

## Garden plans taking shape

### Three gardens merge into one; plan now includes outdoor kitchen

For Friends of the Garden, raising funds to maintain and expand the gardens is a top priority. One garden has a unique purpose: the Sensory Garden.

If you've ever wondered just who a sensory garden might serve, meet Megan Shermer, a recent visitor to the gardens just before the holidays.

When she was born in Kunming City in the Yunnan Province of China a decade ago, Megan could see. By the time she was three years old, she had lapsed into blindness caused by advanced glaucoma and was living in an orphanage. She desperately needed surgery, but that was unlikely.

When she was six years old, Megan's new parents brought her half way around the world to the Ozarks. Today, she is 10 years old, enrolled at Ozark North Elementary School, and very much a part of a family that includes her brothers, Jackson, 15, and Evan, 13; sister, Sutton, 8, and parents, Rob and Aundrayah Shermer of Ozark.

"We don't even use the word adoption," says her mother, Aundrayah Shermer, who was the first child in Missouri approved for adoption by blind parents in 1970. Raised within sight of the Gateway Arch, she has a younger blind sister born five years later.

Aundrayah has normal sight, but her profession at Missouri State University includes assisting blind and visually impaired students on campus. Husband Rob is a former videographer who now works as a substance abuse counselor.

Megan recently visited the Close Memorial Gardens to enjoy a slice of life most of us take for granted. Even so, she must take extra caution. Gardens are not suited for visually impaired visitors, let alone those in wheel chairs. The Sensory Garden will emphasize all the senses, including the taste of plants in the "Edible Garden/ Outdoor Kitchen."

Combining these gardens follows a three-hour session led by national landscape design Tres Fromme, a second-time visitor to The Botanical Center. So far, the campaign has raised \$10,000 in donations, including \$3,500 from a concert featuring flautist Bettine Clemen. Clemen has agreed to another concert on behalf of FOG on Aug. 25.



Photo by George Deatz

**Megan and Sutton Shermer of Ozark share the fragrance of roses. The planned Sensory Garden would bring the senses together in one accessible location.**

"When you talk about thorns on roses, or beautiful yellow sunflowers, well...the Sensory Garden will allow them the opportunity to really experience what these visual descriptions mean," says Aundrayah. "Here they can touch and smell and really take their time enjoying the garden. I think that it will be a relaxing place to come and enjoy the outdoors and learn more about gardening and the going-green movement."

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**Ways to remember loved ones**  
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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](http://www.FriendsoftheGarden.org).

## Officers:

Nancy Hopkins, President  
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Brent Bothwell Palmer, Treasurer

## Board:

*Term ends October 2012*

Chris Barnhart, Carla Beezley, Robert Childress, Christine Chiu, Lee Coates, Jeanne Duffey, Kenny Knauer, Mike Ward, Gail Wright

*Term ends October 2013*

Cindy Baird, Dorothy Brunskill, Tom Lakowske, Bill Roston, Peggy Sauer  
*Ex-officio term does not expire*  
Katie Steinhoff, Peter Longley

## Re-elected to second term\*

*Term expires October 2014*

Patrick Byers, George Freeman, Nancy Hopkins, Heather Parker, Kauleen Volentine, Cindy Willis

## New elected board members\*

*Term expires October 2014*

Deanna Armstrong, J.J. Averett, Lisa Bakerink, Brent Bothwell Palmer, Susan Cardwell, Marthe Close, Avis Holloway, Joe Kleiber, Kathy Sheppard, Linda Whiting.

## Advisory board members\*

*Term expires October 2014*

Don Akers, Ruth Arneson, Major Close, Alan Hale, Stan Horsch, Robert Kipfer, Ann Webster.

## Past President

George Deatz

\*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:

### Madame Prez: Nancy Hopkins

Our new president is a retired educator who is anything but retiring

To suggest that Nancy Hopkins has retired is a misnomer. Officially, she is a retired reading specialist whose skills as an educator range from fund-raising and writing grants to speaking and serving as a literacy consultant and connecting with middle school students.

Nancy will serve as president for 2012, but she's the first to admit "I'm not George Deatz. No one can keep up with George," she told board members during a recent retreat. "In fact, I'm going to need your help to do all the things he did."

That said, Nancy's term as president will focus on fund-raising for the new Sensory Garden and Outdoor Kitchen project. So far, \$10,000 has been pledged or collected.

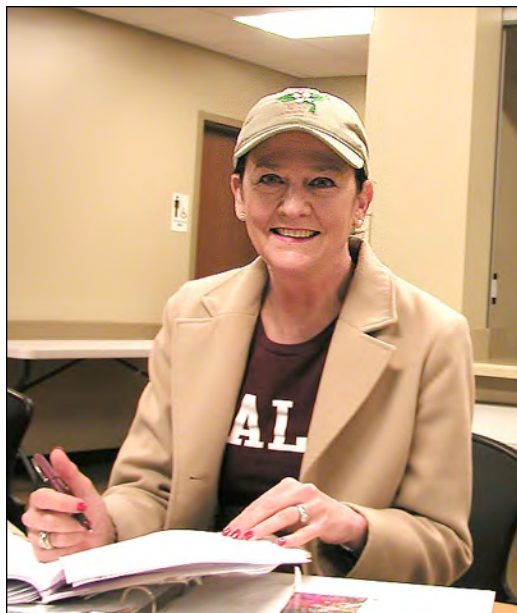
Nancy has previously served as Vice President of Development for Friends of the Zoo (Dickerson Park); as a member of the Missouri Stream Team, and the Discovery Center of Springfield.

"Her enthusiasm for a project, organization or occupation becomes evident very quickly," says Marthe Close. "Nancy and her husband, Todd, are truly a dynamic duo and we are so fortunate that FOG is their current volunteer passion. "Nancy assumed leadership of the first Ball of the Wild when she was on the Friends of the Zoo board, which launched an annual and wildly successful fund-raising tradition.

"Her dedicated service in Christian Education at Christ Episcopal Church has endeared her to children and parents."



Nancy Hopkins and Todd Young collect leaves in the Hosta Garden during a work day. Nancy will serve as board president for 2012. Below, presenting George Deatz with a walking stick.





## Botanical Boutique offers 10% discount to FOG members

One of the best kept secrets in the Ozarks is this: There is incredible talent everywhere you turn, but finding it isn't always easy. The Internet has simplified the task, and so has Friends of the Garden through the Botanical Boutique, which offers many museum-quality artistic creations, not to mention an array of useful garden gadgets.

Now there's an extra benefit to being a member of Friends of the Garden. If you're a member, you're eligible for 10 percent off of items in the gift shop, many of them unique creations by regional artists. This isn't some post-holiday clearance sale on a table of White Elephant items. It applies to any item in the gift shop except concessions.

To the right of this story, President Nancy Hopkins has listed a number of area artists in her first column for the newsletter. The gift shop also has a selection of gardening gifts and tools, from hats to trowels to aprons designed for FOG exclusively by Jo Ferguson, plus logo gear, hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts and gifts designed for use by up-and-coming young gardeners.

And, of course, organizations such as Master Gardeners, Springfield Sister Cities, the Orchid Society and others offer special plants and items for sale on special occasions.

Now, instead of dreading your next shopping experience, drop by the Botanical Boutique. You may find your inner child wants something you didn't even know you needed.

Before we leave the shopping experience behind, don't forget the advertisers who have partnered with our friends at GREENE Magazine to bring this newsletter to you as a benefit of membership.

Our goal is to make your support of Friends of the Garden a value you might pass along to others you know. Many of you did just that during the holidays, and it helped us reach our goal of 1,000 members.

At \$25 a year, with benefits like the Botanical Boutique and dozens of special events, we think you'll agree it is just that.

## Park Partners gather gardening resources

Another benefit of membership in Friends of the Garden is the chance to meet other gardeners. Their activities are nearly always open to the public, and they welcome new members and volunteers just as we do.

Most have their own web sites linked to [FriendsoftheGarden.org](http://FriendsoftheGarden.org), listed under Park Partners. Check them out and let us know what you learn.

## Around & about the Gardens

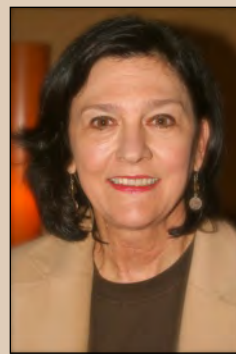
### Your membership is a bargain in many ways

Happy New Year from Friends of the Garden!

What a remarkable 2012 year we will have. As the new president, I am a little frightened to follow in the footsteps of George Deatz, but I have plenty to keep me focused. I welcome all new members, we can always use you, and I welcome your comments as well. Please feel free to contact me by email [nancy.hopkins1219@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.hopkins1219@gmail.com) or by phone 417-425-9859.

To follow up on the last newsletter, we have **more benefits to our members**. All of our members now will receive a 10 percent discount in the Botanical Center Boutique. The boutique carries a wide variety of items, most notably those crafted by local artists.

Jo Ferguson makes embroidered items with the FOG logo, Claudia Johnston (*Inspirations by Claudia*) creates fiber necklaces, hand-painted pendants and watercolor note cards. Greg Samuel of *See More Wild Birds* crafts white cedar blue bird, screech owl houses and mini bat towers. Terry and Gabe Bloodworth and Dani Underwood of *Springfield Hot Glass* sculpt beautiful items of glass including tiny insects; sculptured gourds by Jim Stewart, *Funghi Décor* by Linda Passeri, *Nature Inspired Potter* by Faye Pfister and pit fired pet bowls by Cathey DeLisle of *Design Specialist*. can be found. Herbert Batson carves cedar bear heads and Arden Bolti carves dogwood leaves, all proceeds are donated to Gray-Campbell Farmstead. Chris Marafino exhibits and sells photography of the Japanese Stroll Garden. Lee Coates of *Peggy's Flowers* makes papercrete planters in a variety of sizes. Bob Kipfer creates reed grass and rock mobiles to benefit the Friends of the Garden. Sandra Letson provides the boutique with beautiful butterfly photography from the Bill Roston butterfly house, Barbara Pipkins makes butterfly gourds and the Gray-Campbell Farmstead Liberty School note cards are available to benefit the Liberty School project. As you can see it may be a small little shop with lots of beautiful and useful items.



Nancy Hopkins

It really is a privilege to live in the Ozarks. Friends of the Garden wants and needs all of our community to become involved. There are numerous opportunities for volunteering. Join us and give back to the community that gives you so much.

With spring right around the corner, keep informed of what is happening at the Botanical Center and stay involved with Friends of the Garden. There is always something fun and exciting happening in our yard!

*Nancy Hopkins is president of Friends of the Garden.*





## Enjoy opportunities of winter in the parks, Botanical Center

The Ozarks have so far been blessed with one of the mildest winters in memory. This follows a record hot summer, and if we can be sure of anything, it is that our weather this spring will be uncertain since Springfield has been judged to have the most unpredictable weather of any American city.

And yet, the cycle of life, both flora and fauna, flourishes. You might see fox, gaggles of geese, swarming winter birds by the thousands, just about any breed of pet (including a very large rabbit on a leash one day). And plenty of human characters walk, run, ride bicycles, or simply watch other people.

There seems to be something – or someone – to watch just about

anytime. But as Mother Nature takes away in winter, there are seminars, workshops, classes, programs and events mean the Botanical Center is nearly always busy. You can learn about orchid and Bonsai, photography and tablescares.

Dozens of gardening groups now meet at the complex. During the holidays, visitors marveled at the model trains created by the Ozark Garden Railway Society, surrounded by dozens of poinsettias.

The main parking lot now includes two bronze sculptures rescued from vandals several years ago. They jump in place as if to say, “Welcome, come stay and play.” Indeed, there are playground pods that draw families even on the crispiest winter day.

There is yet another learning tool on the horizon. The “Sensory Garden” will offer accessibility to children and adults alike in ways many of us take for granted, including an outdoor kitchen. If this is a way you might want to “honor” someone with special needs, please let us know.

Online at [Friends the Garden.org](http://Friends the Garden.org), you’ll find a virtual community and more garden resources to stimulate your inquisitive nature. We’re also on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/), where you can post comments, questions and suggestions. If you happen to be new to the Ozarks, one of the best places we know to make friends is perhaps right under your nose.



**Kay Finnie loved Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park and was a Master Gardener as well as volunteering at the Japanese Fall Festival. She was past-president of the Symphony Guild and was serving on the Springfield Sister Cities Board at the time of her passing.**

## Dogwood Grove one of many ways to remember

There comes a time when you know it’s springtime by the abundance of native dogwoods in the Ozarks, whose delicate blossoms seem to float in the distance in both native and urban settings.

“I thought there were two kinds of dogwoods, white and pink,” says retired city manager Tom Finnie, a Master Gardener with his wife, Kay. When she died on June 5, 2010, her family requested that donations be made to the Kay C. and Thomas W. Finnie Fund at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks or the Springfield Symphony Association, which Kay served as president.

Now those funds have been directed to develop a grove of dogwood trees just east of the Botanical Center, one of the first sights visitors see when they scan the original Nathanael Greene Park. Funds will also be used to maintain the grove of dogwoods in perpetuity.

Tom considers the dogwood tree one of Kay’s favorites, and a fitting tribute to her memory. But he and others are hoping for something more, that others may follow suit along with so many others by their own donations to specific projects. The Dwarf Conifer Garden, for example, was made possible by a gift from the family of Jack and Ann Gentry, and now includes a fountain created from native rock.

Many of the features, from memorial bricks in three locations to native Phenix Marble benches are memorials to friends

### Dogwood cultivars

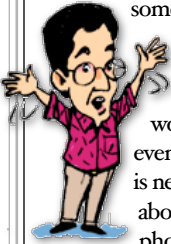
“The development of the dogwood garden will occur over a decade. Dogwoods that can tolerate more sun include the twig, cornelian cherry and Asian Kousa dogwoods that look very similar to our native flowering dogwood. As the shade trees develop, more of the flowering and ground cover dogwoods will be added to the collection. This will truly be a beautiful garden every day of the year and a wonderful sanctuary for people and wildlife.”

– **Katie Steinhoff, coordinator**  
**The Botanical Center**

and loved ones. These can also include native trees and shrubs and unusual cultivars in one of the 27 gardens in existence now. And since more gardens are being developed, opportunities will emerge for years to come.

Another opportunity is the library just off the atrium of the new Botanical Center that honors Lois K. Boswell, the mother of Susan Boswell. The library also provides a laptop computer and Internet access.

To discuss a memorial project or donation, please contact Friends of the Garden, or visit with Katie Steinhoff at 417-891-1515. Tax deductible donations should be sent to Friends of the Garden, PO Box 8566, Springfield, MO 65801.



# Final Report:

## An epic year for the Gardens

It's hard to believe that my third year as president of Friends of the Garden is over. As you know, a lot of great things have developed around the Botanical Center & Gardens this past year with the help of our many volunteers and all of our members.

The Azalea Garden is in place with the exception of some stone work and the foot bridge; it was adopted by Kim Hutter. The Winter Garden phase one is complete with phase two already underway. The concept was introduced by Bill Roston with the working design by Gail Wright.



**George Deatz**

Bill Roston is currently designing and working on a water feature for the garden.

A major donor agreed to fund construction and maintenance of the Kay Cummins Finnie Memorial Dogwood Garden. A first-class design by Katie Steinhoff is in place and work on the garden has already begun. The Ethnic Tree Trail Memorial, including 32 black gum trees, donated by Jim Mauldin and his group is almost complete.

A paved sandstone area with arbor were installed for weddings and other events in the Dwarf Conifer Garden. The gardens all have an official "adopter," including Avis Holloway who joined the Dwarf Conifer Garden crew of Ed and Ruby Miller.

All of the Close Memorial Park gardens we wanted on automatic irrigation (because of potential problems with disease, the Rose Garden isn't included) are now on line with the completion of the Redbud Garden during November.

Merger of the Sensory Garden with the proposed Parks Department Kitchen Garden is a work in progress. The Entrance Garden has been redesigned by Katie Steinhoff to expand it. Construction should be ready to start in 2012 with funding assistance from another private donor.

In Close Memorial Park we had three major "Garden Extreme Makeovers" in 2012. The Ornamental Grass Garden by Hannah Renner with her volunteers and the Hosta Garden organized by Tom Lakowski along with the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society. The Redbud Garden was brought to life by Stan Horsch working with a dedicated crew.

The Ozark Daylily Society members and Ozarks Regional Lily Society with Frank Mason worked hard on their respective gardens to improve their presentation to the public, these gardens should be a stand out this coming year. A major donation of plant material was provided the garden and the Missouri Native Plant Society planted it in an area developed by Friends of the Garden volunteers just south of the Wildflower Garden.

Three additional major improvements were made to the support structure of the gardens. A major donor funded an 810 foot section of blacktop trail along the east side of Close Memorial Park connecting the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll garden and the Gray-Campbell Farmstead to the South Creek Greenway. The trail base was graded with rock provided by the Parks Department. Electrical service was brought to the south side of Lake Drummond to serve the Dwarf Conifer Garden thanks to the efforts of Friends of the Garden members Ed Miller and Bob Childress working with the Parks Department. Finally Friends of the Garden and the Parks Department worked together to extended 4 inch water lines east and south of the new Botanical Center to help with the gardens complex irrigation system.

The Bill Roston Native Butterfly House had record attendance that exceeded 17,000 during 2011 keeping Scott Cunningham and his

group of volunteer docents busy from mid May through September. The very successful Butterfly Festival repeated again last July, thanks to Cindy Wills and her group of over 100 volunteers. The end of September Lisa Bakerink with her group of volunteers held our second successful Monarch Watch Butterfly Tagging day. The Butterfly House Operations Group is planning to start a Junior Docent training program this coming spring centered around 5th graders with an adult partner.

During the year we participated in many community events from the Lawn & Garden Show, to Young Spouts, the Japanese Fall Festival, and the Botanical Center anniversary to name a few. Along the way we sponsored the 2011 January Bee Keeping Class, Tablescapecs, the Easter Egg Roll, and Santa & Friends.

The merger of the Botanical Society of Southwest Missouri and FOG was officially completed the end of October. The new Japanese Gardening Group is at work to identify, prioritize, and plan the funding needed for maintenance projects throughout the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. The 7.5 acre garden has been adopted by Don and Nancy Schmidt working in conjunction with the Parks Department and other volunteers.



**George Deatz assists Garden Chairman Bob Childress in placing a Phenix marble bench memorializing Owen Hilton.**

According to Kauleen, it looks like we have 1038 current members as of mid December. Katie Ryland has done an excellent job as our Membership Coordinator helping build our excellent membership base.

Of course, we have an excellent slate of new officers ready to take over in 2012; Nancy Hopkins, president; Christine Chiu, vice president; Cindy Baird, secretary; Brent Bothwell Palmer, treasurer.

I am sure there is more "news you can use" that I have missed! News like our excellent, informative website maintained by R.J. Jacob. Plus our quality newsletter tucked inside each new issue of the fantastic GREENE Magazine. Both are edited by George Freeman and distributed by his partner Mike Noggle. Thank you for the commitment that you made this year to Friends of the Garden and our community asset, Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, home of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center & Gardens.

I look forward to seeing you around the gardens during 2012.



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

## Memberships

Abrams, Norman L.\*  
American Society of Women Accountants  
Antrikin, Lucy  
Atchley, Rose\*  
Averett, Judy\*  
Baird, Teri Leigh & Michael\*  
Barnhart, Chris & Debra\*  
Barry, Ida & James\*  
Beamman, Ginnie\*  
Beezley, Carla & Robert\*  
Bigbee, Dan & Kelly  
Blansit, Lois  
Bollinger, Jon & Roxie\*  
Bowen, Joan\*  
Breshears, Betty, Kara & William  
Brethower, Doug  
Brown, Barbara M\*  
Brown, Vernon & Julia\*  
Brunskill, Richard & Dorothy\*  
Cantrell, Jeff  
Capps, Susanna  
Carlie, Michael\*  
Close, Joe & Julie\*  
Connor, George & Mary\*  
Cook, Edwin\*  
Coulter, Robin & Jack\*  
Crabb, Carol\*  
Crouch, Liz  
Cunniff, Michael\*  
Davis, Ruth I.\*  
Dearing, William J. & Deborah S.\*  
Deatz, George & Linda\*  
Deatz, Meredith\*  
DeGeere, Tom  
Denouden, Tom & Beth  
Dewey, Sarah & Heywood, John\*

Donnelly, Phyllis & Ian\*  
Dye, Tom & Joy\*  
Earnhart, Jane & Bruce\*  
Eisele, Mildred\*  
Elliott, Anson & Betty  
Emmons, Terri & John\*  
Falls, Harold & Anita\*  
Foltyn, Steve  
Freeman, George & Nancy\*  
Funkhouser, Robin & Brenda\*  
Garbarino, Kenneth & Karon\*  
Gerdes, Carolyn & John\*  
Glenn, Nicole M.\*  
Haworth, Carl & Janet\*  
Heasley, Denvard\*  
Holmes, Mary Jane\*  
Holmes, Sue\*  
Home Pride Inc.  
Hopkins, Nancy & Young, Todd\*  
Horton, Jan\*  
Houge, Michael\*  
Hough, Mary Ann\*  
Hutchison, James\*  
Janosik, Edward G.\*  
Jones, Ron & Mary\*  
Kathka, Karen  
Keagy, Buck\*  
Ketrón, Dorene  
King, Roy & Linda  
Kipfer, Barbara & Robert\*  
Klos, Patricia  
Lakowske, Tom & Cathy\*  
Leach, Josephine  
Letson, Sandra & Donald\*  
Lipscomb, Gary & Betty\*  
Longley, Peter\*  
Lumpe, Jerry & Vivian\*  
Lurie, Genilie & Hal\*

Macom, Louise\*  
Mason, Frank & Kay\* McEvoy,  
Rosanne & Pat\*  
Manes, Kathleen & Jeremy\*  
McGowan, Sam & Katie\*  
Melton, Michelle Welch  
Miller, Ed & Ruby\*  
Moran, Sonia\*  
Morriset, Marcia\*  
Mortimer, Jason & Jennifer\*  
Munson, Jean\*  
Murphy, Herbert\*  
Nance, Jon & Jill  
Nickols, Rebecca\*  
Olmstead, DeVere  
O'Reilly, Charlie & Mary Beth\*  
Owens, Peggy & Jim\*  
Paulson, Stuart & Kim\*  
Peters, Mary\*  
Pettersen, Pat  
Powell, Dot A.\*  
Rasmussen, Nancy & Greg\*  
Rauzi, Mary  
Redmon, Carl & Joyce\*  
Reese, Sandy\*  
Rexroad, Melodie Koerner\*  
Rogers, Nick & Andrea  
Rudd, Carol\*  
Schatz, James & Margaret\*  
Sheets, Doris F.  
Shepherd of the Hills Garden Club\*  
Simaan, Kowkab  
Simpson, Donald & Olivia  
Simpson, Matthew & Teresa  
Snyder, Don  
Springfield Host Lions Club  
Stewart, Michael & Autumn\*  
Templeton, Shirley\*  
Thorne, Bobette\*

Tolbert, Norma  
Trojan, Lori  
Trotter, Janet & Yates\*  
Von Der Heide, Margie\*  
Wall, Janet\*  
Wallace, Janet & Gene\*  
Ward, Mike & JoAnn\*  
Weaver, Lynnette\*  
Weimer, Jack  
Wilbers, Chris & Colette\*  
Wilde, Leslie\*  
Willis, Cynthia & Jeffery\*  
Wilson, Lori  
Wittmer, Marc & Mary Lou\*  
Witty, Eugene and Sandy  
Wolverton, Joel & Carol\*  
Woodward, Jim & Jewell\*  
Woodward, Jon & Marci\*  
York, Darrel  
Yu, Xiang M.\*  
Zihala, Maryann\*

Touhey, Terry Ann  
Williams, Gee, Jim Stiles

**Butterfly House Walk**  
Wright, Gail

**Ethnic Trail Tree Project**  
Kohler, Starr

**Growth & Maintenance**  
Ward, Mike & JoAnn

**Memorial Donations**

**Reba McGowan**  
Close, Major & Marthe,  
Lenius Bayless,  
RaeAnn Lenius Fielder, Angie

**Bertha Zimmerman**  
McAnarney, Sarah

**Kay Cummins Finnie**  
**Memorial Dogwood Garden**  
Finnie, Tom  
Stephens, Marjory & Gayle

**Shrubs**

Garcia-Natal, Edgardo Joel

**Sensory Garden Donations**

Sauer, James & Peggy  
Duffey, Jeanne

**In-Kind Donations**

Hopkins, Nancy & Young, Todd

## Tribute Bricks

**White Garden Walk**  
Beezley, Carla & Robert

**Bradford Park**

Neighborhood Association  
Cherry Court Garden Club  
Close, Major & Marthe  
Cotner, Donna  
Council of Springfield Garden  
DeGeere, Tom  
Dockery, David & Nena  
Gerdes, Carolyn & John  
Holloway, Avis & Wallace  
Shatto, Kathy

\*Since the last newsletter. If you see an error, omission or correction, please bring it to our immediate attention at [News@FriendsOfGarden.org](mailto:News@FriendsOfGarden.org).

## Events&News:

### Stroll Garden work days scheduled

The Japanese Stroll Garden will re-open the first of April. A Spring Cleaning Work Day for the first three Saturday mornings in March – 3, 10 and 17 – with March 24<sup>th</sup> reserved as a back-up date should our other Saturdays get rained out. Each session will be approximately three hours.

Volunteers will meet at the Stroll Garden gates at 9 a.m. If you can assist, please bring lawn rakes, hand pruners and gloves.

The main tasks include raking, weeding, mulching, re-setting stepping stones, pruning and reshaping some of the bonsai shaped pines, and perhaps some candling.

Don and Nancy Schmidt have agreed to coordinate the efforts and handle training for those who need assistance. Anyone who would like to participate should contact Dorothy Brunskill at 417-891-1515 or send an email to Dorothy at [dbrunskill@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:dbrunskill@springfieldmo.gov).

### Japanese Garden Group offers Bonsai class

The Japanese Gardening Group



Volunteers are needed to assist with spring cleanup at the Japanese Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Gardens.

will offer identical hands-on workshops on the techniques of Bonsai on Saturday, March 31st in the workshop classroom at the Botanical Center. The seminars run from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-2:45 p.m.

Nola Ford of the Japanese Group will be the instructor, assisted by Alan Hale and Jerry O'Quinn. Bonsai is a unique form of growing trees and shrubs in trays dating back to the Sixth Century.

The seminar will show participants how to select the proper plant, how to trim, wire and pot the plants. Bonsai pots, shears, plants, soil and fertilizer will be available for purchase at the workshops.

These sessions are limited to 30 people in each workshop. To register, contact Linda Siler, (417) 883-2399 or by email at [63linda@crawler.com](mailto:63linda@crawler.com).

*We welcome notice of events for publication pertaining to the mission of the Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Gardens & Park. Write us at [news@friendsofbegarden.org](mailto:news@friendsofbegarden.org) or at Friends of the Garden, P.O. 8566, Springfield, MO 65801. Include your name and e-mail address or phone number so that we can be in touch.*

# Feedback:

## Park staff's 'fantastic' work ethic praised by visitor

### Ethnic Tree Trail Project

The Ethnic Tree Trail Project (2011), dates back to the Ethnic Story Project begun in 2001. Funding is through donations.

The "trail" was laid out by Parks Supervisor Ben Kellner and Bob Childress, Garden chairman, to help soften the view of the prison as the trees mature. A total of 32 black Gum trees are now planted at the northern boundary of the park.

*From a letter to Ben Kellner,*

As coordinator of the "Ethnic Life Stories Project 2001 - The Ethnic Trail 2011, I did not realize, and fully appreciate the capability and intense devotion to the job that exist at the Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

The job you and your staff did in the setting and mulching of the trees is fantastic. To say I thank you sounds so trite, but the work done by all is a tribute to The Park and the entire Park system of Springfield/Greene County. It is hoped that before to many years the just planted trees will be a decided addition to the city of Springfield Mo as well as the State of Missouri. Again my thanks.

Sincerely,  
*James N. Mauldin*

Dear Mr. (Peter) Longley,

We are sending our thanks to you for taking time to speak to our SMMA group on Nov. 2nd about the future plans of Close Memorial Garden. It is already a "destination place" and will only be more so in the future. Our group is sending a contribution in your honor to "Friends of the Garden".

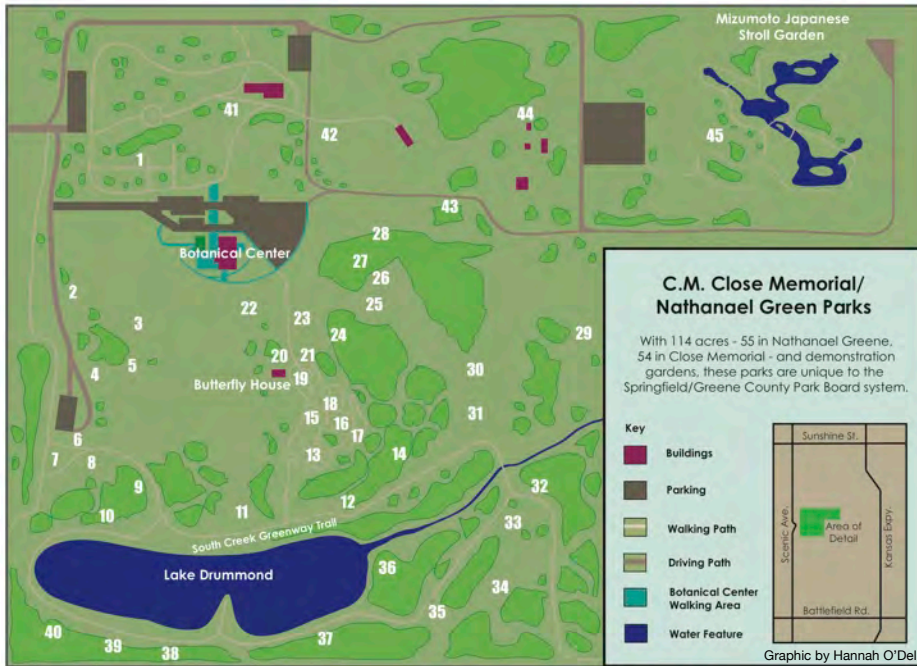
Thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
*Janet Trotter, Chair, American Arts*

### Upcoming Events\*

- 📅 **Jan 21:** 9 a.m.; "Going Green Lawn Care"; Master Gardeners.
- 📅 **Jan 24:** Arbor Day Poster Contest deadline.
- 📅 **Jan 28:** 9 a.m., Beginning Beekeeping, Master Gardeners.
- 📅 **Feb. 7:** 9 a.m.; FOG Marketing/ Fund-raising Committee meets.
- 📅 **Feb. 9:** 5 p.m., FOG Board meets.
- 📅 **Feb. 20:** "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" Fund-raiser for Liberty School.
- 📅 **Feb. 21:** 6 p.m., Herb Society meets Guest speaker: Doug Brethower, followed by Plant & Seed Swap, at Harry Vickery Fieldhouse, 739 West Talmage, Springfield.
- 📅 **March 6:** 9 a.m.; FOG Marketing & Fund-raising Committee meets.
- 📅 **March 8:** 5 p.m., FOG Board meets.
- 📅 **March 17-18:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Springfield Orchid Society Show and Sale.
- 📅 **March 31:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bonzai Society Workshop.
- 📅 **April 1:** Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, Gray-Campbell Farmstead

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### Guide to the gardens

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

\*Planned gardens

## 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.



## 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
- 10% off items in the Botanical Center Gift Shop with Membership Card
- Subscription to the FOG Newsletter · Ongoing Learning
- Free Admission for Two to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden\*  
\*excluding the Japanese Fall Festival in September
- Annual Events: Butterfly Festival, Monarch Tagging
- Give Back to Your Community · Special Invitations to FOG Garden Events

### Membership Levels

- \$500 Benefactor
- \$250 Patron
- \$100 Sponsor
- \$ 50 Contributor
- \$ 25 Friend

### Renewal

- Additional Donation
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### I'd Love to Volunteer!

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

### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

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

### LASTING DEDICATIONS

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

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