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Paul James, The Gardener Guy, helps us celebrate in 2015

It may be a bit nippy around the Springfield Botanical Gardens, but not for long. Already there are signs of spring, and we're making plans for a year of celebrations.

Mark your calendar now for June 27, when Friends of the Garden and the Springfield/Greene County Park Board will present Paul James of Tulsa, whose irreverently informative "Gardening by the Yard" Show on HGTV ran from 1996 to 2009.

Known as "The Gardener Guy," James has been a Master Gardener since 1983. Details will follow, but this coincides with the The Ozark Daylily Society Show June 27-28.

- The 5th anniversary of the Botanical Center.
- The 15th anniversary of Friends of the Garden.

- The 30th anniversary of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.
- The 20th anniversary of the Springfield Water Garden Society.

Here are upcoming events we know about for 2015:

- March 21-22: Orchid Society of the Ozarks Show and Sale
- April 11: Cherry Blossom Kite Festival
- April 25: Master Gardeners of Greene County Plant Sale
- May 9: Iris Society of the Ozarks Show and Founders Garden Dedication
- May 15: Travel tour to the Gardens of London and Chelsea Flower Show
- May 16: Young Sprouts in the Garden
- June 14: Dedication of the Blue Star Memorial
- June 27: Paul James – Gardening by the Yard and Lunch on the Lawn

- June 27-28th: The Ozark Daylily Society Show

- July 11th: 7th Annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival

- Sept. 11-13th: Japanese Fall Festival

- Oct. 2-3rd: Anniversary Event and Garden Symposium, with something for nearly everyone with a passion for gardening.
- Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden: Romance Lantern Evenings and Christmas Light Display.



Gardeners hoe, hoe, hoe!

Santa has left the building

Santa Claus, who is often disguised as Peter Longley, horticultural interpreter at the gardens, may have headed back to the North Pole for another year, but not before checking his list to make sure these youngsters were having fun. Judging from the looks on their smiling faces, a good time was had.

The Springfield Botanical Center is a busy place every month of the year, as you can see, complete with a model train display from members of the Ozark Garden Railway Society. And what would a botanical center be without poinsettias to turn the atrium into a festive place for Santa to visit each weekend. A calendar of activities is on page 8 and online.

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Profile: Frank Shipe

Page 2: When it comes to spreading the word about gardening, Frank Shipe is no shrinking violet.



Photos: A Summer of Fun

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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.

Officers:

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Ex-Officio:

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.



“He has really been on the forefront to let people know about the botanical gardens.”

– Katie Steinhoff

As flowers go, Frank Shipe is perhaps less a shrinking violet than a dandelion. No matter what, he keeps coming back. But enough flowery prose.

In his writing, Frank would never stoop to using such hackneyed gardening phrases as “beating around the bush” or “barking up the wrong tree.” “We would.

Not just another pretty face, Frank has worked as a TV news anchor, a radio disc jockey, a newsroom copy editor and professional landscaper and gardener. As journalist, photographer and editor, his West Coast tenure included writing for Rolling Stone and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Frank’s career as a garden professional includes editing five books in The Ortho Garden Book series. Three of them brought in a total of \$33 million.

A native of Springfield, Frank returned home in 1991 after 25 years in California, and has been a contributor to the Community Free Press, as well as to this newsletter one way or another. Most recently, he was unabashed in asking our friends for door prizes, and then photographed the event.

On a typical morning, is up at 3 a.m. to work on his informed website, www.ozarksgardens.com, which has a following among those who take their

gardening seriously and their favorite writers not so much. Frank has written extensively on gardening and other topics. Friends of the Garden activities are a favorite topic, as are garden centers, greenhouses, farmers markets, ethnic restaurants and noteworthy characters.

Katie Steinhoff, botanical center coordinator, appreciates his constant coverage of the botanical gardens.

“He has really been on the forefront to let people know about the botanical gardens,” she says.

“He doesn’t ask for anything in return,” says George Deatz, past-president.

The thought of Frank Shipe in a cheerleading role (even metaphorically) might give his many friends the fantods, which is why he often works under cover, posing as a mellow yellow fellow with flowers in his hair.

“I find them to be extremely realistic about life,” he says of his fellow gardeners. “And they have a giving heart.

“I believe promoting gardening is a good thing to do in this world,” Shipe once commented to the Free Press.

“Gardening changes people and puts people in a track of creating and building and being consonant with the time continuum with nature.”

– George Freeman

Garden Notes

from your friends



Succulent workshop on Feb. 7

On Saturday, Feb. 7, at 10 a.m., Angela Keith will be presenting a Succulent Centerpiece Workshop. Here's a chance for you to create a living succulent centerpiece of your own design. Registration is required for this class by calling 417-891-1515. All materials, including succulents, will be supplied for this \$35 class.

Two dish designs created by the Succulent Society of the Ozarks remain on display in the atrium of the Botanical Center. In May, a new succulent garden will be completed along the south front of the Botanical Center.

Bonsai class features Nola Ford

The Japanese Stroll Garden Committee is sponsoring a bonsai class March 14, 2015, Noon-3 p.m., at the Botanical Center. The class is called "Bonsai - Repair and Advance." Nola Ford, a veteran of years developing her bonsai collection, will be the presenter.

The purpose is to help those who already have a bonsai specimen and now find that they are having some design problems. Attendees should bring their own bonsai plants to the workshop. The cost is \$25 and pre-registration is required. People wishing to attend should call the Botanical Center at 417-891-1515.

New officers for 2015 sound familiar

Friends of the Garden now has new officers elected in December, although the names no doubt will be familiar to you as Lisa Bakerink serves a third year as president. Tom Finnie is vice-president, Avis Holloway continues as secretary and Cathy Gutridge takes on the office of treasurer. Our special thanks to Brent Bothwell-Palmer, who served three years as our treasurer.

Officers are elected by the board for terms beginning in January. Board members may serve two consecutive three-year terms.

MSU Series: Sustainable Food Production

The College of Natural and Applied Sciences will present "How Sustainable Food Production Relies on Natural Plant Biodiversity," A Missouri Perspective at 7:30 p.m. on March 17, at Temple Hall, Room 002. Global climate change poses an unprecedented challenge for agriculture, which can only be met with the cultivation of novel, resilient plant varieties. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Gale Lininger, executive assistant, at (417) 836-5249.

From the president:

Where we are now, where we're going

Our annual meeting is one of my favorite gatherings of the year, a chance to greet our volunteers, members and friends who support Friends of the Garden's mission throughout each season.

It is also a time to reflect on accomplishments, and generate excitement for future projects and events.

To me, this means that we provide opportunities for people from all walks of life and all income levels to get in touch with their earthy side through therapy that only nature can provide.



Lisa Bakerink

With each issue, our vision and mission are printed on page 2 of this newsletter. I hope you might review them. This is "partnership central" as people from many different organizations come together to create the wonder that is the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Friends of the Garden, the Park Board and its employees, University of Missouri Extension and Master Gardeners are just a few. Other park partner organizations put their passion for a particular garden or area of the park to work by laboring to build and maintain these beautiful grounds. I encourage you to look at

the complete list of park partners organizations on our website at www.friendsofthegarden.org. It will make you proud of all we do together, and the list is growing.

The approximately 36 gardens are a resource for leisure, teaching and public service. These 114 acres entice thousands of visitors each year to enjoy these attractions:

- The Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens.
- The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.
- The Dr. Bill Roston Native Butterfly House.
- The Gray-Campbell Farmstead.
- The Springfield Host Lions Club History Walk.
- The Federated Garden Club Perennial Garden
- The NatureGrounds® demonstration playgrounds.
- Access to the South Creek Greenway Trail.

We so appreciate our financial partners, from your annual membership contributions to the many dedicated garden or project donations that are essential to the day to day operations of Friends of the Garden. We are 1,257 members strong and growing every day. As members, we enjoy some great benefits:

1. Complimentary annual admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden (excluding the Japanese Fall Festival).
2. Complimentary or reduced admission to nearly 300 public gardens across America through the American Horticultural Society, reciprocity that benefits you personally.
3. Our full-color newsletter issued semi-monthly along with your subscription to the wonderful Ozarks Living magazine.
4. Discounts at local businesses, including the Botanical Center gift shop and Garden Adventures Nursery in Nixa.

Because of these great benefits, many of us have begun to realize that membership is a unique gift idea as well for birthdays, anniversaries, and even Christmas.

Engraved bricks, benches, dedicated shrubs and trees all make great gift ideas while contributing to the functionality and beauty

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From the president:

to our gardens. The engraved bricks, granite markers and benches become part of history at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

For the first time in our history, we adjusted the pricing structure of our membership levels in 2014 to catch up to the increased benefits of membership and just the general cost of doing business. The new levels have been well received by all of you as has our updated membership card featuring a giant swallowtail butterfly; a picture taken in our native butterfly house by Dr. Chris Barnhart!

Friends of the Garden will celebrate 15 years in 2015. We are looking forward to a party and garden symposium that is being planned for Oct. 2 and 3, 2015, to publicly acknowledge milestone.

We currently have a 42-member board, 24 which are regular board members, who each serve a three-year term. Two serve in an ex-officio capacity as Parks employees, the Botanical Center Coordinator and the Horticultural Interpreter, and 16 serve in an advisory capacity.

We added a part time position in 2014 to oversee our gardens and to coordinate resources and work days with Park Partners. Through a partnership with MU Extension, Kelly McGowan will fill the position of Horticultural Educator. She is a full-time employee at the Botanical Center devoting half time

to Friends of the Garden and half to MU Extension, including their Master Gardener program.

Dr. Chris Barnhart continues to serve as curator for the house in a partnership with Missouri State University. He and his wife, Deb, provide a great deal of expertise and oversight making possible the wonderful display of all four life cycle stages from May and into October.

There is a great deal of science behind running the only all-native butterfly house in Missouri and we are thankful for the Barnharts for providing this science. In 2014, our butterfly house docents guided 26,817 visitors through the wonderful habitat that is the Dr. Bill Roston Native Butterfly House. This is the highest annual visitor count in our six-year history.

Instar, our very hungry caterpillar who eats any kind of currency, received \$2,330 in donations for the season. These donations are imperative to purchase the plants feeding hundreds and hundreds of the live caterpillars raised in the house. There are more than 40 butterfly house docents who logged 3052 volunteer hours during our sixth season.

Since the opening of the butterfly house in the year 2009, volunteers estimate that nearly 118,000 visitors have had the opportunity to visit and learn about our native species. Many of these visitors leave inspired to create their own butterfly habitats which contribute to a healthier ecosystem for all of us.

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

Newsletter produced by FOG member George M. Freeman, editor of Ozarks Living Magazine and OzarksLiving.com.

Join Friends of the Garden!

We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide outstanding botanical, horticultural, environmental and educational opportunities for people of all ages. These activities are made possible by your membership and donations. You are a valued member of our volunteer team.

Your Membership Benefits begin the day we receive your form.

- Subscription to Ozarks Living Magazine which includes the Friends of the Garden Newsletter
- Complimentary admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden (excluding the Fall Festival)
- Discounts at the Botanical Center gift shop and select local businesses
- Free or reduced admission to hundreds of public gardens across America
- Invitations to special gardening events



I would like to volunteer:

- ☐ in the gardens at the park
- ☐ in the Friends of the Garden office
- ☐ in the Botanical Center
- ☐ at events: Friends of the Garden booth
- ☐ at events: activities
- ☐ at children's activities
- ☐ as a Butterfly House docent
- ☐ in marketing/development
- ☐ in landscaping/construction
- ☐ at whatever you need!

I have a special talent for: _____

Thoughts/Questions: _____

Sign me up as a Friends of the Garden member!

I choose this Annual Membership Level:

- ☐ \$35... Individual
- ☐ \$45... Individual (includes one person's 5 quest)
- ☐ \$50... Family (three or more)
- ☐ \$100... (Garden Friend) (includes access to parking, additional gift membership)
- ☐ \$250... Garden Contributor (includes access to parking, three additional gift memberships)
- ☐ \$500... Garden Ambassador (includes access to parking, additional gift membership)

I choose this Corporate Sponsorship:
(includes gift memberships for clients and employees)

- ☐ \$500... Red Admiral
- ☐ \$1,000... Twink Empress
- ☐ \$2,500... Royal Frillfly
- ☐ \$5,000... Monarch
- ☐ Additional Donation

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E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Give membership as a gift!

Gift Recipient: _____

Give: ☐ Wedding ☐ Birthday ☐ Holiday ☐ Anniversary ☐ Gift Received ☐ in honor of ☐ Other: _____

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417.891.1650

Become a member today!

Volunteer hours and visitors add up to a busy park in 2014

Friends of the Garden, Master Gardeners and other partner organizations also pay attention to statistics. Visitors came from 33 states and nine countries, making the gardens an important destination for tourism (Number One on TripAdvisor.com).

Katie Steinhoff, botanical center coordinator, reports that more than 120,000 vehicles entered the park in 2014, totaling more than 350,000 visitors who utilized the gardens. That doesn't include bike riders and joggers who came to us via Ozarks Greenways trails.

Since it opened six years ago, nearly 118,000 visitors have toured to the

Roston Native Butterfly House, including more than 25,000 who donated \$2,300 in 2014. More than 40 docents have donated 3,000-plus hours to guide visitors.

Membership in FOG is now officially 1,257 members and growing. Working with an incredible parks staff, 273 volunteers provided more than 18,000 volunteer hours in 2014, and that's just "reported" hours to FOG, not included thousands of hours volunteered by Master Gardeners of Greene County, plus a number of other organizations. That calculates to a market value of nearly \$350,000, the equivalent of nine full-time employees.



Eddie and Carol Feats lend a hand to create the new Founders Garden.

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

Memberships:

Ahart, Tony & Carolyn
Akers, Don & Betty*
Anderson, David & Danyel
Antonopoulos, Tammy
Arrowood, Cindy & Max*
Atchley, Judy
Baird, Rob & Sally*
Bakerink, Jack & Fran*
Barber, Brenda
Baumgardner, Mike & Sarah
Bower, Linda L.*
Broadnox, Angela*
Brooks, Mike & Martha*
Burgess, Jo Anne*
Canlas, Mario & Emily
Caplinger, Nancy*
Charron, Kathy
Cheever, Donald & Linda*
Childress, David*
Childress, J.P.*
Close, Joe & Julie*
Collins, Joel
Conine, Susan*
Cook, Charles*
Donnelly, Phyllis & Ian*
Dowell, Kathleen
Duffey, Jeanne*
Earnhart, Jane & Bruce*
Eoff, Sherrie*
Flanagan, Tom & Judy*
Funk, Lonnie & Leslie*
Garland, Cliff*
Hinsey, Janice A.
Jackson, Debbie

Jones, Ada*
Kelly, Margaret & Clark*
Kyle, Kent
Kyle, Mary Etta
Kyle, Rick
Lair, George & Rebecca*
Litzsinger, John
Lumpe, Jerry & Vivian*
Massey, Jan
McDonald, Karen
Meads, Karen
Myers, Kay*
Nance, Sharon
Nave, Jacob
Nibert, David
Obert, Sue
O'Reilly, Charlie & Mary
Beth
Parker, Heather*
Preninger, Stephanie*
Sees, Stacey
Shepherd of the Hills
Garden Club*
Smith, Ann
Smith, Sally & Donald*
Spring, James & Diana*
Stephenson, Carol & Edgar*
Swackhamer, Pat*
Taylor, Mari Winn
Thompson, Jennifer & Jay
Trout, Marlin
Updike, Jodie*
Valenti, Carmer
Wall, Janet*
White, Helen Murray

Wilson, Donnie & Susan*
Woodward, Jim & Jewell*
Woodward, Jon & Marci*
York, Darrel*

Garden Friend:

Abrams, Norman L.*
Bender, Harold & Lee Ann*
Gerhart, Carol & Gerry*
Welde, David & Glenda*
Wolverton, Joel & Carol*
Yoakum, Christy

Red Admiral:

Strong, Tom

Gift Memberships:

Bounds, Cynthia
Childress, Robert & Jan
Close, Major & Marthe
Dockery, David & Nena
McAllister, Jackson
Myers, Kay
Woodward, Jim & Jewell*

Bricks & Benches:

Canlas, Mario & Emily
Close, Major & Marthe
Hinsey, Janice A.
Jackson, Debbie
Meads, Karen
Myers, Kay
Nave, Jacob
Nibert, David
Obert, Sue

Smith, Ann
Taylor, Mari Winn
Thompson, Jennifer & Jay
White, Helen Murray

Trees:

Close, Joe & Julie
Strong, Tom

Garden Growth & Maintenance:

Abrams, Norman L.
Bone, Duane & Prudy
Shepherd of the Hills
Garden Club

Japanese Stroll Garden:

Deatz, George & Linda
Schmidt, Don & Nancy

Succulent Garden:

Kyle, Kent
Kyle, Mary Etta
Kyle, Rick

In-Kind Donations:

American Turf, Inc.
Iris Society of the Ozarks
Ozarks Regional Lily Society
Sims-Giddens, Susan

Speakers Gift:

Pink Dogwood Garden Club

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

Beware, behind many a favorite cultivar, an itch awaits

“...my worst botanical battle wounds were caused by a close encounter with parsnips. The sap in the foliage reacts with sunlight on the skin to cause contact dermatitis.”



A Parks
Perspective
**Katie
Steinhoff**

Socrates' immortal words, "I drank what?" should give us all some pause at the potency of plants.

Poison Hemlock, the plant used to kill Socrates, is a herbaceous weed similar to Queen Anne's Lace that grows abundantly on the property borders of the Springfield Botanical Gardens and along South Creek.

If we look around, dangerous plants are more common than you might think. It is not unusual that a curator of a plant collection would receive questions about the merits of exhibiting plants that might hurt people or pets who visit the gardens.

Much as librarians must respond to requests to censor books with "questionable" content, or art museums commitment to exhibit "ugly" works, the role of a botanical garden is not to judge a plant, but to educate people about the plants we exhibit, provide a safe place for endangered species to exist and facilitate research on how plants can be used to enhance people's lives for medicine, textiles and living.

With the development of the Sensory Garden, we are positioning ourselves to expand our programming on the plants we eat. Food allergies can be quite dangerous, but can you imagine an edible garden without peanuts, tomatoes, or chamomile? Should the one percent of the population who might be highly allergic to peanuts never know what a peanut looks like? Should the other 99 percent of people who are not allergic, miss out?

On a personal note, my worst botanical battle wounds were caused by a close encounter with parsnips. The sap in the foliage reacts with sunlight on the skin to cause contact dermatitis. Related plants such as parsley, fennel, carrots, and Queen Anne's lace might be potentially be banned if we assumed that casual garden visitors would be harmed.

The first botanical gardens in the world were actually medicine gardens. Forty percent of today's pharmaceuticals are derived from plants. The chemical defenses that plants have developed to protect themselves from predators, diseases and pests have been used to help humans too. No



Katie Steinhoff knows the benefits and also the risks of being a gardener. Above, she tends a raised bed of Swiss Chard and cherry tomatoes. At right, she accepts a historic Endecott Pear Tree* in the Demonstration Garden.



drug commercial is absent from a list of side effects, so the plants that heal could also do harm.

Foxglove that is used to treat the heart can also stop a heart. Poppies that are the source of opiate pain relievers have been abused and manipulated into deadly drugs. However, a plant should not be banned based on the potential of its uses.

A spring without azaleas and daffodils would be lush and green. A summer without roses may save a few pricked fingers. A fall without red maples would still be yellow and orange. Christmas carols that tell the story of how the holly and the ivy give us hope would be un-sung to protect us from interacting with plants that could harm us.

As stewards of the garden, we do our best to discourage people from picking, tasting, climbing on or otherwise setting themselves up for a bad experience. We should be most concerned about plants that harm our environment, plants that crave chemicals that pollute our streams, plants that choke out the native vegetation and wildlife habitat.

Katie Steinhoff is coordinator of the Springfield Botanical Center at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scene, Springfield, Mo., and an ex-officio board member of Friends of the Garden. you can reach her at ksteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov, or 417-891-1511.

*The spelling of Endecott has evolved over the nearly 400 years since the time of Gov. John Endecott, for whom the historic pear tree is named. These days it is often spelled Endicott.

Gardens for every season: Here's when to look for what

No matter when you visit, you're likely to find something of interest to catch your eye in our "Library of Plants." Each garden has its own cell phone signage and a prompt number to hear a brief description. A map is on page 8.

New gardens planned for 2015 include the Succulent Garden, Founders Garden and the Fern and Moss Garden at right.

Here's a listing of gardens in bloom.

•**January - February:** Look for witchhazels, crocus and other early fruits and flowers in the Winter Garden and Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens.

•**Mid-March:** Daffodils and redbuds begin to bloom. Look for woodland flowers. Springfield Orchid Society Show and Sale.

•**Late March:** Cherry Blossom Kite Festival. Cherry trees in bloom.

•**Early April:** Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden opens. Dogwoods, azaleas, and bulbs begin to bloom. Hostas are beginning to grow!

•**Early May:** Iris, peonies and roses are blooming; Roston Native Butterfly House opens.

•**June:** MSU Trial Gardens, English and White Garden, and summer annuals begin to bloom.

•**Mid-June:** Daylilies and Asiatic lilies in bloom.

•**Mid-July:** Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival. Enjoy hostas in the deep shade of the walnut grove.

•**August:** Tropical plants and flowering bushes in bloom, including cannas, hibiscus, crepe myrtle, hydrangea, butterfly bush and rose of Sharon. Annuals and wildflowers in bloom. Butterflies active.

•**September:** Japanese Fall Festival; Gray-Campbell Farmstead 1860's Lifestyle Expo; Monarch Butterfly tagging and closing of the Butterfly House. Visit the Ornamental Grass Garden.

•**October:** Enjoy beautiful fall foliage and prairie activity. Mums in bloom. Roses return.

•**November:** Watch birds harvest seeds from the Ornamental Grass Garden. The Dwarf Conifer Garden is evergreen.

•**December:** Christmas activities and Holiday Train Display inside the atrium.



Bill Roston arranges boulders to create the new Fern and Moss Garden. Below, a Guide By Cell prompt at the Demonstration Garden, and tools lined up after a work day in the Hosta Garden

Photos by Deanna Armstrong



Above, Adam and Cathy Marty install a new cabin roof at Gray-Campbell Farmstead. Below, volunteers have beds in place for a new Founders' Garden, located just west of Lake Drummond, honoring Major Close, Bob Childress, Bill Roston and Stan Horsch for their work developing Close Memorial Park.





Upcoming Events of interest to gardeners in the Ozarks*

On Friday and Monday weekly, "Springfield Botanical Gardens News" keeps you informed on what is happening around the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center & Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. Get timely information on events and programs, including the Master Gardeners of Greene County, MU Extension Greene County, Friends of the Garden and our other park partners. To receive, send your email address to plongley@springfieldmo.gov. Friends of the Garden's "Daily News FOG Blog" is at www.friendsofthegarden.org.

- **Beginning Feb. 9:** Potting Shed University (continuing for 12 weeks); presented by Master Gardeners of Greene County. A series of diverse garden topics to help you to hone your skills to become a better gardener for years to come. For more information, check www.mggreene.org.
- **Feb. 12: 5 p.m.,** Friends of the Garden Board meets.
- **Feb. 25-28:** Missouri Park and Recreation Association 2015 state conference in Springfield.
- **Feb. 27-28, March 1, 2015:** The Lawn & Garden Show at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds offers a series of seminars hosted and taught by Master Gardeners of Greene County.
- **March 21-22:** Springfield Orchid Society Show and Sale.
- **Coming in March** - Learn to Grow in the Garden series put on by the Master Gardeners of Greene County. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/MasterGardenersGreeneCounty> and www.mggreene.org.
- **March 12: 5 p.m.,** Friends of the Garden Board meets.
- **April 1: 8 a.m.-Noon.** Lily bulb sale.
- **April 11, 12: Show Me Gourd Show,** Remington's Entertainment Center, 1655 W. Republic Rd., Springfield. Admission is \$5; children under 12 free.
- **April 25, 2015 7:30-11:30 or until sold out, rain or shine.** 18th annual Master Gardeners of Greene County plant sale, at Springfield Botanical Garden Center, 2400 S. Scenic. Cash, checks and credit/debit cards accepted.

* Unless otherwise noted, events are at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. An online events calendar is at www.fogcalendar.com.

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 new map will help you get around Nathanael Greene Park and the adjoining Close Memorial Gardens, located at 2400 S. Scenic. It's also available in brochure form. Each garden is listed above. 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 posted at each stop. Introductions for every garden have been recorded, with signage in place listing the corresponding numbers to hear about each garden. Note: Those with an asterisk* are planned but not yet under construction.

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Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden	Winter Garden	Freedom Garden*	Viburnum Garden	Flowering Shrub Garden	Entrance Garden	Rose Garden	White Garden	Hosta Garden	Sensory Garden*	English Garden	Victorian Garden*	Ornamental Grass Garden	Terrace Garden*	Iris Garden	Daylily Garden	Peony Garden	Lily Garden	Butterfly Garden	Columbine Garden	Wildflower Garden	Rain Garden	Bulb & Tuber Garden*	Native Shrub Garden	Magnolia Garden*	Japanese Maple Garden*	Cercis (Redbud) Garden	Dogwood Garden	Kickapoo Edge Prairie Garden	Flowering Tree Garden*	Pendula Garden*	Rock Garden*	Dwarf Conifer Garden	Conifer Garden*	Perennial Garden*	Wetland Garden*	Woodland Garden*	Fragrant Garden*	Fern Garden*	Secret Garden*	Federated Garden Clubs Garden	Biblical Garden*	Azalea Garden	Heritage Garden	Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden	Ethnic Tree Trail Memorial Garden

*Planned gardens