



Katrina Tanona, 6, with her brothers Derek, 4, and David, 3, were among the very first visitors to enjoy the Ozark Garden Railway Society's model train display. The display includes 10 varieties of poinsettias.

'Tis the season for believe'n

Botanical Center features Santa and friends, story-telling tree Christmas tree, Dec. 18-19

There may not be a chimney or a fireplace in sight, but it's plenty warm enough for story telling and a visit by "Santa and Friends" to the atrium of the new Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center.

Sponsored by Friends of the Garden, this family friendly event will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, and from Noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19.

The atrium is suitably decked out for the holidays with 10 varieties of poinsettias (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*), an exquisitely decorated Christmas tree and even a miniature landscaped garden railway.

The holiday exhibit was created by members of the Ozark Garden Railway Society and the Railroad Historical Museum featuring a landscaped G-scale model train and village layout, complete with trolley. Just push a button and the train leaves the station for a roundabout trip through a village full of promises to keep. Along with other items

from the museum's collection, the display will continue through New Year's Eve on Friday, Dec. 31.

Throughout the two-day event, storytellers will entertain young visitors, who can join in cookie-decorating sessions for a \$1 fee, and ornament creation using natural materials to take home, five for \$5, says Botanical Center Coordinator, Katie Steinhoff.

Friends of the Garden members, including Buck Keagy, Roy and Kathleen Thompson, Hannah Renner, Peter Longley and even Orbit the Great Pyrenees four-legged snowy assistant, will portray Father Christmas, Rudolph, Frosty and even a huggable polar bear. Kids can also enjoy a storytelling Christmas Tree.

The Botanical Center is routinely open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. It will close Christmas and New Year's Day, but will remain open until 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Stained glass windows adds splendid splash of color to Botanical Center Atrium

Visitors who may not have made a return trip to the Botanical Center since the opening will discover a stunning new stained glass feature in the south-facing Atrium on the lower level.

Actually a series of interior panels that convey various scenes at the gardens, the window is the creation of Robin Coulter Crabb. She crafted the work in just five weeks.

Robin has been creating stained glass for more than a decade. Her creations can be found in area churches, businesses and even homes. Private donations through Friends of the Garden paid for her latest creation.

While there is nothing fancy about where she works at home, Robin has plans for a studio. Knowing just the right quantities, colors and textures of glass and where to find them is crucial to each piece. So is painting the features on her creations, which can range from Biblical characters to hummingbirds, butterflies and birds. In fact, the tiny Monarch caterpillar crawling amongst the plants in one of the lower left panels was her inspired solution to an inevitable "oops." You can see more examples of her incredible creations of her work at robinsneststainedglass.com.



Robin Coulter Crabb with her stained glass creation in the Atrium

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A Garden for every season under the sun
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A Grand New Plan for the Hosta Garden
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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 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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Our Mission:

To inspire the discovery, understanding and appreciation of nature, by creating and maintaining the gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park and by supporting the mission of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center and Park Board.

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.



Master Electrician Ed Miller helps Ruby retrieve a lost sneaker after a work day at Garden Adventures west of Nixa. At top, members of the "Eagles" Ozarks Regional Young Marines in basic training, work in the new Conifer Garden.

Between them, Ed and Ruby Miller have decades of experience, yet they are two of the hardest workers in Friends of the Garden. She was a florist and Ed is a master electrician who lends his expertise.

Both were instrumental in developing the new Dwarf Conifer Garden, and designed and built the new wooden kiosk just outside the butterfly house that welcomes visitors. Next project: an arbor in the Hosta Garden (see page 5).

Ruby and Ed "adopted" the conifer garden to manage and maintain with help from other volunteers, among them a group of "Ozarks Regional Young Marines" who recently relocated decorative boulders and spread pea gravel on the paths.

"They've been proactive in identifying and mapping plants and watching for fungus and insect problems," says Garden Chairman Bob Childress.



Above, Ed and Ruby with the kiosk they made to welcome visitors to the Butterfly House. At right, Ed serves as grillmaster during a recent work day at Garden Adventures Nursery, Highway 14 west of Nixa.



Garden Notes & other good stuff

New FOG officers elected for one-year terms in 2011

A familiar slate of officers has been elected by the FOG board of directors, joined by five new board members and three more who have agreed to a second term.

Elected as officers by written ballot on Dec. 9, were the following: **George Deatz**, president; **Christine Chiu**, vice president; **Gail Wright**, secretary; and **Kauleen Volentine**, treasurer. Chiu replaces Vice President **Bob Kipfer**. Their terms begin in January 2011.

Elected for new three-year terms on the board in November were **Ruth Arneson**, **Cindy Baird**, **Dorothy Brunskill**, **Tom Lakowske** and **Dr. Bill Roston**. Re-electing for a recurring three-year term are **Major Close**, **Dr. Stan Horsch** and **Peggy Sauer**. **Jeanne Duffey** will serve as chair of the Development Committee. **Bob Childress** will continue as chairman of the Garden Committee.

The bylaws provide for board members to serve two consecutive terms; however, they can serve again after a one-year absence. Approval of these nominees brings the board to its maximum number of members at 30.

FOG Annual meeting: 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13. Featured speaker will be Tom Lakowske, president of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society. He will discuss the top hostas to use in your garden and how to grow gorgeous hostas. If you want to learn more about hostas, plan to attend this meeting to learn more about the world's most popular shade plant. Better yet, invite a fellow gardener who would like to know more about FOG.

Dorothy Brunskill will coordinate garden volunteers

We are thrilled that **Dorothy Brunskill**, newly elected FOG board member and co-secretary of Master Gardeners of the Ozarks (Stone and Taney counties) has accepted the position of **Coordinator of Volunteers** to help recruit and organize volunteers who work in the gardens.

Princeton Elms donated by Botany Shop in Joplin

Generations ago, the American Elm was one of our most majestic trees as a favored species in many communities before Dutch Elm fungus spread by the elm bark beetle swept across the nation.

A new cultivar of American Elm, named "Princeton," shows resistance to the fungus,

and Mike Shade, owner of The Botany Shop in Joplin, has donated 14-16 trees for planting in the gardens. The 16-foot specimens will likely be planted around the Botanical Center, including the green strips in the parking lots.

Native Plant Society adopts three gardens

Members of the Missouri Native Plant Society- Southwest Missouri Chapter have adopted three gardens to develop and maintain, including the Rain Garden adjacent to the Botanical Center; the Native Shrub Garden and the Wildflower Garden.

'Growers' still 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.

Master Naturalists volunteer to control invasive honeysuckle

Led by volunteer Master Naturalists recruited by FOG Vice-president Bob Kipfer, an all-out effort to control bush honeysuckle is being made south of Anne Drummond Lake.

Although honeysuckle conjures up pleasant childhood memories of picking the blossoms for their sweet tasting nectar, the vines can also take over an area in a few years, choking out other plants. Like many plants, the seeds are reseeded by birds in their droppings. At least 50-60 plants have been identified south of the lake. Eradication is handled by cutting the growth at stump and treating it with an herbicide.

Volunteer hours add up

The continuing volunteer efforts of FOG member Cliff Garland have provided another \$250 matching VAP Grant from the Walmart Foundation (Volunteerism Always Pays).

As a member of the [Ozark Daylily Club](#), Cliff is among the many volunteers in the Daylily Gardens, where more than 5,000 plants bloom in season.

If you're a volunteer for FOG or other organizations, your company may match your work with similar donations.

Around & about the Gardens

Memberships, donations make maintenance happen

What a year! Three new public gardens, the Redbud Garden, Native Shrub Garden, and Dwarf Conifer Garden, were completed during this year, thanks to private donations. Two new gardens are currently scheduled for completion this coming year, the Azalea Garden and Winter Garden. Plus we plan a major expansion of the Entrance Garden.

Of course, the new Botanical Center building is now open to the public. Coordinator, Katie Steinhoff is on the job helping complete the details of the day-to-day operations of the new Botanical Center. What a horticultural asset our community has gained. If you haven't been out to see it, come by and introduce yourself.

Our membership has reached 600-plus members with a goal of 1,000. If you have sent in your membership dues, thank you! If you are still thinking about it, your membership means more than you know in helping us reach our 2011 community objectives.

Your membership is good for a full 12 months from when we receive your check, you won't lose any time.

Many people ask me what they receive with a membership in Friends of the Garden. That is a great question, a member receives many benefits. Tangible benefits such as a free season pass to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden for two people for the season (excluding the Japanese Fall Festival) and our informative newsletters. However, the real benefit is intangible. You become part of the growing Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center movement to assist with the continued development and enjoyment of Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Gardens and Park including the new Botanical Center building with its numerous surrounding gardens and arboretum.

Your membership dues and donations, plus any volunteer time you might contribute, help us expand the botanical gardens while maintaining the current gardens and the Dr. Bill Roston Native Butterfly House. Of course, as a member, you can walk the paths for exercise while enjoying the serenity of the gardens, attend our annual events, increase your knowledge and know that you helped make all of this possible.

Won't you make your 2010 tax-deductible investment in Friends of the Garden today? You can help move us to a new level during 2011!



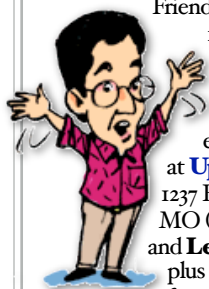
George Deatz



You can raise FOG's profile in new ways for the holidays

'Tis the season for giving. Aaaaah, but you knew that. Still, you may be scratchin' your finger on the side of your noggin' for the one who has it all. Can you imagine a more meaningful gift that keeps on giving than a membership in

Friends of the Garden (application form on page 7) for those near and far? And for those who like to wear FOG on your sleeve (or your hat or elsewhere), our logo is on file at UpwardEmbroidery.com, 1237 E. Republic Road, Springfield, MO (417-368-2805). Owners **Brad** and **Leah Garner** offer logo wear, plus they invite you to bring a favorite clothing item or headwear



into their shop where they will embroider our fine FOG logo for only \$7.95. Soon we hope to have FOG logo items for sale in the new Botanical Boutique.

As surely as weeds thrive even in winter, we can hear it now: Where's my **GREENE Magazine** with this issue of the FOG newsletter? To which we reply: Relax.

This final 2010 newsletter fulfills a promise to members for four issues a year. In 2011, your FOG newsletter will indeed arrive with each issue of **GREENE Magazine**, which will publish five times a year (February, April, June, September and November).

With the growing number of events and activities taking place, filling each issue shouldn't be a problem. Plus, if you have not visited our newly redesigned web site,

FriendsOfTheGarden.org has taken many a historic step as well, thanks to the talented efforts of **R.J. Jacob**, a FOG volunteer, professional musician and webmaster in Branson West. Special thanks to **Lee Coates** of Peggy's Flowers in Highlandville, for hosting the FOG web site during its formative years.

Lee remains chairman of the **FOG Speakers' Bureau**, and is a presenter both regionally and nationally, sharing his knowledge of hostas and Japanese Maples. Indeed, Lee will be a presenter at the Arkansas Master Gardeners State Conference June 2-4, 2011 at North Arkansas College in Harrison, Ark.

FOG is also on **Facebook** (with a new page and lots of new fans), including our online **FOG Blog** and **Garden Event Calendar**. If you're reading this online, you can utilize the blue hyperlinks now to go there fast. If not, get thee to a computer post haste.

Wherever we meet, on the Internet, Facebook in person or in print, here's hoping your year at the gardens has been memorable, and best wishes in the season of joy.



A walk in the Ornamental Grasses Garden has much to offer even in fall and winter.

Ornamental Grass Gardens

Every season the grasses just keep giving

By **PETER LONGLEY**

When Tres Fromme of Mesa Design spoke during the Grand Opening of the new Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, he gave praise to the amazing Ornamental Grasses Garden designed a few years ago by Dr. Bill Roston.

The Ornamental Grasses Garden has always been one of my favorites among the many magnificent gardens at Close Memorial Park. It is one of the largest collections of ornamental grasses in a single design to be found in the country. There are some 75 varieties of grasses in this garden.

Designed as a winter garden, it does not reach maturity until late fall when the plumes reach their full height. The effect is of a very large fountain spewing its plumes in a graded pattern from the huge *Giant Reed* (*Arrundo Donax*) at its center down to lower, but none-the-less significant grasses at the edges.

The *Giant Reed* is often mistaken for bamboo, but is in reality one of the tallest of the grasses at a height of some 15 to 20 feet, all grown over a mere seven months.

Except for the dwarf conifers 'Jack Frost' has now nipped at all our other gardens in the park. The colors, thankfully so vibrant, have disappeared, but the ornamental grasses will be waving their plumes all through the winter months until they are finally cut right down to the ground in mid-March to make way for next season. When it snows, this garden truly comes into its own – a fountain of beauty sparkling in a winter wonderland!

The Ornamental Grasses Garden is always interesting, changing dramatically through the seasons. Only when cut to the ground does the garden reveals its pattern of paths – a geometrical *parterre* as spring bulbs and

low growing lilacs provide the first color. Soon, new shoots of green grow up from the shorn mounds of the grasses.

By May, these grasses have reached about two feet and we add colorful annuals around them. The garden grows from *parterre* to maze! Children love this maze that gets steadily taller and more mysterious as early summer gives way to the fullness of July. By August, the maze becomes a jungle, giving those who walk its paths the thought that they are in the tropics. The annuals set against the tall grass blades provide mature splashes of vivid color and in a child's imagination one might see the grasses part to reveal a trumpeting elephant or roaring lion. The plumes begin to take over in white, cream, and even pink. This is an exciting time before the maturity of the winter fountain reaches its full height in the fall, and the green blades turn brown and crisp.

As one of the country's most recognized garden designers, Tres Fromme's comments carry much weight in complimenting our efforts here in Springfield to create a great Botanical Center and complex. We have waited patiently for the moment when we could bring Nathanael Greene Park and Close Memorial Park together to form this wonderful 114 acres that for too long has been only one of Springfield's best kept secrets. Now, the Botanical Gardens and Complex have the ear of the nation and have "come of age" just as our Ornamental Grasses Garden has reached its annual maturity. Come and visit us. We are open every day.

Peter Longley is horticultural interpreter at the the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Complex and Gardens.

OTC students help give garden a facelift as Hosta Society rebounds

FOG members invited to party Jan. 10 as the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society kicks off the new year with a membership campaign.



Tom Lakowske outlines plans for refurbishing the Hosta Garden. Tom is the new president of the organization.

Growing hostas is one of the best ways we know to make friends. Which is why one of our favorite perennials is called “the friendship plant.”

One of the original “stakeholders” in the Close Memorial Gardens is the **Greater Ozarks Hosta Society**, which developed and continues to nurture the inviting hosta garden beneath a shady grove of black walnut trees.

Tom Lakowske, the most recent hosta aficionado to serve as president of the organization, envisions the garden as two separate “rooms.” The first is the “Event” garden, a popular location for many an outdoor wedding over the years using the stone bridge that overlooks a fountain, perfect for exchanging vows. The society has plans for 2011 to develop “drifts” of hosta beds using the most attractive cultivars, of which there are hundreds. A new concrete floor was recently poured to stabilize the natural stone bridge and make it safer for walking (and exchanging vows amid fine wedding finery).

The second “room” is the “Display or Stroll” section of the garden where every hosta plant is labeled for learning – at least until mischief makers switch or even steal the signage. Now that must all be replaced. Horticulture students

from Ozarks Technical College recently volunteered their time to remove mulch from the pathways and replace it with six tons of pea gravel.

The two “rooms” will be separated visually by a hedge of *nandina domestica* and an eight-foot tall 10 by 12-foot arbor built especially for the location by FOG Member Ed and Ruby Miller (see page 2).

While the popularity of hostas continues to percolate, membership has waned both nationally and locally. In part, that may be because of the Internet, where information about growing the thousands of varieties is easy to come by. With a little knowledge, the hosta itself is easily transplanted, divided and shared with others.

There are only three hosta societies in Missouri, each one affiliated with the American Hosta Society. Membership has dwindled in recent years, says Lee Coates, a hosta wholesaler who, with his wife, owns Peggy’s Flowers in Highlandville.

Oscar Cross, who with his wife, Amy, owns Hilltop Farm, gives credit to one of our own, Dr. Bill Roston, for founding the local hosta society.

But Baby Boomers, whose lifestyles are changing as we reach a certain age, took to hostas as a pleasant solution to aching knees and weary backs.

“We’re getting older,” says Cross. “Gardeners, typically, are friendly people. If they have enough to share, they share. It doesn’t take long for lifelong friendships to develop.”

Hostas make friends across fences, which make good neighbors, which makes hostas still a great plant selection – maybe too much so.

“I would say rather than a roiling boil, it’s at a nice simmer,” said Cross. Hilltop Farm has more than 1,000 in its display garden, but no more than 250-300 varieties for sale.

Growers have not been immune from excesses. Where once there were hundreds of varieties, now there are thousands, many of them so similar they are indistinguishable. Registering a new cultivar is \$5, and a few make many thousands for their grower. Most, though, languish. Not in the Hosta Garden, however, which we hope you might think of as a library of plants, a place where you can enjoy and reflect, but only look. And if you choose, you might even exchange vows if not plants, and grow happily ever after.

“We have nine events planned for 2011. At our Kick-off Party, we’ll socialize and hear about all the events and our new Member Rewards Program. In February, our members get free admission to the Lawn and Garden Show by sitting at our booth for awhile with other members. March gets us out of the house to prepare our hosta garden for spring. In April we put on a hosta-dividing seminar for the public. We have two events in May. In early May, we plant our annuals to have the garden looking superb for weddings. Toward the end of May, we will enjoy an ‘Evening in the Garden,’ at two local, beautiful gardens. We’ll eat hors d’oeuvres and desserts, stroll the gardens and watch the sunset – a wonderful get-to-know-you event. June is our rock party, and September brings our Hosta, Plant Auction and Dinner. Members and member vendors bring van loads of plants for a lively, fun, auction. Then, we eat and eat and eat! Our last event is in November when we put our hosta garden to bed for the winter and have a warm, tasty, chili supper!

– Tom Lakowske

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

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Andrew & Emily Keeling
Ann Hall
Ann Seigel
Annette & Ray Potts
Barbara & Robert Kipfer*
Bertha Zimmerman
Betty & John Bonnot*
Bill & Sharon Walley
Brad & Dia Saunders Keeling
Carol & Gerard Gerhart*
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Cathy Staats
Charles Phillips
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Chris & Debra Barnhart*
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*Since Fall 2010 newsletter

If you see an error,
omission or any correction,
please bring it to our
immediate attention at
news@friendsofthegarden.org

Feedback

Dear Friends of the
Garden,
Thank you for Opening the But-
terfly House Just for my Birthday
Party. The Butterflies are so
Pretty. the money is to help
the Butterflies eat all my friends
donated it at my Birthday Party.
I Like all of the Party
Grace Bowles 7 years old
I am 7 years old

Visitors to Botanical Center help spread the word

It was great meeting you and so many others of the
Friends of the Garden, and we enjoyed the whole
experience.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to display
our Society' members orchids and to visit with you all.
We hope to visit often and if time allows us we will do
our best to get to a meeting and check it all out.

We have been telling my friends and co-workers about
the Botanical Center and the Friends of the Garden.
Several have gone out to check it out and others plan
to. Thanks again.

Annette and Ray Potts
Springfield Orchid Society

Thank you for taking the time this morning to visit
with us about the present and future plans at Close
Memorial Park. The gardens look amazing and the
adorable playground equipment is a great addition for
the little ones. Please pass on our gratitude to all the
hard working Friends of the Garden Volunteers. Our
community is blessed to have you.

Jeff & Susan Schmidt.

*Friends of the Garden welcomes comments and suggestions for
publication, and good wishes about the people and places in the
Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Gardens & Park. Write us a
news@friendsofthegarden.org. Please include your name and an e-mail
address or phone number so that we can be in touch. You can also
write us at Friends of the Garden, P.O. 8566, Springfield, MO 65801.*



Grow With Us! Become a Friend of the Garden

We're individuals & families who support the Botanical Center & Gardens in its mission to provide outstanding botanical, horticultural and environmental education opportunities for people of all ages. Anyone with an interest or appreciation in nature who wish to support the progress of the gardens is encouraged to join. Your interest in being a member is the first step in making a lasting difference in the ongoing development of the Botanical Center & Gardens. As a member, you're a partner in the future of the gardens.

Member Benefits: *Membership begins the day we receive your form.*

- Friends of the Garden Membership Card · Fully Tax Deductible
- Volunteer Opportunities · Form Lasting Friendships
- Subscription to the FOG Newsletter · Ongoing Learning
- Free Admission for Two into the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden
**excluding the Japanese Fall Festival in September*
- Annual Events: Bluegrass & Blossoms, Butterfly Festival, Monarch Tagging
- Give Back to Your Community · Special Invitations to FOG Garden Events

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- ☐ \$500 Benefactor
- ☐ \$250 Patron
- ☐ \$100 Sponsor
- ☐ \$ 50 Contributor
- ☐ \$ 25 Friend
- ☐ **Renewal**
- ☐ **Additional Donation**
\$ _____

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- ☐ wedding ☐ birthday ☐ in honor of*
- ☐ holiday ☐ anniversary ☐ other*

Available at all levels, a tax-deductible gift membership to FOG is perfect for a birthday, special occasion, or any reason! Simply fill out the form below and your friend or family member will enjoy all the benefits of being a member. Additional donations go to the FOG Growth and Maintenance Fund.

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- ☐ festivals & events: fog booth
- ☐ festivals & events: activities
- ☐ children's activities
- ☐ butterfly house docent
- ☐ marketing & development
- ☐ hardscaping & construction
- ☐ tell me what you need!
- ☐ I have a special talent:

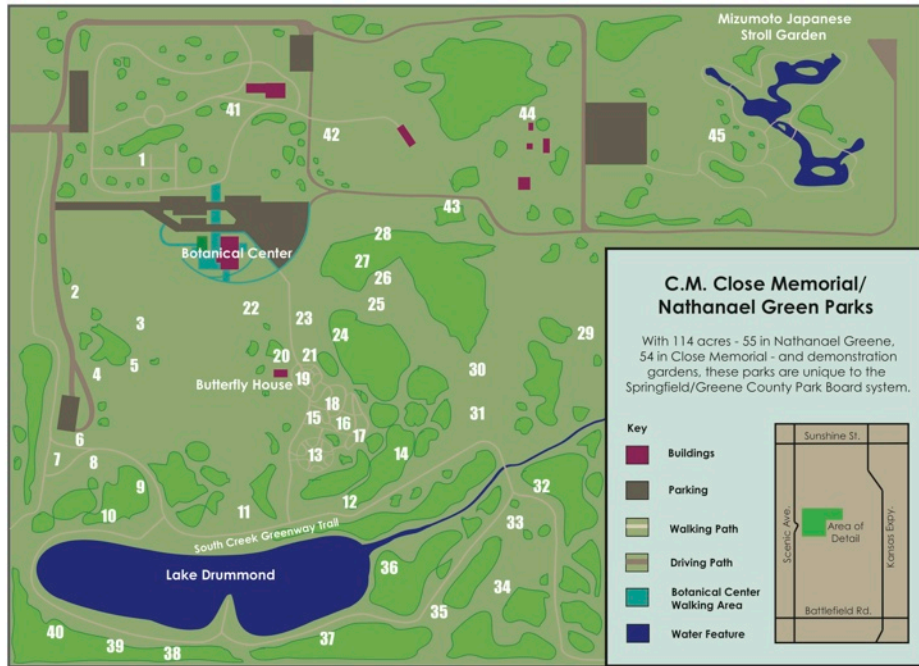
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

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

LASTING DEDICATIONS

Tribute gifts are an excellent way to honor a friend, colleague, loved one, to mark a special occasion – celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, an engagement or wedding, a graduation, Mother's Day and Father's Day, a holiday, a special memory, or simply to say thank you – while supporting the mission of Friends of the Garden.

- ☐ \$500 Plant a New Tree
- ☐ \$250 Plant a New Shrub
- ☐ \$50 Inscribed Brick Paver



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Take the right turn to get to the gardens

First-time visitors to Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Gardens & Park describe the experience as an unexpected adventure. But of course you've got to get there to enjoy it, and that can be challenging. Hence, this convenient map, which includes directions to the parks (inset map) as well directions for convenient parking. If you are new to the gardens, you can locate each garden numerically at right. Those with an asterisk* are planned but not yet under construction. A "Guide By Cell" tour of the garden parks is now available by calling 417-213-3016. After a brief introduction, callers may dial a garden code on each sign followed by the # key (For example, 37# is the English Garden) for information on various gardens. Introductions for virtually every garden (and the Butterfly House) have been recorded, with signage in place listing the numbers for each garden.

Guide to the gardens

1. Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens.
2. Winter Garden*
3. Freedom Garden*
4. Viburnum Garden
5. Flowering Shrub Garden
6. Entrance Garden
7. Rose Garden
8. White Garden
9. Hosta Garden
10. Sensory Garden*
11. English Garden
12. Victorian Garden*
13. Ornamental Grass Garden
14. Terrace Garden*
15. Iris Garden
16. Daylily Garden
17. Peony Garden
18. Lily Garden
19. Butterfly Garden
20. Columbine Garden
21. Wildflower Garden
22. Rain Garden
23. Bulb & Tuber Garden*
24. Native Shrub Garden
25. Magnolia Garden*
26. Japanese Maple Garden*
27. Cercis (Redbud) Garden
28. Dogwood Garden
29. Native Prairie Garden
30. Flowering Tree Garden*
31. Pendula Garden*
32. Rock Garden*
33. Dwarf Conifer Garden
34. Conifer Garden*
35. Perennial Garden*
36. Wetland Garden*
37. Woodland Garden
38. Fragrant Garden*
39. Fern Garden*
40. Secret Garden*
41. Federated Garden Clubs Garden
42. Biblical Garden*
43. Azalea Garden*
44. Heritage Garden
45. Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden

*Planned gardens

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