \$25,000 to help offset a 72 percent cut in the Greene County office of the MU Extension Service's operational budget, according to Tim Siebert, county program director.

The dinner raised about half the \$50,000 needed to erase the shortfall. If you're reading this online, contributions are still being accepted online [here](#). The fund-raiser at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center featured Shannon Miller, the nation's most decorated gymnast with seven Olympic and nine World Championship medals.

The MU Extension is moving to a suite of offices at the botanical center financed in part by the Greene County Commission, which committed \$400,000 to the construction fund.

Program offerings by the Extension Service include both the Master Gardener and Master Naturalist training programs as well as support for 4-H clubs, nutritional training, economic development support and seminars on sustainable communities and agriculture.

Speakers' Bureau offers programs to interested groups

If you have attended a monthly board meeting, you know we try to have a plant expert say a few words before we get down to business.

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

Around & about the Gardens

Donations make gardens, maintenance happen

A member's question: *I was wondering what type of funding the gardens have and has it all been completed so far with private donations?*

Answer: As you may know, Friends of the Garden is the support group that creates the gardens in and around Close Memorial Park. Our excellent partner, the Springfield-Greene County Parks Department, takes care of the heavy-lifting: mowing, tree-cutting and earth-moving.

The only tax-funded grant that I know of came from the Missouri Department of Conservation grant in 2003 to help expand the park's arboretum and develop additional open space.

The gardens are built and maintained with private donations of cash, materials, plants, and volunteer labor from individuals and garden groups. We have a patron who funds part of our operations with a quarterly donation.

In addition, we have approximately 600 members who invest between \$25 and \$1,000 through their dues, these funds are used for garden operations and growth. Donors have also funded tribute/memorial bricks, shrubs, trees and even complete gardens, through our Garden Growth & Maintenance Fund. Since we are a not-for-profit corporation 501(c)(3), all donations are tax deductible.

Contributions should be sent to Friends of the Garden, P.O. Box 8566, Springfield, Mo., 65801. Please note on the memo line "Garden Growth & Maintenance Fund."

Other volunteer-oriented groups maintain their own gardens throughout Nathanael Green Park. For example, the Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens, the Federated Garden Clubs Garden, The Gray-Campbell Farmstead, plus the 7.5 acre Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.

If you have questions or you would like to donate the gift of time, please contact me by email news@friendsofthegarden.org, or at 840-5472 or We have many areas of need in Friends of the Garden that require a number of talents besides the obvious garden growth and maintenance or the butterfly house project.



George Deatz



FOG takes a turn inside as GREENEMAGAZINE debuts

FriendsOfTheGarden.org has taken many a historic step during its tenure, all of it aimed at the opening of the Springfield/Greene County Botanical Center. In addition to our web site, we are now on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fogblog) (with a new page and lots of new fans), as well as offering our [FOG Blog](#) and event [calendar](#). If you're reading this online, you can utilize the blue hyperlinks now.



This issue we have achieved a couple of other goals. This newsletter is the first to be printed in full color – just in time for the festivities celebrating opening of the Botanical Center.

We are included in the premier issue of **GREENEMAGAZINE**, a “first edition” showcasing the center and our members as it observes “a greener gardening lifestyle for a more livable Ozarks.”

Like so much of what's happening in the 21st Century, FOG and our partners are unabashed in our willingness to experiment with bold new endeavors. Think of it as “synergy,” wherein two or more compatible partners accomplish more than they could separately. There's a lot of synergy between FOG and other organizations these days.

GREENEMAGAZINE has been the dream of George Freeman for the past five years. With his news writing and design background and the marketing and sales experience of publishing partner, Mike Noggle, the magazine, like the botanical center, became a reality in spite of the economic downturn. George and Mike offered to include the Friends of the Garden in their project at no cost to us, producing and distributing at least 10,000 copies of our newsletter within the magazine throughout the Ozarks. Every FOG member (and many of our friends) will receive this “commemorative edition” by mail. This spared FOG a major expense and allowed us to reach out with our story to many Ozarkers who may not have heard of us. To these, we invite you to join us (see application on Page 7)

What happens next is a discussion we welcome; where it leads should be an adventure; how far we go together depends on a combination of readers and equally adventurous advertisers who made this “experiment” possible.

With luck, we will see you again soon, hopefully here, on the Internet, on Facebook. And, of course, we hope to see you in person at the gardens.



The Dwarf Conifer Garden, under construction for most of the summer, is now complete, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Bill Roston, Garden Chair Bob Childress, Lee Coates and others. FOG members Ed and Ruby Miller along with board member Sharon Owings have signed on to help maintain the garden, which includes a fountain, here being tested for the first time.

Coming next year: the Azalea garden

Dwarf Conifer Garden debuts for fall

There is now a beautiful new Dwarf Conifer Garden for visitors to enjoy in Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, thanks to generous financial support from Positronic Industries and the Gentry family in Springfield. Other in-kind contributions came from Myron Royce Gardens, Garden Adventures, Peggy's Flowers and Ron Jones.

Designed by Dr. Bill Roston, the 7,200-square-foot garden includes 82 varieties of cone-bearing conifers, just a short walk east of Lake Drummond. It is one of 24 new gardens being added to the 21 already in place. One of the cultivars is *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Dow Whiting' trademarked as Soft



For the Dwarf Conifer Garden, Bob Childress built an arched cedar span in his shop near Clever using wooden pegs, reinforced copper spindles and caps.

Serve *Chamaecyparis*, developed over 10 years by Dow Whiting, owner of Garden Adventures Nursery in Nixa (Dow wrote about his efforts in the Winter 2009 newsletter.)

In addition to terraced dwarf conifers in multiple beds, the garden features meandering paths, a bridge, recirculating waterfall and rock outcroppings. To add color, there are also annual and perennial flowers.

Work was also completed this summer on both the Cercis and Native Shrub Gardens (see map of all the gardens, Page 8).

Next spring, Dow plans to create the Azalea Garden, a project of his own design.



With help from George Deatz, Bob and Jan Childress install the floor on the cedar bridge.

Young volunteers bring new energy to gardens

Eleven-year-old Maya Flores had the best of year of her life so far. Trained as a Friends of the Garden docent, the Jarrett Middle School sixth-grader volunteered every Sunday afternoon last summer at the Dr. Bill Roston Butterfly House, one of the most popular attractions in Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. She also became the youngest member of FOG.

"She loves the butterflies and sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with the folks who come into the house," her mother Kim Flores, manager of the Republic Branch Library, said. "Last summer, she was the teacher and I the student. I've learned so much just by listening to her talk to people. And she's made some great new friends among the other volunteers. We both feel very lucky to be a part of the Butterfly House."

Maya was one of a few students chosen to participate in Springfield Public School's WOLF program as part of the fifth-grade curriculum. WOLF stands for Wonders of the Ozarks Learning Facility and uses nature-based settings for learning.

"She would probably have never had the opportunity to volunteer at the Butterfly House if it weren't for the WOLF program," says Kim Flores. "Her teachers recognized her strong interest and introduced her to Bob Kipfer. He asked if she'd be interested in volunteering and she jumped at the chance."

Kipfer, president of Master Naturalists, former Friends of the Garden president and current vice president, is an all-around nice guy, much like your typical Friends of the Garden volunteer.

"When I first met Maya last fall, her teacher brought her over to say that she was very interested in and knowledgeable about butterflies. She was bright and well-spoken with a winning smile," said Kipfer. "She and her mother joined us for training and she was a docent at the house as well as teaching at the Lifecycle Station and the Caterpillar Petting Zoo. She communicated clearly and drew people in to her passion about butterflies. I was impressed with her confidence in approaching and teaching adults."

Volunteering is all about a passionate belief in the cause and an optimistic view of the future. And Friends of the Garden volunteers feel strongly about the beauty, peacefulness and educational value to area residents of the 55 acres of green space that is Springfield's Close Memorial Park (and arboretum).

"It's our life. We gave birth to it and are still nurturing it," said Marthe Close, who with her husband, Major, donated the land to Springfield-Greene County Parks and Recreation in 1998. "I believe in the project and the great educational opportunities it offers," said Peggy Sauer, who has volunteered for about five years. She is a Master Gardener and development committee member who enjoys gardening her ten acres east of town.

"I volunteer because of my kids and grandkids," says Friends of the Garden president George Deatz. "I believe in the Botanical Center and the gardens as an educational resource and legacy for our children."

And, in the end, it all comes down to nurturing our kids as future volunteers, something Kim Flores understands very well.



Above, Friends of the Garden volunteer Maya Flores answers a question for a visitor at the Dr. Bill Roston Butterfly House where she volunteers each weekend, keeping records. Nearly 10,000 visitors have toured the house, including 1,100 on Labor Day weekend.



Members of the the Pink Dogwood Garden Club, above, maintain the White Garden. In their FOG Volunteer T-shirts, from left: Sandra Letson, Mary Lynn Holmes, Carla Beesley, Ellen Placzek and Carol Gower. Gower still uses her grandfather's hoe.

Pink Dogwood Club spans half a century

The roots of gardening run deep for members of the Pink Dogwood Garden Club, which organized in 1959 when Parkcrest Village was outside the city limits of Springfield. These days Parkcrest is well within the city limits, but the 20 club members still meet faithfully to learn about gardening, including vegetables, herbs, trees and and flowers as well as studying flower arranging and participating in garden shows.

Their legacy can be seen each spring when the blooms on Pink Dogwoods seem to float on air in one of Springfield's oldest neighborhoods. Members have also donated land to the Springfield/Greene County Library Center and the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, which returned the favor this year with a contingent of young workers who helped at the Close Memorial Gardens.

This year, members of the club have cared for the White Garden throughout one of the hottest summers on record as well as supporting Friends of the Garden financially.

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

Membership

Stan Adam
Cindy & Max Arrowood*
Rose Atchley
Shirah Miriam Aumann*
Rob & Sally Baird
Daisy & George Ballard*
Bill Bassore
Elizabeth Behle
Bob & Marilyn Bell Jr.*
Robert Bellis
Harold & Darlene Bengsch
Eleanor L. Bennett*
Robert & Eva Blackshear*
Remedios Borja*
Maxine & Lyndle G. Bossing*
Carol Breaux
Barbara J. Brown*
Bill & Jeanne Buckner*
Danielle Burch
Clara Busch
Nancy Caplinger*
Tim & Debbie Casey
Dorothy Cashier
John & Rita Chiodini*
Carolynn Chittim*
Jerry Clark*
Michael Clarke*
Craig Coenen
Anne Coleman
George & Mary Connor
William Cooper
Ron & Elizabeth Coverdell*
Judy & Dwaine Crigger*
Jeremy Cunningham
Andy & Sue Ann Dalton*
Joyce & Joshua Dana

Dave's Violets
Ron & Mary Davidson*
Chuck Davis
Steve & Myra Dickensheet
Ralph Eichholz*
Michele English
Fran & John Filip
George & Nancy Freeman*
Robin & Brenda Funkhouser*
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Della & Paul Goodwin*
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Peggy Day Lee*

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Evan Marshall
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Roberta Moyer*
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Darleen Nave
Gus & Glynna Nickels*
Keith & Joyce Noble*
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Mark & Brenda Perry
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Sue Pyle
Bobbi Ream
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Judy Beisner
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Marjory & Gayle Stephens
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D&K Flowers, Etc.
Ron Jones
Ed & Ruby Miller
LaDonna Morris
Myron Royce Garden
Steinert's Greenhouse & Gardens
Wickman's Garden Village

Bricks

Janice Hinsey
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Susan Rhodes
Robert & Mildred Vaughn

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Feedback

FOG Butterfly exhibit a hit with Insect-O-Rama visitors

Thank you for all your assistance with another successful Insect-O-Rama event (Aug. 20, 2010). The Friends of the Garden display was wonderful, and I know it attracted a great deal of interest.

Thank you for putting it all together and to spend your Friday evening at the nature center. Hopefully many folks were inspired to visit the Butterfly House.

Attendance was great – we clicked nearly 600 people in front of the building – while nearly 500 were counted coming through the front door. You could hardly move through the lobby, exhibit area, or classrooms.

People really love this event. The comments from the participants, as always, were great. Most everyone stopped to thank and many said it was the best Insect-O-Rama event yet. When I greeted one incoming family, the mother abruptly stopped me and made her son read the welcome sign. While he was struggling to read the words "Insect-O-Rama," she told me it was his birthday and she was surprising him by bringing him to the event. When he figured it out, he was very excited. We had a number of



Visitors to Insect-O-Rama came early and stayed late, including at least one young man on his birthday.

folks show up at least a half hour early and several managed to get into the building, including two older women. They didn't leave until dark, nearly two hours later, and they were raving about the event.

I think everyone left with a greater appreciation for insects, with more knowledge about their importance, and with a greater interest in learning more about them in the future.

We'll definitely repeat the event again next year, so mark your calendars for Aug. 19, 2011.

Linda Chorice
Nature Center Manager

Thanks for time you shared with her son

This is a picture of my son, Elijah, and a volunteer at the Bill Roston Butterfly House.

This volunteer was wonderful and spent a lot of time with the youngsters. While I melted in the corner, my son remained in the sauna with the butterflies for an extended time.

As a biology major myself and a registered nurse, I could have answered any question my son had, but it was nice watching the volunteers with the kids as well as adults. Kids often learn and are more receptive to others than their own parent. I realized this and bit my tongue and enjoyed that he was learning and asking scientific questions. The volunteers were very educated and knowledgeable. Thanks for the time you shared with the community.



Bob Kipfer with Elijah Caudle

Sincerely,
Connie Caudle

• **Editor's note:** The volunteer was Dr. Bob Kipfer, one of 22 trained docents in the butterfly house.



Support Friends of the Garden: Become a member

Your interest in being a member of 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 contribution

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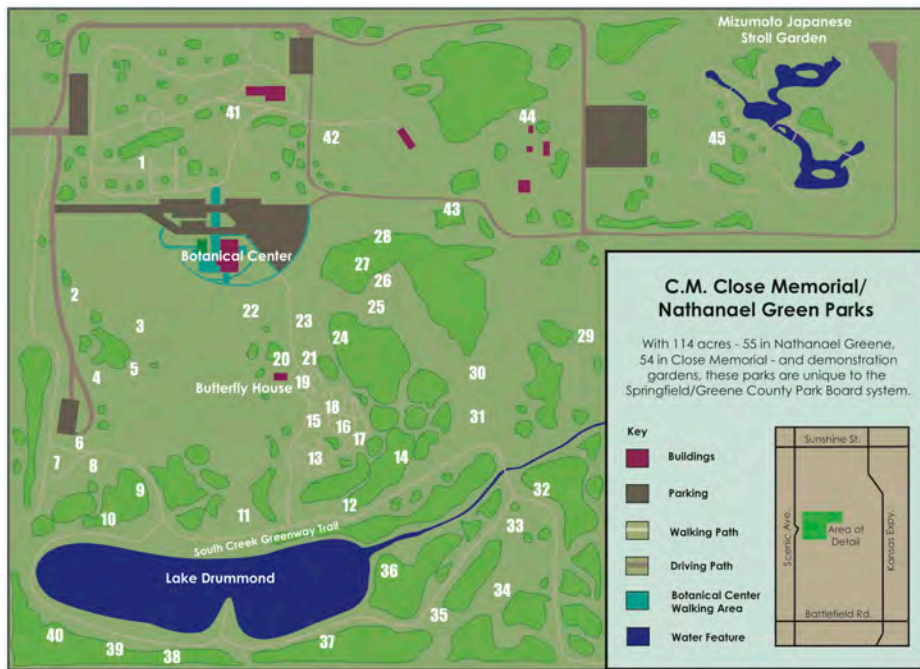
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Please send your tax-deductible annual membership dues to:

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

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Guide to the gardens

1. Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens.
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*Planned gardens

Take the right turn to get to the gardens

First-time visitors to Nathanael Greene Park and the Close Gardens describe the experience as an unexpected experience. But of course you've got to get there to enjoy it, and that can be challenging. Hence, this convenient map, created by Drury senior design arts major Hannah O'Dell, which includes directions to the parks (inset map) as well directions for convenient parking (and now a new solar tram so for those who can't handle long distances on foot). If you are new to this experience, be sure to mark your calendar for Oct. 11-17 when the Botanical Center will open its doors after 10 years of planning and design, fund-raising and lately, a bit of exhilaration. You can locate each garden numerically at right. Those with an asterisk* are planned but not yet under construction. Friends of the Garden welcomes inquiries from major benefactors who may be interested in underwriting a new garden.

Scrapbook: Turning back the clock at Gray-Campbell Farmstead



A young jumper tests a freshly braided new rope made minutes before by his younger siblings, above right, with help from Earl Viets. With some young helpers, right, Friends of the Garden member and artist Mimi Aumann, demonstrates paper-making as it was first produced in Missouri nearly two centuries ago. Her materials include hemp and recycled denim.



Photos by George Freeman