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Visitors to the gardens may notice a heavy duty vehicle making its way around the gardens. The ATV resembles a miniature pickup truck, and that's exactly its function. Mariel Caldwell, who created the Peace Garden in the background to honor her friend and fellow peace activist, the late Joan Collins of Willard, helped fund the purchase. Friends of the Garden also has a pair of golf carts that help volunteers get around the 114 acres.

Evenings of Romance at Japanese Garden

For those among us who are romantically inclined, and of a certain age, the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden Committee has created four special evenings to enjoy the gardens in a new way for many of us – at night.

On two weekends, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18, and again Nov. 7 and 8 (beneath a nearly full fall moon on Nov. 6), the public is invited to experience the serenity of the gardens illuminated as only tiki torches and paper lanterns. Hours are 7:30-10 p.m. each evening for guests only since the gardens close in early October. Admission is \$5 per person, and guests must be at least 17 years of age.

As part of the fund-raiser to support the stroll gardens, floating wishing

lanterns (actually LEDs) will be available for \$5 each to be launched on one of the three ponds. Light music and a romantic stroll will add to the evening. Seven new Koi have recently been donated to the gardens by Christie Thorpe, including two "Dragon Carp."

"We are in the final push to ready the Japanese Stroll Garden for its' 30th anniversary celebration in 2015," says Nancy Schmidt, co-chair of the event.

"The past winter caused both the volunteers and the parks personnel significant delays on several projects plus the garden took a real beating," adds Co-chair Don Schmidt. "We lost a lot of trees and some shrubs. In the Meditation Garden alone, eight maple trees need to

be replaced. We also lost most of the azaleas. "

Also on display will be eight new granite lanterns, along with a new granite basin for the Tea House.

A beautiful new wooden fence has been installed along the west side of the garden. The second project was a major landscaping project at the Stone Bridge. Parks craftsmen Mike Mills and Jason Shaw built the stone bridge in frigid winter weather conditions, and then landscaped the area. With the help of Parks staff, the Stroll Garden Committee upgraded the display windows at the pavilion outside the garden and also improved the display lighting with new LEDs.

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Profile: Kevin Firth

Page 2: Kevin Firth serves as a docent in the butterfly house, where he has a special knack for sharing his knowledge.



Photos: A Summer of Fun

Page 6: As visitors discover, you never know what you might see hanging around the gardens on Young Sprouts in the Garden Day.

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 Springfield/Greene County Botanical Center. We seek a dynamic relationship with other organizations working to benefit the park gardens. This newsletter is now published six times a year in print through Ozarks Living Magazine and delivered online as well to members. Past issues and other information can be found at www.FriendsoftheGarden.org.

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Katie Steinhoff, Botanical Center coordinator; Peter Longley, Botanical Center horticultural interpreter.

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.



"Docents learn so much just by listening to Kevin share his knowledge...."

To simply say that Kevin Firth is a volunteer lepidopterist who has been a major influence on others in countless projects only begins to describe his involvement in Friends of the Garden.

He and daughter Lindsay are both excellent docents who truly educate visitors. A butterfly and insect enthusiast herself, she is featured in literature promoting the **Missouri Prairie Foundation**.

As a member of the Springfield Plateau Chapter of the Missouri Master Naturalists, Kevin volunteers in a variety of ways. Professionally, he handles echocardiograms as a Mercy ECHO technologist. But he does some a heavy lifting in the Bill Roston Native

Butterfly House, from helping lay the brick floor to pruning.

"He was a major contributor in working to lay the brick pavers inside the Butterfly House last summer," says Dr. Chris Barnhart, curator of the house. "After hours, he is a constant source of information about the natural history of our favorite insects, an excellent and perceptive photographer, and the go-to guy for identification of specimens. He's been essential to all of the work projects, from brick work to pruning, to raising livestock."

"One of the most amazing things about Kevin is that he can identify just about any caterpillar, moth, and butterfly, but not just by its common name, by its scientific name," says Lisa

Bakerink, FOG president. "Docents learn so much just by listening to Kevin share his knowledge with visitors to the house. While not a biologist by profession, he certainly could be, especially in the field of Lepidoptera."



Garden Notes

from our friends



'Looking back, going forward,' Master Gardeners celebrate 30 years

As the University of Missouri Extension celebrates its centennial year, Friends of the Garden members have a special invitation to join Master Gardeners of Greene County to celebrate their 30th year.

On Friday Oct. 3, an outdoor reception is planned from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Nathanael Greene Demonstration Garden with Chef Craig von Foerster serving grilling vegetables and sandwiches with locally raised pork. Learn more about him at www.FarmtoTable.com.

Tickets will be \$15 per person, available in the Master Gardener Hotline Room. Seating is limited to 200 guests.

Entertainment will be provided by The Garbonzos, playing as they stroll through the garden. Find out more about them at GarbonszoBand.com.

At 7 p.m., Dr. Todd Lasseigne, president and CEO of the **Tulsa Botanic Garden**, will speak at the nearby Darr Agricultural Center, 2401 S. Kansas Expressway, on plant collecting and update us on the 170-acre Tulsa Botanic Garden.

Nominating Committee reports new slate of board members

The Nominating Committee has put forth a slate of candidates for terms on the board of directors. They will be formally considered at the November meeting. Officers are elected by the board in December for terms beginning in January. Board members may serve two consecutive three-year terms before taking a break.

Nominated to the board for 2015-2017: Lisa Bakerink (second term) Jessi Beauchamp (first term) Brent Bothwell Palmer, Susan Cardwell, Marthe Close and Avis Holloway (all second terms); Dr. Pam Duitsman, Christie Eden Cathy Gutridge, Pat Ware and Christy Yoakum (all first terms).

Terms expiring: Board Members with terms expiring in October 2014: Deanna Armstrong, J.J. Averett and Lisa Bakerink, Patrick Byers, Brent Bothwell Palmer, Heather Parker, Susan Cardwell, Marthe Close, George Freeman, Avis Holloway, Kaileen Volentine and Cindy Willis

Nominated to the Advisory Board (2014-2017): Don Akers, Deanna Armstrong, Ruth Arneson, Patrick Byers, Major Close, George Freeman, Stan Horsch, Bob Kipfer, Heather Parker, Nancy Schmidt, Kaileen Volentine, Ann Webster, Gabrielle White and Cindy Willis.

From the president:

If you're new, please get involved

As you will notice from the full page of new and renewing members on page 4 of this newsletter, Friends of the Garden has been growing more than just flowers, trees and butterflies in 2014. At last count, we were 1,222 and growing.

Indeed, this may be your first newsletter. So, if you're new, welcome aboard, and we hope you will join us for our annual Membership Appreciation event on Sunday, Oct. 5 on the plaza. Although we receive assistance from the incredible parks staff, volunteers have done many of the garden chores, maintaining existing gardens, planning and creating new ones as funds allow. Even this newsletter, our daily blog, the FOG calendar, news releases to



Lisa Bakerink

the media and the special mailings and messaging we do throughout the year are all the work of volunteers. You will also find us online at FriendsOfTheGarden.org, on Facebook and Twitter.

If you're new, or perhaps enjoying new circumstances such as retirement, we need your help. I got involved through the Bill Roston Butterfly House and the butterfly festival. In addition to raising and tagging Monarchs, I became a master gardener, a board member, and then your president.

Only when I became a volunteer did I truly realize how many workers are needed to sustain what we do. This includes special events in the gardens and in the community. We also get help from the residents of the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, Kids Across America and various college groups. Masters Gardeners, under the auspices of the MU Extension Service, maintain the Demonstration Garden and Xeriscape Garden, staff the Master Gardeners Hotline Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon, from March through October. Many of us are active in both groups. In 2015, there will be more to celebrate, including Friends of the Gardens' 15th year, our fifth year in the botanical center, and the 30th year of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. Planning is already underway for a garden symposium in the fall of 2015.

As many of our members know, the annual membership levels are being adjusted as follows:

- **Individual:** \$35
- **Individual-Plus:** \$45 (individual and one other guest).
- **Family:** \$50 (families of three or more).
- **Garden Friend:** \$100 (includes the option to give an additional gift membership).
- **Garden Contributor:** \$250 (includes the option to give three additional gift memberships).
- **Garden Ambassador:** \$500 (includes the option to give six additional gift memberships).

At your renewal date, you will receive a letter detailing these changes, including an option to choose the former membership pricing for up to one additional year.

Lisa Bakerink is president of Friends of the Garden. Reach her by e-mail at info@friendsofthegarden.org, or at 417-891-1650.

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

Memberships:

Ailor, Kevin
 Anderson, Ron*
 Atkinson, Michelle
 Baggett-Spears, Sue
 Bailey, Elbee
 Bane, Rosemary
 Bank, Catherines &
 Janeczko, Greg*
 Barfield, Stacey
 Barfield, Jeff
 Barnett, Elatia
 Baskins, Donald & Tamara
 Bauer, Sybil & John
 Beard, Jaretta
 Beckmeyer, Bev
 Beckwith, David
 Beisner, Judy
 Bennitt, Patsy
 Blackshear, Eva & Robert
 Bollinger, Jon & Roxie*
 Bontrager, Mardell *
 Booth, Anne
 Boswell, Susan*
 Boyce, David & Charity
 Boyd, Sarah*
 Brannock, William
 Braun, Melanie
 Broadbent, BobbiJo
 Brockman, Rick*
 Brown, Jacqueline
 Buero, Steven & Jessica
 Cannefax, Donna
 Carr, Alex & Molly
 Carr, Rick & Jennifer
 Carter, Dr. Elaine*
 Carter, Susan
 Champion, Norma
 Charles, Kathryn
 Christiansen, Stephen &
 Carol Berner *
 Clark, Connie
 Clarke, Michael S.*
 Collier, Charlotte*
 Cook, Ken & Michelle
 Cooper, Billy & Dora
 Corbett, Patsy*
 Cornelison, Meredith*
 Courtney, Trudie
 Coverdell, Ron & Elizabeth*
 Cox, Jan
 Crabb, Carol*
 Crabb, Heather
 Crites, Anne & Will
 Decker, Barbara*
 DeMoss, Tom & Lori
 Dixon, Rose*
 Dixon, Jennifer
 Dohard, Mary
 Dowell, Kathleen
 Epps, Vickie
 Fallone, Lorana
 Findley, Jacqueline
 Fithian, Janet
 Forman, Fran
 Fry, Joseph R.
 Gardner, Brenda
 Gardner, Jo*

Gerdes, Carolyn & John*
 Gist, Mona
 Greenfield, Alice
 Griffin, Roberta*
 Griffiths, Bill & Christina*
 Guthery, Pamela
 Hagood, Helen
 Hamilton, Mary
 Hart, Elise & Steve
 Hatch, Jerry*
 Haynes, Rick & Sherry*
 Hazelton, Margie
 Heinz, George & Kathryn
 Hende, Robin
 Hendrix, Christian & Merrie
 Heydt, Matthew & Kristin
 Heydt, Sydney
 Himes, Joanne
 Hinck, Susan*
 Home Pride*
 Horton, Jan*
 Hubbard, Herschel
 Hurley, Opal & Ron
 Hyder-Stevens, Stephanie
 Hymer, Tina
 Iris Society of the Ozarks*
 Jahnke, Dave & Tammy*
 Jenkins, Lynnette Johnson,
 R. Bruce * Jones, Danielle
 Jones, Donna Jo*
 Joslyn, Dottie
 Jungers, Mike & Gayle
 Kelly, Linda
 Kinney, Linda
 Klos, Patricia
 Knauer, Kelly & Louise*
 Knauer, Marti & Kenny *
 Kruk, Jerry & Charlotte
 Kufahl, Kathryn*
 Kulhanek, James*
 Lain, Dan & Rebecca Mills
 Lam, Michelle & Harry*
 Larson, Larry
 Lauer, Janie
 Lee, Peggy Day*
 Letson, Sandra & Donald*
 Libke, Ellen
 Lindsay, Dwight*
 Long, Walt & Bev*
 Lotven, Regina*
 Loungreth, Mark & Mary
 Lowther, Sandra
 Lynn, Julian
 Madenouald, Margaux
 Magnuson, Lynn
 Mallamo, Nancy*
 Mann, Theresa
 Mason, Belinda
 Mathis, Alicia
 Matulunas, Dorothy
 Mazzella, Alora
 McCarthy, Mary
 McDaniel, Carlene*
 McHaffie, James*
 McIntosh, Dale & Denise
 Merritt, Ron & Kathy*
 Metzeltin, Krystal
 Million, Cindy*

Mills, Marianne
 Millstead, Claudette
 Milne, Jay & Susan
 Montgomery, Nona & Perry
 Moore, Clarissa*
 Moore, Gaylord & Beverly*
 Moore, Patricia
 Mortimer, Jason & Jennifer*
 Moyer, Roberta*
 Myers, Evonne & Harold*
 Myron Royce Gardens , Inc.*
 Neff, Tom & Sheila
 Nelson, Ann
 Nelson, Denise
 Nelson, Lori
 Nicholson, Cathy & Jerry*
 Niewald, Earl & Nancy
 Oglesby, Mark & Marlene *
 Owens, Rebecca
 Ownby, Steve & Arnie*
 Palen, Dan & Suanne
 Parish, Tom & Beverly*
 Parker, Barbara &
 Leclerc, Richard*
 Patterson, Richard
 Pearl, Tom & Peggy*
 Peele, John* Phelps, Harry*
 Poneleit, Sandy Z.
 Porterfield, Coy & Audrey*
 Potts, Annette & Ray*
 Primm, Cathy & Alex
 Prose, Jeff & Michele*
 Pruitt, Donna*
 Pyle, Claud & Joyce*
 Rand, Karen
 Rarrick, Mark & Teresa*
 Ratten, Kay*
 Reese, Karen
 Reichert, Janeth
 Rice, Edwin & Phoebe*
 Rice, Julie M.*
 Rice, Loretta
 Ringey, Donna
 Robertson, Paul*
 Rohwedder, Caryl
 Rollwagen, Brandon & Maggie
 Rosenkoetter, Marcie*
 Ross, Dorothy J.
 Rubert, Joyce
 Sachs, Bill*
 Sampson, Katheryn
 Sanford, Missy
 Saunders, Andrew &
 Laurie* Schaefer, Julie
 Schaffitzel, Pat
 Schilling, Mike*
 Schwalie, James & Crystal
 Schweitzer, Steve & Paula*
 Shaffer, George A.*
 Shayne, Howard & ML
 Shifrin, Dr. Craig*
 Shipley, Jeanne*
 Simpson, Kathy
 Singer-Foster, Judith
 Smith, Larry & Trisha*
 Spindler, Patsy
 Stahl, Louise
 Stewart, Michael & Autumn*

Stiles, Francis & Barbara*
 Street, Donna
 Street, Shannon
 Sullivan, Suzie
 Surma, Tom
 Symington, Anne
 Taylor, Nadine*
 Thompson, Robert & Judith
 Tilley, Josette & Mike*
 Turner*, David & Susan
 Uptergrove, Lance & Claudia*
 Van Horn, Patricia
 Verhoff, Bill & Donna
 Walker, Doris*
 Walker, Wayne L.
 Walker, William
 Ware, Alan & Pat*
 Warfel, Jacqueline
 Warner, Alex & Carol
 Webber, James*
 White, Rebecca
 White, Selena
 White, Tuell & Marilyn*
 Wilde, Leslie*
 Williams, Sally
 Willis, Garland & Cheryl
 Wilson, Penny*
 Winters, John & Lorri
 Witte, Bill & Becky
 Wood, Dr. & Mrs. Victor
 Wood, Norma*
 Wood, Steve
 Wylie, Iris*
 Young, John & Beverly *

Gift Memberships:

Boswell, Susan
 Home Pride
 Lotven, Regina
 Miller, Ed & Ruby

Tribute Bricks &

Benches:

Burns, Linda
 Caldwell, Mariel
 Close, Major & Marthe
 Cole, Cheryl
 Hoover, Randy & Robin
 Hopkins, Nancy & Young, Todd
 Lowery, Jim & Linda
 Mercy Strategic Initiatives
 Team Morris,
 Kristopher, John
 Nelson, Dellene
 Owens, Peggy & Jim
 Rice, Linda K.
 Russell, Joan

Dogwood Garden:

Finnie, Tom

Butterfly Festival

Silent Auction:

Ackley, Jean
 Alzheimer's Association
 American Cancer Society
 Angel Animal Hospital
 Anytime Fitness
 Bohannon, Darin & Kriste
 Botanical Center Gift Shop

Breadsmith
 Brown, Jennifer
 Burlington, Ann
 Campbell 16 Cinema
 Chapman, Kevin
 Close, Major & Marthe
 Criss, Sandra
 Cuts & Such
 DeBaker, Kara
 DeRubis, Sharon
 Devon Road Creative
 DiGiacinto, Sam
 Digriolamo, Mary Frances
 Fire & Ice Restaurant & Bar
 Ford-Coates, Liz
 Frew, Nancy
 Fummeler, Keith
 Gallop, Theresa
 Garcia, Toni
 Gilmore, Robin
 Grove, Gary
 Hamilton, Mary
 Hendrix, Brent
 Hornickel, Stephanie
 House of Flowers
 Internet Cafe American
 Computer Center Juice
 Plus & Tower Garden
 Keeling, Ronald & Ruth
 Linders, Jennifer Longley,
 Peter Mac-Adoodles
 MacMillan-Tharp, Wendy
 Maschino's
 Masterson, Sharon
 Morris, Cynthia
 Myers, Evonne & Harold
 Oglesby, Mark & Marlene
 Papa Murphy's
 Pasta Express
 Perryman, Rosalie
 Placzek, Ellen
 Ramada Plaza Hotel &
 Oasis Convention Center
 Reavis, Dr. Tania
 Reger, John
 Ronnoco Coffee Company
 Scarpa, Marie
 Schmedeke, Don
 Scott, Mark
 Shorter Chiropractic
 Simpson, Bryan
 Sommer-Luarca, Susan
 Springfield-Greene County
 Library District
 Hot Glass*
 Stratton, Jason
 Swafford, Jimm
 Tea Bar & Bites
 The Beef Jerky Outlet
 The Flower Merchant, LTD
 Traver, James
 UMB Investment & Wealth
 Management
 Van Weelden, Leon
 Vance, Jody B.
 Vaught, Angel
 Walker, Mary
 Westlake Ace Hardware
 Whitaker, Autumn
 Willis, Cheryl
 Windwood Farms

*Since the last newsletter. If you see an error, omission or correction, please bring it to our attention at Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org.

Who is buried in Nathanael Greene's tomb and other queries

"We are embarking on a master landscape plan and branding effort that by this time next year, we hope to have earned the reputation of being one of the three leading botanical institutions within the state of Missouri."

The Botanical Center staff, University of Missouri Greene County Extension office staff and the Master Gardeners Hotline volunteers receive the most ponderous questions from visitors of all ages. With so many names, featured attractions and partners involved in making 2400 S. Scenic Avenue such a vibrant attraction, it is no wonder that there has been some confusion and many questions about the 'how to find,' and 'what to see' here.



A Parks
Perspective
**Katie
Steinhoff**

While the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center is the cauldron of all the sparks of activity generated within this 114-acre garden park, the true attractions are the outdoor gardens.

In developing a 'brand' or better descriptive name, Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park is what we believe will help new visitors find us, but honors the historical names that people recognize with this park.

One of the biggest hurdles for getting people to the gardens relates to the name. If you don't know what you're looking for, it may be hard to find. If it were not such a problem, it is almost comical how many people end up at the Nathan Boone Home near Ash Grove

site looking for botanical gardens or end up here assuming that a Memorial Garden is a cemetery.

The intention of all the founders of these attractions fits the definition of a botanical garden. Botanical Gardens are much bigger than a library or collection of plants, but are critically important institutions for preserving endangered species, supporting the green industry and serving as living laboratories to teach how plants touch every aspect of our lives.

The gardens are used to interpret so many stories and teach so many lessons. The settlers of the Gray-Campbell Farmstead owed their survival to the plants they used to build shelter and for food. The native butterflies are dependent on specific host plants for their survival. Botanical Gardens also help paint the picture that helps us understand the culture as you find in our Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.

Another hurdle for getting people around the gardens is that the starting point is really at the heart rather than the head of the garden. The Botanical Center that serves as a welcome, visitor and education center straddles the property boundary between Nathanael Greene and Close Memorial Park.

Frequently asked questions

• Can you have weddings in the park?

Yes, but you should make a reservation with the botanical center to make sure it is not in use by another group.

• Can a professional photographer take advantage of the beautiful gardens as backdrops?

Yes, but they are required to carry a \$25/day permit or \$150/season permit at the gift shop. Park rangers enforce this rule. As garden ambassadors, you can advise professional photographers that permits are available in the gift shop.

• Is a photo pass the same as admission to the Japanese Stroll Garden?

No. The photo pass is essentially a permit to operate a private business on public lands. Photographers and clients would be subject to the admission fees.

• Are there any garden areas where you are not allowed to photograph or have a garden wedding or event?

No, the gardens are more open than ever, including the Japanese Stroll Garden, now available for weddings by reservation. Wedding ceremonies will be at the moon deck event lawn. The cost is \$500 for a four-hour time block. Photographers can use the tea house, bridges or garden scenes as a backdrops as long as they follow the rules in the photo policy. Photographers cannot disturb events or programs or block access to garden attractions.

We are now one year away from the fifth year anniversary of the opening of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center. We are embarking on a master landscape plan and branding effort so that by this time next year, we hope to have earned the reputation of being one of the three leading botanical institutions within the state of Missouri.

As we move into the next phase of the development of the gardens, the Sensory Garden plan includes a center piece garden in a round-a-bout fashion that will firmly direct new people to the Botanical Center and develop the infrastructure, like greenhouses we need to support display gardens year-round. Won't you help us continue to grow the gardens?

And about Gen. Nathanael Greene, for whom Greene County was named. He was one of the youngest generals in the Revolutionary War. To those who want to know where Nathanael Greene is, he is buried in Johnson Square in Savannah, Georgia.

Katie Steinhoff is coordinator of the Botanical Center at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic, Springfield, Mo. You can reach her by e-mail at KSteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov, or at 417-891-1511. The gardens are one of more than 100 publicly owned park facilities in Springfield and Greene County.



Summer Album:

Images from around the gardens

Although summer has officially turned into autumn as the days grow shorter, there are many hours of relaxation still ahead in the gardens. Memories abound of summer fun. Here are some of the events that helped make the sublime summer of 2014 memorable.



Above, a young adventurer soars on a zip line ride, thanks to volunteers from All About Trees during Young Sprouts in the Garden. Left, Dave Rizzio launches one of his giant kites on the great lawn.



Above, Julio, a young volunteer, battles the American Silver Medal winner in Sumo wrestling during the Japanese Fall Festival. At left, the Day Lily Garden in full bloom, recently designated a top 15 garden by the American Hemerocallis Society.

Feedback:

MU Extension's growing value to Greene County residents

Why is MU Greene County Extension important to the Friends of the Garden, the Springfield Botanical Gardens and the residents of Greene County? It is the very "heart" of university research-based information available to residents of Greene County and beyond.

Many residents call or come by the Master Gardeners of Greene County Hotline in the botanical center hoping for answers to the many hundreds of questions that come up regarding horticulture. Other contacts with the Extension offices deal with 4-H, agriculture and other issues. The Extension Service office is where people who want a soil test or to have a plant analyzed for disease come to leave their samples.

MU Extension programs provide training on nutrition, parenting, entrepreneurship, personal finance, fire and rescue training and more. The botanical center meeting rooms are used to present many topics of interest to the public, all of which bring large number of visitors to the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

Once visitors are introduced to the Master Gardener Hotline service, meeting rooms, etc. at the Botanical Center, they often return to explore the 114 acres with its 36 gardens and other features.

All this activity leads to more potential members for organizations like Friends of the Garden, Master Gardeners of Greene County, Master Naturalists, Greater Ozarks Hosta Society, Friends of the Gray-Campbell Farmstead, Ozark Daylily Society, Federated Garden Clubs, other park partners and friends.

You can help us spread the message. Please join Friends of Greene County Extension as we work to provide needed financial support due to reduced funding from the Greene County budget process. Over the last few years, the MU Extension office's operating income has been reduced to the state-mandated minimum of \$10,000. This is not enough to sustain ongoing operations. There is more information plus a Giving Form link at <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene/giving.aspx> that can be used to join "Friends" and help support MU Extension operations in Greene County.

*George Deatz
Past President, Friends of the Garden
Chair, Greene County Extension Council*

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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- ☐ in the FOG office
- ☐ festivals & events: FOG booth
- ☐ festivals & events: activities
- ☐ children's activities
- ☐ butterfly house docent
- ☐ marketing & development
- ☐ hardscaping & construction
- ☐ tell me what you need!
- ☐ I have a special talent:

Member Benefits:

- Friends of the Garden Membership Card
- Free Season Admission for Two into the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden (excluding the Japanese Fall Festival)
- 10% off at Smiling Sun, Garden Adventures Nursery and the Botanical Center Gift Shop • Volunteer Opportunities
- Ongoing Learning • Fully Tax Deductible
- 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
- 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 of interest to gardeners in the Ozarks*

- **Oct 1:** 7 p.m., Succulent Society meets at The Library Center, 4653 South Campbell Avenue, Springfield.
- **Oct 3:** 4-6:30 p.m., *Looking Back, Going Forward*; celebrating the 30th anniversary of Master Gardeners of Greene County; outdoor dinner in the Nathanael Greene Demonstration Garden; 7 p.m., followed by remarks by Dr. Todd Lasseigne, Tulsa Botanic Gardens. (See page 3.) \$15 per person, seating limited to 200.
- **Oct. 5:** 11:30- 1 p.m., Member Appreciation Picnic for members and guests of Friends of the Garden; rooftop plaza. Food, fun and a chance to make friends.
- **Oct. 9:** 5 p.m. Friends of the Garden board meets.
- **Oct. 11:** 3-7 p.m.; Springfield Watergarden Society Sensory Sensation Festival, home of Pat and Alan Ware, 4908 Zoller Road, Billings; free admission; fees for special activities are to raise funds for the Sensory/Kitchen Garden at the Springfield Botanical Gardens; fun, games, some light-hearted fortune-telling; food, a 50/50 raffle and more.
- **Oct. 17-18:** 7:30-10 p.m. each evening in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. \$5 admission. This first time couples event will feature tiki torches, paper lanterns and floating wishing lanterns for purchase to be launched on one of the three ponds. Light music and a Romanic stroll will add to that special date night. (See page 1).
- **Oct. 21:** 7 p.m., Springfield Orchid Society meets.
- **Oct. 22:** 7 p.m., Springfield Organic Gardeners meeting, The Library Center.
- **Nov. 7:** 6 p.m.; Peter Longley demonstrates festive entertaining inspired by the gardens and seasons. Series showcases appropriate flower arrangements, china, glassware and silverware, with anecdotes and poetic or otherwise appropriate seasonal readings. Includes light refreshments. \$10 registration required.
- **Nov. 7-8:** 7:30-10 p.m. Repeat of Romance in the Garden.
- **Nov. 13:** 5 p.m. Friends of the Gardens board meets.
- **Nov. 27:** Thanksgiving.

Unless otherwise noted, events are at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. An online events calendar is at www.fogcalendar.com. Reach us by e-mail at 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 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.