

Butterflies, bluegrass take center stage

Third annual festival will feature music and angels on wings

Get ready to release your inner child; full schedule of this two-day event on page 5

We could tell you that the third annual Butterfly, Bluegrass and Blooms Festival at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park will be bigger and better than ever, which it is. (The proof may be the 55-foot long kid-friendly bounce house.)

Or that three bands are scheduled to perform (they are). Or that there will be a parade (with costumes), characters, storying-telling, award-winning "Nature in the Park" photographs, a live butterfly release, seminars, gardening vendors and more. Or that it's all free although donations will be cheerfully accepted as you step into the butterfly house for the time of your life.

And, of course, there will food for people as well as butterflies.

Plus:

🌻 **The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden** will open 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Admission to the garden is free during festival hours.

🌻 **The Gray-Campbell Farmstead** will be open from 1-4 p.m. each day of the festival.

It's all true, but if you're not there, it won't be the same, which is why Friends of the Garden wants you to come, bring a friend or extended family members, and warn them that inside each of us is an inner child, yearning for a chance to think young again. In fact, if you're reading this online, you can easily pass this newsletter along to others – and invite them.

So mark your calendar this very moment for July 16-17. Make plans. Get ready to have the time of your life, leave the adult in you wherever adults go, and come rediscover your inner child. Even now, you can almost hear the sound of caterpillars chowing down on host plants in the Bill Roston Native Butterfly House, preparing to become one of the 25 or so Missouri varieties. And lest

you think it's not nice to keep butterflies in a house, realize that those who escape can't wait to get back in where the the party is and predators aren't allowed. You can also observe up-close extraordinary spectacle of butterflies unfolding their wings, moths, eggs, crawling caterpillars and hatching chrysalides all in one place.

Master Gardeners will offer tips on gardening to attract butterflies; and photographers will offer tips to try for better butterfly photos.

And did we forget to mention the Caterpillar Petting Zoo? Naaah, we just wanted to save the best for last, because if you have never petted a caterpillar, the kid in you is missing out.



Visitors to the Butterfly House during the 2010 festival discover the intricate world of lepidoptera, which includes both butterflies and moths. In the foreground is native Echinacea, one of the favorite hosts plants. Inset: all eyes for art.

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Solar tram offers tours

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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.

Profile: Gail Wright



Whether juggling her duties as FOG board secretary or volunteering as a Master Gardener, Gail Wright grows plants and organizations. Tip: The plant labels are made from recycled plastic venetian blinds, good for remembering what's where.

Whatever hat it takes, she wears it

Gail Wright ought to know her way around the garden. She was member of the first graduating class of Master Gardeners in 1993, and has been a hands-on volunteer ever since.

"She knows more about plants than anybody I know," says **Cindy Arrowood**, a Master Gardener since 2002. "She's just a joy to be around."

Keeping with with Gail can't be easy. She's a frequent visitor to gardens in Kansas, and looks forward to buying trips to the Powell Gardens east of Kansas City.

Her quiet leadership as board secretary of Friends of the Garden might lead you to think she is a shrinking violet instead of a gardening dynamo willing to wear whatever hat the job requires.

Gail is currently serving her third year as FOG secretary, a hands-on responsibility that requires note-taking, preparing and distributing monthly minutes by e-mail. She also serves on the executive committee in addition to helping with the Master Gardeners plant sale, the Butterfly Festival and just about any other event. She's also leading the design team for the new Winter Garden now under construction.

"Gail is all about gardening," says **George Deatz**.

On a recent spring day before the rains came, she was busy in her own garden guiding volunteers collecting ornamental grasses, hellebores and daylilies for the Master Gardeners annual plant sale.

A few days later, she traveled to Kansas in search of cultivars. In between, she has helped get the Ozark Daylily Society's extensive gardens reorganized so they can be accredited nationally.

"One of the things I admire most about Gail is her tremendous knowledge of plants," says **Barbara St. Clair**, president of Master Gardeners of Greene County. "(That) and her untiring enthusiasm for what she calls 'wonderful plants,' a group that is fairly inclusive since she seems to be growing most of them!"

From huge grasses and cannas and viburnums to tiny cyclamen at the foot of her trees, Gail knows their names, their heritage, their habits and exactly where she got them.

"It is really fun to walk around a garden with her and see how genuinely pleased she is to run across an old favorite or a brand new hybrid to add to her memory book. Gail is the best plants person I know and it's a treat to learn from her. It is also a real treat to be the recipient of her generosity, for she loves to share her treasures with gardeners she thinks will value her plants."



At left, Gail shares her knowledge of host plants with young visitors to the Butterfly Festival in 2010.

Garden Notes

other good stuff



Peter Longley serves as designated driver for the first day of operation for the new solar tram, see inset above. The tram is powered by rooftop panels, and is fully handicap accessible.

Solar-power tram debuts for those who need lift

Need a little assistance getting around? Visit the Botanical Center weekends from 1-5 p.m. and you can climb aboard the new solar-powered tram now in operation at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. The tram is handicapped accessible. It is available to groups by appointment week days (417-891-1515).

The new solar tram follows a paved route that provides access to the gardens in Nathanael Greene Close Memorial Park, including a new section of asphalt closing the loop around the park near the Dwarf Conifer Garden. The tram is now able to circle the park, thanks in part to the joint project between Springfield-Greene County Parks and Friends of the Garden to provide an 810-foot long strip of new hard surface.

Kipfer, Catlin honored for environmental leadership

Springfield Plateau Chapter Missouri Master Naturalists has recognized **Bob Kipfer** (Friends of the Garden board member and past president) for his leadership role in several organizations dedicated to conservation of the natural environment.

Both Bob and Barbara Kipfer have been very active volunteers, providing service with the Springfield Plateau Chapter as well as being involved with the Master Naturalist State Advisory Committee," says Bob Pierce, state wildlife specialist with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society (GOAS) recognized **Dave Catlin** with its Environmental Excellence Award. Catlin has been an active member of the organization for more a decade, providing leadership and fund-raising talent, including the creation of an endowment and several grant proposals.

Record number of FOG members

Friends of the Garden now has a record membership of 728, and the numbers are increasing. our goal is 1,000 members. If each of us recruits just one new member, we'll be there. Many times, all you have to do is ask.

The **FOG Nominating Committee** chaired by **Marthe Close** is already at work. Becoming an active board member is one of the most satisfying ways to volunteer. Inquiries are welcome at FriendsOftheGarden.org.

Around & about the Gardens

Use and enjoy your parks, support your parks!

We are blessed with having one of the finest public park systems in the country. The Springfield-Greene County Parks Department in partnership with taxpayers, thousands of volunteers and a dedicated staff has delivered an assortment of educational and recreational facilities unmatched in most other communities.

Because of this strength, Greene County is drawing people from throughout the region, the state and beyond to experience the offerings of our diverse facilities. These facilities include the Botanical Gardens & Complex with the new Botanical Center in Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, it is now surrounded by 26 gardens with the addition in April of the Azalea Garden. It was funded by a generous private donation from Ruth Arneson, in addition to 200 Azaleas donated by Dow and Linda Whiting, owners of Garden Adventures Nursery in Nixa.

In addition to the Botanical Gardens & Complex at 2400 S. Scenic there are more than 100 other public



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park properties throughout the Greene County area. Please take a few days this year to enjoy the diverse opportunities you have and visit some of these tremendous assets. For a list of City-County Parks and other public facilities visit www.parkboard.org, pick up a current copy of *The Park Bench* for a list of recreational programs and activities or call 417-864-1049.

Later this summer, you could be asked to support a renewal and small addition to the Greene County parks and storm-water sales tax. Please don't think that it's a waste of time and money to provide this support. It's not!

If you are currently a Friends of the Garden member, thank you for all you have done to help us fulfill our mission. If you are not yet a member, please join our growing family and become a member today. Together we can reach our goal of 1,000 members as we continue to grow and maintain the gardens surrounding the new Botanical Center. Visit www.friendsofthegarden.org. You may use the registration form in this newsletter. See you around the park!

George Deatz is president of Friends of the Garden.



Library at Botanical Center enriches and educates

We've expressed the notion that the Close Gardens are a kind of library – of plants. Now the Botanical Center has a more traditional library – of books on gardening and more. Thanks to the generosity of Susan Boswell and her family, the Botanical Center is now blessed with a “growing” reference library.



At **Friends the Garden.org**, you'll find an entire virtual

community and garden resources that should satisfy your inquisitive side. And if you're reading this online, many of the web sites we mention are interactive. Just click on the blue type and

you're there. Thanks to the continuing efforts of **R.J. Jacob**, a Master Gardener, FOG member and web designer in Branson West for sharing his talents with FOG; and of course to our president, **George Deatz**, whose **FOG Daily New Blog** has reached near-legendary status among garden enthusiasts. Each of our 26 gardens is now registered with the 10,000 Gardens initiative announced by **Gov. Jay Nixon**.

Here are some upcoming events that may interest you. Locations vary by event.

Upcoming Events

- June 2-4: Master Gardeners State Conference, Durand Center, Harrison, Ark.
- June 6-July 5: Food Preservation Series: Canning and More! (Mondays only) Call 881-8909 to register.
- 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
- July 9-10: 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: SCSA 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



Members of the crew that created the new Azalea Garden. From left, Frank Mason, Dow Whiting, Bob Childress, Dick Brunskill, Ruby Miller, Tom Lakowske, Joe Kleiber and Ed Miller. Also working with the crew was Major Close.

Azaleas newest addition to gardens 200 plantings vibrant with spring colors

The newest creation in the Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Gardens and Park the Azalea Garden planted April 20.

The colorful assortment of azaleas were donated by **Dow and Linda Whiting**, owners of Garden Adventures Nursery in Nixa. Funding for the hardscape and ornamental trees was donated by Friends of the Garden board member **Ruth Arneson**, vice-president of Marisol International.

Dow Whiting also designed the new garden, located east of the new Botanical Center in raised beds under shady hackberries. The garden consists of 200 assorted azaleas of approximately 20 varieties, and eight trees, including five varieties of Japanese Maple, hemlock and Cornus Mas, (your may know it as Cornelian Cherry).

Tom Lakowske, president of the **Greater Ozarks Hosta Society**, plans to donate hostas for the garden as well.

The Whitings were also instrumental in organizing the Nixa Azalea Association, which started the Nixa Azalea Festival in 2006. (Nixa was recently designated an Azalea city by the Azalea Society of America.)

Ozark Daylily Society hosts indoor display on June 19

The Ozark Daylily Society will host a public Daylily Display on Sunday June 19th. It's open to the public beginning

at Noon in the Atrium at the Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic, Springfield.

And of course, while you're there, you can view the beautiful Daylily Garden in Close Memorial Park from sunrise to sunset.

For more information on the Ozark Daylily Society visit, OzarkDaylily.org, or contact Bev & Walt Long by e-mail at waltandbevelong@sbcglobal.net.

Piecemakers Quilt Guild sponsor quilt block contest

The Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild is sponsoring a competition in connection with the Butterfly Festival.

Quilt blocks must have a butterfly or moth theme and may include any part of the life cycle (egg, caterpillar, pupa or cocoon, and adult). Blocks submitted will not be returned, but will be made into a quilt for donation to FOG.

All entries will be displayed and winners announced at the Botanical Center during the Butterfly Festival.

Entries should be on a 12-inch block (12 1/2" unfinished). Any method of construction will be accepted, including hand or machine pieced, appliquéd, or embroidered.

Deadline is June 28, 2011. For more information or to submit an entry, please contact Janice Woodring at jwoodring94@yahoo.com or 417-827-9729.

Third Annual Butterfly Festival

Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 16		<i>Festival Activities open 10:00am-4:00pm</i>	
10:00 am	"Nature in the Park" Photo Competition Awards	Sponsored by the Southwest Missouri Camera Club	Botanical Center Atrium
10:15 am	"Butterfly Beginnings"	Discover the butterfly life cycle. 20 mins., for families with children 6-12	Botanical Center Classroom
11:00 am	"Gardening for Butterflies"	Learn to attract butterflies to your home landscape	Botanical Center Classroom
11:00 am	Live Butterfly Release	Meet some of our native butterfly species	Butterfly Garden
12:00 pm	"Butterfly Photography"	Expert tips and tricks for your own butterfly photos	Botanical Center Classroom
12:30 pm	Colorguard Presentation	By the Ozarks Regional Young Marines	The Walnut Grove, west of Butterfly House
1:00 pm	Live Music Begins	Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the show	The Walnut Grove, west of Butterfly House
1:00 pm	"Butterflies' Lives"	Introducing the life and biology of your favorite insects! For ages 12 and up	Botanical Center Classroom
1:00 pm	Butterfly Storytime	Join us for a butterfly story or two	Redbud Garden Gazebo, just east of the Botanical Center
1:45 pm	Butterfly Costume Contest	Make sure you've entered your costume at one of the contest tables	Botanical Center South Plaza
2:00 pm	Pollinator Parade	Wear your costume and join the fun	Botanical Center South Plaza
2:00 pm	"Keeping Caterpillars"	Learn how to raise caterpillars and witness their metamorphosis	Botanical Center Classroom
3:00 pm	Butterfly Storytime	Join us for a butterfly story or two	Redbud Garden Gazebo, just east of the Botanical Center
Sunday, July 17		<i>Festival Activities open 11:00am-4:00pm</i>	
11:00 am	"Gardening for Butterflies"	Learn to attract butterflies to your home landscape	Botanical Center Classroom
12:00 pm	"Butterfly Photography"	Expert tips and tricks for your own butterfly photos	Botanical Center Classroom
1:00 pm	"Butterflies' Lives"	Introducing the life and biology of your favorite insects! For ages 12 and up	Botanical Center Classroom
1:00 pm	Butterfly Storytime	Join us for a butterfly story or two	Redbud Garden Gazebo, just east of the Botanical Center
1:45 pm	Butterfly Costume Contest Butterfly Hat Contest Awards	Make sure you've entered your costume or hat at a contest table	Botanical Center South Plaza
2:00 pm	Pollinator Parade	Wear your costume and join the fun	Botanical Center South Plaza
3:00 pm	Butterfly Storytime	Join us for a butterfly story or two	Redbud Garden Gazebo, just east of the Botanical Center
3:30 pm	"Butterfly Beginnings"	Discover the butterfly life cycle. 20 mins., for families with children 6-12	Botanical Center Classroom

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

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*Since the April 2011 newsletter. If you see an error, omission or correction, please bring it to our immediate attention at news@friendsofthegarden.org

Photo Contest:

'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 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.

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 2sandyngv@att.net.

Flower Show May 27-28 salutes veterans

The Springfield Council of Federated Garden Clubs will present a Patriotic Flower Show May 27 and 28 at The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, in Springfield. Hours are Noon to 8:30 p.m., Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The event is free to the public. A Marine Color Guard will open this year's show at Noon Friday.

"We wanted to use a patriotic theme for the show to salute all the veterans and their families in the area," said Ruth McMillion, Ever Green Garden Club president and flower show chair. "We hope many will attend the show to see how beautifully we do this with flowers and designs." The show will feature more than 300 specimens grown in the area displayed using military themes and patriotic songs in 48 artistic flower designs.

Three exhibits will feature "Hummers See Red," "Get Those Garden Blues" and "White Night Gardens."

The National Federation of Garden Clubs, organized in 1929, is recognized as the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. Its mission is to provide education, resources and networking opportunities for members to promote love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility.

We welcome notice of events for publication pertaining to the mission of the Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial 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.



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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.

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- 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

Lions adds Edwin Hubble to History Walk: Marshfield native was a pioneer in modern astronomy

Although visitors to the parks realize the Hubble Telescope has opened up the universe like never before, it's likely many of us don't know it was named for Edwin Hubble, let alone that he was born in nearby Marshfield.

The Springfield Host Lions Club will honor Hubble with a stone in its History Walk at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011. The public is invited to attend. Last year a new 28th stone honored the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones.

NASA recognized Hubble's incredible work by naming of the orbiting Hubble telescope for him. He is called a "Pioneer of Distant Stars."

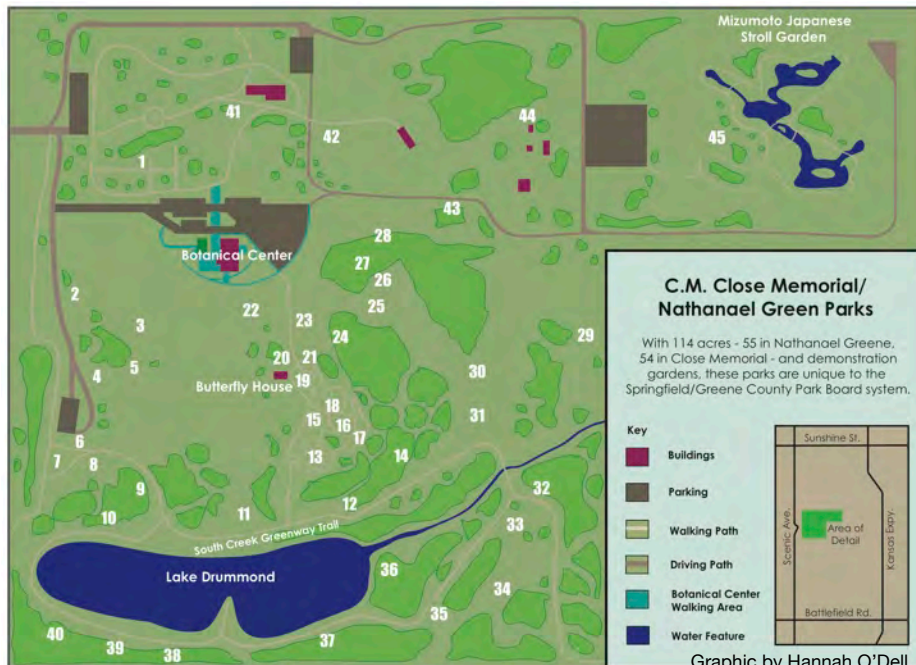
Hubble was one of Oxford University's first Rhodes Scholars. He spent 34 years on staff at California's Mt. Wilson observatory, where he was the first astronomer to use the Palomar Giant 200-inch telescope. He profoundly changed our understanding of the universe by determining the existence of other galaxies beyond the Milky Way.

Following the ceremony near the Nathanael Greene Park flag pole, there will be an evening of Star Gazing beginning about 9 p.m., with the Springfield Astronomical Society setting up telescopes for your viewing pleasure on the Botanical Building Roof Plaza.

At right, Edwin Hubble at the Mt. Wilson Observatory. Below, school children learn history from the History Walk at Nathanael Greene Park.



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Guide to the gardens

1. Master Gardener Demonstration Garden
2. Winter Garden*
3. Freedom Garden*
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6. Entrance Garden
7. Rose Garden
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11. English Garden
12. Victorian Garden*
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14. Terrace Garden*
15. Iris Garden
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17. Peony Garden
18. Lily Garden
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23. Bulb & Tuber Garden*
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25. Magnolia Garden*
26. Japanese Maple Garden*
27. Cercis (Redbud) Garden
28. Dogwood Garden
29. Kickapoo Edge Prairie Garden
30. Flowering Tree Garden*
31. Pendula Garden*
32. Rock Garden*
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34. Conifer Garden*
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44. Heritage Garden
45. Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden

*Planned gardens

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, 39# is the Ornamental Grass Garden) for information on various gardens. Introductions for every garden and the Butterfly House (46#) have been recorded, with signage in place listing the numbers for each garden.