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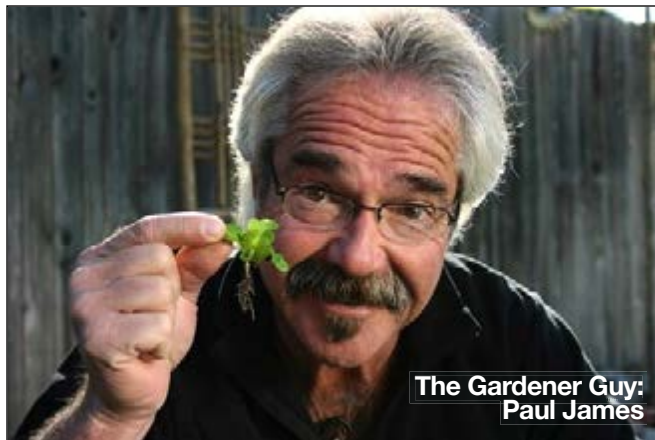
Busy season begins: Will you step up and be a volunteer?

Depending on the moods of Mother Nature on any given week, the Springfield Botanical Gardens are about to burst into bloom with flowering trees, shrubs, blossoms and buds, each one operating on a schedule that no one quite knows for certain.

Ahead of this explosion of color, you may notice that the gardens are becoming one of the most popular parks in Springfield/Greene County.

And yet, except perhaps for the challenge of finding a parking place, there is room for the thousands of visitors who wind their way around the paths on foot, bicycles, baby carriages and even roller skates, not to forget the solar-powered tram that carries visitors who want a complete tour of the gardens.

You may already be a frequent visitor, but if you are learning about the gardens for the first time, be prepared for a pleasant surprise as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, the 20th anniversary of the Springfield Water Garden Society, the 15th anniversary of Friends of the Garden, and the 5th anniversary of the Botanical Center. (Last year was the 30th year for Master Gardeners of Greene County.)



The Gardener Guy:
Paul James

Inside this newsletter (page 7), you will find a listing of the dozens of "park partners" who have joined with us to create these gardens and the events that will take place throughout the year.

Add to the list the dozens of weddings scheduled in locations throughout the park, plus family and class reunions, company picnics and special events.

Save the date for the Gardener Guy

Mark your calendar now for "Lunch on the Lawn" on 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.

Here are upcoming events we know about for 2015:

- **April 4: 9-3;** Native Plant Sale. Nature Center.
- **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, host of Gardening by the Yard and Lunch on the Lawn.
- **June 27-28:** The Ozark Daylily Society Show
- **July 11:** 7th Annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival
- **Sept. 11-13:** Japanese Fall Festival
- **Oct. 2-3:** 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.

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Profile: Jim Mauldin

Page 2: Leaving a legacy takes a lifetime, but Jim Mauldin created an ethnic trail those from afar who made the Ozarks home.



Photos: Ready for spring

Page 7: Controlled burn in Rain Garden was no accident. Sometimes a grass fire can be a good thing.

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.

Profile

Jim Mauldin shares the compiled biographies of each person represented on the Ethnic Life Stories Project with members of FOG.



Jim Mauldin

"Jim's interest in our growth and progress is truly a blessing to Springfield Botanical Gardens and is an ever-blooming legacy and inspiration."

– Marthe Close

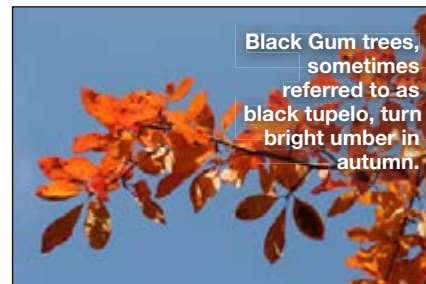
Along the north edge of the Springfield Botanical Gardens, 39 thriving native black gum trees (*Nyssa sylvatica*) line the narrow road that leads from the park entrance to the Japanese Stroll Garden and Gray-Campbell Farmstead.

Most of us may drive by this tree line without a second thought – at least so far.

The "Ethnic Life Stories Trail of Trees" is a celebration of the cultural diversity of the Ozarks and Springfield. Each tree is a memorial to a person, a family and a culture.

Stones identify the honorees, and a single larger stone explains their significance. Each of the 39 persons represented in the Ethnic Life Stories Project has a written history, on file in the Botanical Center library for anyone to enjoy. They are also available online through the Springfield/Greene County Library.

As with any endeavor, no one person could have achieved this project alone. But Jim Mauldin, now a spry 94, made it happen, thanks to a dream he had



Black Gum trees, sometimes referred to as black tupelo, turn bright umber in autumn.

years ago to honor the wide variety of ethnic groups and cultures that thrive in the Ozarks.

"Jim Mauldin's friendship of the Gardens spans many decades and has never diminished," says Marthe Close, garden benefactor with Major Close. "Jim's interest in our growth and progress is truly a blessing to Springfield Botanical Gardens and is an ever-blooming legacy and inspiration."



Visitors to the "Ethnic Life Stories Trail of Trees" will find the names of 19 participants, each one honored by a tree.

Garden Notes

from your friends

Docents needed to expand hours in Roston Butterfly House in 2015

One of the goals for our organization in 2015 is to expand the hours at the Roston Native Butterfly House. For good reason: the number of visitors in 2014 topped 25,000, and the number of organizations requesting a group tour is growing.

All this is dependent on our ability to recruit and train volunteer docents. Two training dates are upcoming on from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8 and again from 2-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 12 in the botanical center.

It bears repeating that being a docent is often described as "one of the most rewarding opportunities you can have as a volunteer." Moreover, you don't have to be a lepidopterist, or for that matter, a public speaker. Many of our visitors are young people just learning to appreciate science. In fact, some of our best docents are young people.

And while we're at it, thanks to all the volunteers who share their time and energy to become a docent.

Still time to join tour group leaving May 15 for tour of English gardens

Katie Steinhoff will be soon be leading a group of travelers from the Ozarks to England as guests of Collette Vacations and the Royal Horticultural Society to view the Gardens of London. There is still room for latecomers.

The tour leaves Springfield on May 15 and returns on May 22, although some participants are staying on in England to visit other areas before returning.

The tour will include an opening day visit to the Chelsea Flower Show, probably the most famous flower show in the world, often visited on opening day by members of the Royal family; a visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, probably the world's quintessential Botanical Garden; a visit to Wisley, the magnificent headquarters garden of the Royal Horticultural Society, and famous in May for its Rhododendrons and Azaleas; a visit to Hampton Court and the Dutch-influenced formal gardens of William and Mary, although don't forget the earlier Tudor maze; and a visit to Windsor Castle's magnificent English garden at Savill in the Great Park.

This is a wonderful opportunity, but enrollment will soon close. For information, please call Katie at 417-891-1515 or by e-mail, ksteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov.

From the president:

Where we are now, where we're going

This is my favorite time of the year. I love watching trees, shrubs, and flowers awaken to the warmer temperatures, putting forth their leaves and blooms. If conditions are just right, sometimes you can witness dramatic growth in just a single day.

At Friends of the Garden, we are always looking to grow. Our volunteers grow and maintain beautiful gardens and green spaces. We grow in horticultural knowledge by offering and attending educational workshops. We grow in number as people like you join our organization and support our passion for bringing people,



Lisa Bakerink

nature, and gardens together. This year, we also hope to grow our financial sustainability by participating in the first-ever *Give Ozarks* campaign sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO).

Give Ozarks is a one-day, online fundraising event for Agency Partners of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Non-profits from across southern Missouri will have the chance to raise funds, compete for matches and prizes, and be a part of a one-day surge in generosity across our state. The inaugural

Give Ozarks is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2015.**

Friends of the Garden is pleased to have been chosen as one of 24 agencies to receive a dollar-for-dollar match from the CFO. Up to \$5,000 in matching funds will be used to grow our Anne Drummond Endowment Fund currently held at the CFO. As our gardens grow, so does the need for maintenance and enhancements of all 35-plus gardens and attractions. Growing this endowment fund will better enable us to sustain, long into the future, the 112-acre Springfield Botanical Gardens that thousands of people enjoy each year.

Making a secure donation is simple. On May 5, donors can log onto GiveOzarks.org to complete a basic credit-card donation. Cash and checks can also be accepted on and prior to May 5. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the IRS.

May 5 is also *Give Local America Day* when community foundations across the country will be holding similar online fundraising events to boost resources for their local nonprofits, encourage new donors and raise awareness of philanthropy in general. Online giving days, a growing movement in the philanthropy field, have raised millions of dollars for non-profit organizations over the past six years.

Will you help us grow on Tuesday, May 5? With the matching funds, every dollar you give is doubled. If you haven't already, you can follow us on several media sites: FriendsOfTheGarden.org, *Friends of the Garden* on Facebook, and *@Friends_Garden* on Twitter. More information about Give Ozarks can be found on all these sites. When you visit our website, be sure to check out our event calendar and Daily FOG Blog. As always, thank you for your partnership and support.

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



Carla Beezely is ready for business at the booth shared by Friends of the Garden and Master Gardeners of Greene County at the 2015 Lawn & Garden Show. More than 600 packets of milkweed seed were given away to visitors; and 33 new or renewing members signed up during the three-day event.

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 handicapping/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 plus one person & guest
- ☐ \$50...Family (three or more)
- ☐ \$100...Garden Friend
(Includes option to give one additional gift membership)
- ☐ \$250...Garden Contributor
(Includes option to give three additional gift memberships)
- ☐ \$500...Garden Ambassador
(Includes option to give six additional gift memberships)

I choose this Corporate Sponsorship:

(Includes gift memberships for clients and/or employees)

- ☐ \$500...Red Admiral
- ☐ \$1,000...Tawny Emperor
- ☐ \$2,500...Regal Fritillary
- ☐ \$5,000...Monarch
- ☐ Additional Donation

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Become a member today!

Look for these gardens to be in bloom when planning your visit

This time of year, you're likely to find something of interest in the botanical gardens. Each collection has its own cell phone signage and a prompt number to hear a brief description. Watch for geese, and please don't feed them. A map is on page 8.

Here's a listing of gardens that should be blooming for the remainder of 2015:

•**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 on National Public Garden Day.

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

•**Mid-June:** Daylilies and Asiatic lilies bloom spectacularly for about six weeks.

•**Mid-July:** Join us for the 7th annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival. Enjoy hostas in the deep shade of the fenced 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.

Gayle and Becky Edwards, volunteers pictured working in the new Founders Garden were incorrectly identified in a caption in the February newsletter. Our apologies.

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

Memberships:

A. C. Electric*
Ackley, Jean*
Adams, Jodie*
Ailor, Jennifer*
Albers, Lolita*
Apton, John & Jeanette
Averett, Judy*
Bach, Becky
Baird, Teri*
Baker, Paul & Jennifer*
Bakerink, Lisa & Randy*
Bates, Cindy*
Bayless, Jean*
Beecharmer Farms*
Beezley, Carla & Robert*
Bell, Deborah
Bernhardt, Jane
Blake, Beverly
Blansit, James & Lois*
Bowen, Joan*
Bower, Mark & Janet*
Braswell, MaryLou*
Brehmer, Marilyn K*
Brill, Wilbur & Lorene*
Britton, Wendy*
Brown, Barbara J.*
Brown, Beverly B.*
Brown, Janet & Don*
Brunskill, Richard & Dorothy*
Burkey, Dr. Jordan*
Busch, Clara*
Button, Vera*
Caldwell, Mariel*
Carlie, Michael*
Carr, Rick & Jennifer*
Cates, Sharon
Charles, Gary & Joyce*
Chiles, Mike & Mary*
Clary, Gerald & Shirley*
Cunningham, J. Scott*
Dettinger, Paul*
Dogwood Hill/Teeny Weeny Ranch

Edwards, Gale & Becky*
Eisele, Mildred*
Emmons, Terri & John*
Finnie, Allyson
Finnie, Tom*
Foltyn, Steve*
Fry, Mary Quinn*
Fuller, Sue*
Funk, Lonnie & Leslie*
Funkhouser, Robin & Brenda*
Garoutte, Don & Cassandra*
Gerdes, Carolyn & John*
Goodman, Renee
Gower, Carol
Grayless, Jeff*
Haase, Dorothy*
Herman, Mary*
Hinck, Susan*
Holand, Gail & Roy*
Holmes, Mary Lynn*
Holmes, Sue*
Hunter, Anita*
Ingram, Sandra
Johnson, Rita*
Johnston, Jeffery & Debra*
Jones, Kathy*
Jones, Ray & Pam*
Joplin, Susie*
Keeter, Diane*
Kiefer, Sarah
Kittle, Steve & Linda*
Krisik, Mildred
Lakowske, Tom & Cathy*
Letson, Sandra & Donald*
Lindenberg, Steven & Susan*
Loeb, Richard & Faye*
Lotven, Regina*
Lurie, Hal*
Martin, Rebecca*
Mason, Frank & Kay*
McGowan, Sam & Katie
Miller, Debra*
Miller, Ed & Ruby*
Miller, Fred & Dorothy*

Miller, Geri
Millstead, Claudette*
Moore, Clarissa*
Morriset, Marcia*
Myers, Tom
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Nelson, Edie & Ron*
Newcomb, Francie
Newhart, John*
Newport, Ellis
Nickels, Glyna*
Obert, Sue*
Olson, Deanna
Owens, Anna*
Paynter, Peggy
Pettersen, Pat*
Pink Dogwood GC*
Placzek, Ellen*
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Redfern, Jerry & Spencer*
Remelius, Ken & Bunny*
Rexroad, Melodie Koerner*
Riley, Thomas*
Roberts, Bill*
Roderique, Carolyn*
Roselman, Jan*
Sammon, Elizabeth
Schroff, Jeaninne & Carle*
Schwartzkopf, Carol & Mark*
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Shackler, Bonnie
Sheridan, Linda*
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Simmons, Lesa
Sims-Giddens, Susan*
Skaggs, Vaughn*
Snowden, Gretchen
Soholt, Sylvia
Stahl, Erman J & Kaeko*
Steinhoff, Katie
Steinhoff, Michael
Stephens, Marjory & Gayle*
Stevny, Joan

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Taylor, Steve & Susie*
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Thomas, Jean*
Touhey, Terry Ann*
Tucker, Johnny & Kelsey
Underwood, William & Irene*
Vonwiller, Susan
Walker, Mary*
Wallace, Janet & Gene*
Washburn, Jean
Whittington, Karen
Wilbers, Chris & Colette*
Willis, Cheryl*
Wilson, Lori*
Winston, Cathy
Woods, Virginia & Kenneth*
Yancey, Karen

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Braswell, Cheryl
Chaffin, Kim
Finnie, Tom
Holloway, Avis & Wallace
Jarvis, Teresa
Longley, Peter
Mauldin, Jim
Simmons, Britany S.
Steinhoff, Katie
Tucker, George & Jan

Bricks/Benches/Trees:

Bailiff, Jackie
Bowen, Joan
Casey, Tim & Debbie
Hillbilly Garden Club
Johnson, Shae
King, Tom & Jackie
McWilliams, Kevin & Bobbie
Mostafa, Nicole Hunter
Nelson, Dellene
Padron, Jorge & Dorothy
Passeri, Marcia
Raborar, Art & Josie
Shaffer, Sandra

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

The 'people' side of public gardens is where we come to learn

"How will the next generation care for our resources if they don't have that personal experience and ongoing engagement in the world around them?"



A Parks
Perspective
**Katie
Steinhoff**

Growing gardeners and nature enthusiasts can be tough work. As someone who spends as much time tending to people as I do to the plants in the garden, I should be proud to report that research suggests that children are more empathic to environmental issues than ever reported in history.

Their interest must be related to their participation in programs and activities at the botanical gardens, right?

However, research also suggests that children are spending nearly 50 percent less time outdoors than previous generations. Which leads me to wonder: How will the next generation care for our resources if they don't have that personal experience and ongoing engagement in the world around them? In this month's

column, I'd like to explore the concept of how we grow the people in our public garden, in taking from the famous quote by Baba Dioum, "In the end, we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught."

Through the sponsorship of the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association (MPRA), Springfield has had the good fortune to glean insight from industry experts in the areas of increasing cultural/ethnic diversity in nature and increasing activity in our communities in recent weeks.

In my mind, serving all people in the community by providing opportunity to connect with nature, through gardening, wildlife viewing and a place to be active in a safe environment is an area of concern that botanical gardens are uniquely poised to address.

John Robinson, guest speaker of MDC and a self-identified "black bird-watcher," noted that children need permission to explore. Especially minority children, who may not have ready



Participants in the SPARC program do some gardening chores. Below, a visitor learns about butterflies, while at bottom left, a young lepidopterist-in-training shows to release a Monarch Butterfly.

access to environments that attract a variety of birds or wildlife; they need someone to repeatedly encourage them through spaces or environments that might be foreign or uncomfortable. In a poll conducted by the Nature Conservancy, 80 percent of children reported that they avoid outdoors because of heat and insects. This brings to mind a quote from Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*, "Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts."

If we are going to cultivate strong citizens, they cannot be allowed to wimp out for weather or insects. In a similar vein, Mark Fenton, guest speaker with MPRA, advised of the direct correlation of trying to protect children from "danger" by driving them everywhere has led to the rise of obesity, inactivity, and associated diseases. People need more walk and bike friendly communities. People need safe access to nature and the community and encouragement to explore.

Friends of the Garden, Master Gardeners of Greene County and several of our park partners who grow and maintain gardens at the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park will provide opportunities for people to explore in a few upcoming events. National Public Gardens Day and season opening for the Dr. Roston Native Butterfly House is coming up on May 8. The Master Gardeners of Greene County have traditionally adopted National Kids to Parks Day on May 16 as days to host activity stations and volunteers to encourage all, but especially kids, to connect with nature. Hope to see you in the gardens soon.

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.



Take a look at all our Park Partners and say thanks!

Park Partners:

- Brentwood Estates Garden Club (FGC)
- Cherry Court Garden Club (FGC)
- Ever Green Garden Club (FGC)
- Hillbilly Gardeners Garden Club (FGC)
- Pink Dogwood Club
- Friends of the Garden
- Great Ozarks Audubon Society.
- Gray/Campbell Farmstead Association
- Greater Ozarks Hosta Society
- Iris Society of the Ozarks
- Kids Across America
- Master Gardeners of Greene County
- Missouri Master Naturalist, Springfield Plateau
- Missouri Native Plant Society, Springfield Chapter
- Missouri Prairie Foundation
- Ozark Garden Railway Society
- Ozarks Greenways
- Ozark Daylily Society
- Ozarks Regional Lily Society
- Springfield Area Herb Society
- Springfield Host Lions Club
- Springfield Orchid Society
- Springfield Sister Cities Association
- Springfield Watergarden Society
- University of Missouri Extension

Park Friends:

- Beekeepers Association of the Ozarks
- Good Samaritan Boys Ranch
- Studio 55 Fine Arts Guild

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- Steinert's Greenhouse & Gardens
- The Botany Shop, Joplin
- Troy Daylily Garden
- Wickman's Garden Village



Photos by Peter Longley

Here and below, a Parks Greenways Maintenance Crew member puts the torch to the buffalo grass around the Rain Garden in a controlled burn to revitalize the garden.

Rain Garden gets a cleansing by fire

Recent visitors may have noticed that we have burned the rain garden. While we do a controlled burn in the Prairie Garden every winter, this is the first time we have done a controlled burn in the rain garden (adjacent to the Botanical Center). It should give us a more vibrant rain garden this summer, and will probably help the buffalo grass around the Rain Garden, which has proved to be a very successful part of our green intentions with the Botanical Center. Swales collect all the oily toxins from the parking lots around the Botanical Center and pipe them into the rain garden every time we get substantial rainfall. There, it percolates into the ground through natural native plants that cleanse it. The water then reappears halfway down the Great Lawn as pure rain water and helps keep our "Great Lawn" green. Of course, some of you have been following the lives of our feral cat family that live in the drain, running from the parking lot to the Rain Garden. The big tabby cat seems to have survived the winter well, and is now answering to the name "Oscar," was not burned out. We made sure that the drain was sealed before we implemented the burn."

– Peter Longley,
Horticulture interpreter





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. To receive, send your email address to plongley@springfieldmo.gov. Friends of the Garden's "Daily News FOG Blog" is at www.friendsofthegarden.org.

- April 1: 8 a.m.-Noon. Lily bulb sale.
- April 2: Opening day at the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden
- April 4: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Native Plant Sale, Springfield Conservation Nature Center; 4601 S. Chrisman Avenue Springfield.
- April 4: 1 p.m., Work Day at Butterfly House.
- April 8: 5:30-7 p.m. Docent Training for Butterfly House docents, botanical center meeting room.
- April 9: 5 p.m. FOG Board of Directors meet.
- April 11: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Kite Festival.
- April 24: Noon; Volunteer Appreciation luncheon.
- April 25, 7:30-11:30 (rain or shine); Master Gardeners of Greene County plant sale.
- May 5: Give Ozarks Campaign; 24 hours (See page 3 president's column for more information).
- May 8: National Public Garden Day; opening of Roston Native Butterfly House.
- May 9: 1:30-3 p.m.; Butterfly Rearing Workshop (docents only)
- May 16: Young Sprouts in the Garden; sponsored by Master Gardens of Greene County.
- May 23: Noon-2:30 p.m. Founders Garden Dedication; Founders Garden (rain date, May 24).
- June 27: Paul James (The Garden Guy)
- June 27-28: Ozarks Daylily Society Annual Sale.
- July 11: 9-3 p.m. Seventh Annual Butterfly Festival.

* 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. A "Guide By Cell" tour of the garden parks is available by calling 417-213-3016. After a brief introduction, callers may use the brochure as a guide to 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.

1.	Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden	27.	Cercis (Redbud) Garden
2.	Winter Garden	28.	Dogwood Garden
3.	Freedom Garden*	29.	Kickapoo Edge Prairie Garden
4.	Viburnum Garden	30.	Flowering Tree Garden*
5.	Flowering Shrub Garden	31.	Pendula Garden*
6.	Entrance Garden	32.	Rock Garden*
7.	Rose Garden	33.	Dwarf Conifer Garden
8.	White Garden	34.	Conifer Garden*
9.	Hosta Garden	35.	Perennial Garden*
10.	Sensory Garden*	36.	Wetland Garden*
11.	English Garden	37.	Woodland Garden
12.	Victorian Garden*	38.	Fragrant Garden*
13.	Ornamental Grass Garden	39.	Fern Garden*
14.	Terrace Garden*	40.	Secret Garden*
15.	Iris Garden	41.	Federated Garden Clubs Garden
16.	Daylily Garden	42.	Biblical Garden*
17.	Peony Garden	43.	Azalea Garden
18.	Lily Garden	44.	Heritage Garden
19.	Butterfly Garden	45.	Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden
20.	Columbine Garden	46.	Ethnic Life Stories Trail of Trees
21.	Wildflower Garden		
22.	Rain Garden		
23.	Bulb & Tuber Garden*		
24.	Native Shrub Garden*		
25.	Magnolia Garden*		
26.	Japanese Maple Garden*		

*Planned gardens