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Now a Library of Plants: Where art, science & knowledge merge

Stained glass, Library dedication event is April 30;
Missouri may soon have a state butterfly as the third annual
Butterfly Festival grows to include music in the gardens

Although you might not realize it during the six off-season months since the week of fanfare when the Botanical Center opened last October, hardly a day or evening goes by when the facility is not bustling with activity. A parking place on a warm, sunny day can be hard to come by. The new playgrounds are often full of little ones. Master Gardeners classes and a host of other garden-related organizations have been meeting.

The first lemony jonquils and a carpet of lavender dot the hillsides. Anticipation abounds in every corner, inside and outside.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, there will be a dedication of the newly created Lois K. Boswell Memorial Library and the stained glass "window" created by artist Robin Coulter Crabb in the atrium.

The browsing and reference library is named in honor of the mother of Friends of the Garden charter member Susan Boswell.

"Susan has been a godsend to the Friends of the Garden and a driving force behind the



A Monarch butterfly joins a pair of Great Spangled Fritillaries and a Zebra Swallowtail as honored guests in the Butterfly House. State legislation is pending to make the endangered Regal Fritillary (see inset) the official state butterfly of Missouri, along with the state insect (honeybee) and the state flower (hawthorn).

Botanical Center," says FOG President George Deatz. "The library is yet more evidence of her generosity."

Crabb's stained glass creation – actually a series of glass panels depicting various garden scenes – amplifies the view of the Great Lawn and Lake Drummond from the south-facing window. Robin has been creating stained glass for more than a decade; her creations can be found in area churches, businesses and homes. Private donations paid for her Botanical Center work of art.

But that's only the beginning.

Mark your calendar now for the third Annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival on July 16-17 in Close Memorial Park. This year the event will take advantage of the new facilities, along with the addition of music (you know it as Bluegrass & Blossoms) and activities for every age.

On May 14, the Bill Roston Native Butterfly House will repeat the up-close fluttering spectacle of butterflies, moths, eggs, crawling caterpillars and hatching chrysalides.

Visitors can learn how to attract butterflies to their own home landscape, or shop for garden plants and accents, enjoy children's crafts and activities – including the Caterpillar Petting Zoo. (Don't forget to stop by the new Botanical Boutique for a selection of appropriately whimsical nicknacks related to gardening.)

Better get started now on your butterfly costume or hat for the parade and costume contest! Admission to the festival is free. You can learn about the festival and more at www.friendsofthegarden.org, your virtual resource for everything in the gardens.

Want to get more involved? Festival volunteers are needed for children's activities, guiding visitors and caterpillar-keeping. If you are interested in helping with the Butterfly Festival, contact Cindy Willis at cmw417@gmail.com.

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Butterflies are their passion

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Daylily Society seeks national acclaim

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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. 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.



Chris and Debra Barnhart at a Master Gardeners event. Below, Chris helps up-and-coming lepidopterists.

Whether you're talking about butterflies or people, it takes all kinds to make a festival.

Chris and Debra Barnhart bring their scientific knowledge to the Butterfly Festival, along with strong desire to share it with others.

That's not surprising.

Chris is a biology professor at Missouri State University, where his teaching responsibilities and research interests extend to mussels, frogs and salamanders that are struggling to survive because of pollution in our streams and lakes.

The Barnharts also raise butterflies and moths, and have been a part of the butterfly house since its inception.

Chris is on the board of Friends of the Garden and Debra is on the festival committee. Chris is an outstanding photographer as well. You can view some of his photos at <https://picasaweb.google.com/mcbarnhart>, as well as on the cover of this month's issue of GREENE Magazine.

"They both have a great sense of humor," says Bob Kipfer, a veteran FOG board member. "He has a great reputation in the department with his students." Including some very young ones.

"The Barnharts have such contagious enthusiasm for butterflies and moths," says Cindy Willis, who chairs the festival. "It is great to see them help people discover these animals. We are so lucky to



have their contributions to the Butterfly House and Butterfly Festival."

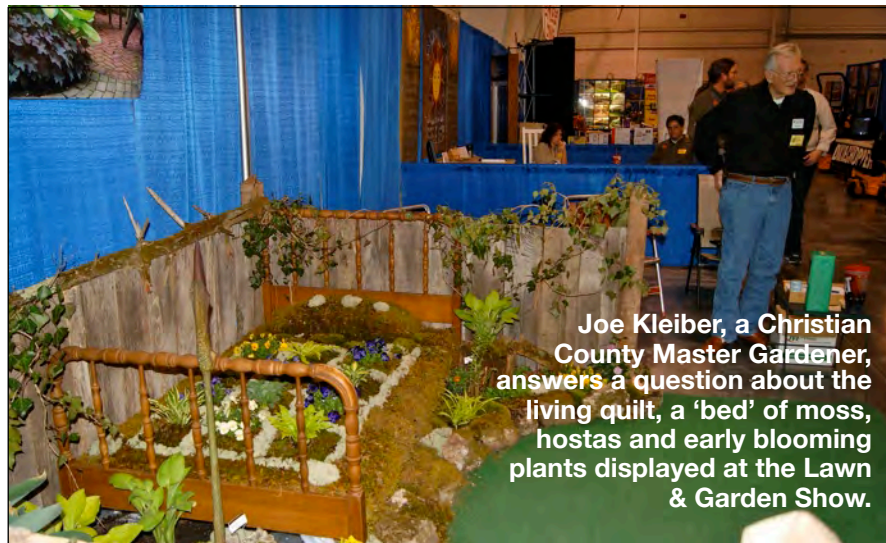
Chris is a watchdog for critters in peril:

"Unionoid mussels are probably the most endangered group of organisms in North America," he wrote on his web site. "Many freshwater animals are in trouble, but mussels are attracting particular attention from biologists and conservation agencies because they are sensitive to so many of problems affecting streams, including pollution, erosion, siltation, impoundment and the introduction of alien species such as zebra mussels."

In October 2010, Chris received the Conservation Champion Appreciation Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He also received the Research Collaborator of the Year Award from the Missouri Department of Conservation at the 2010 Missouri Natural Resources Conference.

Garden Notes

other good stuff



Joe Kleiber, a Christian County Master Gardener, answers a question about the living quilt, a 'bed' of moss, hostas and early blooming plants displayed at the Lawn & Garden Show.

'Living quilt' draws raves for Hosta Society

It's a garden of hostas. No, it's a blanket of moss on a bed. Dr. Bill Roston's unique creation is all this and more.

The Friends of the Garden primary garden designer created a 12-block "quilt" composed of living moss and low-growing hostas and flowers. Bill grew his creation in a wooden mattress-sized box filled with soil-less mix, carefully draped the "quilt" over a rustic wooden bed and surrounded it with gold and blue hostas, a red-bark Japanese maple, mossy rocks, crocuses and daffodils.

This unique tableau of living art made its debut at the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society booth at this year's Lawn & Garden show.

Linda Ellis will present on 'pincushion flower'

Linda Ellis, a professional illustrator from Galena, is on a mission to call attention to a recent invasive noxious weed in the Ozarks known as "pincushion flower" (*Scabiosa atropurpurea*).

Up until now, common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*) and cut-leaved teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*) were the only plants in the same family found in Arkansas and Missouri. Both are spreading at an alarming rate along highways in both states.

Ellis will share her research to the Friends of the Garden monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

The Ozarks chapter of American Native Plant Society will be surveying the plant this summer to get an idea of how far it has spread in Arkansas and Missouri. Pincushion flower has been identified in Greene, Stone and Barry counties.

What can you do? Remove any that you have growing to reduce seed dispersal. Second, plant only native plants in butterfly gardens.

Nancy Hopkins will lead fund-raising efforts

Nancy Hopkins, a Friends of the Garden board member, will chair a committee to raise funds for a unique botanical garden.

The "Sensory Garden" will be a symphony of natural sounds and sensation for everyone, but with special appeal to physically and visually disabled visitors. The raised beds and Braille-labeled garden is designed to stimulate the senses using plants of different textures to the touch, plants that hum in the wind and plants that are fragrant and beautiful.

Scott Cunningham adopts Library Center rain garden

Scott Cunningham, the hard-working, soft-spoken operational chair of the Bill Roston Butterfly House, has taken on another project – maintenance of the rain garden at The Library Center.

The garden was created through a grant from the state conservation department. It borders either side of the entrance of the center and is planted with various native plants.

Around & about the Gardens

A spring walk around Lake Drummond fills trash bags

On a recent Sunday, my wife asked, "Are you going to the park today?" My reply, "I might." When I arrived at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, the parking lots were already half full. I started around the west end of Lake Drummond with two shopping bags in my pocket just in case I saw some trash.

On the south side of the lake, near the dogwood trees, I thought I would walk the tree line to see what was coming up in the wooded area. Next to the spring wild flowers, an empty lunch sack with some cups was nestled in tall grass at the edge of the trees. By the time I made my way around the lake to the point where the South Creek Greenway crosses South Creek (near the new Dwarf Conifer Garden), I had two bags full of cups, cans, bottles, and other assorted trash to throw in the blue trash barrel. I thought to myself, humans are the only animal who trash their surroundings on purpose. They know it is wrong – or should – but they do it anyway.



George Deatz

Rounding the east end of the lake, activity was starting to pick up on the Greenway as young parents with their kids in strollers and on bikes, older adults walking together, runners jogging the trail, all said hello. By the time I got to the vista, people were picnicking, feeding the ducks and geese (please don't feed them; they never leave anything but a mess), playing in the open space of the vista, looking over the freshly manicured gardens with spring flowers blooming and photographing the beauty around them. I thought to myself, "This is what our parks are all about!"

By the time I backed out and drove away, my space already was being taken by another user of our park. All of the good the park produced for all of these people made the two bags of trash fade from my mind. We should all enjoy our park, with its wonderful gardens and arboretum. Won't you join me and carry a couple of bags in your pocket?

For more information on Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, visit: www.friendsofthegarden.org.

George Deatz is president of Friends of the Garden.



Gardens quickly becoming a favorite family destination

We may gain an understanding of what Yogi Berra meant when he said, "Nobody goes there any more; it's too crowded."



As events unfold and more people learn about the Botanical Center, the gardens are a popular place for all ages. It's great to see so many people enjoying the gardens. They belong to all us. Somebody tell Yogi there's still plenty of room, even for him.

Events at the Botanical Center

Here are events that may be of interest. Locations vary by event:

- 📅 **April 1:** Missouri Arbor Day & Japanese Stroll Garden opens
- 📅 **April 22-24:** Earth Day and Easter Weekend
- 📅 **April 30:** Master Gardener Plant Sale, 7:30 a.m.
- 📅 **April 30: 11 a.m.** Library & Stained Glass Dedication; Botanical Center atrium
- 📅 **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 2-4:** Ozark Gardening Adventure; Master Gardener State Conference, Durand Center, Harrison, Ark.
- 📅 **June 6-July 5:** Food Preservation Series: Canning and More! (Mondays)
- 📅 **June 18:** Master Gardeners of Greene County, Public Tour of Private Gardens. For more information, call 881-8909, Ext. 320; or e-mail: mg.greenecounty@gmail.com
- 📅 **June 25-26:** 4-H Horticulture and Vegetable Exhibit
- 📅 **July 16-17:** Butterfly Festival/SMWO 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



A six-ton jade boulder now greets visitors to the Japanese Stroll Garden – if visitors only knew. The boulder was shipped from Alaska to Springfield by the late Joe Green.

Botanical Society opens gates

Annual meeting includes access to stroll garden

When the Botanical Society meets on Thursday, April 7, for its annual meeting and Open House, the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden will be open without charge from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity to visit one of Springfield's most unexpected attractions, to learn about Botanical Society and its plans for the Japanese gardens. Each year, the gardens serve as backdrop to the Springfield Sister Cities Association Japanese Fall Festival, this year on Sept. 9-11.

Although daily admission is normally \$3 per person, members of Friends of the Garden get two passes good for the season except during the Japanese Fall Festival.

For those who are not familiar with the Japanese gardens, they are located at the rear of Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. (See map on page 8 of this newsletter.) As you enter the grounds, take the first left turn onto the asphalt drive, continue to the large parking lot at the east end of the park.

The Japanese Stroll Garden was created in 1984 on 7.5 acres of vacant land. Landscapers from Springfield's sister city, Isesaki, Japan, quickly became involved and visited regularly to help develop the gardens. For the past four years, the original entrance has been closed for renovation (see photo below), but reopened in 2010.

Those planning to attend the annual should gather at the ticket house near the main entrance. Refreshments will be provided by the Botanical Society.

For further information, please call Linda Siler at 417-883-2399, or Jerry O'Quinn at 417-840-4849.



A new look at the meditation garden, updated in 2010.

In the gardens

Daylily Gardens move up

Any regular visitor to the gardens knows there is a rhythm to the display of plants that marches through the warm seasons as surely as a parade of flowers.

It's as if Mother Nature has always known that each variety is too extraordinary to squander. Gardeners, of course, are left to discover new cultivars that complement older ones, none more intensely than growers of daylilies (*Hemerocallidaceae*), which begin blooming in June for about six weeks, although some new cultivars bloom as late as fall.

Even their original Latin name, *Hemerocallis*, is derived from two Greek words meaning "beauty" and "day," a reference to the fact that each flower lasts only a day. As if to make up for this, however, each daylily stalk produces many buds, and each clump of plants has many "fans", so that the flowering extends for weeks. As a bonus, many cultivars have more than one flowering period.

The Ozark Daylily Society is one of the most active groups at work in the gardens. Founded in 2006, with about 30 members, and has benefited from many plant donations. One benefactor, Duane Cookson of Troy, Mo., is the brother of Frieda Alexander, society president. His contributions of daylily cultivars have helped the garden expand to more than 1,600 varieties.

Now the society has a new goal, to become a American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden. To do so, every daylily must be carefully labeled, an expensive and laborious process.

"What we have started doing in the last two years is thinning out the beds and labeling them," says society member Beverly Long. This means you're going to see completely new beds within the next two years."

These efforts create opportunities for other gardeners to share in the plant bounty. Twice a year, the society sells plants to the public, the first time in conjunction with the Master Gardeners Plant Sale (this year on April 30). A second sale will be the same weekend as the Butterfly Festival (July 16-17).

Two members, Alexander and co-worker Cliff Garland, garden coordinator, have designated more than \$2,000 to Friends of the Garden through their volunteer efforts, which are donated by the Walmart Foundation's Voluntarism Always Pays (VAP) program.

Since the early 1930s, hybridizers in the U.S. and England have made great improvements in daylilies. Originally yellow, orange, and fulvous red, now the



Daylilies are among the most satisfying perennial flowers in the garden. Adaptable to both sun and shade, they require little attention.



(Photos courtesy of George Deatz)

spectrum ranges from near-white to vivid and pastel yellows, oranges, pinks, vivid reds, crimson, purple, nearly true-blue, and fabulous blends. There are said to be more than 60,000 different cultivars, a few selling for up to \$2,500.

There's one more goal: Now the gardens are becoming known nationally, society members hope to one day organize a daylily Show, along with the Regional Daylily Conference on June 24-26, 2011 in Columbia and a national conference May 25-28, 2011 in Baton Rouge, La. You can learn more and even become a member for as little as \$5 at www.ozarkdaylily.org.

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

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Burkey, Dr. Jordan*
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Coates, Lee & Peggy*
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Cox-Compere, Bill & Anne
Davenport, Wanda*
Deatz, George & Linda*
Deck, Ed & Mary Ellen*
Dolan, Alice*
Duchscherer, Diana
Duncan, Bill
Eddy, Joyce & Ken
Ellis, Linda*
Enderson, Dayle & Anne*
Esch, Peggy
Fairleigh, Verna
Faulkner, Molly Chandler
Findley, Jacqueline*
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Fry, Mary Quinn*
Fusselman, Jon & Sue*
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Goff, Alan
Grantham, Ashley
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Guyer, Pat & Robert
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Harris, Marjorie*
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Herndon, Bob & Sara*
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Holand, Gail & Roy*
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Ives, Dani & Brandon*
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Jolley, Jason
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Redfearn, Paul & Alice*
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*Since the February 2011 newsletter. If you see an error, omission or correction, please bring it to our immediate attention at news@friendsofgarden.org.

Upcoming Events:

'Nature in the Park' competition showcases photography in gardens

Friends of the Garden, the Southwest Missouri Camera Club and GREENE Magazine are cooperating to sponsor the first annual Nature in the Park Photography Competition. The competition is open to both adults and children (under 12). Entries will be accepted through June 30, 2011, and displayed in the atrium at the Botanical Center.

Winners will be announced during the third annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival July 16-17. Entries are limited to one per person in each category. More than \$500 in prizes will be awarded, courtesy of Black River Imaging and Lawrence Photo & Video, as follows:

- Four first-prize winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Black River Imaging.
- Four second-prize winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Lawrence Photo & Video.
- Four third-prize winners will receive a membership to The Southwest Missouri Camera Club.
- Two adult first-prize winners will receive a one-year membership in Friends of the Garden.

Images may show natural habitat, plant life, natural landscapes, wildlife or people interacting with nature during events and festivals, so long as they are in Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Garden and Park.

Photos are not restricted to a specific time of year. However, entries that show clearly identified people must include permission for publication from the individuals depicted, and entrants must be able to provide copies of those releases to The Southwest Missouri Camera Club upon request.

All images must be 8 by 10 inches, matted for display on an 11 by 14-inch board. Lawrence Photo & Video will provide entrants a 20 percent discount for photo printing, limited to one entry in each category. Each entry will become the property of Friends of the Garden Inc., which will retain all publication rights.

You may download a detailed copy of the rules and the official entry form on the Friends of the Garden's web site, www.friendsofthegarden.org. For more information, please contact Sandy Reese, Nature in the Park Photo Competition Chair, at 881-4104, or by e-mail at zsandyngv@att.net.

Butterfly House orientation is April 27

Mark your calendar now to hear Chris Barnhart, Rose Atchley and Bill Roston during the volunteer orientation at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, at the Botanical Center. These three are willing to go "on the road" to address interested organizations.

Rose is growing "host" plants in her greenhouse. More Volunteers are needed to help raise host plants to satisfy the voracious appetites of caterpillars. And while the plants do recover, it takes time.

If you're interested in a presentation, growing plants or becoming a docent, contact Scott Cunningham at jscottc55@hotmail.com.

Master Gardener Plant Sale April 30

Mark your calendar, set your alarm and start making your list of plants to buy at the annual Master Gardener Plant Sale at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, April 30.

Potential buyers should arrive bright and early for the best selection of shrubs, small trees, bulbs, perennials, annuals, ornamental grasses, ground covers, houseplants, vegetables, herbs and garden-related items. The event helps Master Gardeners continue the group's mission of providing gardening information to the public by providing free seminars, literature and help.

We welcome notice of events for publication pertaining to the mission of the Nathanael Greene/Close Gardens & Park. Write us at news@friendsofthegarden.org. Include your name and e-mail address or phone number so that we can be in touch. 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 wishes 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 to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden*
- *excluding the Japanese Fall Festival in September*
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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

One Year later:

Audrey is a homebody – for now

Remember Audrey?

That was the name given to the odiferous – but fascinating – tropical corpse plant that drew thousands of Springfield area residents to the 2010 Lawn & Garden Show and, later, to Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park for a brief time of blooming.

Audrey wowed admirers with its lush growth and showy blossom, despite distinct its putrid smell that's been likened to a rotting corpse. The plant (real name: *Amorphophallus titanum*) is native to the island of Sumatra; in the U.S., it has bloomed fewer than 60 times since 1939. Its flower lasts only about 36 hours.

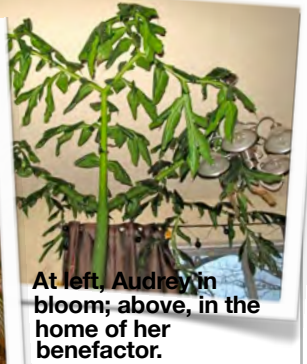
Audrey got her name from the voracious and fast-growing man-eating plant in the 1960 rock musical. Now eight feet tall with a leaflet canopy nine feet wide, she resides in the Forsyth home of Dr. Bill and Judy Roston, who bought it as a 35-pound tuber on eBay.

"It is in our dining room and will remain captive until at a random time, maybe 12 to 18 months, when it goes dormant," says Bill. "At that time, we will be able to move it out of the house. It is a beautiful plant and, as I sit here under its canopy eating

breakfast, I wonder who the captive is."

"We took it outside in early June. At that time the leaf petiole, the about six of the leaflets was three feet in diameter," explained Bill. "In mid-September, we brought Audrey into the house to keep her from freezing and just barely got her in through the door. It will go through the leaf cycle for three to 10 years. As the tuber grows and stores energy, it will produce another flower, always at random."

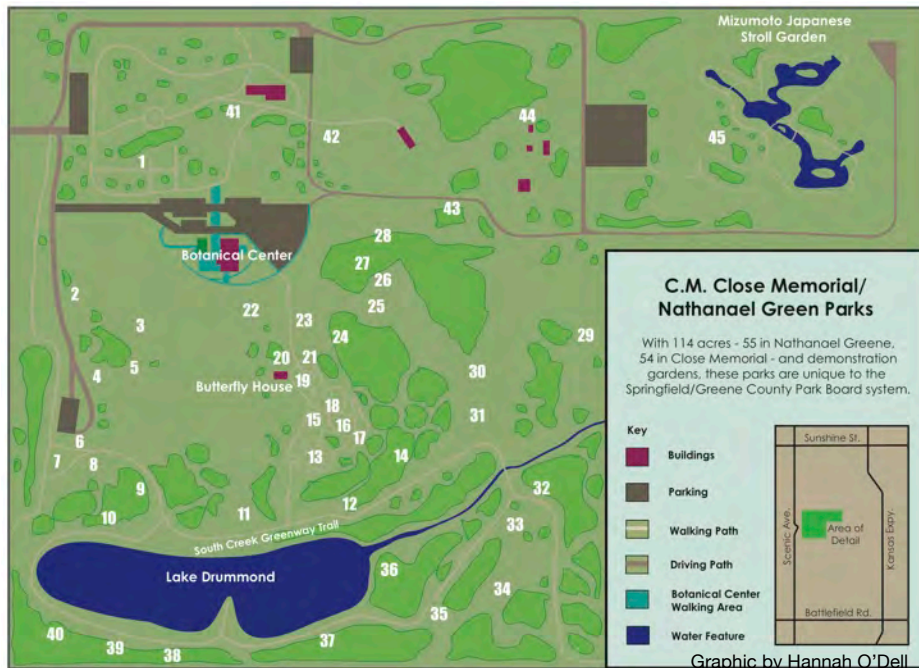
The Rostons plan to "baby" Audrey along, hoping for another spectacular, albeit smelly, bloom in a few years. We'll let you know when.



At left, Audrey in bloom; above, in the home of her benefactor.

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Take the right turn to get to the gardens

Visitors to Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park and Arboretum 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. This map, which includes directions to the parks (inset map) as well directions for convenient parking, will help. 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, 29# is the Kickapoo Edge Prairie Garden) for information on various gardens. Introductions for every garden and the Butterfly House have been recorded, with signage in place listing the numbers for each garden.