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The return of Bettine Clemens to the Ozarks mixes her sparkling flute music with a taste of the bubbly

Flutes & Flutes

We all require second chances from time to time, and Bettine Clemens is giving us one. For those who missed her concert a year ago, please don't make that mistake again. And if you heard her a year ago, tell your friends.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, the renowned flutist will again donate her talents in concert to raise funds for the planned Sensory Gardens/Kitchen Classroom, this time at Christ Episcopal Church, 601 E. Walnut in Springfield. The concert begins at 5 p.m. followed by a reception featuring a sampling of sparkling wines afterward if you are so inclined. Cost is \$30 for the concert and \$20 for the reception. If you're reading this online, you can hear a sample of her music on [YouTube](#), or at her web site, www.joyofmusic.com.

Clemens's previous performance to benefit Friends of the Garden was Oct. 16, 2011, to celebrate the first anniversary of the botanical center. She is no stranger to the Ozarks, having lived here for seven years in between concert tours in the 85 countries she has visited thus far.

And yet, here she comes again to serenade Springfield with mellifluous sounds that often seem to waft like the scent of flowers on a summer breeze that leave audiences wishing they could take the feeling with them. At other times, as in her PBS special, called "Flutasia, a Love Song for a Planet," she can make listeners want to dance (or perhaps march) in the aisles as she plays a powerful piccolo.

Often referred to as the "First Lady of Flutes," Clemens hails from Bavaria originally, and is considered one of the

"Flutes & Flutes" will benefit the Sensory Gardens/Kitchen Classroom, which combines vertical and raised gardens with an outdoor pergola and kitchen studio. Cost of the entire project is estimated at \$500,000. So far \$35,000 has been raised. More detailed information and plans are available. Contributions to this garden may be mailed to Friends of the Garden, P.O. Box 8566, Springfield MO, 65801. Please note "Sensory Garden" on the memo line. Your investment will help us reach our objective of starting phase one.

finest flutists in the world. She made her early reputation as a soloist with such prestigious orchestras as the Munich Bach Orchestra, the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg, the Prague Radio Chamber Orchestra and the Belo Horizonte Symphony. A critic for *The New York Times* once described her music as "one of those events that smiles out from the stage."

Her unique concerts merge many different styles of music ranging from light classical to pop, jazz and ethnic arrangements. But it is her affinity for animals that perhaps sets her apart, as evidenced by the video presentation that serves as a backdrop.

"Animals feel me through the music," says Clemens. "They seem to enjoy it and sometimes even join in, and we play a

concert together. I've even had animals kiss me in appreciation."

Not always, however. She recalls that once, after playing for a pair of camels at the Great Wall of China, one of them bit her. Another time in Singapore, an envious orangutan stole her flute and tried to play it himself.

The Sensory Garden will truly be a place of therapeutic reflection and enjoyment of the senses. It will be completely accessible for all and will include an outdoor kitchen studio and "edible" garden.

Evoking the healing power of music, Bettine Clemens seems the perfect artist to help us imagine the healing power of our future Sensory Garden.



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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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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.



Above left, Nancy Schmidt works in the FOG booth at the Fourth Annual Butterfly Festival, but she and Don Schmidt have spent hundreds of hours working year round in the Japanese Stroll Garden. The 17th Annual Japanese Fall Festival is Sept 7-9.

Profile: Don & Nancy Schmidt

After a career spent living in faraway places the Schmidts picked Springfield and the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden as the focus of their considerable energies.

Don and Nancy Schmidt are hardly the retiring type, although it was career that meant living in Asia while working in the airline industry that gave them an appreciation for other cultures.

Now they have focused their energies on the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, which is in the midst of a facelift of sorts. Among the priorities is replacement of the pump that circulates water throughout the immaculate gardens.

"When the pump isn't working, it has an effect on just about everything else in one way or another," says Don. Cost of the pump has been estimated at up to \$8,000, although some of those funds are included in the FOG budget for the stroll gardens. The Schmidts have done some serious heavy lifting, and need younger volunteers with strong backs. Skye Temple, an OTC student, signed on recently as a volunteer and hopes to recruit others to tackle a waterline project.

Support also comes from the Springfield Sister Cities Association, which has a relationship with Isesaki, Japan. Gardeners from Isesaki have visited multiple times to help develop the gardens, and will do so again later this year. The Botanical Society of the Ozarks was responsible for decisions affecting the garden, but that group has disbanded and the responsibilities now rest with the Japanese Garden Committee, which is reorganizing, and the Parks staff, which handles mowing and maintenance projects.



Don Schmidt adjusts a sprinkler, one of several used that must be adjusted individually since there is no irrigation system. Below, a cherry tree blooms in spring near the Tea House. The garden are open from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. April through October, but closed Tuesday and Wednesday.





New 'Butterfly Host Garden' benefits from \$3,000 raised in not-so-silent ways

At least 1,000 people waited patiently Saturday for their chance to experience the butterfly house during the Fourth Annual FOG Butterfly Festival. Another 2,000 visitors of all ages came to the festival. All together, at least \$4,000 was raised through donations and the silent auction.

That's pretty remarkable for a one-day festival when temperatures soared to nearly 100 degrees, and the wait to get in the butterfly house could be up to an hour. It wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of more than 100 volunteers, vendors and underwriters (see list at right).

And of course, it really is about giving something back.

Our favorite local sculptor, James Hall, is now creating miniatures of his very first sculpture for the gardens, entitled "Butterfly Girl." Stop by the lobby of the Botanical Center to learn more.

Remember when we used to hear from extremely passionate people standing on the lane divider of a busy intersection demonstrating for or against something, someone or an idea whose time they believed had come. Today we have Facebook. FOG is on Facebook. We have the Internet; FOG has its own web site (thanks to the dedication of Webmaster First Class R.J. Jacob and prolific blogger George Deatz.). FOG is on it, on top of it, all around it, and beyond. And lately, thanks to Pioneer Outdoor Media LLC, we have occupied a new-fangled electronic billboard.

And yet, our greatest challenge remains the task of letting those who remain unaware know we are here. If you are a member of FOG, you already know about the gardens or you probably wouldn't be one of us, (unless some caring member enrolled you with a generous gift of only \$25, so that you now know that these parks are pretty darned cool, even in the dog days of summer).

But then again, you might be the one waiting with some trepidation to see your friendly phrenologist, thanks to the widespread viral distribution of GREENE Magazine, including these eight pages, by volunteers who frequent countless waiting rooms, public libraries, in addition to more than hundred locations around the Ozarks where GREENE is now on sale.

FOG exists to support, maintain and grow the gardens – and to have as much fun as you can have playing in the rocky, clay soils of



Butterfly Girl
by James Hall

Special thanks from FOG

Friends of the Garden wishes to thank the following individuals, businesses and organizations for their incredible support of the Fourth Annual Butterfly Festival.

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Garden Notes other good stuff

Where are we going next?

Sharpening stone. Check. Mirror. Check. Measuring Stick. Check. As we embark on the next leg of the journey toward creating an unforgettable and truly indispensable garden and attraction at the Springfield Botanical Gardens in Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, it pays to take some time to sharpen the saw, reflect on our accomplishments and future goals, and benchmark ourselves against the other public gardens around the country. Recently I was fortunate to have the support of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board and participate in the American Public Gardens Association



National Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Staff, volunteers and board members from gardens, arboreta, parks, national land trusts, cemeteries and more representing the U.S., Canada, Haiti, Great Britain and even Australia participated in week long information sharing on important topics of horticulture, sustainability, development, education, marketing, fundraising and information management.

Katie Steinhoff It was exciting to see how this industry is growing and coping with challenges as well as have a chance to share our gardens' stories and successes. We are at a critical point in our history where we must be able to pull together to devise a master plan that serves us now and the future generations.

Will we be as honest as Franklin Park Conservatory to evaluate this community's hopes and dreams for the botanical gardens to determine what future gardens are feasible?

Will we be as audacious as Longwood Gardens to consider a different entry drive and sequence to the visitor to the gardens as they navigate to and through the park?

Will we manage gardens that are environmentally sustainable; choosing plants that adapt to our climate and require little to no chemicals?

Will we design gardens that are financially sustainable, that generate revenue with rentals and programming and/or are supported by an endowment or plant interest group?

Will we serve the most critical needs in our community and focus our programming toward all audiences like the Chicago Botanic Garden?

What do you think? Will you support? Will you serve? Send your thoughts to Katie Steinhoff, Botanical Center Coordinator: ksteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov, or call her at (417)891-1511.

Katie Steinhoff is Botanical Center Coordinator with the Springfield-Greene County Parks Department.

Around & about the Gardens

A presidential tour: How can you miss this offer?

"The chief characteristic of the volitional act is the existence of a purpose to be achieved, the clear vision of the aim."

– Robert Assagioli, *The Act of Will*

Friends of the Garden is a pivotal place. In October of 2010 when the Botanical Center opened and many who never knew the gardens existed began arriving in swarms to see and hear nature at its finest. There were a few who knew of the existence of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden and the Gray/Campbell Farmstead, a few who biked and walked the trails admiring the quaint English garden and the Mater Gardeners demonstration garden but with the opening of the center, the tram tours the butterfly house and the play pods the place has exploded in laughter, meditation and fun. As the stewards of the Springfield Botanical Gardens, Friends of the Garden are now faced with the growth and maintenance of this fine destination location. The direction it will take will indeed take a fine focus, a clear aim and only firing when ready in order continue on the path of greatness that we have started. Thanks to a dedicated board of directors, a superb bunch of volunteers and a community that believes that gardens can rejuvenate the spirit as much as food can rejuvenate the body, our gardens will continue to grow.



Nancy Hopkins

One hot day in May while I was ankle deep in mulch, a young lady came jogging by and ask how she could help. She wanted to know if she needed any special experience in order to assist with this task. I told her that her passion for helping was all it took. I proceeded to procure a pair of gloves for her and that young lady spent the next four hours wheelbarrowing mulch around the White Garden. She is not a lone example of Friends of the Garden. Daily I experience great people who want to come to the gardens and volunteer in any way they can. And daily I find ways to make that happen. One volunteer has some computer experience so she is going to assist with creating an electronic archive of FOG. Another didn't want to commit to any particular day or garden but loves to pull weeds. I love her! I love all our volunteers, no matter the amount of time they can offer. Without them all the vision in the world wouldn't get the vision accomplished. Without our volunteers and generous donor dollars these gardens would not be in existence.

If you haven't been to the gardens lately, find a nice cool morning or evening to come see what a group of people with a clear vision have achieved. Sure, there is more planning to be done, more gardens to be established and more people to attract to our organization. I challenge all of us as Friends of the Garden to keep a vigilant eye on the vision and keep our aim sure and true. To find out more about our focus, call me and I will take you through the mission, vision and goals of our organization or visit our website at FriendsOfTheGarden.org.

Nancy Hopkins is president of Friends of the Garden. You can reach her at 417-425-9859, or by e-mail at Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org.

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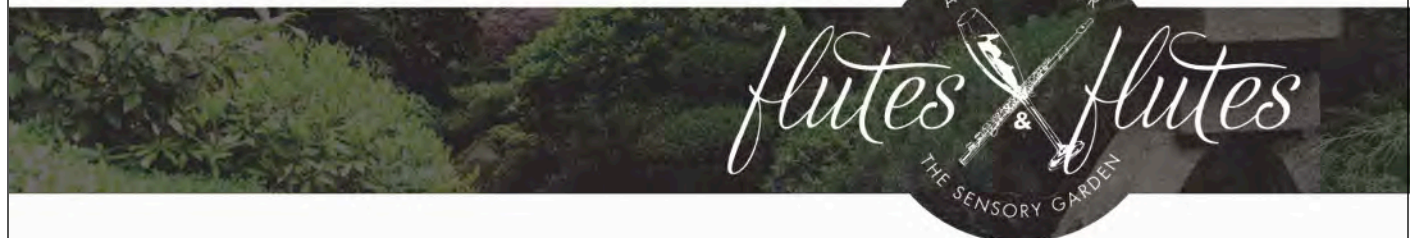
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Events&News:

Japanese Fall Festival Sept. 7, 8, 9 includes traditional cultural events

The 17th Annual Japanese Fall Festival will be Friday through Sunday, Sept 7-9. Hours are 5:30-10 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic in Springfield.

This is the largest fall festival in Springfield and perhaps the Ozarks, with nearly 11,000 visitors in 2011. Performances will include the Shi-shi-mai (Lion Dance), St. Louis Osuwa Taiko drums, Koma traditional top spinning, storytelling, folk dancing, the traditional tea ceremony, martial arts, and various kids' activities.

Admission is \$7 for adults/ \$3 for children 12 and under. A weekend pass is \$10 for adults and \$5 children 12 & under.

A limited number of vendor spaces are available. Applications may be made on line through Aug. 5, subject to selection guidelines. Applications and criteria are available online at peacethroughpeople.org, or call 417-864-1191.

Springfield Sister Cities Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the people of Springfield and people of similar cities in foreign nations understand one another as individuals, as members of their community, and as part of the global community. SSC also supports financially the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

Gray-Campbell Farmstead Association hosts 21st annual Expo at gardens

For the 21st year, the Gray-Campbell Farmstead will again be host the 1860s Lifestyle Exposition at Nathaniel Greene Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16. There is no charge for the expo,

although contributions are welcome to help raise funds to reconstruct one-room Liberty School in the park.

The Expo provides opportunities to learn more about the old ways used by many of the families who first settled in the Ozarks. Throughout the school year, tours of Gray-Campbell Farmstead are available to every fifth grader in Springfield, and have become a favorite field trip for students from throughout the Ozarks.

One of the gardens envisioned for the Springfield Botanical Gardens is a heritage kitchen garden. The Gray-Campbell Farmstead is the oldest home in Greene County. It was moved to the site when construction began on James River Freeway.

There will be an old-fashioned brush arbor gathering at 11 a.m. Sunday. An Old Time Fiddle and Music Jam will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday. For a place on the stage and more information, contact Jeff Michel at 335-8899.

Events include a Horseshoe and Seed-Spitting Contest on Saturday, and the Fourth Annual Apple Pie Baking Contest at 3 p.m. Sunday (competitors are welcome).

Demonstrations will include hearth cooking, fiber arts, blacksmithing, wood-carving, paper-making and other presentations in the manner of those who struggled to live on the frontier in the 1860s. You can learn more about Gray-Campbell online at GrayCampbellFarmstead.org.

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Dozer the African Spurred Tortoise may not have been the fastest participant in the Fourth Annual FOG Butterfly Festival Parade, but he seemed to know where he was going. Whether he knew he had been fitted with butterfly

wings is conjecture, but Dozer is a family man. His mate, Doti remained at the home of Dave Simmons with their offspring, TenFour. At 75-80 pounds, age 20, Dozer is a relatively young tortoise, and could live 100 years or more.

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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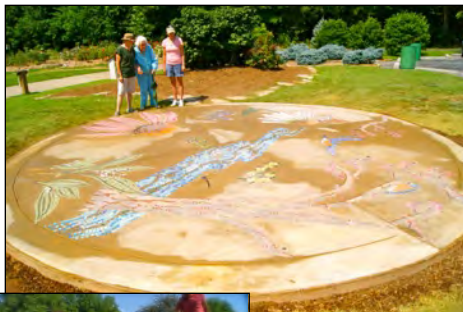
Two new garden creations honor loved ones through art

Two new creations in the Close Memorial Gardens combine artistic talents with the desire to remember loved ones. One is the Peace Garden, funded by Muriel Caldwell in memory of Joan Collins, which is a work in progress.

Further along is the Mosaic Patio Garden that is one of the first stops for visitors, just beyond the parking lot and near the Rose Garden, White Garden and Hosta Garden. Ruth Kelley funded the mosaic patio that was painstakingly created by Christine Schilling and constructed by Tidwell Concrete, which took a special interest to display its own skills.

"It's even more beautiful than I thought it would be," said Kelley on a perfect Saturday morning in June as the mosaic began to emerge after repeated acid scrubbing.

Schilling, whose studio is MosaicaRose spent more than a year experimenting with combinations of ceramic tiles and jewels, drawing Brian Tidwell into the science of how to best color and install the concrete pad. Tidwell and his crew poured the pad over two



From left, Christine Schilling, Ruth Kelley and Nancy Hopkins, study the mosaic images. At left, Brian Tidwell and crew add the finish.

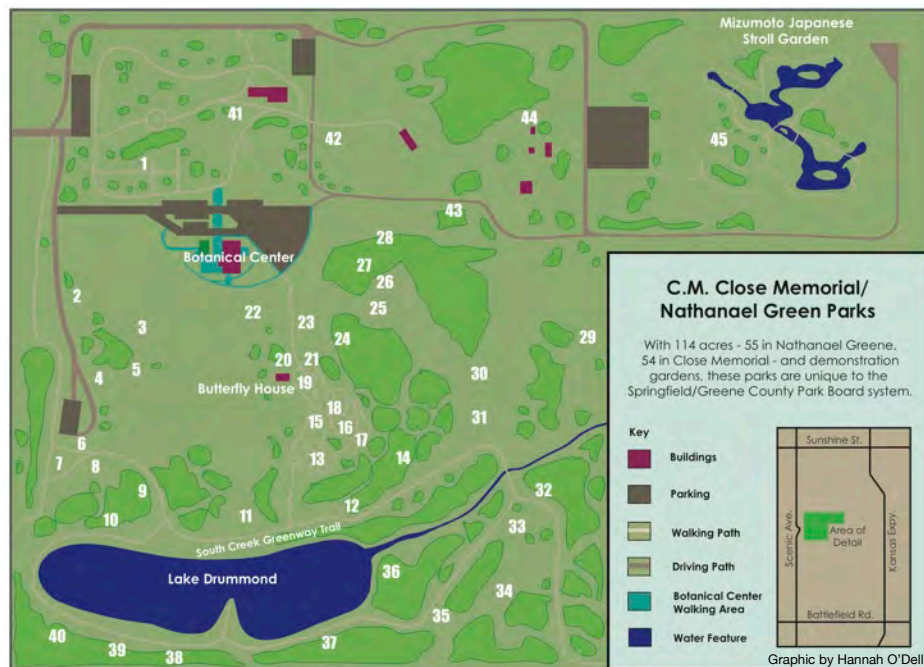
days, with Schilling imbedding the mosaic patterns that were first glued to a fabric background to hold them in place. After the patio is sealed and finished to Schilling's satisfaction, benches and plantings will be added for comfortable contemplation.

Upcoming Events*

- **Aug. 3:** "Free-Wheelin' Friday" for educators; call 862-9910 for details.
- **Aug: 3 - 53** visitors from Japan arrive in Springfield, housing is requested as well as transportation, call 864-1341 for details.
- **Aug. 25:** 5 p.m., Bettine Clemen Concert; Christ Episcopal Church Reception with sparkling wine at 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 7, 8, 9:** Japanese Fall Festival in Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.
- **Sept. 14-16:** Missouri Master Gardeners Conference, Best Western State Fair Inn; Sedalia.
- **Sept. 15-16:** Gray-Campbell Farmstead Lifestyle Exposition.
- **Oct 7:** Friends of the Garden Picnic on the deck.

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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.