

A tip: come early for hard-to-find selections and our first-ever garage sale; then come again later in the day when bargains get even better.



Buyers and plants come together at the 15th annual Master Gardeners Plant sale. This year, Friends of Garden will add a garage sale to the event. Both events coincide; and all funds directly benefit the botanical gardens.

Garage sale adds non-plant bargains to MG plant sale

Two events: same time, same place
plant lovers come early, stay late

For the past 15 years, members of the Master Gardeners of Greene County have gathered thousands of plants to sell annually.

This year, Friends of the Garden brings a new dimension to the event: hardscape and more, what some might call a good-old fashioned garage or yard sale, with non-plant items donated by the membership.

For the rest of us, the chance to search for both plant and non-plant bargains is another way to support the many activities of both groups.

In addition to plants gleaned from private gardens, many of the hundreds of perennials for sale are Master Gardener-grown plants gathered from the Xeriscape Garden on National Avenue and the Demonstration Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

"These are successful plants that our volunteer gardeners have thinned or divided from these two gardens," says Christine Chiu, president of Master Gardeners of Greene County.

"It's how I started my garden when I moved here 12 years ago," adds Barbara St. Clair, former president of the Master Gardeners of Greene County.

Donated plants are welcome as well, subject to quality control and following procedures to ensure a good result for all.

And because these plants have already been tested in the area, they have a better chance of doing well than unproven plants from other regions. Quality is excellent and the prices are exceptional, and often include growing tips.

The Master Gardeners of Greene County plant sale began in 1998 and is always the last Saturday in April at 7:30 a.m. rain or shine – and continues until the plants are sold out.

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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 Springfield Botanical gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park and by supporting the mission of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center and Park Board.



Herb Batson

Artist, woodcarver, craftsman, his devotion to the Gray-Campbell Farmstead keeps the grounds looking just right.

Somewhere between the job descriptions for artist, craftsman, wood-carver and jack-of-all-trades, you will find Herb Batson's hands at work helping others.

"Herb is the driving force behind the constant maintenance and upkeep required around the four old buildings (the Campbell house, kitchen, granary and the barn), plus the grounds that make up the Gray/Campbell Farmstead," explains George Deatz. "His goal is to keep the buildings looking original to the period while making sure they will be there for the next generation to enjoy."

Herb also plants and maintains the Heritage Garden, a vegetable plot between the building and cemetery. Students attending the Fifth Grade Program sometimes will assist under Herb's guidance. He also donates his time and woodcarvings to the Baptist Children's Home, and shares his skills in regular demonstrations of the popular Ozarks craft.

"Herb is also quite an artist. He has created wood-turned bowls and wood-carved animals for the benefit of the Farmstead, available to purchase through the Botanical Boutique. He has drafted plans for a covered pavilion for the stage outside the Farmstead."

– Katie Steinhoff,
Springfield Botanical
Gardens Coordinator

You might think he's been carving all his life, but it's only since 2000 that he took up hobby.

Herb has just the right personality and seems to fit into the historical period providing the knowledge and the ability to teach something how our ancestors lived, something that many people might otherwise never experience."

"You know, I don't think there is anything at the farmstead that Herb has not done," says Michelle Atkinson, president of the Friends of Gray-Campbell. "He's painted, repaired fence,

repaired buildings and steps, did the garden, supervised fifth graders and MSU college students, and if he is out there, and someone wants to see the buildings, he'll open them up and give them a private tour."

Herb will be at the Bluegrass music event on April 27th at Gray-Campbell. Just bring a picnic and you're welcome. He's also on the committee for the 1860s Farmstead Expo Sept. 20-21.



Herb Batson, right, is dressed for helping a youngster draw water from the well at the Gray-Campbell Farmstead Lifestyle Exposition.



That “whiiiiish” is five years flying by since Butterfly House first opened

It may not seem possible, but that ‘whiiiiish’ you hear may be the sound of time flying by as we mark the fifth year for the Dr. Bill Rostin Butterfly House and the Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival.

In the terminology of lepidopterists, the butterfly house has transmogrified from a sit-down meeting with lots of spirited discussion among friends on how best to proceed to a sturdy netted structure that just seems to accommodate more visitors and activities each year. This past year, at least 22,448 visitors made their way in and out of the house. That’s an increase of 5,500 from the previous year, and represents the expanded operating hours throughout the four seasons the house was open.

To celebrate, volunteers at the butterfly house and Friends of the Garden are invited to a members-only birthday celebration at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, immediately prior to the board meeting. The house opens officially on May 10. By then, the butterfly house will be a busy place as various varieties of butterflies and moths begin their reproduction cycles. If you’re a member, join as we celebrate and thank the docents and volunteers who have made this attraction the most popular in the gardens.

First Friday Friends welcomes Membership to Botanical Gardens

First Friday Friends is a new way to learn about the Botanical Center and Springfield Botanical Gardens. On the first Friday of each month, Katie Steinhoff, director and program coordinator, will introduce potential volunteers to Friends of the Garden. The events will act as a welcome and orientation to the gardens.

“We get a lot of people who want to help but don’t know how to start,” says Katie. “Sometimes we don’t know where to direct them either. We will give anyone who is interested in volunteering at the park enough information to know where they want to work and how to get started.”

Follow your Friends on Twitter?

For those of you who twitter, Friends of the Garden now has a presence on Twitter, the social media site, thanks to President Lisa Bakerink’s son, Levi, who is home for spring break. Special thanks to Levi for nudging us down the information highway to the next exit.

You can follow up at https://twitter.com/Friends_Garden, for brief updates and reminders about upcoming events at the botanical center.

From our friends at Master Gardeners:

Volunteer hours bring thousands of talented hands to grow good things

At the February meeting of the Master Gardeners of Greene County, it was announced that members contributed a grand total of 18,997 volunteer hours during 2012. The value of this volunteer time to the community is estimated at \$357,143.

The valuation of volunteer time provides one way to measure the impact individuals make with each hour they dedicate to make a difference.

Every other year, the non-profit organization Independent Sector (IS) calculates a value for each volunteer hour state by state. According to IS, the national average hourly value of volunteer time is \$21.79. The average hourly value in Missouri is placed at \$18.80.



What: Sixth Annual Young Sprouts

Who: For children of all ages, presented by Master Gardeners of Greene County.

When: Saturday, May 18, 2013

Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Botanical Center, 2400 S Scenic Ave, Springfield, Mo 65807

Dig it; Plant it: Discover carnivorous plants, observe a bee hive, ride a zip line, create nature prints, hunt for worms and more. Lifelong passions can take root and grow with 30 hands-on activities hosted by area organizations. This event is free to the public.

“Using the formula from IS that has become the national standard, we can say the value of the time volunteered in the community by members of the Master Gardeners of Greene County exceeds \$350,000,” estimates David Burton, country program director for Greene County Extension.

During the year, chapter members use forms to track their volunteer hours on projects approved by the leadership of Master Gardeners of Greene County. Those forms are submitted by members to the Greene County Extension office in order to document the necessary number of hours required to retain active membership in the chapter. Volunteer hours may include those worked by Master Gardeners on behalf of Friends of the Garden.

Total hours reported in Greene County were submitted by 151 “active” Master Gardeners and included 2,998 hours reported by 38 of the new chapter members.

“There are always ongoing discussions of the value of

Master Gardener volunteer service to the community with potential donors, the Greene County Commission and others in reference to the continued importance of Greene County Extension,” said Burton. “My hat is off to Patrick Byers, the MU Extension horticulture specialist who provides leadership for the local Master Gardeners, and members of the Master Gardener chapter for such great work.”

Garden Notes other good stuff

Federated Garden Club take Create floral 'showstoppers'

If a part of you realizes there is art in floral design, here's your chance to enjoy the work of the best.

"Go Country," is the theme of the annual show sponsored by the Springfield Council of Federated Garden Clubs. Hours are Noon to 8:30 p.m., on Friday, May 31, and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at The Library Center Auditorium, 4653 S. Campbell in Springfield.

"The public always enjoys seeing plants from our members' gardens and the creative designs using all kinds of plant and man-made materials," says Ruth McMillion of Ever Green Garden Club, show chairman. "Interpretation of themes makes the event fun for entrants as well as viewers." Various classic country tunes will be used to feature 48 artistic flower designs.

More than 200 specimens of horticulture, themed "Country Highlights," will show various annuals, perennials, bulbs, shrubs, trees, decorative foliage plants and potted plants grown in this area. Springfield Botanical Gardens Park Partners and any amateur gardener are welcome to enter horticulture in the show. The deadline for potted plants registration is noon May 24. Size is limited to 10 inch diameter at top of pot. Both blooming and foliage is welcome. All horticulture samples need to be in place by 9 a.m. Friday, May 31 and require no registration. It is strongly suggested anyone new to the process call. No late entries will be taken. Display and size guidelines can be shared. They are too complicated for this format. All entries must be removed promptly between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Please contact Sheila Neff by May 17 for complete details, her cell is 417-766-2230, email skneff@wildblue.net.

Three educational exhibits, themed "Country Landscapes," will feature hardy blooming trees for this area, how to use outdoor lighting in your garden and how to grow roses in this area. Accredited judges will evaluate all designs, horticulture and educational exhibits. The four garden clubs working on the show are Brentwood, Cherry Court, Ever Green, and Hillbilly Gardeners. Representatives of the garden clubs are available throughout the show hours to answer questions. The Springfield Council of Federated Garden Clubs is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc. (FGC) and National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The show complies with the requirements and objectives for a Standard Flower Show as established by NGC.

Around & about the Gardens

Thank you, Volunteers!

On several occasions, in just the last few days, Friends of the Garden (FOG) volunteers have been described to me using the following words or phrases: "exuberant", "highly motivated", "full of energy", and "ready to go." These words capture the core of what has been my experience in this organization as well. FOG volunteers have an intrinsic passion for bringing people, nature and gardens together. In fact, that is our vision, "...to unify the Springfield Botanical Gardens and its Park Partners to bring people, nature, and gardens together." The gardens that inspire visitors as they play, recreate, or relax likely started out as a vision in the mind of a volunteer. To put it in perspective, in just 14 years, Friends of the Garden has assisted in building and maintaining 30-plus gardens.



Lisa Bakerink

As I think collectively about the many volunteers I have the pleasure to know and work with, a simple word comes to mind, "do". While some people may get mired down in planning and thinking and pondering, volunteers simply "do". They get after it and make it happen. I'm not saying that planning and preparing for tasks is not important; adequate preparation is essential in being a good steward of resources and time. But, can't we all relate to that committee meeting with too much talk and not enough action? Haven't we all experienced levels of bureaucracy that stifle the "do" and promote the "don't"? Passionate volunteers who bring their creativity, intelligence, and humanity to the job and get it done are a breath of fresh air, clearing away the frustration in lack of progress. The payment for these volunteers is pride in the beauty of a garden they've helped build, improve, or maintain and the joy of knowing they've enhanced another's life through the serenity of a nature escape.

On Friday, April 26, volunteers to the Springfield Botanical Gardens will be treated to lunch as a way to say "thank you" for their tireless efforts. How appropriate that this lunch is scheduled on what may be the most volunteer-intensive weekend this spring for both Friends of the Garden and the Master Gardeners of Greene County. The Master Gardeners will be setting up for their annual plant sale, and Friends of the Garden will be preparing for a garage sale encouraging the community to repurpose and reuse unwanted items. Both events will be held at the Botanical Center on Saturday, April 27 and are major fund-raisers for each group.

As we begin the 2013 season in the gardens, let me just shout-out to all volunteers with a heart-felt "THANK YOU" for all you "DO"!

Lisa Bakerink is 2013 president of FriendsOfTheGarden.org. You can "Follow" Us on Twitter - @Friends_Garden, on Facebook, or call us at 417-891-1650.

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

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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.

Ozark Daylily Society welcomes international hybridizer

The Ozark Daylily Society will present an internationally known hybridizer and grower, Paul Owen, at its regular meeting on Saturday, April 13, at the Botanical Center. Owen's session will be from 3-5 p.m.



Paul Owen

"All of the Daylily Society's meetings are open to the public," says President Frieda Alexander. "This meeting will be special."

Paul Owen is the owner of of Slightly Different Nursery, in Polkville, N.C. "Paul is a very interesting and knowledgeable speaker," adds Alexander. "He is internationally known and last year gave a presentation to one of the greatest societies in England. He is both a grower and a hybridizer."

"In August, 2005," says Owen, "I managed to move 1,100 named cultivars (from other hybridizers) and 10,000 seedling clumps (selected from nearly 40,000) to Polkville. Assuredly, (it was) the most monumental task I've ever pulled off, I think."

"I've certainly paid my dues when it comes to 'proving' that my dedication to daylilies is unwavering."



Ozark Daylily Society booth at Gray-Campbell Farmstead Expo.

With more than 5,000 daylilies in the collection with 850 varieties, the Daylily Gardens at the botanical gardens are designated as an American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden. When they begin to bloom from mid-June to mid-July, the result is a blaze of color in the Ozarks Daylily Garden. Additionally, one of the beds (Bed 9) has been designated as a Historic Daylily Bed because all of the daylilies were hybridized in years 1980 or older.

Owen's garden will be on tour next year at the American Hemerocallis Society National Daylily Convention at Asheville, North Carolina.

Paul will be bringing eight of his best daylilies to auction at the meeting. Club members will also bring daylilies for auction.

"If you like daylilies or just want to learn about them, mark your calendar and plan to attend. For more information, you can reach Frieda at frieda.alexander@ozarkdaylily.org.



Hosta Society work day

Members of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society clean out the small pond and fountain at the Hosta Gardens on March 9. In the background, volunteers create a raised bed for additional plants in anticipation of submitting our garden to the American Hosta Society to be approved as an AHS National Display 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.

membership levels

- ☐ \$ 500 Benefactor
- ☐ \$ 250 Patron
- ☐ \$ 100 Sponsor
- ☐ \$ 50 Contributor
- ☐ \$ 25 Friend
- ☐ **renewal**
- ☐ **additional donation**
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- ☐ wedding ☐ birthday ☐ in honor of *
- ☐ holiday ☐ anniversary ☐ other*

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- ☐ \$1,000 Platinum
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- ☐ \$800 Four Foot Bench*
- ☐ \$500 Tree* ☐ \$250 Shrub*
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- ☐ festivals & events: FOG booth
- ☐ festivals & events: activities
- ☐ children's activities
- ☐ butterfly house docent
- ☐ marketing & development
- ☐ landscaping & 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 Friends of the Garden Newsletter
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- 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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Upcoming Events at the Springfield Botanical Gardens

March 30: Japanese Stroll Garden opens. At 9, 10, 11 a.m.; Hosta Dividing Seminar; Greater Ozarks Hosta Society; some varieties available for purchase.

March 31: 10-11:45 a.m.; 1-2:45 p.m. Bonsai Society Workshop; Botanical Center; two sessions.

April 5: 10 a.m.; Missouri Arbor Day Tree Walk; Learn more about the arboretum and plant collections at the Botanical Gardens. Walk forms in Botanical Center Atrium.

April 6: Cherry Blossom Kite Festival; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free (kids kite kit \$3); Celebrate the beginning of spring and the opening of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden by flying your kite or building one with us; also origami and other traditional Japanese crafts; sponsored by Springfield Sister Cities. Rain date, April 7.

April 13: 3-5 p.m.; Ozark Daylily Society meets; auction features Paul Owen daylilies (see story on page 5)

April 17: 5:30 p.m., Butterfly House Docent Training.

April 20: 9:30 a.m., Butterfly House Docent Training.

April 20: 11 a.m. 1 p.m., Hosta Garden Society Spring Picnic in the Hosta Gardens (Rain date: April 21).

April 21: Earth Day festivities nationwide*.

April 27: 8 a.m., Master Gardener Plant Sale; your favorite perennials at great prices; Garden Garage Sale hosted by Friends of the Garden; specialty plants sold by Springfield Area Herb Society, Springfield Watergarden Society and Cherry Court Garden Club.

April 27: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friends of Gray-Campbell Bluegrass Picnic at the farmstead.

May 9: 4 p.m., Butterfly House Birthday Party for members of Friends of the Garden, followed by May board/membership meeting.

May 10: All Day; Public Gardens Day, official opening of Butterfly House.

May 16: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Hosta Society tour of Hilltop Farms (Rain date, May 17)

May 18: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Young Sprouts in the Garden, sponsored by Master Gardeners of Greene County.

May 31: 6-9 p.m., Hosta Society "Evening in the Garden" Tour of J.J. Everett's garden*; free to members; \$10 for guests (Rain date: June 1)

June 15: 4-7 p.m., Hosta Society BBQ Picnic; Don Nicholson Farm near Bois D'Arc (Rain date, June 16).

July 20: Butterfly Festival, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Butterfly House and Botanical Center.

Aug. 31: 3-6 p.m., Hosta Society Plant Auction*, Botanical Center; with plants from Peggy's Flowers, Hilltop Farms.

* Unless otherwise noted, events are in the Springfield Botanical Center. Friends of the Garden is pleased to publicize timely gardening events of regional interest. Please sign up for a weekly summary of events and activities by sending us your e-mail address. E-mail us at News@FriendsOfTheGarden.org, or on Facebook.

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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.



A personal Invitation to join us Friends of the Garden needs 2014 members by 2014!

Become one of our 2014 Friends of the Garden members and step into the wealth of resources within the Springfield Botanical Gardens. You will be amazed at the depth of knowledge and horticultural expertise. Be inspired and motivated by the range and diversity of the many plant societies and educational programs under the roof of the new Springfield Botanical Center.

Save time and money by learning the top horticultural tips from experts.

10 reasons to become a friend of the garden!

- Our gardens are have fresh air.
- Our gardens have flowers.
- Our gardens have butterflies.
- Our gardens give you exercise opportunities.
- Our gardens are created with passion.
- Our gardens provide for every generation
- Our gardens extend to England and Japan.
- Our gardens have friendly knowledgeable volunteers.
- Our website is packed with incredible garden information.
- All this open 365 days a year, for only \$25.

A Friends of the Garden membership includes admission for two to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden (except during the Japanese Fall Festival), our bi-monthly newsletter tucked inside you personal subscription to GREENE Magazine, reciprocity with other American Horticultural Society gardens across the country, 10 percent merchandise discount and more.

Our gardens need you as a friend! Your membership investment helps us grow.

Coming to your neighborhood!

Friends of the Garden in your neighborhood program. Watch out for Friends of the Garden Ambassadors. An Ambassador is a local friend of the garden who communicates the wealth of information and resources of the Springfield Botanical Gardens into their local neighborhood. Ambassadors help adopt neighborhoods as Friends of the Garden offering education information and advice in the pursuit of bringing the Botanical Garden experience to your local neighborhood.

Become a Friends of the Garden Business Ambassador.

Make your business a friend of the garden. Give your employees a membership to the Friends of the Garden.

Many of our activities have benefits for health and wellness. We encourage walking, jogging, biking and gardening. A Business Ambassador membership for employees sends a great message. Make the membership part of a real tangible local wellness program. How many calories would you burn walking among our gardens? Compare this employee benefit with your employee health-care insurance.

Ask us about the new Ambassador or Friends of the Garden membership program?
Please use our application on page 6 of this newsletter to become one of us.



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