

Why we're a thousand strong

Membership surges, Botanical Society merges, new garden emerges as Sensory Garden campaign plans for accessible area for all

For our newer members, and three fourths of you have been members less than three years, here's a bit of history. With no pun intended, it's all about groundwork.

When George Deatz began the first of three terms as president of Friends of the Garden (2009-2011), his goal was to reach 1,000 members. With 250 members at the time and fund-raising for the new botanical center seemingly stalled by economic downturn, both goals seemed formidable. Little did we know the meaning of persistence.

Now the Botanical Center Complex is a year old and George Deatz's presidential persistence has helped us reach that goal. The last time we reported membership totals in September, we were 800 strong. Now the number is just above 1,000. A portion of that increase comes from our friends in the Botanical Society of Southwest Missouri, who have joined the ranks of FOG. Even so, much of the growth is good old-fashioned hard work by many people, with George Deatz leading the way. If he were running for higher office, he would have the nomination wrapped up into a root ball.

Just in time, too, since the bylaws allow "only" three consecutive terms as president. Nominations for officers come in November, with elections in December.

Our stalwart president would be the first to insist it has been a team effort with help coming from dozens of individuals who have volunteered for many events, spreading the word like creeping Thyme that FOG is a special group of people.

Volunteers have stepped up to serve as docents in the Bill Roston Native Butterfly House, and next year a contingent of "junior docents" is being organized.



Dick Brunskill and Rodney Johnson combine their grilling skills to keep an eye on dozens of "dogs" at the first birthday bash for the Botanical Center Complex.

Benefactors have contributed generously to purchase necessary plants and materials to create the Dwarf Conifer Garden, Redbud Garden, Azalea Garden, Wildflower Garden and most recently, the Winter Garden. And not to be forgotten, the impromptu Chrysanthemum Garden, a collection of wild fall colors gleaned from last year's dedication.

And that doesn't even include multiple beds around the Botanical Center, including three topiaries created by Katie Steinhoff and donated by Linda Siler. And the heavy lifting of Tom Lakowske, FOG board member and president of the Great Ozarks Hosta Society, who updated the Hosta Garden; and the Ozark Daylily Society, each group in a quest for accreditation.

Yes, a year does make a difference.

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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 park gardens. 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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Term ends October 2012

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Term ends October 2013

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Term expires October 2014

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Term expires October 2014

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Term expires October 2014

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*Elected Oct. 13, 2011

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:



Scott Cunningham guides a generation of future lepidopterists in releasing butterflies during the festival in July. Below right, laid back on his recumbent bicycle.

Butterfly man: Scott Cunningham



Scott Cunningham has a low-key way about him that is soothing both to children and the 25 varieties of native butterflies. Especially the ones that come to the Bill Roston Native Butterfly house, where he is the chief of docents, helping to recruit, train an manage work schedules to make sure the doors are open (figuratively speaking).

Thanks to his efforts at recruiting and training docents, more than 17,000 people visited the house in 2011, including more than 2,400 at the Third Annual Butterfly Festival in July. That's up from 15,000 in 2010.

"We just couldn't operate the butterfly house without the administrative and organizational skills we receive from Scott Cunningham," says outgoing President George Deatz.

Thanks in part to Scott's recruiting efforts, 34 docents are signed up to guide visitors in 2012, and a new group of "junior docents" is being organized.

Butterflies and Friends of the Garden aren't the only activities that occupy Scott. He is a volunteer at Christian County Food Pantry, River Rescue and was named Volunteer of the Year in 2008 by Ozarks Greenways. Oh, yes, he also looks after the rain garden at The Library Center, no small task when you consider how little rain we've had since the beastly hot summer months.

This year, more than \$2,000 donations were received to help fund the butterfly house. Nearly 1,800 volunteer hours were credited.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, a total of 124 magnificent Monarch butterflies were tagged and released, thanks to the efforts of Lisa Bakerink, Chris and Debra Barnhart, and many others who supervised the effort with the assistance of Monarch Watch in Lawrence, Kansas. A day later, the doors were open and the butterfly house closed for the season. It will reopen in mid-May 2012.

Garden Notes & other good stuff

Topiaries bring reindeer to Botanical Complex

Ever since Adam and Eve lost their good standing in the Garden of Eden, seduced by a fruit, there has been an epic battle between humans and plants.

The desire to control nature is in all of us; and the art of the topiary is the ultimate demonstration of human's power over plants. Topiary is the horticultural practice of training living plants into clearly defined shapes.

If you do not have the patience to bonsai or trim a boxwood parterre, the stuffed topiary can provide the sense of accomplishment and pride by shaping a plant into your desired form in just a few short months.

The stuffed topiary is an American invention, introduced first in the 1960s at Disneyland. Fanciful animals and characters could be created quickly and placed anywhere, including over concrete, by training plants on a wire frame.

The frame is stuffed with sphagnum moss, a suitable media for growing vines, tropicals and annuals without soil. Plants retain their color and flowering by gaining nutrients from regular liquid fertilizer applications. Plants take on a distinct form with regular fastening and pinching tight to the actual form. Annuals, grasses and tropicals provide a diverse selection of colors and textures as compared to evergreen hedge plants. For example, pink-polka dot plant (*Hypoestes phyllostachya*) might be used to suggest the feathers of a flamingo and Pony Tails Grass (*Stipa* 'Pony Tail') might be used to suggest a lion's or horse's mane. Imagine being able to grow a 15-foot colorful dragon in three months.

Some of the best places to see stuffed topiary in North America include: The Topiary Park in Columbus, Ohio, Disney World and Disneyland, The Dallas Arboretum, Callaway Gardens, various projects municipal projects like International Mosaiculture of Montreal®, and theme parks and exclusive resort hotels.

—Katie Steinhoff

Katie Steinhoff is coordinator of the Botanical Center Complex at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Gardens and Park.



Katie Steinhoff, coordinator of the Botanical Complex, looks one of her reindeer topiaries in the eye. These were donated by Linda Siler.

Around & about the Gardens

'The real benefits of membership'

What a year 2011 has been, not the least of which is our remarkable growth, now at 1,003 members and climbing!

Thanks to many private donations, memberships and volunteers, the Azalea Garden has been completed. The Winter Garden has been started and a second garden wedding area in the Dwarf Conifer Garden is almost complete. With the leadership and guidance of many of our excellent park partners and volunteers, many of our gardens have had an "extreme makeover" this year and are looking their best this fall. Also completed this year, with special donor funds, was an 810-foot asphalt path to improve access to the gardens and park, connecting the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden with the South Creek Greenway. All of the gardens that needed irrigation are on line or soon will be.

The 2012 garden development plan includes a major expansion of the Entrance Garden and plans for the Sensory Garden as private funding becomes available. Working with the Springfield-Greene County Parks Department, a major donor has committed to expand and develop the Dogwood Garden. The Bill Roston Native Butterfly House had a record 2011 season with 17,001 "official visitors." The docents have done a tremendous job of keeping the house open for public and private tours. A Junior Docent program will debut in 2012.

Volunteers also brought the community the Annual Butterfly Festival with bluegrass music. More than 4,000 visitors enjoyed the event despite in the extreme heat. Volunteers also took part in a number of other special events throughout the year, most of them sponsored by other park partners.

As you know, the new Botanical Center building has now been open a year. The Springfield-Greene County Parks Department's excellent staff deal with the day-to-day operations of the new Botanical Center building, plus working with the garden volunteers keeping the overall park grounds in top shape. What a horticultural asset our community has gained.

Our membership has now reached our 2011 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 ever in helping us reach our 2011/2012 objectives. Your membership is good for a full 12 months from when we receive your check, so you won't lose any time. Many of you ask what you get with your membership in Friends of the Garden. A member receives many tangible benefits, such as a free pass for two to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden for the season (excluding the Japanese Fall Festival) and, of course, this newsletter you are reading, both online and tucked inside each issue of the GREENE Magazine delivered to you.

You also become part of the growing Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center movement who enjoy Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Gardens and Park, including the new Botanical Center Complex. Any volunteer time you might contribute helps us expand while maintaining the current gardens and the Bill Roston Native Butterfly House. Of course you can travel the paths for exercise while enjoying the beauty of the gardens, attending special events and increasing your natural knowledge. If you haven't already, please join us, and if you are already a member, **ask a friend to join you.** Together we will all be able to move the Friends of the Garden and the Botanical Center & Gardens to a new level in 2012.

George Deatz is president of Friends of the Garden. You can reach him at News@FriendsoftheGarden.org.



George Deatz



The best time in the gardens is anytime you can get there

Lately, we may have been distracted by the spectacular autumn weather that has made up for one of the hottest summers on record.

Hot or not; dry or wet where you live, there's nothing like time spent exploring the public gardens to awaken your sense of wonder.



Whether you are there to study or reflect, or just to enjoy, there's no better time to experience the changes than fall. Some may argue that spring is the fairest season because of rebirth.

While it's true that the frost has nipped the Nantana, and the hostas are shriveling. But Mother Nature has given something in return: the richness of fall leaves; various shades on one end of the color spectrum replaced by red, orange, gold and yellow.

Now may be the best time to discover a new favorite place to sit and ponder how this tree or that burning bush might look in your yard.

We've expressed the notion before that the gardens are a library of plants. But they are also a gallery of nature's finest sculpture useful for stimulating the mind of the youngest toddler in the arms of a parent or grandparent.

Many are native varieties to the Ozarks. Most of the trees have been labeled. And while many plants are not, you can ask Master Gardeners or Master Naturalists for advice.

Want to know more? There are now more than 350 books and publications available for research and enjoyment in the Botanical Center's Lois K. Boswell Memorial Library.

Online at [Friends the Garden.org](http://FriendsTheGarden.org), you'll find a virtual community and more garden resources that should satisfy your inquisitive side. We're on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fogblog), where you can post photos, comments, questions and suggestions. And by no means least, Friends of the Garden and the Botanical Center Complex is a people place.



You just never know where a Monarch butterfly might land next. After tagging and release on Monarch Tagging Day, this one rested on the head of a young woman whose family enjoyed the moment. You just never know where future generations of volunteers may come from, but there may be two who got the butterfly bug, and that's what it's all about.

Winter Garden add shades of cold weather color

The first plantings in the new Winter Garden just southwest of the Botanical Center building have been installed by a group led by FOG Secretary Gail Wright and a group of volunteers in the first of three teardrop beds.

"Gail's Garden," as it's affectionately known will have a huge number of plantings with the design and layout presenting a beautiful garden experience 12 months out of the year. Hence the formal name Winter Garden.

Preparation began in late summer with heavy equipment assistance provided by the parks staff.

Those helping Gail plant included Deanna Armstrong, J.J. Averett, Jessy Bolan and her son, Bob Childress, Ann Gunion, Avis Holloway, Tom Lakowske, Ed Miller and Yuriko Scott.

Plants include 20 conifers, an umbrella pine, weeping Bosnian pine, yellow variegated pine, golden junipers, dwarf Himalayan pine, and a very small Cryptomeria. Five Witch Hazels have been planted for early blooms and fragrance. Red- and yellow-stemmed Dogwoods, deciduous hollies with red and yellow berries, and a Foster holly with yellow berries have been planted for color interest. A yellow variegated evergreen holly from North Carolina will be planted along with five Japanese maples to provide four-season interest along with ornamental grasses.

Other shrubs include Fothergilla, Winter Honeysuckle, dwarf Oak Leaf Hydrangea, a dwarf Ninebark, and three thornless Quinces. A striking plant for winter interest is the

hardy orange 'Flying Dragon' with its twisted silhouette and green bark—just watch out for its thorns. Other plants for interesting silhouettes are two weeping Kousa dogwoods, a contorted hazel, and a contorted mulberry.

There are approximately 1,900 early blooming so-called minor bulbs planted, including crocus, miniature daffodils, rock garden iris, and tulips. Two unique benches will be placed adjacent to the new beds so the public can begin to enjoy the garden.

Several more beds will be planted to surround this new center section with plants not only for winter interest but for a four season garden. A whole area will be dedicated to Hellebores that bloom in winter. There will be paths, a water feature, additional benches, a pergola with a swing for seating and arbors at the entrances. The garden will be close to the building to offer visitors a place to come in winter to see color ranging from conifers and shrubs with bright berries to trees with colored bark. There will be early blooming trees and shrubs such as witch hazel, winter honeysuckle and Daphne. Many early blooming bulbs such as crocus, rock garden iris, daffodils and tulips will provide that much needed color in winter.

Now that the "heart of the garden" is in place, the surrounding beds and other amenities, including irrigation, need to be added in phases. Funding for the Winter Garden is ongoing, your investment would be an asset as Gail works on development of the the next set of garden beds.

Remembrances:

Bricks, benches, trees and shrubs honor family, friends

Anyone who has invested in a walk around the Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Parks has seen the bricks, benches, trees, shrubs, signage and even an entire garden dedicated to the memory of some beloved family member or friend – or perhaps recalling a special event.

There was even the time when Greg asked Annette to marry him, the words delivered by an engraved brick at the entrance to the Hosta Garden. She said yes, and yes they did get married. And while bricks and benches are more often thought of as a memorial, this is to let you know how it works – and how much it costs. The rest is up to you.

Bricks vary in price from \$50 to \$100, depending on location. Depending on length, benches are \$800 to \$1,000, and are cut from Phenix marble* quarried near Ash Grove.

Making a donation to the Close Memorial Park, via Friends of the Garden, helps achieve the plans that have been so painstakingly developed to bring the botanical park vision to the residents of Springfield and Greene County, now and into the future.

1. Donations: What to get your mother, husband, sister or in-law who has everything? You can give them a gift membership in the Friends of the Garden in their honor for \$25, and they will receive this newsletter and other great benefits. But what you may not have thought about it a donation in honor of someone's wedding, anniversary, graduation, retirement, passing (as a memorial) or other occasion. Funds to run the day-to-day work of the garden are always appreciated and help to pay for the daily necessities that are present in any project of this size.

2. Annual Giving: If you would like to make a more substantial gift to the Friends of the Garden and the Botanical Center, you should consider annual gifts to the Friends of the Garden. In 2011, you may give up to \$13,000.00 per year, per donor without the necessity of filing a federal gift tax return. A husband and wife can join together and raise the exclusion to \$26,000, even if only one owns the transferred property, through a concept called "gift splitting".

3. Estate Legacy. Another wonderful way to make a lasting contribution to the community, Friends of the Garden and to the botanical center is through the use of a testamentary gift in a Last Will and

Testament, a specific devise in your revocable Trust Agreement or a gift from a family foundation. Gifts like these allow the Friends of the Garden to build an endowment which can provide operating funds now and far into the future.

4. Charitable Trusts. If you or your family has land or another asset that cannot be sold without incurring significant tax penalties, you should consider a Charitable Lead Trust or Charitable Remainder Trust. These kinds of estate planning tools allow the family to donate the property to the Charitable Trust, take an income tax deduction in the year the donation was made, and the Trustee can sell the property without the unfavorable capital gains tax. The family retains a right to payment of a percentage for the life of the Donor and the Friends of the

Garden receive the benefit at the death of the Donor(s). While somewhat more complicated, in the right situation this can be an enormous help to both a family and to the charitable group.

5. IRA Charitable Rollovers. The IRS has given charitable organizations a gift until Dec. 31, 2011:

IRA Charitable Rollovers. The rollover allows up to \$100,000.00 in otherwise taxable IRA distributions during 2011 to be directed to a charity and the IRA owner can exclude the mandatory distribution from inclusion in gross income for 2011. There are specific rules that apply, so please consult your tax professional for further information prior to contacting your IRA custodian.

Just like the actual gardens that Friends of the Garden creates and tends for the community, you can plant the gift of sustaining funds to ensure that this public garden has the support it needs to continue to grow and thrive.

Phenix Marble was also used to build the Missouri State Capitol, New York Stock Exchange, Kansas City's Southwestern Bell Telephone Building and other well-known buildings across the United States.



It's not hard to think of Sam Webber with her camera, in search of a photo and a place to think. Now there's this memorial bench honoring 'Sam', who tirelessly shared her photos and videos of the gardens. Often, she would photograph a flower and send it along by e-mail, or post it on YouTube, almost as good as the real thing.

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

Membership

Allen, Teresa*
Atwood, Anna
Atwood, Betty
Aumann, Shirah Miriam*
Awbrey, Diane & David*
Baker, Paul & Jennifer*
Bakerink, Lisa & John*
Baldwin, Wanda
Banovitz, Janet
Bayless, Jean
Baynes, Tim & Leslie
Behle, Elizabeth*
Beintema, Georgeanne
Bender, Harold & Lee Ann
Bennett, Eleanor L.*
Bisby, Ruth & Jason*
Blankenship, Donna
Bonnot, Betty & John*
Boyce, Julia*
Brockman, Rick
Busch, Clara*
Caldwell, Helen Marie*
Chiodini, John & Rita*
Corsofini, Susan & Thomas*
Cunningham, J. Scott*
Daugherty, Susan & Kevin*
DeBlase, Jeff & Cindy
DeRubis, Sharon
Duffey, Jeanne*
Ford, Nola
Freeman, Teresa & Rondy*
Garland, Cliff*
Gerhart, Carol & Gerny*
Green, Brenda
Gunion, Ann*
Hageman, Win
Harris, Marjorie*
Hay, Doris & Gary*
Haynes, Rick & Sherry*
Hilton, Dorothy
Hoover, Jan*
Hopkins, Nancy & Young, Todd*

Horton, Clara*
Johnson, Shae
Jones, Kathy*
Joslyn, Dottie
Keeter, Diane*
Keith Jr., Elvin & Carrie*
Knauer, Kelly & Louise*
Kufahl, Kathryn*
Lawless, Domenica & Richard*
Lejeune, Grace & Wendell*
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Lindenberg, Steven & Susan*
Lord, Frankie
Lucks, Barbara J.*
Mason, George
Meyer, Duane & Marilyn*
Millon, Cindy*
Moore, Mary Belle
Myers, Kay
Nice, David & Wilena
Nickels, Gus & Glyna*
Obert, Sue*
O'Keefe, Georgia
Parrish, Stan & Susan*
Pearson, Mary*
Potts, Annette & Ray*
Power, Catherine*
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Ratzlaff, Roger C & Zina*
Riffel, Debbie
Riggs, Peggy
Robbins, Tim & Jessica
Roberts, Bill*
Robinson, Martee
Sanker, Rebecca*
Santer, Richard & Ruth*
Schilling, Christine
Schuble, Sue*
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Steketee, Ann and Craig*
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Thompson, Debbie & Galloway, Dane*
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Webster, Ann*
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Whiting, Dow & Linda*
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Wright, Gail*

Ethnic Trail Tree Project

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Baker, Martha & Leon
Burgess, Ruth & Stan
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Chappell, Carol
Cox, Claudine
Cravens, Adalyn
Farouki, Taj & Ingrid
Flasterstein, Malca
Gibson, Linda
Gumucio, Reynaldo & Billie
Holt, Deann
Horn, Harry & Susan
Horny, Karen
Huff, June & Jay
King, Thomas
Ksara, Edward & Janice
Lamberghini-West, Alicia
Lotven, Regina
Mauldin, Jim
Mauldin, Philip & Seides, Margaret
Mauldin, Susan & Gregory
Mello, Edie
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Padron, Jorge & Dorothy
Penaherrera-Norton, Ruth
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Trithara, Thongprasert (Tong)
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Deatz, George & Linda
Flanagan, Mr & Mrs Thomas
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Wallis, Theresia
Whitman, Lea Ellen
Willard, Robert & Shirley
Leanne Wuellner:
Close, Major & Marthe
Deatz, George & Linda
Wormington, Jared & Mendi

Mildred Bowles:

Hinsey, Janice A.

Sensory Garden Donations

C. & A. Close Charitable Trust
Hopkins, Nancy & Young, Todd
Robinson, Martee
Steinhoff, Katie

Tribute Benches

Hilton, Dorothy

Tribute Bricks

C. & A. Close Charitable Trust
Busch, Clara
Holden, Jeannie
Johnson, Barry
Johnson, Rodney
Woodard, Sandra

Botanical Society

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Betzen, Ted
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Burdett, Linda
Carpenter, Elizabeth
Chaffin, Roger
Chamberlain, Gary
Church, Breita
Clark, Caven
Coates, Lee & Peggy
Cozzens, Lee
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Cunningham, Sandy
Dana, Joyce & Joshua
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Ellis, Ron & Cissy
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German, Jeff & Laura
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Hale, Alan
Hammond, Mary Ann
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Himes, Joe
Hoffman, Anna
Horn, Michelle
Hostetter, Susie
Irby, Sara
Jackson, Dale & Lana
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Kellner, Ben & Casey Jo
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Primm, Crystal
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Robertson, Lisa
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Rutherford, Clara
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Schauer, Lorie
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Smart, Andrew
Smith, Natasha
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Tucker, George & Jan
Vance, Iris
Varney, June
Vaughn, Ed & Judy
Weaver, Aurielle
Whiting, Dow & Linda
Warden Adventures
Wickham, Cameron
Widhalm, Ruth
Williams, Joshua & Tara
Wood, Norma
Woodfin, Teresa

*Since the last newsletter. If you see an error, omission or correction, please bring it to our immediate attention at News@FriendsOfGarden.org.

Events & News:

Greater Ozarks Hosta Society plans final work day for 2011 on Nov. 26

An extremely active year of replanting and expanding in the Hosta Garden, will culminate with a work day to spread compost from 9-11 a.m., followed by lunch at 11 a.m. Members of the The Greater Ozarks Hosta Society are urged to join the effort, but volunteers are welcome.

Visitors to the Hosta Gardens will notice a recent addition to the garden. Friends and family of the late Hiltrude "Sam" Webber memorialized her with a bench crafted from Phenix Marble, which has been installed.

Visitors to the Close gardens will soon notice work being done along South Creek to improve the area, including installation of electricity that we hope will allow operation of the fountain without using a generator. The Hosta Gardens are a popular locations for outdoor wedding.

"We are inviting all GOHS members to help us on Saturday, Nov. 26," says Tom Lakowske, GOHS president and FOG board member, who has led a resurgence in the Hosta Garden that includes a new arbor, hundreds of new plants, border updates and more, so that if you haven't visited one of the oldest attractions in the Close



Glenda Phillips, president of the Cherry Court Garden Club (FGCM), isn't shy about letting her "inner child" show. There she was recently showing young visitors in how to make mud balls implanted with milkweed seeds that were then hurled into the Kickapoo Prairie Garden. The hope is that next spring the native milkweed will sprout and grow into host plants for Monarch butterflies. Or, conversely, maybe it was the kids demonstrating how to make a mud ball.

Memorial Gardens, this is a perfect opportunity.

Membership in the society has increased measurably in 2011 to about 75 members. The membership has agreed to increase annual dues from \$5 to \$7.50 for 2012. This includes both individuals and families. If you have a question, please call Tom at 417-860-4959.

Plans for 'Edible Garden/Outdoor Kitchen'

The Springfield-Greene County Parks and Botanical Center has announced plans for an Edible Garden and Outdoor Kitchen Classroom at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

"This will allow us to offer truly unique gardening, cooking, food safety and nutrition education classes and experience," says Katie Steinhoff, coordinator of the Botanical Center. "This will be an area for all ages to plant, harvest and prepare nutritious food with an emphasis on fruits and vegetables."

This new garden area will provide additional pavilion space for community use, work space for instructors, possible studio space for broadcasting cooking programs and a permanent outdoor classroom location. A fund has been created with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks to accept funds for the project. Landscape designer Tres Fromme recently conducted a three-hour session on Oct. 15 that will become the basis for a preliminary design for the kitchen and garden.

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.

Louise Macom receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Louise Macom, a guiding force in the public gardens for more than four decades, has been honored by the Hillbilly Gardeners with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

A member of the Hillbilly Gardeners since 1967, Louise was its president three times; served as president of the Springfield Federated Garden Clubs and director of the Southwest District; as well as president of the Botanical Society of Southwest Missouri. She is also a member of Friends of the Garden.

Louise was a co-founder of the Lily Society and the Iris Society. Always interested in flower arranging, she became a Federated Garden Club Show judge, which she and continues to do so. Louise also founded the Arrangers Guild with Bob Thomas.

When discussions began in 1980 about a Japanese Garden at Nathanael Greene Park, Louise and four other garden club

members met with the Springfield Parks Department about providing organizational support.

The result was creation of the Botanical Society of Southwest Missouri and efforts to build the half-moon bridge, eventually funded by a \$35,000 donation from Beth Turk. The Botanical Society merged with Friends of the Garden this fall. Other significant additions were funded by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Louise became the District Chairman for the Friends of Nathanael Greene Park. Her involvement continued until the 1990's. The Hillbilly Gardeners described her achievement this way:

“She visualized, designed, raised funds, organized, planted and inspired others to help make what seemed to be an impossible dream a reality.”

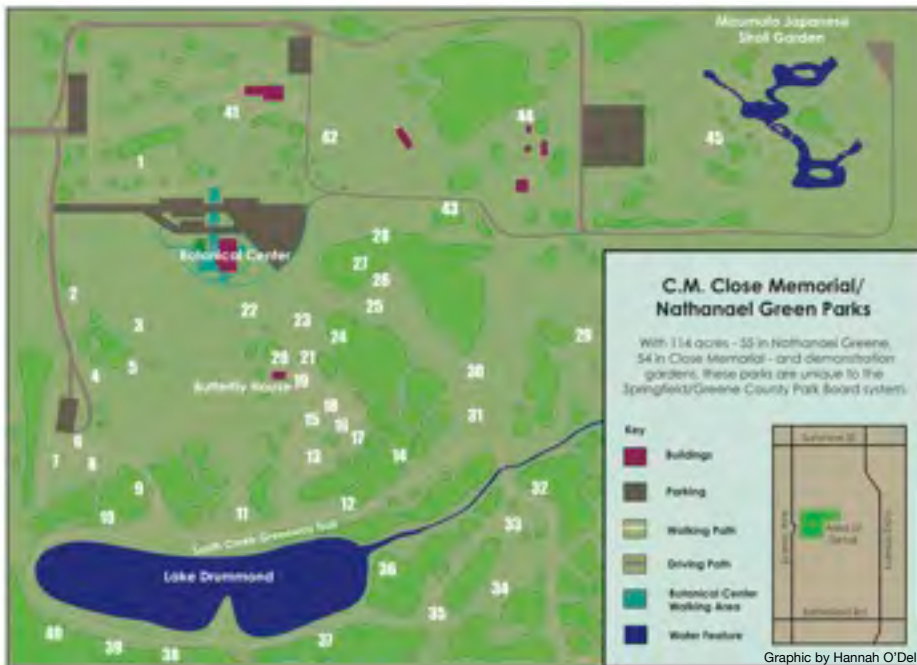
If you're reading this online, more information on the Hillbilly Gardeners is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events*

- Nov. 8: 9 a.m., Marketing & Fundraising Committee.
- Nov. 10: 5 p.m. Friends of the Garden board meets. Officers will be nominated.
- Nov. 19: Holiday Card Making, 9-10:30 a.m. or Noon-1:30 p.m. \$10; registration required. Tables for Thanksgiving and special occasions, 2 p.m., \$5.
- Nov. 26 9-11 a.m., followed by lunch from 11 a.m.-Noon); Composting Spreading Work Day in Hosta Garden at Nathanael Greene| Close Memorial Park.
- Dec 1-31: Ozark Garden Railway Society, miniature holiday landscapes and moving train display. Donations appreciated.
- Dec. 6: 9 a.m., Development Committee meets.
- Dec. 8: 5 p.m., Friends of the Garden board meets.
- Dec. 11: 1-4 p.m., Centerpiece and wreath-making; children (10+), with adult; \$25; registration required.
- Dec. 19: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Santa & Friends, with activities for kids.

*All events listed are in the Botanical Center unless otherwise listed.

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*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, 35# is the Hosta Garden) for information on various gardens. Introductions for every garden, including the Ornamental Grass Garden (39#) have been recorded, with signage in place listing the numbers for each garden.



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