

# The Bimonthly Journal of the Friends of the Garden

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## Butterflies (and moths) move front and center for 5th annual festival

If anyone should ever call you a lepidopterist, just say thank-you and try to live up to the title with the pride it deserves.

While the term refers to scientists who collect, study and observe butterflies (and moths), it also includes hobbyists who are not formal scholars, but who catch, collect, study, or simply observe lepidopterans. What to call someone who studies lepidopterists is another matter, but can we get back to you on that?

The Friends of the Garden 5th Annual Butterfly Festival on Saturday, July 20, will again open the doors of the Bill Roston Butterfly House so that all of us can learn something of these most beautiful insects, some in danger of being lost if we don't do more to protect their habitat. In addition to observing all four stages of these beautiful creatures, there will be activities for the young at heart, a silent auction for bargain hunters, the results of a Nature in the Park Photography Contest; face-painting, bubbles the size of beach balls; a tortoise named Dozer, the size of a really big lawn ornament; live music, treats, and persons of every age and description searching for their inner child.

Best of all, the festival is completely free, including the Japanese Stroll Garden (although donations are gratefully accepted in the butterfly house); and proceeds from the auction will help fund the house. The festival will again run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., although your own personal festivities may continue through the Botanical Gardens, where there are flowers and gardens, playgrounds, tram rides, benches, picnic tables and more.

Of course, if you were to become a lepidopterist-in-training, you might be expected to pet a caterpillar. That, too can be arranged, and it really is quite an experience for one and all. And if you wanted to volunteer, that can be arranged as well.

## Renaissance in the Japanese Stroll Garden

Canada geese enjoy the serenity of the Japanese Stroll Gardens. The ponds are restored and circulating, there's plenty of room to visit, stroll and find in nature. See page 3.

Photo by Gini Dixon  
Southwest Missouri Camera Club

For more than a year now, a small group of volunteers and parks staff have been quietly creating a masterpiece in the Japanese Stroll Garden.

The facelift is really more than a restoration, since the garden has existed since 1985. Call it a reinterpretation. Call it extraordinary.

Among the priorities was the replacement of a powerful pump that previously circulated water between upper and lower level ponds. The result is a connecting scenic waterfall (see additional photos and a description of stroll and zen gardens on page 3).

"When the pump wasn't working, it had an effect on just about everything else in one way or another," says Don Schmidt, who with his wife, Nancy, leads the project.

Originally, a pump was estimated to have cost up to \$8,000, but in typical FOG fashion, one was found at half the price. Then came serious digging to relay the water lines. The Schmidts found volunteers, including college students, to help with the construction.

Overgrown shrubs and diseased trees were removed or returned to proper proportion. Support also came from the Springfield Sister Cities Association, which has a relationship with Isesaki, Japan. Gardeners from Isesaki have visited multiple times and have been

invited to return. The original Zen Garden was restored near the former entrance.

Most of the restoration occurred when the park was closed for the season, as Phase I of a multiple-phase restoration.

All this came about in part because the leadership of the Botanical Society of the Ozarks, realized it could not longer sustain the park. Officially, that group disbanded and the responsibilities now rest with the Japanese Garden Group, which is reorganizing, and the Parks staff, which handles mowing and maintenance projects.

Now it's your turn. As a member of Friends of the Garden, you have two free passes good throughout the year (except for the weekend of the Japanese Festival in September). If you're not a member, admission is \$3 per person, still half the price of similar gardens. If you're a member of more than 300 public gardens through the American Horticulture Society ([AHS.org](http://AHS.org)), you have reciprocity to visit.

Elsewhere in the newsletter (on page 8), are details of a new business initiative that employers may find attractive.

Meanwhile, volunteers are still urgently needed. The Japanese Garden Group meets again at 8:30 a.m. on June 29. If you're able to help, there are many paths to follow.

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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).

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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.



Frank Mason installs edging stone in the Lily Garden.

Photos by Frank Shipe, Ozarks Gardens.com.

## Profile: Frank Mason

Frank Mason doesn't have to be asked twice to help with a project. We count on him.

When Frank Mason was asked by Bob Childress, garden chairman, if he might assist with the care of the Lily Garden, he did something more.

First, he joined the Ozarks Regional Lily Society. The he proceeded to take the Lily Garden to a entirely new level. With the help of some other members, the garden was remapped, the stone edging realigned, plants replace as needed, signage developed and installed, and the rock paths that had lost gravel over time were refurbished. Oh, yes, weeds were banned.

"At this point, with Frank's leadership, the Lily Garden is a garden to be sure and visit," says George Deatz, former FOG president. "Frank has been an excellent volunteer working in many areas of the gardens over the last few

"As much as anyone, Frank Mason sets the standard for dedication to the heavy lifting that is required to take care of the gardens. Not everyone can do what Frank does, but if everyone just did what they're good at, our future would be assured."

— Lisa Bakerink,  
President, Friends of the Garden

years. "

Frank started out working with some of the beds in the Federated Garden Club Perennial Garden. He was on the crew that created the Asalea Garden in 2011 (see photo below).

He also assisted members of the Iris Society of the Ozarks upgrade some of their beds next to the Lily Garden.

Together with Stan Horsch, the two men have worked to replace much of the old stone edging with new sandstone along many of the other paths and garden beds as needed to improve the looks and make it easier to keep the garden beds looking good.

Frank is also currently working to help maintain and repair the irrigation systems that help to keep out many gardens looking their best.

Whenever he is asked to help on other garden projects, he is always there, quietly getting the work done.



Above and at far left is Frank Mason, with the volunteers who planted the new Azalea Garden.





# Two Pathways to Zen in the gardens

The opening of the Japanese Strolling Garden each spring is a much anticipated time at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Weeping cherry, redbud and pear blossoms replace the textures of winter, even if interrupted by the unexpected: a light spring snow.

Pillows of white appear and disappear so quickly there is only minimal damage to fragile blossoms. Mother Nature reminds us that although we all are welcome, this is her garden, her palate of white, lavender and returning green. There is much to think about on the two pathways to zen.

## What makes a Japanese Stroll Garden?

The Japanese stroll garden places great importance on the path. Stroll Gardens usually are quite large and have a pond in the central area encircled by a path. These gardens were developed after the medieval period, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, when travel throughout the country was severely limited by the central government. Because the lords couldn't travel freely, they created private gardens where such "excursions" could be undertaken; In their gardens they would build a number of scenes that reminded them of famous places from around the country.

The Stroll Garden style has meandering paths, stepping stones, ponds and bridges designed by the nobility that have many hidden mysteries that were only revealed by moving down the path. The design of these paths controls the speed that the viewer walks and the senses.

Stepping stones are strategically placed to ensure that the stroller must look down and slow his progress., the zig zag bridge also slows your journey by changes in direction.

The design ensures that the observer sees all facets of the garden and that it lifts the viewers' spirits by way of traversing the garden in a state of "walking meditation."

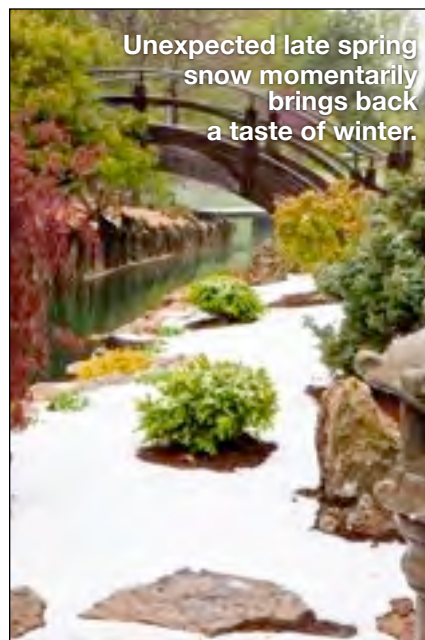
A Zen (Meditation) Garden

The Zen rock garden defies a definition of a "garden", there is no green grass, but sand, gravel and rocks. There is no contrast in colors and flowers are nowhere to be seen.

Between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Century Chinese Taoism was making an imprint on Japanese art. Taoism believes that in the middle of the ocean three to five islands would be found. These islands are the home of the immortals.

During the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, Gardens were arranged to portray Japan's natural landscapes. Ponds and islands remain integral parts of the garden, lengthy covered galleries were added, with deciduous trees whose shapes and color would shift from season to season. This design depicts the core of Buddhism.

Around the 11<sup>th</sup> century, the first rock garden became part of mainstream gardening. This form of gardening was called "ishitate-so" which translates to "monks who arrange rocks". Gardeners in this period stripped nature bare and created the Zen garden out of rocks and sand to reveal the truth of life and nature. Zen gardens are ponds without water, waves are raked into the sand to show water



Unexpected late spring snow momentarily brings back a taste of winter.



Renovated falls carry waters between recirculating ponds.

Top two photos by Alan O'Neal; bottom photo by Mary Rauzi, SWMO Camera Club

mimicking oceans or streams. Rocks represent islands, turtles and bridges just to mention a few elements.

Zen gardens are not a place for picnicking. At the rock garden, Zen monks contemplated Nature and searched for freedom of the mind. The true purpose behind the sand raking is a form of moving meditation.

All of these elements can be found in the Meditative garden in the Mizumoto Stroll Garden. You will see an area of sand raked into waves of the ocean with an island in its center, representing a tortoise, and symbolizing longevity. The largest stone is a Shinto stone that represents Buddha, two stones to the left are his helpers. The other stones are islands of the immortals or represent the five elements Sky, Earth, Wind, Water and Fire.

# Garden Notes other good stuff

## Watergarden Society tour includes visits to homes and stroll garden

The Springfield Watergarden Society is planning a pond tour on Saturday, June 22. Proceeds will be divided equally with Friends of the Garden.

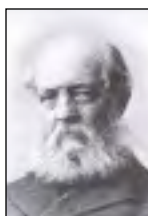
At least eight private residential water gardens, including the Japanese Stroll Garden, will be on display. Tickets are only \$5 and are available at the gift shop in the botanical center. The ponds at the Japanese Stroll Garden have undergone a major renovation to restore them, including a new water recirculation system. Normal admission is \$3, although members of Friends of the Garden are granted two year-round passes as a benefit of membership.

Further information is available from Mimi and Ken Grozinger, whose garden will be one of those featured on the tour. For more information, contact Mimi at [mizgrozinger@yahoo.com](mailto:mizgrozinger@yahoo.com), or Ken at [kengrozinger@yahoo.com](mailto:kengrozinger@yahoo.com), or by calling 417-891-1515. Tours will continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All the ponds on the tour are within the Springfield area.

Other members of the society who will show their ponds include Mark and Debbie Putman, Bob and Monica Feeney, Bob and Donna Simpson, Janet Wreath, Pat Johnson, Jim Silzell, J.J. Averett, and Jim and Carol Lersch.

## History Walk Dedication will honor Frederick Law Olmsted

The Springfield Host Lions Club will honor Frederick Law Olmsted, considered to be the father of landscape architecture, with its 30th history stone at the Springfield Botanical Gardens during ceremonies at 6 p.m., on June 6.



Olmsted

"This is an appropriate honoree for the 100th anniversary of the Springfield-Greene County Parks," says James Schatz. The ceremonies will be at the flagpole at Nathanael Greene Park (or inside at the Botanical Center Building if weather conditions require.) Following the dedication there will be a light supper. To make a reservation, please call James Schatz at 417-883-1911 or [jwsma@hotmail.com](mailto:jwsma@hotmail.com).

Located just north of the Botanical Center, the Lions History Walk has 29 granite stones honoring Americans "who have made a difference." It is designed for visitors to move from stone to stone and enjoy a leisurely walk through American and Missouri history.

## Around & about the Gardens

### The Unique Value of a Garden

Gardens are important to many and for many different reasons. The Springfield Botanical Gardens comprise 114 acres in southwest Springfield and our thousands of visitors have about that many different reasons for engaging with nature at 2400 S. Scenic. Here are just some of the most recent impressions posted by our garden visitors:

*"Beautiful! Come here by yourself, with your running buddies or your family. There is something for everyone. They have installed several new pieces of playground equipment. The gardens are beautiful."*

*"Beautiful location for a wedding, check out the Hosta Garden, you won't regret it."*

*"Beautiful park any time of year. This park is one of my favorites, as this is where my husband proposed to me. It has Japanese gardens, a butterfly house, a botanical center and park recreational facilities. It is a really big park and it is so beautiful. A good way to get a view of Missouri's beauty."*



Lisa Bakerink

*"Beautiful place to walk. If you love gardening and walking this is someplace you should go. My first visit was lucky because a tram was just taking off for a short 15-minute tour of the grounds so I was able to get a good overview, which was great because it's a large park and I was able to go back and hit the areas that were only going to be blooming for a short time before I'd miss them."*

What a great variety of ways to enjoy the gardens at the Springfield Botanical Gardens and it is encouraging to read what is meaningful to our visitors. The Friends of the Garden (FOG) mission is to connect people with nature and our volunteers are driven to provide amazing areas that do just that. We invite you to come relax, learn, celebrate, recreate, meditate, and enjoy our gardens in a way that is meaningful to you.

Our team also invites you to leave your own unique mark in the park. Purchasing an engraved tribute brick or bench is a thoughtful way to honor or remember special people in your life. Imagine your mother smiling as she walks a path and sees the brick you gave in honor of her birthday last year which you also celebrated at the park. Many people purchase bricks and benches in memory of loved ones as well. They often report a sense of peace and closeness when remembering that special person while visiting the park.

The value of our gardens is measured by you and we enjoy hearing what you think. Facebook, Twitter, and email are just some of the ways you can connect with us. We look forward to seeing you in the gardens and hearing about your unique garden experiences.

Lisa Bakerink is 2013 president of [FriendsOfTheGarden.org](http://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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## Endicott Pear tree 'clones' a bit of history dating back to 1600s

If trees could tell tales, the Endicott Pear Tree planted 150 years before the American Revolution in the Massachusetts Bay Colony by John Endecott, could surely offer some lessons in history, survival and even horticulture. The tree is believed to be the oldest surviving free tree in the country,



John Endecott

although other species are thousands of years older.

Now one of its offspring has been planted in the herb section of the Master Gardeners Demonstration Gardens. The cloned tree was presented to the park by

Springfield resident Gordon Harmon, who is a descendant of Gov. John Endecott (note how the spelling has evolved). Tom and Janet Meshek of Tulsa joined in a dedication ceremony that included some lessons in the challenges of grafting the old fruit tree. Also a descendant, Meshek is president of the Endicott Family Association. The European Pear (*Pyrus communis*) was cloned at an Oregon facility and made available to the Endicott Family Association, which has a mission to make sure the tree continues to thrive. "What planting this tree does is anchor



Patrick Byers, Extension horticulturalist, listens to remarks by Tom Meshek, center, president of the Endicott Family Association, and his cousin, Gordon Harmon of Springfield, during a planting ceremony for an Endicott Pear Tree.

the family history back to the beginning of where it started in the Massachusetts Bay Colony," says Meshek.

Considered the "grandson" of the pear tree planted in about 1632, it was Endecott's hope that the tree would be a living reminder of the first colonial residents, though not without controversy.

Hurricanes threatened the tree's survival in 1804, 1815 and 1843, and vandals hacked the 80-foot specimen back to only six feet in 1964. Still, it thrives at its original location on property owned by Massachusetts General Hospital in Danvers, Mass.

# Young Sprouts in the Gardens

Molly and Brooks Brown, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited, encouraged the next generation of bird watchers at Young Sprouts by handing out 300 bird feeders during the event sponsored by Master Gardeners of Greene County in collaboration with National Kids to Parks Day. Presenters included the National Weather Service, Springfield Area Herb Society, Beekeepers Association of the Ozarks, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Greater Ozarks Audubon Society. Among the attractions: a zip line, archery, geocaching, worm hunting and seed planting.

## 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**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 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\*

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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
- ☐ 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
- Special Invitations to Friends of the Garden Member 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](http://www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events.htm)



## Upcoming Events\* at the Springfield Botanical Gardens

- **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 6:** 6 p.m.; Frederick Law Olmsted Stone in the History Walk, by Host Lions Club and Springfield/Greene County Parks. (See story)
- **June 7:** First Friday with Friends History Walk and Talk; a tour of all the stones in the history walk.
- **June 8:** 8 a.m. To Noon; Bark in the Park; canine guests are especially welcome.
- **June 11:** 6 p.m. Master Gardeners of Greene County.
- **June 13:** 5 p.m.; Friends of the Garden board and membership meeting.
- **June 14:** 7 p.m.; "Dinner at the Orchard" to Benefit Greene County Extension; Sunshine Valley Farm Café, Rogersville.
- **June 15:** 4-7 p.m.; Hosta Society BBQ Picnic; Don Nicholson Farm near Bois D'Arc (Rain date, June 16).
- **June 15:** 12:30 p.m.; Ozark Regional Lily Society Show.
- **June 15:** Dedication of the Peace Garden; in memory of the late Joan Collins.
- **June 18:** 7 p.m.; Orchid Society monthly meeting.
- **June 22:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Springfield Watergarden Society Pond Tour 9am-5pm including the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden \$5/adult; Ozark Daylily Club Show inside the Botanical Center; Photography Workshop - Beginning with D-SLR Cameras \$20- RSVP to 891-1515
- **June 29:** Photography workshop - Matting and Framing Photos; \$10 registration; RSVP to 891-1515.
- **June 22:** 9 a.m.; Walking Meditation, Japanese Stroll Garden, Springfield; walk free; entrance fee is \$3 at ticket booth.
- **June 29:** 8:30 a.m.; Japanese Garden Group; Stroll garden; volunteers needed to work in gardens.
- **June 29:** 2-4 p.m. Homesteading for the City Dweller: Indoor Herb Gardening (for adults); Brentwood Library; learn how to harvest your own flavorful, fresh herbs grown in your kitchen; Library staff will demonstrate planting, watering and growing techniques for indoor herbs. Bring a small terra cotta pot. Registration starts June 17; call 883-1974.
- **July 6:** 2-4 p.m.; Homesteading for the City Dweller: Sudsy Soap Making (for adults); stop rinsing your money down the drain! Learn how to make your own soap the old-fashioned way; participants will take home a recipe booklet and soap sample. High heat and lye will be used in this demonstration. Call 883-1974 to register.
- **July 11:** 5 p.m.; Friends of the Garden board and membership meeting.
- **July 11:** 6 p.m.; Homesteading for the City Dweller: Beekeeping 101; in the Brentwood Library meeting room; Beekeepers Association of the Ozarks President Bruce Snively will provide an overview of the basics of beekeeping and operating a hive.
- **July 13:** 4-H Vegetable and Horticulture Exhibit.
- **July 20:** Butterfly Festival, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Butterfly House and Botanical Center; Japanese Stroll Garden admission free.
- **Aug 3:** 11 a.m.; Tai Chi demonstration/class; entrance to Japanese Stroll Garde; \$3 for non-members, class is free.
- **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. You will find other timely gardening events at [Friends of the Garden.org](http://FriendsOfTheGarden.org). Reach us by e-mail at [News@FriendsOfTheGarden.org](mailto:News@FriendsOfTheGarden.org), or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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## 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.

### 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
46. Ethnic Tree Trail Memorial Garden

\*Planned gardens

## 'Business Friend of the Garden' campaign sets goal of 2,014 members by 2014

Like any organization of volunteers, Friends of the Garden depends on the support of its members to maintain the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Renewals and growth are essential. In turn, we strive to give every member extra benefits.

Now there's a new emphasis as well; business members are invited to share the benefits of memberships with employees and customers as part of our goal to expand to 2,014 members by 2014. As of this writing, we have 1,042 paid members. Offered as an "employee benefit," the goal is to encourage healthier living, exercise, sustainability and giving back to the community.

"Truthfully, this may be one of the most worthwhile investments an employer can make to the well-being of a great employee," says Mike Rankin, a professional landscape designer and gardener, who recently accepted the challenge of membership chair.

Rankin hopes that employers will look at opportunities to sponsor the activities of the botanical gardens as well as using the facilities for corporate events. "Just as businesses need more customers to grow and expand, we need more members. We hope to have some fun with this as well."

You can reach Mike at 417-425-2497. We're pleased to meet with employers and develop joint marketing initiatives.

"Mike is enthusiastic and full of new ideas, and he's the main reason our membership is again above 1,000," says Lisa Bakerink, FOG president. "It would be helpful if others with people skills in marketing and sales would join us in this campaign."

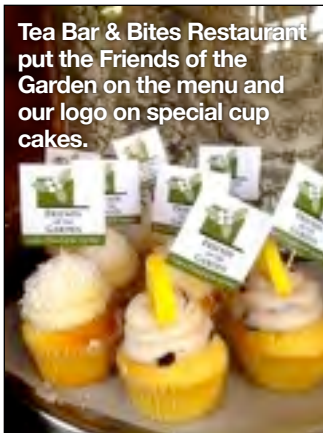
Where better to begin than your own back yard. Rankin recently appealed to his Rountree business neighbors.

Colleen Smith and Jaymee Bohannon, owner and manager respectively at Tea Bar & Bites at Pickwick Place, created a special Friends of the Garden menu and cupcakes. Other businesses in and around the Pickwick Place center joined in as well, including Homegrown Foods, Pickwick Underground Framing, Imo's Pizza, Elles Patisserie and Zen3 Spa & Bodyworks.

Members also receive:

- A subscription to GREENE magazine, with this full-color newsletter included inside each issue six times a year.
- Admission for two to the Japanese Stroll Garden (admission is normally \$3 per person).
- Members enjoy reciprocity with more than 300 gardens because, including the Missouri Botanical Gardens (an \$8 value) and the Powell Gardens in Kansas City (a \$10 value), because of our membership in the American Horticulture Society. Learn more at [AHS.org](http://AHS.org). This means when you're traveling as a FOG member, don't forget your membership card.
- Invitations to special events, concerts and workshops, including discounts at the Botanical Boutique.

Tea Bar & Bites Restaurant put the Friends of the Garden on the menu and our logo on special cup cakes.



# Become a business friend of the garden today!

## Gift a membership to Springfield Botanical Gardens....and be prepared for a surprise!



**WOW!**

## Great membership and sponsorship opportunities starting from just \$25...

# It's all happening at the Botanical Gardens!