

Ethnic Tree Trail

32 black gum trees honors the memory of 32 immigrants to Springfield

Any day now, 32 black gum trees will burst forth with spring foliage, symbolic of the immigrants whose spirit of diversity is represented by the Ethnic Tree Trail Project. Now a dedication ceremony is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012, outdoors if weather permits.

The Ethnic Life Stories Project began as an effort by Jim Mauldin, now 92, a former Springfield resident now living in Nashville.

"He wanted to show that Springfield did have diversity and that it made a contribution to the community," recalls Brandy Gerhart, one who helped tell the stories of those honored.

The result is the Ethnic Life Stories Project and the Trail of Trees.

The Ethnic Tree Trail Project 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 U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners as the trees mature. A total of 32 black Gum trees are now planted at the northern boundary of the park.

In the telling of 36 ethnic stories (four trees represent more than one person or nation), we can follow three young children guided by terror as they flee Nazi Germany; visit poverty which dictates that the treat of a nickel root beer must include seven straws, or imagine a six-year-old boy sitting at a stranger's back door in hopes that something will be left from their supper that he might stave off his hunger another day.



A series of stones explains the significance of 32 black gum trees planted as a screen on the north edge of Nathanael Greene Park. Inset shows bright fall foliage of the trees, often referred to as "black tupelo."

Mauldin solicited funds for the trees, which were planted last fall along the north property line of the park. Granite markers are in place to recognize the nation of the person whose story was told and published in a volume located in the Botanical Center's library (as well as other locations, and online).

An introductory letter reads in part: "The Ethnic Life Stories beckons to cross a bridge of insight and understanding, to embrace a generous gift of intimate sharing, to dip our spoon in the cultural soup of those who have

triumphed, planted their feet firmly on our free soil, and become doctors, professors, teachers, business owners, and good fellow citizens of Springfield."

Story keepers donated their time in retelling the personal histories from 36 ethnic elders from 33 different nations.

The trees offer their own symbolism. Better known by its Native American name, "Black Tupelo," (*Nyssa sylvatica*), the trees are indigenous to Missouri. The tree's nectar is attractive to honeybees. One of several gum species, it is thankfully not related to the sweet gum.

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Jones farm family remembers
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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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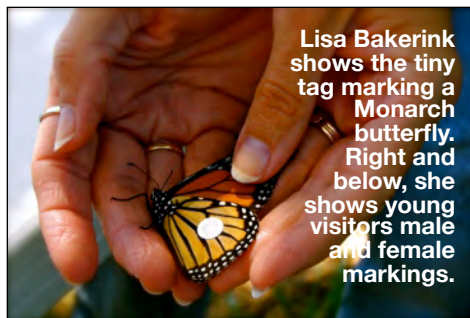
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*Elected Oct. 13, 2011

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.



Lisa Bakerink shows the tiny tag marking a Monarch butterfly. Right and below, she shows young visitors male and female markings.

Profile: Lisa Bakerink

She handles butterflies, docents and coordinates volunteers for Master Gardeners Hotline

You could tell Lisa Bakerink cares about Monarch butterflies by the way she cradled them in her hands during tagging last fall before they were released for their trip to Mexico. She has been actively raising and tagging Monarchs and working to preserve native ecosystems since 1999.

This summer it will be much the same as she helps organize young docents to help guide tours of the Roston Butterfly House, scheduled to open May 1 through mid-October.

"Lisa is doing an outstanding job of coordinating the operation of the Butterfly House, as did Scott Cunningham before her," says Chris Barnhart, fellow FOG board member and an accomplished lepidopterist. The investment of their time and talent is a wonderful gift to the community."

As a recent Master Gardener (Class of 2011), she was just elected to that board as well as Friends of the Garden board.

When she's not volunteering, she serves as a sales consultant for Ramada Oasis. A mother of four, she is married to another butterfly house volunteer, Randy Bakerink, regional manager for Perkins Restaurants. Both are Iowa State University graduates.

"Lisa is one energetic person," says Nancy Hopkins, FOG president. "I wish we could clone her. She is the Butterfly House Committee Chair, trains the docents, keeps the Master Gardener Hotline room staffed with volunteers, chairs the Bettine Clemen concert effort and now is organizing the Media Day as well as Public Gardens Day."

The Butterfly House is looking to expand its team of volunteers, including young people. Please contact the Botanical Center at

417-891-1515.



Visitors to the Butterfly House learn how to differentiate between male and female Monarchs using subtle wing markings.

Garden Notes

other good stuff

Major and Marthe Close honored by Greene County Extension

Major and Marthe Close were recently added to the University of Missouri's "Leader's Honor Roll" at the Greene County Extension Council annual meeting Feb. 27. Over three decades, nearly 6,000 Missourians have been added to the honor roll statewide for their support.

As Friends of the Garden members know, the Close family has been the guiding force behind the creation of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center and the headquarters for Greene County Extension Service.

"Due to a very special gentleman named Major Close, we can be thankful for the construction of this great landmark and an extraordinary beautiful place to house Extension. Major and Marthe, you are truly friends to Extension whom I highly admire and respect for all you have done and continue to do for this community," said Gaylord Moore, retired horticulture specialist with Greene County Extension.

In 1994, Master Gardeners received permission from the Springfield-Greene County Parks Board to develop the demonstration gardens at Nathanael Greene Park. By 1998, the adjacent 55-acre Close Memorial park was established in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board through a donation from the C.M. Close family. His love for nature, trees, gardens and the great natural beauty of the Ozarks prompted his dream of about a botanical center.

"I remember very distinctly the time Major came into my office and introduced the idea of a botanical center that could include a permanent residence for Extension (services)" recalls Moore. "Major was aware of the Greene County Commission's plan to vacate the property at 833 Boonville. As a result of Major and Marthe Close's visionary efforts, their love for the community, and unlimited respect from all who know them, many partnerships were formed to move this effort forward for the community."

The third honoree was Cindi Boston, CEO of the Pregnancy Care Center in Springfield.



Gaylord Moore with Marthe and Major Close

Around & about the Gardens

Turning your action into the fruit of your action

"It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that is important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there will be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result."

— Mahatma Gandhi

So, what is right when it comes to being a member of Friends of the Garden? Will we see the results of our legacy in our lifetimes? Certainly, your membership dues and gifts are of vast importance. As a not-for-profit, all-volunteer organization, your gifts are what keep the gardens going. Other

opportunities come to you as well. Lasting dedications are available as a way to tell someone you care about their birth, their friendship, the time spent with you, their life or talents. These lasting dedications can come in the form of a tree, shrub, bench, marker, paver, garden, bridge, water feature or use your

imagination!

There are 114 acres waiting for placement of happy thoughts and memorials. My mother and mother-in-law loved gardening. When both became too fragile to do the gardening they became proficient in pointing to where they wanted me to garden for them. In their memory, my husband and I placed a bench up on the patio of the Botanical Center so they can continue to make sure we get the gardening done.

Long after we are gone, I know that bench will still be sitting there waiting for others to stop and rest, take in the view of the lake and watch families of children run through the park.

A brick is a lovely way to make a child feel special on their birthday. Year after year they can come to the park and show their friends and future family "their brick". Each season brings a reason to return to the gardens and reflect on what is happening here and to imagine what could be here in the future, long after we are no longer here. Doing the right thing for the right reasons may be the best thing you have ever done. Please join us on our journey at the Botanical Center Gardens. We welcome all gifts and memorials. For more information, call me, 425-9859. We can walk the park and find just the right place to leave your lasting dedication.

Nancy Hopkins is president of Friends of the Garden.



Nancy Hopkins



Botanical Center gears up for another year of growth

Ozarkers are resourceful people. Give us a mild winter and a warm spring and you're likely to see people stepping all over themselves in search of something new, whether it's a hobby or a destination.



More people than ever are enjoying the gardens, as FOG's Irish contingent learned by entering a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17, to much hoopla and shouts of "you're my favorite place to go." Before that was the Lawn & Garden Show, where FOG members, Master Gardeners and our friends at GREENE Magazine combined to distribute more than 5,000 magazines with this newsletter tucked inside.

Soon there will be more events where you're likely to see our volunteers spreading the word about the Close Memorial Gardens, Nathanael Greene Park, the Japanese Stroll Gardens, Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden and more. Not to mention the volunteers who are constantly helping with planting, weeding, maintenance and the addition of new features. All of which causes a bit of confusion if not shortness of breath when we find ourselves being featured in a story, or even giving directions. A pop quiz seems to inevitably ask, "Do you know where Horton Smith Golf Course is? How about the Habitat ReStore? Japanese Stroll Garden? Fed Med?"

It's all a bit daunting for first-timer visitors, tourists from virtually every continent, wedding guests, relatives in search of the family reunion or plant sale.

After much discussion, the park stakeholders have realized that simple is better, so from now on we will refer to the **Springfield Botanical Gardens**, encompassing the building(s), gardens and the park as a single destination. As part of this very informal, low-key campaign, the media will be invited to simplify as well. It's hard to clarify when we don't even know what to call ourselves.

Meanwhile, Friends of the Garden will continue to improve and expand. We've even added an online e-mail newsletter to keep you better informed in a timely way.

This land was our farm



A black and white photo from the Jones family shows the family farm house in the 1950s. It is no longer standing, but foundations can still be seen in the park along with a small barn. At left is Don Jones aboard the Solar Tram on a tour of the park. Above, Ken Turner examines photos with Mike Jones (seated). Behind him are Bonnie Fleck and Margaret Turner.

Jones Farm family recalls days before park

For most of us, a ride through the Botanical Gardens aboard the solar tram offers a fascinating look at the gardens. For the Jones family, it's a nostalgic trip and a reminder of memories dating back to the 1950s when their family owned a dairy farm in what was then rural Greene County.

Eventually, growth overwhelmed farms in the area. Sewers were installed and the land was annexed in the late 1950s. Many were developed for residential homes, modern day apartments, business and industry. Portions of the Jones farm became what is now the Close Memorial Gardens.

Marvin Jones owned and operated Jones Oil Co. Life was good even though the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners was nearby, so close then as now that you could hear gunfire on the target range.

Ken Turner, grandson of Marvin and Mary, hopes to further chronicle the family's connection to the land through photos, documents and, of course, memories.

Recently, the Jones family was invited to tour the Close Memorial Gardens, which occupies most but not all the farm. Four

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, Post Office Box 8566, Springfield, MO 65801.

generations climbed aboard the solar tram to compare memories and look for reminders of where various outbuildings were located.

The spring-fed pond is now Ann Drummond Lake. The four children of Marvin and Mary Jones remember a Hickory tree – they called it a "pignut tree" that was so large the four of them together couldn't join their arms around it. The tree is gone, but the Black Walnut trees still abound not far from where the farmhouse stood.

One correction: what is referred to as the "Hog Barn" turns out to be the remains of a club house on an adjacent golf course.

Botanical Gardens expansion continues

On page 2 of each newsletter, you can review the Friends of the Garden 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."

With this mission in mind, our project priorities for 2012 are extensive, but they can be completed. In the Azalea Garden, for example, stone edging purchased last year was installed by a group of volunteers in February. A bridge connecting the Azalea Garden and Dogwood Garden over the drainage ditch is being designed by Bob Childress and plans call for it to be completed this year with funds provided by Ruth Arneson.

The Winter Garden's second phase is a water feature designed by Dr. Bill Roston is currently under construction. New planting beds are being coordinated by Gail Wright along with the plant selection while Dr. Roston is working on completion of the water feature. Irrigation still needs to be installed, plus sandstone edging will need to be

placed to finish this second phase. There are two decorative tribute benches in place in the Winter Garden that can be purchased as memorials, with the proceeds going to funding the garden.

The new Wildflower Shade Garden was started in 2011 with plants donated by Sue Hollis from the Linda Hall Library of Science Engineering and Technology in Kansas City. These were planted by volunteers with the Missouri Native Plant Society and they are waiting for additional plants that should be arriving this spring.

Construction will continue on the Dogwood Garden, thanks to a permanent endowment from the family of Kay Cummins Finnie, the Finnie Foundation and the Springfield-Greene County Parks Department. Katie Steinhoff has designed the plantings and hardscape. Park crews developed the land and installed power and irrigation lines. Large shade trees to provide shelter for dogwoods were planted in 2011 and more plantings will follow this year as the garden develops.

Arbor and paving stones were installed last fall in the new wedding venue at the Dwarf Conifer Garden. Additional planters and landscaping will continue this year by Ed and Ruby Miller along with Avis Holloway and other volunteers.

Hannah Renner, the adopter for the Ornamental Grass Garden, is recruiting a special group volunteers for the six garden sections. Her plan for 2012 is to continue the garden's makeover with plant identifications, plant replacement and the addition of attractions for all ages such as animal topiaries.

Our unique Redbud (Cercis) Garden that Dr. Stan Horsch adopted last year along with the help his son, Steve, and other volunteers, continues to thrive. A new brick tribute sidewalk is currently being installed with the price of an inscribed brick set at \$75. Each brick's inscription can be three lines with 16 characters per line. Stop by the Botanical Center Gift Shop or call 417-840-5472 for details. (Tribute bricks are also available for the White Garden's walk at \$50 each or at the Butterfly House for \$100.)

The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden has been adopted by Don and Nancy Schmidt. They need assistance with the extreme garden makeover currently taking place in the 7.5-acre garden.

The work started this winter will continue once the garden opens to the public April 1. In addition, landscaping for the wedding venue outside the front gate and renovation on the original entrance gates is planned for 2012.

A top priority for the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society and the Hosta Garden is to establish power to run the water feature. The plan calls for a power hookup once construction starts on the South Creek spillway water improvement project. This beautiful garden is in high demand for weddings.

As previously reported, two new gardens planned this year that are not yet under construction. A Sensory/Kitchen Garden will be located north of the Botanical Center's east parking lot. Discussion and planning continue along with fundraising. The

second is the Entrance Garden located at the south end of the Close Memorial Park parking lot. With Katie Steinhoff's assistance, it is in the design stage and awaits approval by a major donor who is planning to fund this garden.

The Railway Garden has been proposed just east of the Botanical Center building and is under consideration by the Ozark Garden Railway Society. They would design and provide the hardscape with plantings provided by Friends of the Garden. Another garden, the Woodland Shade Garden, is proposed for the walnut grove just south of the Hosta Garden by Friends of the Garden member Tom Lakowske in conjunction with another area organization.

The public is invited to assist or invest in any of these exciting garden growth projects as volunteers or donors. If you're interested in any of these please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Dorothy Brunskill, at 417-891-1515 or Dbrunskill@springfieldmo.gov.



Frank Mason and Dr. Stan Horsch install border stone around the new azalea garden. Volunteer work days throughout the garden are an essential part of what we do and a great way to meet others. Best of all, you don't have to be a gardener to help.

— George Deatz

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

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Pink Dogwood GC

Ethnic Tree Trail

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*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:

Master Gardener Plant Sale April 28

Mark your calendar, set your alarm and start making your list of plants to buy at the annual Master Gardener Plant Sale at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28, the Workshop Studio in the Botanical Center building.

The sale will start at 7:30 a.m.

Potential buyers should arrive bright and early for the best selection of shrubs, small trees, bulbs, perennials, annuals, ornamental grasses, ground covers, houseplants, vegetables, herbs and garden-related items.

A variety of shrubs, small trees, bulbs, annuals, perennials, grasses, herbs, ground covers, house plants, water garden plants, and garden related items including books and magazines, stepping stones, bird houses, nice pots, started posts of seeds, seed packets including labeled harvested seeds and more.

If you're a fan of really exotic and unusual plants, or Garden Art and Container Gardens that are already planted, the Collector's Corner may be your first stop.

Plant donations are always welcome. Please identify and mark each plant before you deliver them to us. If possible, please have the common name as well as the Latin name and color if you know it. Even Master Gardeners don't recognize everything.



The driveway at the Botanical Center in 2012 served as a perfect location for the annual Master Gardeners of Greene County Plant Sale. This year it's April 28.

Native Plant Seminar and Sale

Landscaping with native plant species in an urban habitat will again be the emphasis at Naturescaping Symposium and Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 at the Conservation Nature Center in Springfield.

A series of guest speakers will share the benefits of incorporating native plants into your landscape. The day will also include exhibitors and a native plant sale. Call 417/888-4237 to receive a flier listing the day's activities.

FOG on Ozarks Public Television April 1

A program from the recent archives of Ozarks Public Television is scheduled for a repeat broadcast on April 1. But we'll let you in on a secret. You can watch online anytime. Just look for "Plants of the Ozarks," OzarksWatch Video Magazine at www.video.optv.org/video/.

Best of all, if you're reading this online, you go there now.

Host Jim Baker interviews Dr. Paul Redfearn, past president of the Friends of the Garden (2007), Professor Emeritus of Biology, Missouri State University and former Springfield mayor (1978-81).

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 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:

What fans are saying about Friends of the Garden on Facebook



Photo by Su Lyn Rogers

Scott (Cunningham) makes this look so easy!

Su Lyn Rogers
Springfield, Mo.

So happy to have found your page, so amazing all the info, and photos. Thank you so much for this opportunity to enjoy.

Margaret Matheny
West Monroe, La.

Amazing what is getting ready to take place at the garden, so pumped to be able to participate!!

Beth Hopkins,
Springfield

"I got to see some caterpillars form their chrysalis this morning. There is a display in the Botanical Center gift shop. I have never seen that before. It is truly amazing that one day they will be beautiful Monarch butterflies. What a miracle!"

Sabrina Brown
Springfield

I took some beautiful photos at The Springfield Botanical Center this morning! Things are really starting to bloom!

Lynette Blecha
Springfield

I am a member of Friends of the Garden. Beautiful place, growing, evolving, becoming.

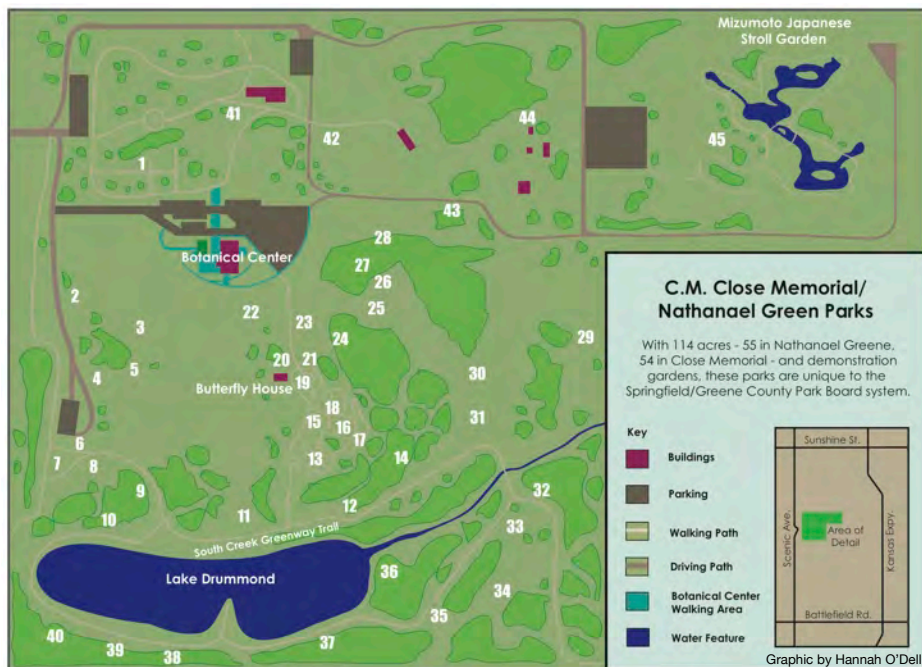
Bill Walley
Forsythe, Mo.

Upcoming Events*

- **March 31:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bonzai Society Workshop.
- **March 31:** Kite Festival, Easter Egg Hunt.
- **April 1:** Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, Gray-Campbell Farmstead (Sundays only) open.
- **April 7:** Herbal Goat Cheese Workshop.
- **April 7:** Naturescaping Symposium & Plant Sale, Conservation Nature Center 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **April 10:** Looking Forward to Spring, Bill Roston Butterfly House, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **April 18 & 21:** Docent training by Chris Barnhart.
- **May 11:** Butterfly House opens. Also Media Day.
- **May 30-June 1:** Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri Flower Show School, The Library Center.
- **June 23:** 26th Annual Lily Society Flower Show, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Aug. 25:** 6 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church; Bettine Clemen Concert.
- **Oct 7:** FOG Picnic.

*Events listed are in the Botanical Center unless otherwise listed. Not a complete listing; see more events on FOG web site.

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Guide to the gardens

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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.



Photo by Dan Delany

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.

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- ☐ \$ 500 Benefactor
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- ☐ additional donation \$ _____

gift memberships available at all levels

- ☐ wedding ☐ birthday ☐ in honor of *
- ☐ holiday ☐ anniversary ☐ other *

corporate sponsorship

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

lasting dedications

- ☐ \$800 Four Foot Bench*
- ☐ \$500 Tree* ☐ \$250 Shrub*
- ☐ \$100 Engraved Brick, Butterfly House*
- ☐ \$ 50 Engraved Brick, White Garden*

*specify person or event, email for details

receive newsletter via: ☐ Snail Mail ☐ Email



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:

Member Benefits:

- Friends of the Garden Membership Card
- Free Season Admission for Two into the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden* • Fully Tax Deductible (*excluding the Japanese Fall Festival)
- Volunteer Opportunities • Ongoing Learning
- Subscription to the FOG Quarterly Newsletter
- Special Invitations to FOG Garden Events
- Form Lasting Friendships • Give Back to Your Community
- 10% off at Smiling Sun on any plant life
- Events: Butterfly Festival, Monarch Tagging, Santa & Friends
- 10% off at O'Quinn's Water Gardens on plants & fish
- FOG members have access to a wide array of botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories throughout North America offering special admission privileges and many other benefits.

http://www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events.htm

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