

A young man takes a break from riding his bike in the Close Memorial Gardens to read along side the sculpture of the late Anne Drummond, for whom the nearby lake is named.

## Springtime: Bursting out all over



Signs of spring are not hard to come by these days as walkers and riders shade the paved paths to shake off the remnants of cabin fever. Volunteers are just as busy sprucing up gardens for public viewing.

From now through late autumn, there will be events for all ages and virtually all are free and open to the public. The exception is the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, which opens April 5 through October. Admission is \$3 or a Friends of the Garden membership. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Monday (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

The Bill Roston Butterfly House opens shortly after noon on Saturday, May 9,

followed later in the day by a cookout and celebration for members of Friends of the Garden and their guests. And much later in the day, members of the Missouri State University Astronomy Club will set up their telescopes for an evening of star gazing on the rooftop plaza.

Other events will include the annual Kite Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 from the Botanical Center's roof plaza and great lawn makes quite a display of these ancient wind sales.

Admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden is free that day. Various activities will celebrate Springfield's Sister City, Isesaki, Japan.

On May 14, our youngest visitors will be the center of attention from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the great lawn walking path, sponsored by Master Gardener volunteers.

Where else could you find a zip line, archery, face-painting, geocaching, worm hunting and seed planting in the same place for free? Grind corn, visit a "Plant Zoo" and make your own hummingbird feeder at one of Springfield's most popular children's events.

Or, if solitude is what you seek, join the young man above on benches and resting points throughout the Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic. We hope to see you there again and again.

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### Profile: Mike Sidebottom

**Page 2:** He has no cape, only a cape, the dedication and the know-how to be depended on in the gardens or on the engraver.



### Plant sale

**Page 6:** When Master Gardeners have a sale, and they do on April 26, you can be sure it's worth waiting in line to buy, buy, buy.

If you're reading this newsletter online, many items are hyperlinked to the Internet for further information.



# 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.



Mike Sidebottom wears many hats in the gardens, and has close encounter of the odiferous kind

Mike Sidebottom has some advice for his fellow Master Gardeners and others who frequent the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Beware of small, black, furry animals bearing a white stripe.

"If a skunk is about to spray you, run towards it not away," advises Mike, who serves on both the Friends of the Garden and Master Gardeners boards. He serves the latter group as program chairman.

On a recent evening, while walking out to the compost pile to throw out some scraps, Mike had a close encounter of the odiferous kind.

"I almost stepped on something black," he recounted on his Facebook page. "I learned two things: (1) Skunks don't like it when someone almost steps on them. (2) A mix of baking soda and peroxide does neutralize Skunk spray.

Mike considers himself lucky that he was too close for a direct hit:

"Fortunately, I was only a couple of feet away. Too close for an all over shot. My boots and pants were the only things hit. Maybe that's a good lesson."

For the rest of us, at least.

When he's not working in the various gardens, Mike has also mastered the engraving machine used to create signs to identify plants.

"When he realized we needed someone to make the signs, he just



stepped up," recalls FOG President Lisa Bakerink. "Here's an example of a skill that doesn't involve garden per se. We need more like Mike Sidebottom, but we also need volunteers to do all kinds of work, most of it fun."

A native of Versailles, Mo., Mike and his wife now live in Republic. Mike is in charge of Online Promotions at Menzies Flock Shop in Springfield, and in case you're wondering, flocking is that stuff that makes stuff feel fuzzy. And Mike's a fuzzy guy. You should meet him if you haven't already.





**Master Gardener volunteers load newly potted seedlings in preparation for the annual plant sale on April 24.**

## Master Gardeners of Greene County nearly 23,000 volunteer hours

At the March meeting of the Master Gardeners of Greene County it was announced that members contributed a grand total of 22,936 volunteer hours during 2013.

The value of this volunteer time to the community is estimated at \$435,784. The valuation of volunteer time provides one way to measure the impact individuals make with each hour they dedicate making a difference. Among the most popular is the annual plant sale on April 26, beginning at 7:30 a.m., offering a variety of top quality plant cultivars, many of them hard to find.

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 \$22.14. The average hourly value in Missouri is placed at \$19.

“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 four-hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars,” says 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 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.

This year, chapter secretary Nancy Chambers and Glenn Blake recorded and tabulated the hours from chapter members for reporting locally, to MU Extension, and to the national

master gardeners group. The total hours reported in Greene County were submitted by 163 Master Gardener chapter members.

There are a number of community projects that generate volunteer hours for Master Gardeners of Greene County. Just a few of the possible projects include: Master Gardener Basic & Advance Training classes, Potting Shed University classes, various community garden classes, Hotline Garden information, assistance with the “Ask a Master Gardener” column, Young Sprouts in the Garden, Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens (at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park), Xeriscape Garden, Lawn & Garden Show with classes, community speakers bureau, Hickory Hills School Greenhouse and Gardens, Springfield Botanical Gardens, community Spring plant sale, and community garden tours.

This year, Master Gardeners had several projects that resulted in large numbers of volunteer hours. For example: volunteers reported 2,620 volunteer hours at the demonstration garden in Nathanael Greene Park, 1,844 volunteer hours operating the Master Gardener Hotline inside the Botanical center, 1,227 volunteer hours maintaining the Xeriscape Garden on South National and 1,467 volunteer hours working in other gardens at the Botanical Center. Other volunteer hours were accumulated doing various other community education and garden projects in the county.

The organization’s goal is to train gardeners who are willing to share their knowledge with others. Master Gardeners become volunteers of University of Missouri Extension and donate hours for community educational projects in horticulture. Learn more about the Master Gardeners of Greene County online at <http://mggreene.org/>.

# Garden Notes

## other good stuff

### Bettine Clemen will perform on behalf of Sensory Garden

Bettine Clemen will perform in concert for a third time on Aug. 21 to benefit the planned Sensory Garden. Details of the time for the concert in the auditorium of the Springfield Art Museum will be announced later.

A native of Bavaria, Clemen is an internationally acclaimed flautist who has appeared on PBS TV and in more than around the world. She has a special fondness for animals and often performs in their presence.

Clemen still has roots and many friends in the Ozarks, having lived near Seymour for some time. She has adopted the Sensory Garden as one of her favorite projects.



**Bettine Clemen**

### George Deatz will chair MU Extension Council for 2014

George Deatz, former president of Friends of the Garden, has been elected chairman of the MU Extension Council of Greene County. He had been vice-president.



**George Deatz**

A master gardener, Harold Bender was elected vice chairman; Nancy Williams was elected secretary and Mary Sue Joplin was elected treasurer.

The Extension Council meets monthly at Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center.

Other elected members

Extension Council include Lisa Bakerink, president of FOG;

Maryfran DiGirolamo, Sharon DeRubis, Dewayne Long, Earl Niewald, Matthew Simpson, Katie Steinhoff, Kip Thompson, Tamara vonFoerster, Parish Witt, and Jan Wooten.

Appointed council members include Harold Bengsch, *Greene County commissioner*; Johnny Davis, representing the *Farm Bureau*; Dustin Devore, *MFA*; and Crystal Quade, representing the *City of Springfield*.

## From the president:

### Join us as Friends of the Garden volunteers spring into action

Spring! That word brings extra joy to one's soul this year after a long, severe winter. Weather like we've had the last several months certainly makes springtime all the sweeter and inspires me to appreciate the promise of life abundant in the gardens.

Volunteers from Friends of the Garden, in conjunction with the Springfield-Greene County Parks staff, are in full spring swing, grooming the 35-plus gardens at the Springfield Botanical Gardens to look their best.

As I contemplate the work before us this year, I want to acknowledge the many park partners and garden adopters that make the Springfield Botanical Gardens a destination spot for visitors of all kinds throughout the year. Whether these volunteers are passionate about one particular species of plant such as lilies or a broad display of cultivars as found in the Federated Garden Clubs display garden, the achievements of these park partners are very significant. Their dedication to providing vibrant and often educational displays can be witnessed in the enjoyment of one visitor who finds inspiration from a garden design to replicate at home or measured by the national recognition that has been awarded to three of our gardens. Volunteer groups whose work has attained national recognition right here in our community...that is amazing!

The Hosta Garden, which most recently was named a national display garden by the American Hosta Society, will host a dedication celebration on Saturday, May 3. You won't want to miss it! The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden and Daylily Garden were nationally recognized in 2013 and 2012 respectively. You can read more about these achievements in the FOG Blog archive on our website or previous newsletters.

As we embark on a new season of growth and renewal, I encourage you to take the opportunity to see all that the Springfield Botanical Gardens has to offer and join us as we work to inspire and amaze our many visitors. We have many wonderful events planned for this year that you won't want to miss!

To view the full list of our park partner organizations or to read more about the gardens, visit our website and blog at [www.friendsofthegarden.org](http://www.friendsofthegarden.org).

Lisa Bakerink is president of Friends of the Garden. Reach her by e-mail [info@friendsofthegarden.org](mailto:info@friendsofthegarden.org), or call 417-891-1650 or 891-1515.



**Lisa Bakerink**





Volunteer gardeners from Friends of the Garden spread top soil in raised beds in the new founders garden.

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

### Memberships

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Johnson, Judy  
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Jones, Donna\*  
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# Make the most of your tour or field trip to the Botanical Gardens

The Springfield Botanical Gardens make up a collection of dynamic facilities that take the best from parks, art museums, libraries, historical sites, nature centers, plus providing a place to play, exercise, bird-watch and more. It's easy to overlook opportunities that could be shared with students, family, friends and other groups. Here are some ideas to help you enjoy the gardens with a youth or adult group.

**Guided Activities:** Almost all guided activities are coordinated through the Botanical Center. Let us know you are coming by completing a group request form, available at the Botanical Center or print one from the "Education" page, [www.botanicalcenter.org](http://www.botanicalcenter.org)

The Dr. Bill Roston Native Butterfly House reveals the magic of metamorphosis. Visitors will see all stages of the butterfly life cycle and learn about habitat.

**Missouri History Fifth Grade curriculum:** Gray-Campbell Farmstead offers a half-day full of activities. Students receive hands-on learning activities about livestock care, cleaning, food preservation and preparation, and basic living in the 1860s. RSVP to [atkinsonplace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:atkinsonplace@sbcglobal.net).

A quick classroom orientation reinforces subjects learned in school: "Plant Parts and You" a program that dissects the roots, stems, leaves, flowers and fruits and seeds and we use in



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**Katie  
Steinhoff**

everyday life. "Alien Invaders" talks about the plants, insects and diseases that were introduced from foreign places and are harming our environment. "SEEDS" is about plant reproduction.

**Garden Tours with Peter Longley:** Designed with input from the group. Whether you want to stick to the Japanese Garden or focus on something special, walking tours and tram tours are available.

**Self-Guided Activities:** A Guide-By-Cell® Audio Tour can be accessed on any cell phone to learn more about plants and exhibits. Pick up a guide at the Botanical Center or look for signs entering each garden.

**Host Lions Club History Walk:** nearly 30 "story stones" with a brief biography of presidents, artists, inventors, many with a Missouri connection.

**Train the Trainer:** Discover Nature Schools is a program offered through the Missouri Department of Conservation and offers teachers training on how to guide outdoor activities. Contact Jay Barber at [Jay.Barber@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Jay.Barber@mdc.mo.gov), or at 417-895-6881 (Ext. 1643) to register. Once teachers feel comfortable demonstrating how to apply classroom knowledge in the field, The Botanical Gardens are a great place to explore.

## 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
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- ☐ \$ 25 Friend
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- ☐ \$1,000 Platinum
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- ☐ \$800 Four Foot Bench\*
- ☐ \$500 Tree\* ☐ \$250 Shrub\*
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- ☐ 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 (excluding the Japanese Fall Festival)
- 10% off at Smiling Sun, Garden Adventures Nursery and the Botanical Center Gift Shop • Volunteer Opportunities
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- 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.

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## Upcoming Events of interest to gardeners in the Ozarks\*

- **April 8: Master Gardeners of Greene County:** monthly meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **April 12: Hosta Dividing Seminar & Plant Sale;** three sessions (9 & 10 a.m., 1 p.m.); sponsored by Greater Ozarks Hosta Society.
- **April 15: Springfield Orchid Society,** 7-8 p.m., South Street Senior Center.
- **Feb. 24: MU Extension Council of Greene County;** 5 p.m.
- **April 3: Succulent Society of the Ozarks;** 7 p.m., The Library Center at 4653 South Campbell in Springfield.
- **April 5:** Cherry Blossom Kite Festival.
- **April 4-6: Spring Ag & Urban Fest;** Ozarks Empire Fairgrounds E-Plex.
- **April 10: Friends of the Garden** board meeting; 5 p.m.
- **April 12: Hosta Society Seminar & Plant Sale;** 9-Noon; Learn how to divide and multiply hostas; plants for sale.
- **April 12: Ozarks Daylily Society:** 3-5 p.m.; presenter will be Bob Faulkner.
- **April 24: Springfield Organic Gardening Club;** 7 p.m., The Library Center; Kelly McGowan, Horticultural Educator for the Missouri Extension service, will speak on "Worm Bin Composting."
- **April 26: Master Gardeners Plant Sale,** 7:30 a.m.
- **April 26: Ozarks Daylily Society Plant Sale;** 7:30 a.m.
- **April 26, Water Garden Society Plant Sale:** 7:30 a.m.
- **April 26-27: 16th Annual Show Me Gourd Society Festival;** E-plex, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds
- **April 28:** Greene County Extension Council, 5:30 p.m. Open to public.
- **May 3: Hosta Garden Dedication;** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Celebrate being an American Hosta Society National Display Garden., old-fashioned picnic (and your best hat); in the Hosta Gardens.
- **May 8: Friends of the Garden board and member meeting;** 5:30 p.m.
- **May 9: Bill Roston Native Butterfly House:** first day open; member cookout.
- **May 9: MSU Astronomy Club** guides visitors stargazing event beginning at dusk on the deck level.
- **May 13: Master Gardeners of Greene County:** Monthly meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 17: Young Sprouts in the Garden.**
- **May 27: MU Extension Council of Greene County;** 5 p.m. (Delayed one day because of Memorial Day).
- **July 17: Sixth Annual Butterfly Festival.**

\* Unless otherwise noted, events are at the Springfield Botanical Center. Reach us by e-mail at [News@FriendsoftheGarden.org](mailto:News@FriendsoftheGarden.org), or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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## Guide to the gardens

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44. Heritage Garden
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46. Ethnic Tree Trail Memorial Garden

\*Planned gardens

## Take the right turn to get to the gardens

Visitors to Springfield Botanical Gardens often describe the experience as an unexpected adventure. But of course you've got to get there to enjoy it. This aerial map will help you get around Nathanael Greene Park and the adjoining Close Memorial Gardens, located at 2400 S. Scenic. 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 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 have been recorded, with signage in place listing the corresponding numbers to hear about each garden.



Join us for a  
celebration of the  
garden on May 3

Photos by Deanna Armstrong



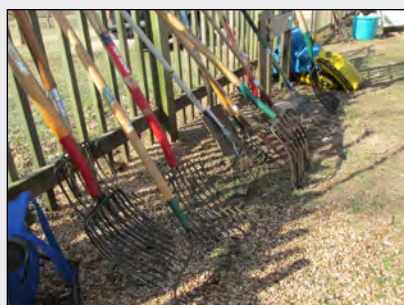
Plenty of eager volunteers properly equipped make quick work of large piles of winter's leftover debris. Much of it can be recycled into mulch and compost. Tons of mulch turn the gardens into a showplace that has earned national acclaim.

## It happens every spring:

One of the earliest plants to break through to sunlight after a harsh winter is the versatile hosta. On a recent Saturday, members of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society dedicated their morning to cleaning, mulching and fertilizing the display garden. The Hosta Garden was one of the first when the Close Memorial Gardens began to develop. Learn more at [GOHS.org](http://GOHS.org).



Under the leadership of President Tom Lakowske, the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society is now on the list on 18 American Hosta Society National Display Gardens.



Below at left, pitchforks are often the tool of choice for cleaning the gardens and spreading tons of mulch. Using a hand-held spreader, a volunteer applies fertilizer to the refurbished beds. The society currently has more than 100 members.

