

Come fly with us on butterfly wings

Butterfly House seeks more trained docents as important attraction enters third year

HELP WANTED: Enterprising not-for-profit seeks a few dedicated men, women (and serious-minded teens) to help tell the story of butterflies.

Friends of the Garden hopes to expand the hours at the Bill Roston Butterfly House this coming season – but they need a helping hand.

Actually, several hands.

As chairman of the committee for this incredible park attraction, Scott Cunningham has methodically expanded the operational side of the house so that it can truly serve its

purpose to educate and entertain visitors of all ages. And, of course, the Third Annual Butterfly Festival July 16-17 seems likely to attract even more visitors now that the Botanical Center is open.

It's hard to imagine another program more appealing to virtually any age. The result is that a record 15,000-plus visitors visited in 2010, with more expected in 2011.

Nearly every docent will tell you that it's easy to get attached to the 25-plus native varieties of Missouri butterflies as they progress from tiny eggs to colorful angels on gossamer wings of nearly every hue. Each stage can happen before your eyes, fascinating children and bringing out the "inner child" in many adults.

"If we could get just another 10-15 trained docents, we could expand our hours," says Cunningham. That said, don't let the record numbers intimidate you. Most visitors come a few at a time, and when classes come, extra docents will be scheduled.

Serving as a docent can be a special time for young people, particularly those with a career interest in teaching science, or working in scientific



Buck Keagy watches over young lepidopterists in the making at the Second Annual Butterfly Festival.

Butterfly House orientation & presentations

A volunteer orientation session is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27 at the Botanical Center. If that seems like a long way off, please mark your calendar now to hear Chris Barnhart, Rose Atchley and Dr. Bill Roston. These three are willing to take their presentations "on the road" to interested organizations.

Rose has taken the extra step of growing "host" plants in her large greenhouse. Volunteers are also needed to raise host plants because caterpillars seem to have voracious appetites. Multiply their number and they can easily consume a plant in a few hours. And while the plants recover, that takes time. If you're interested in scheduling a presentation, growing plants or becoming a docent, please contact Scott Cunningham directly at jscottc55@hotmail.com.

research. It's also a great public service opportunity for Scouts and 4-H'ers.

More host plants also needed

Caterpillars have voracious appetites. For this reason, volunteers are also being recruited to help grow additional plant stock. If you have an interest in either option, please contact Scott Cunningham at 860-8272, or at jscottc55@hotmail.com.

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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. We seek a dynamic relationship with other organizations working to benefit the garden parks. This newsletter is now published five times a year in print through GREENE Magazine and delivered online as well to members. 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.

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Profile:



Someone really ought to write a book about Lee Coates. You could call it "*Mr. Peggy: The Other Half of Peggy's Flowers*."

If you've never met a walking, talking book-of-knowledge, Lee not only knows plants, he is delighted to pass along what he knows to anyone willing to learn, whether a group or one-on-one. The only condition is that you really must have a sense of humor. Lee will infect you with his laughter lessons. He is a first-rate Ozarks storyteller; you can tell by the tilt of whatever hat he's wearing and his unassuming way of tutoring the rest of us.

He is a veteran FOG board member, a founder of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society and an advisory board member of the OTC Turf and Landscape Management Program. He is a featured speaker at conferences nationwide, including the Arkansas Master Gardeners State Conference (June 2-4) at North Arkansas College in Harrison.

"He was instrumental in starting our original newsletter and web site," says FOG President George Deatz.

Lee is now the coordinator of the FOG Speakers' Bureau, and lectures on hostas, Japanese maples, and "papercrete containers," made from recycled paper.

"Every time out he gets rave reviews from the audience," says Deatz. "Lee makes learning fun!"

On one of his many road trips, Lee returned with a number of Dwarf Conifers from Oregon and helped plant them in the new Dwarf

Above, Lee Coates during fall cleanup in the Hosta Gardens, and below during a presentation on under utilized perennials at Garden Adventures Nursery west of Nixa. Lee is a frequent presenter to organizations. He is also 'Mr. Peggy' of Peggy's Flowers in Highlandville.



Garden Notes

other good stuff



'The Window,' a short story of making a difference

The new Friends of the Garden office in the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center is located in the "heart" of the building. It's a great work space and we now have our own storage room.

Alas, there is no outside wall and thus no window. Upon hearing **Major Close** ask, "where is the window?" Ruby Miller offered to make one.

Ruby asked **George Freeman** to photograph the the vista from the plaza level of the new building this fall while the colorful maple tree leaves were in their vivid fall hues of yellow, brown, orange, and red. The photographs became the inspiration for a fall painting the size of a window, a beautiful painting done in oils.

While Ruby painted, **Bob Childress** designed and constructed a frame with a grid of decorative cross pieces that would divide the new window Ruby was painting into sections.

Both the painting and frame were joined into one and hung from the west wall with suitable care. Now Friends of the Garden has its window. Eventually, there will be four "windows on the gardens," one for each season.

Interest in bees keeps buzzing beyond belief

The Beekeepers Association of the Ozarks is offering a second beekeeping class sponsored by **Friends of the Garden** at The Botanical Center on Saturday, Feb. 5, starting at 9 a.m.

This will combine all the topics into a one-day class. The class will run in two four-hour blocks (with breaks) and a lunch break from 1-2pm. An earlier class at The Library Center was booked to capacity.

Since this class is now less than half full, you can still register at FriendsOftheGarden.org.

Please feel free to e-mail the club at reginfo@ozarksbeekeepers.org. call Dave Kayser, vice president, 547-2338.

Help is on the way to help keep in touch with members

Kauleen Volentine, beginning her third year as board treasurer, and our venerable president, **George Deatz**, now have some much-needed professional clerical help. **Katie Ryland** will likely work one day each week in our snug new offices. This should relieve a number of volunteers of such chores such as collecting and depositing checks; billing and renewing current members; fulfilling gift memberships, reimbursing member expenditures on behalf of FOG. She will also assist the president with welcoming of new members as well as handling the increased volume of correspondence related to donations and contributions. In addition to her duties as a CPA at KPM, Kauleen can now concentrate on producing monthly financial reports, compensating a growing number of vendors, service providers and organizations who all share their resources with us; and keeping us in compliance with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) not-for profit corporation. And our president; well, he can resume doing all things presidential. Does anyone know "Hail to the Chief"?

Around & about the Gardens

Volunteers come in all kinds of ways to share their talents

A member's question: *Would you please tell me more about the Friends of the Garden volunteers?*

Answer: My thoughts in a "nut shell" on volunteers: There will always be a percentage of people in any group who are "hands on" volunteers. There are many things a volunteer can do to contribute to a group's success and community mission. The amount of time is not important – it's the quality of time that counts.

An excellent example of a Friends of the Garden volunteer... A person may or may not "dig in the soil," but invest a lot of time with their talents to produce valuable material that presents our message to the public, assist in the new Botanical Center or help construct a bridge, trellis, kiosk, etc. They come in all ages from an 11-year-old docent to an 85-year-old gardener.

For those members that can't commit time, funding through memberships and cash donations can be used to hire contract labor if necessary to fill any needed gaps. So in a way these members are volunteering by "proxy."



George Deatz

Some volunteers are not even "paid members" of the group they are volunteering to help. For example, some of the docent volunteers in the butterfly house or those helping at the butterfly festival are not "dues paying" members of Friends of the Garden, and volunteer only for that one event. However they are just as important to the overall success of our mission.

Volunteers do what they do because they want to help. Much of the time, employees do what they do as part of their job. Each is important. All we ask of a volunteer is that they do at least what they commit to because so many others rely on that commitment.

If you would you like to become a volunteer or join the Friends of the Garden volunteer team, please contact Bob Childress, Garden Chair ulmusfan@mowisp.net or Scott Cunningham, Butterfly House Coordinator jscottc55@hotmail.com For other inquiries or questions please contact me at news@friendsofthegarden.org. Thanks to all of our many volunteers who give the "gift of time."

George Deatz is president of Friends of the Garden.



Reserving Botanical Center requires thinking ahead

It may not seem so, but it has already been four months since the Botanical Center opened to much acclaim and interest. It is a busy place, more so each week.

While the center is pleased to accommodate meetings, the demand so far suggests that you should think ahead by weeks or months. In addition to meetings and events, weddings are being scheduled at a pace that confirms couples have been looking for just such a place for an outdoor wedding or reunion. Facilities include community rooms; workshop studio;

rooftop plaza; and of course, the gardens and gazebos. Services include audio-visual and sound equipment, the warming kitchen and wi-fi services. For information about reserved facilities, call 417-891-1515, or learn more at www.BotanicalCenter.org.

Meanwhile, here are events that may be of interest. Locations vary by event:

- Feb. 12: Tablescape Workshop (1 of 8)
- March 1-July 1: SWMO Camera Club Botanical Center Photo Contest
- March 12: SWMO Water Garden Association Seminar
- March 18 - 20: Springfield Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale
- March 26: SSCA Kite Festival
- April 1: Missouri Arbor Day & Japanese Stroll Garden opens
- April 22-24: Earth Day and Easter Weekend
- April 30: Master Gardener Plant Sale
- May 7: Public Gardens Day: tours and activities
- May 14: Butterfly House Opens/Brentwood Garden Club Plant Sale
- May 21: 4th Annual Young Sprouts in the Garden
- June 6-July 5: Food Preservation Series: Canning and More! (Mondays)
- June 18: 'Bluegrass and Blossoms'
- June 25-26: 4-H Horticulture and Vegetable Exhibit
- July 16-17: Butterfly Festival/SWMO Camera Club Photo Contest Winners Exhibit
- Aug 5: "Free Wheelin Friday" Field trip for Teachers.
- Sept. 9-11: SSCA Japanese Fall Festival
- Sept. 16-17: Annual Ozarks Country School Association; Historic School Summit
- Sept. 17-18: Gray-Campbell Farmstead 1860s Lifestyle Exposition
- Sept. 24: Brentwood Garden Club 50th Anniversary Flower Show
- Oct. 15: Botanical Center's 1st Birthday
- Dec. 3-31 - Garden Railway Holiday Display



Feeding the ducks and geese may be fun, but it's not good for the gardens – or the birds.

Please don't feed the geese (they bite)

Increasing population threatens balance in gardens

Canada Geese and some other varieties, along with a substantial duck population, are now very dominant in the lakes, gardens, and grounds of Close Memorial Park and Nathanael Greene Park.

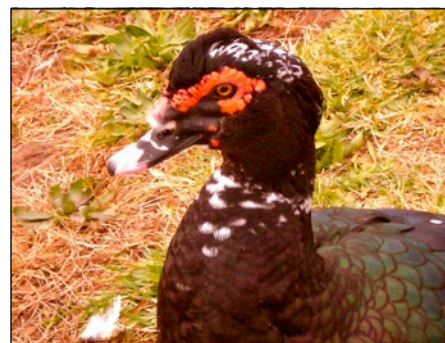
They are popular with photographers, a delight to many children and families who visit our park, and add to the bank of peaceful sounds that create much of the atmosphere of our park. Lately, they have moved on as the lake has been frozen, but they will return, and there's the rub.

They can also be extremely destructive, and in their present numbers will do tremendous damage to our plantings, let alone the unpleasant and dangerous mess that they create on our drives, parking lots, and walkways.

A word of warning: they can bite, as can any animal in the wild.

Limiting them is a very slow and tedious procedure, as the Canada Goose remains a protected species, despite their rapidly increasing numbers in Southwest Missouri.

In conjunction with authorities, we will do what we can to alleviate this problem. Meanwhile, please help us emphasize that feeding the ducks and geese only creates a greater problem. Please do not feed the geese in these parks. This



Along with other varieties, this Muscovy duck is a frequent visitor around Drummond Lake. It is native to Mexico and Central and South America, but feral breeding populations exist around public parks in nearly every state throughout the U.S.

encourages them not to migrate and to stay permanently in residence hindering our progress to make Close Memorial Park and Nathanael Greene Park one of the foremost Botanical Gardens in the Midwest.

We want to live with them and we will not eliminate them, but we do not want them to take over and destroy our facility. They will not starve, but domesticating them by feeding guarantees they will never return to their normal migratory patterns.

Create your own Haven for Butterflies

Encouraging butterflies to visit your garden and you will soon have a menagerie for guests to enjoy

Few sights lift a gardener's heart more than a butterfly floating from bloom to bloom. These beautiful insects are often referred to as flying flowers. It's hard to think of butterflies as insects, a term bringing to mind some of the undesirable garden pests we despise. Butterflies are more than attractive; they also help pollinate plants while searching for nectar, ensuring seeds for future generations.

Butterfly gardening is a labor of love requiring smart planning and a little knowledge of the butterfly's life cycle. Butterflies undergo a remarkable transformation called metamorphosis, usually within six weeks. It's a complete cycle with four distinct stages: egg, caterpillar (larva), chrysalis (pupa), and adult.

Garden Elements

Butterfly gardens can be large or small, traditional or informal, or even in a pot. Choose what works for you. Planting a butterfly garden includes planting the two types of plants butterflies need. First are nectar plants that provide nourishment for the adults. Second are host plants where the eggs are laid and which provide food for the caterpillars.

The best butterfly garden combines both nectar and host plants, encouraging butterflies to spend more time in your garden.

Learn About Native Butterflies

Each butterfly has favorite host and nectar plants. Native butterflies will be looking for native plants that require less maintenance because they're naturally adapted to the region in which they live. You can provide a nice mix of plants to make your garden a popular hangout.

Plant in Full Sun

Flowering plants need sun to make food for themselves and nectar for butterflies. Sunny locations not only maximize the length of time available for feeding, but plants will also bloom longer. Plan for blossoms from spring to fall.

Nectar Plants are sweet to butterflies too

Butterflies are attracted to flowers with strong scents

and bright colors where they drink sweet, energy-rich nectar. Clusters of flowers can have lots of nectar, and broad petals make good perches. Native plants attract native butterflies.

Host Plants for eggs

Butterflies lay their eggs on host plants that the emerging caterpillars will eat. The sight of a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis will more than make up for the chewed leaves.

Healthy Soil Yields

Healthy Plants

Breaking ground? Save time and money in the long run on soil amendments by getting your soil tested. The MU Extension offers soil testing for a fraction of the cost of a private lab. They'll tell you exactly what you need to know. For more information call: 417-881-8909.

Butterfly Friendly Watering

It is our experience that butterflies often enjoy a gentle spray of overhead watering. Droplets form on the plants providing butterflies plenty of opportunities to land and rehydrate themselves.

You've set the stage – now watch the show. You'll be rewarded with the sight of these lovely "flying flowers" floating through your garden on warm summer days.

Copies of this article in brochure form and a companion piece entitled, "How to Register Your Garden as a Monarch Way Station." Presentations to groups and organizations, as well as public and private tours, are available (please see details on Page 1 of this



(Photos courtesy of Chris Barnhart)

At top, a male "lo" seems to be looking outward through probing bright blue eyes on its wings. Above, an imperial moth caterpillar enjoys a never-ending snack.

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

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Butterfly House

Jones, Kathy

*Since Winter 2010 newsletter. If you see an error, omission or any correction, please bring it to our immediate attention at news@friendsofgarden.org

Growth & Maintenance Fund

Feedback



Carver Middle School offers thanks for 7th grade choir support

Dear Friends of the Garden,

Thank you so very much for supporting our Carver Middle School Seventh Grade Choir's performance at the Botanical Garden's ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Your help to cover transportation costs is very much appreciated. Your letter of support brought tremendous enthusiasm and joy to Choir Director Victoria Kurre. Our students will benefit greatly from this memorable experience.

Dr. Dan O'Reilly
Principal

What an extraordinary display of talented young fifth-grade artists

Having recently stopped by the stunning new Botanical Center, I was astounded to find hundreds of colorful posters on display in the lower Atrium, the creations of Springfield fifth graders. I especially liked the one by Bryce Boswell (see poster at left).

They were very artistic and clever; many deserved to be framed. But most of all, they gave me hope that coming generations of young people may be more mindful of how important trees are to our wellbeing and to the quality of life. I believe one is to be awarded "First Place" on Feb. 5 during Arbor Day celebrations. What an honor. Just sign me...

...A proud grandparent.

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.*

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- 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
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- ☐ butterfly house docent
- ☐ marketing & development
- ☐ hardscaping & construction
- ☐ tell me what you need!
- ☐ I have a special talent:

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

- ☐ \$1,000 Platinum
- ☐ \$ 500 Gold
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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

Benefiting the gardens

Silent auction helps fund Winter Garden

Who says winter in the Ozarks means there's no greenery to admire?

Not Gail Wright, Dr. Bill Roston and Bob Childress. This trio of FOG members has been busy designing a Winter Garden, another beautiful display to be added to the more than two dozen gardens in Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

Located near the southwest corner of the Botanical Center, just north of the Viburnum Garden, the Winter Garden will feature ornamental grasses, witch hazel, dwarf conifers and early bulbs.

And, because gardens don't grow without donations, the Winter Garden will benefit from an Outdoor Living Fair sponsored by Maschino's, a century-old Springfield retail institution that sells outdoor patio and fireplace furnishings.

The event from Noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at 1715 S. Campbell Ave., will feature dozens of silent auction items, including rock and gourd art by FOG member Bob Kipfer, with the proceeds to be shared by FOG and Ozark Greenways.

'Butterfly Effect' mural at Cox South

Try hanging this over your couch.

As a Springfield artist Anne Cox wanted to memorialize

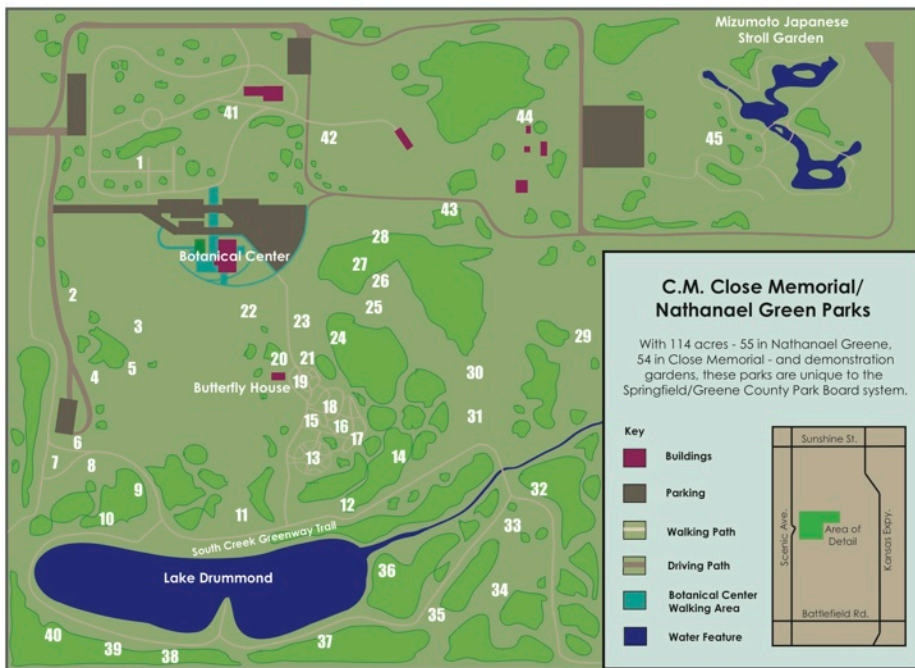
her mother in a special way. The result is this 17-foot mural entitled "Butterfly Effect," now on permanent display in the Atrium at Cox South on the wall of the West Pavilion.

"It was inspired by the Butterfly Garden in the area between the Japanese Garden and Close Garden on Scenic," says Anne. "It contains seven native Missouri butterflies. My interpretation is whimsical and colorful with a hint of fantasy, just like my mother."

Friends of the Garden is supported almost entirely by private donations to the Growth and Maintenance Fund. Among the 23 existing gardens are the outdoor Butterfly Garden and the Bill Roston Butterfly House. Donations should be sent to P.O. 8566, Springfield, 65801.



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*Planned gardens

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 a bit 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, 45# is the Butterfly 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.