

# The Bimonthly Journal of the Friends of the Garden

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## Season of festivals is about to begin, and continue through fall

Mark your calendar now for "Lunch on the Lawn" on Saturday, June 27 as Friends of the Garden and the Springfield / Greene County Park Board 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.

Don't forget lunch to follow our visit with Paul.

This event is the same day as the the Ozark Daylily Society Show June 27-28, which includes the annual Daylily Sale, so you may want to enjoy both events.

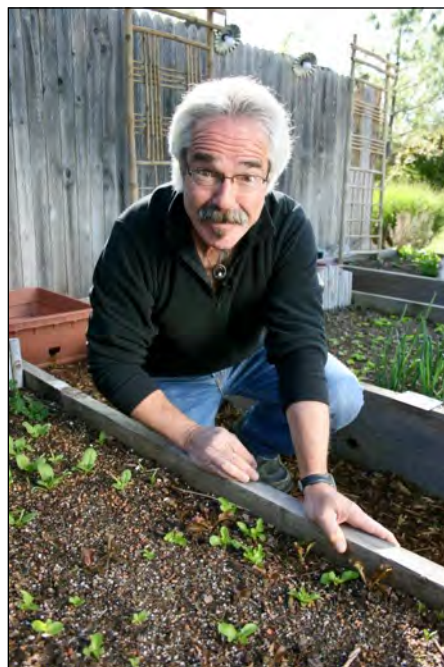
### Seventh year for Butterfly Festival

On July 11, the seventh annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival will feature activities ranging from the "Caterpillar Petting Zoo" to scientific presentations on Monarchs and other native Ozarks butterflies.

Please join us from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for this family friendly event.

If you're a vendor, or know someone who wants to participate, event licenses are available for a small fee by contacting the City of Springfield License Division at 417-864-1617.

The park will open early for organizations and vendors to set up. In the case of severe weather, the rain date will be Sunday, July 12, 2015. FOG is expecting 2500-3000



**Meet Master Gardener Paul James, "The Gardener Guy" at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, at the Botanical Center. James was the host of "Gardening by the Yard" on HGTV from 1996-2009. Come prepared to ask your gardening questions. Admission is \$35 for friends of the Garden members; \$40 for non-members.**

visitors and a record number of butterfly-friendly vendors and organizations with educational and interactive exhibits. All vendor spaces are outdoors.

Later this summer, visitors will be able to enjoy the 20th Annual Japanese Fall Festival

in the Mizumoto Japan Stroll Garden for three days of cultural entertainment, Friday through Sunday evening, Sept. 11-13.

A week later, the Gray/Campbell Farmstead Expo will offer a realistic look at pioneer living on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, beginning at 11am - 4:30pm on Saturday, and on Sunday, Noon-4:30 p.m. More information at

[GrayCampbellFarmstead.org](http://GrayCampbellFarmstead.org).

If you've been to the botanical gardens during this mild and sometimes soggy springtime, it may have seemed the plants are healthier, the blooms seem larger, and the colors on nearly everything is more vibrant.

It almost seems planned as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, the 20th anniversary of the Springfield Water Garden Society and the Japanese Fall Festival, the 15th anniversary of Friends of the Garden, and the 5th anniversary of the Botanical Center.

And if don't you think the word is spreading about Springfield's botanical gardens, take a minute to read the [TripAdvisor.com](http://TripAdvisor.com) news on page 3. The gardens are now clearly one of the most popular destinations in Springfield/Greene County, four times over.

Except perhaps for finding a parking place, there is still plenty of room for the thousands of visitors who wind their way around the paths on foot, bicycles, baby carriages, roller skates, and don't forget the solar-powered tram.

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ONLINE  
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**Profile: Chris Barnhart**  
**Page 2:** Curator of the butterfly house receives 2015 Public Affairs Award, and shares it and his knowledge.



**Honoring the brave:** On Flag Day, June 14, the Federated Garden Clubs will dedicate the Blue Star Memorial Marker and Garden at 1 p.m., honoring veterans of all wars.

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

# AboutFOG

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P.O. 8566, Springfield, Mo. 65801

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](http://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.



“Year round, Chris raises thousands of butterflies and moths to support the house's population. He also possesses a natural ability to educate and engage visitors of all ages to the wonderful world of our native Lepidoptera.”

– Lisa Bakerink, FOG president

Dr. Chris Barnhart was recently honored by Missouri State University as the recipient of 2015 Board of Governors' Award for Public Affairs. Thanks to Chris and Debra, his wife, we now have an important education attraction at the gardens.

For those who may be new to Friends of the Garden, the Roston Native Butterfly House is located just a short walk southeast of the Springfield Botanical Center in Close Memorial Park. In addition to attracting thousands of visitors, the house is an educational resource, free of charge to visitors (although we welcome donations), and operated by more than 40

trained docents.

The Butterfly House is a great resource for teachers. The house welcomes more than 24,000 visitors



annually. The seventh annual Friends of the Garden Butterfly Festival on July 11 will again introduce thousands of visitors to these beautiful creatures.



Chris Barnhart and Dr. Peter Raven share a moment in the butterfly house in 2014. At left, Chris and Deb Barnhart on duty.

As curator, Chris provides training for docents in addition to raising thousands of butterflies and moths in all stages for display, along with interpretive materials and infrastructure.

For the first time in 2015, thanks to Chris and MSU, FOG has the funds for a paid intern who will work throughout the season. Chris and Missouri State University helped raise \$5,704 online to fund an intern. Applicants are being interviewed now, and Chris has pledged the \$1,700 from the award to be used for 2016.

“We display the entire life cycle of native species, complete with host plants, predators and parasites, and use these to teach ecological lessons and the importance of native wildlife,” explains Chris.

But it wouldn't happen each year without Chris and Deb Barnhart.



# Garden Notes from your friends

## TripAdvisor.com awards gardens Certificate of Excellence at 30

For Don and Nancy Schmidt, volunteers with the Japanese Stroll Garden Committee, some very good news arrived as an e-mail from *TripAdvisor*, delivering the news that a "Certificate of Excellence" was on the way.

**TripAdvisor.com** is a national online review site for hotels, restaurants, and public attractions. Most importantly, its rankings come from the visitors who have invariably stopped to see an attraction for themselves.

Hence, this just in message:

"TripAdvisor is delighted to award **Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden** the 2015 Certificate of Excellence. This achievement is a direct result of your consistently great reviews from



TripAdvisor travelers."

Just how great is it, you ask?

Nathanael Greene Park has consistently been the Number One attraction among 28 in Springfield as ranked by **TripAdvisor**. Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park holds the number one spot as a destination. At No. 10 is our Japanese Stroll Garden; No. 11 is the Springfield Botanical Gardens; No. 19 is the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center.

These 114 public acres hold four of the top 20 attractions in Springfield.

Said Don Schmidt briefly: "This has been earned over several years and lots of contributions from certain Parks people and many, many volunteers."

Much of the work is done unseen when the park is closed, unseen until the garden re-opens. As the Japanese Stroll Garden turns 30, a Certificate of Excellence seems just right.

## Watergarden Society expands 20th anniversary spring tour

The Springfield Watergarden Society has expanded its annual spring tour to include 20 tour sites plus as a bonus, the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. Tour dates are Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The number marks the 20th anniversary of the society, which is quite an achievement in itself.

Tickets for the public are \$10 per person, including both days for those who may prefer to spread their driving over both days.

## From the president:

### A big Thank You for Ozarks First!

This is a busy time of year at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, but before I write another word: **Thank you!**

This is a very special thank you to all of you who found a way to support Friends of the Garden during the recent *Give Ozarks* online crowd-funding campaign. Thanks to you, we not only met our goal, we exceeded it two-fold, receiving more than \$15,790 in contributions during a 24-hour period. Of that, more than \$10,000 came from our own members.



Lisa Bakerink

Also, in the category of total gifts received during the 24 hour period, FOG received 224 total gifts, which is the fifth highest of the 150 agencies. Out of all the participating organizations, we were 15th in total donations. You can view all of the results at [GiveOzarks.org/Leaderboard](http://GiveOzarks.org/Leaderboard).

Now that's how we celebrate Cinco de Mayo in the Ozarks, but of course we had help. Being chosen as one of only 24 agency partners out of a total of 150 participating groups to receive a matching grant from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks was a huge incentive.

Overall, *Give Ozarks* raised a total of \$1,018,962. That's amazing, and the good works to follow will make a difference throughout many communities.

But there's more good financial news. Thanks to the support of our partner, Missouri State University, in the Roston Butterfly House, and MSU's Dr. Chris Barnhart, a FOG board member, we have raised \$5,704 to hire an intern to help us in the butterfly house this season. Applicants are being interviewed now and we should have a decision shortly after you read this.

Moreover, Dr. Barnhart was recently awarded the Public Affairs Award by MSU, recognizing his work in the gardens and in the community. For that, he received a \$1,700 cash award that he has pledged toward continuing the internship next year. This is a great honor for Chris, and a remarkable testimony to the thousands of hours he and Debra Barnhart have donated through Friends of the Garden.

*Friends of the Garden* is on Facebook, and @Friends\_Garden on Twitter. When you visit our website, be sure to check out our event calendar and FOG Daily News 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](mailto:Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org) or at 417-891-1650.





Peter Longley, horticultural interpreter, tends the new Succulent Garden adjacent to the south entrance of Botanical Center. The garden was first proposed by the new Succulent Society of the Ozarks, a new partner organization. Succulents are an increasingly popular choice in xeriscape gardens. They're easy to grow, accept full sun and require little water.

Photo by Deanna Armstrong



Newsletter produced by FOG member George M. Freeman, editor of Ozarks Living Magazine and [OzarksLiving.com](http://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 hardscaping/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!*



# Blue Star Garden honors 'Land of the Free Because of the Brave'

On Sunday, June 14th, the same day our nation is celebrating Flag Day, the Blue Star Veteran's Memorial Marker & Garden will be dedicated at 1 p.m. in honor all of our veterans who have served our country.

The Memorial and gardens are donated by the Springfield Council of Federated Garden Clubs which includes Brentwood Garden Club, Cherry Court Garden Club, Hillbilly Gardeners and Ever Green Garden Club.

The featured speaker will be Jerry Jacob, U.S. Army, Ret, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and is now the news



anchor for KSPR (Channel 33). The dedication ceremonies will also include Presentation of the Colors by the Veterans' Memorial Team, VFW Post 3404, singing of the National Anthem

and God Bless America by Shayne Piles and Miriam Kemper (Republic High School), laying of a wreath by Helen Boutwell, Quilts of Valor presentation by Connie Bradford of the Ozarks Quilters Guild, bagpipes by Bob Lanning.

Soon there will be a new bench that reads "Land of the Free Because of the Brave."

The Blue Star Memorials were originally started by the National Garden Clubs in 1945 to honor returning WWII Veterans and over the years have grown to encompass all of those who have served.

—Joan Bowen

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

### Memberships:

Ahlstrand, Patrick  
Antrikin, Lucy\*  
Arens, Margaret\*  
Armstrong, Deanna\*  
Bakerink, Jack & Fran\*  
Bart, Brian  
Bass, Randy & Joan\*  
Beintema, Georgeanne\*  
Belk, Jana\*  
Bell, Bob & Marilyn\*  
Bemarkt, Melanie  
Berlin, James\*  
Blachford, Chris & Christy  
Blacksher, Dona J  
Borja, Remedios\*  
Bowden, Tiffany  
Bowen, Joan\*  
Bresee, Tanya\*  
Buckley, Lois\*  
Buffington, Vicki L.  
Burbank, Rebekah  
Burton, Jason  
Burton, Patsy  
Caldwell, Elizabeth  
Calton, Carol\*  
Cardwell, Dan & Susan\*  
Carlie, Michael\*  
Carter, Sandra  
Johnson, Len\*  
Chamberlain, Gary\*  
Chaney, Donald & Caryl  
Chilcutt, Charles & Pat  
Chittenden, Kevin  
Clark, Nathaniel & Barbara\*  
Connor, George & Mary\*  
Craig, Deborah  
Crouch, Liz\*  
Curtis, Dan & Pamela\*  
Davison, Cindy  
Davitt, Carol & Leahy, Michael  
Dearing, William J\*  
DeGeere, Tom\*  
DeMate, Sheri\*  
Dockery, David & Nena\*

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Evans, Kerry & Donna\*  
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Falk, Suzanne  
Field, Chris & Lois\*  
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Ford, Nola  
Freeman, George & Nancy\*  
Freese, Jack  
Fry, Lola\*  
Genung, Jamie & Annette\*  
Gettys, Susan & Nevatt, Sue  
Gochenauer, Vince & Kristan\*  
Gray, LoWanna Willie  
Guyer, Pat & Robert\*  
Hayden, Janice\*  
Hayes, Katherine  
Henry, Anne  
Higham, Patricia\*  
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Holder, Marty & John  
Hood, Ulla\*  
Hoover, Donald & Lucille  
Horton, Jan\*  
Hough, Mary Ann\*  
Hunget, Debi\*  
Hutchison, Kathy & David\*  
Jackson, Joanne Spears  
Jenkins, Ann  
Johnson, Nancy  
Jones, Ada\*  
Jones, Tom & Joyce  
Kirk, Paul & Dyanne\*  
Konstanzer, Janine\*  
Koonce, Charles & Bridget  
Kucharski, Eve & John\*  
Lamar, Paula\*  
Lamb-Rosa, Jessica  
Lemons, Stephaniee  
Leonard, Gary\*  
Loudenslager, Helga  
Marsh, Mike & Pat\*

Mauldin, Jim\*  
McAlister, Lois.  
McCrain, Robert & Janet  
McFall, Summer  
McKeever, Greg\*  
Miller, Lynda  
Moran, Jill & Edward\*  
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Nunley, Jennifer\*  
Okeson, Carol  
Palmer, Brent Bothwell\*  
Parrish, Stan & Susan\*  
Parsons, Andrew Devon & Kennedy, John\*  
Paryzek, Gene  
Peacock, Linda\*  
Pearl, Tom & Peggy\*  
Peiter, Charles & Shirley\*  
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Pittman, Arlene\*  
Pitts, Debbie  
Platt, Beth\*  
Pyles, Carol  
Radovanovich, Barbara\*  
Ragain, Tanya & Michael  
Redmon, Carl & Joyce\*  
Rice, Edwin & Phoebe\*  
Rice, Gayle Spletstosser  
Rickel, Brenda  
Riddle, Tracey\*  
Robinett, Stacey  
Schiffbauer, John\*  
Schweitzer, Pat  
Scott, Aaron  
Sears, Jerald & Sue DeBrito  
Shadwick, Sara\*  
Shaeffer, James\*  
Skeans, Paul\*  
Soberano, Gustavo & Gannon, Theresa  
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Stanford, Dottie

Thibault, Diana  
Thomas, Andrew\*  
Thompson, Robert  
Toll, Marty\*  
Tombridge, Barbara\*  
Torres, Ashleigh  
Udan, Ryan  
Underwood, Randy  
Vest, DeDe\*  
Vlietstra, David & Cory\*  
Von Der Heide, Margie\*  
Vowels, Cheryl  
Wagoner, Nancy & William\*  
Ward, Mike & JoAnn\*  
Wenzl, James & Judy\*  
Widhalm, Barbara\*  
Williams, Mary G.\*  
Witherspoon, JoAnne.  
Wright, Gail\*  
Yoakum, Christy\*

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Baker, Cathy  
Barnett, William & Laura  
Blakey, Robert  
Calton, Carol\*  
Chaffin, Kim\*  
Chaffin, Ross  
DeGeere, Tom\*  
Divine, Scott  
Edmond, Brian & Boine, Michelle  
Gourley, Debra  
Jensen, Beth  
Johnson, Rodney  
Kim, Joanne  
Klein, Arvin & Norma\*  
Melson, Michelle Welch\*  
Michael, Terry  
Miller, Thomas & Michal  
Munson, Jean\*  
Nelson, Harold  
Parrish, Stan & Susan\*  
Pink Dogwood GC\*  
Steinert's Inc.

Tideman, John & Dana  
Tursi, Patricia P.  
Wing, Barbara Dr.

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Banovitz, Janet\*  
Beezley, Carla & Robert\*  
Brentwood Estates  
Garden Club\*  
Close, Major & Marthe\*  
Clouse, Linda  
FGCM - West Central District  
Hatzembuhler, Donna  
Johnson, Barry\*  
Lorts, Monte & Kathy  
Redfern, Jerry & Spencer\*

### Butterfly Festival:

Cardwell, Dan and Susan

### Magnolia Garden

Deatz, George & Linda

### Memorial Donations:

Lipscomb, Gary & Betty  
Chaney, Donald & Caryl  
Dunn, Charles  
Tombridge, Barbara\*

### Ethnic Tree Trail:

Mauldin, Jim\*

### Sensory Garden:

Mauldin, Jim\*  
Susan Boswell Foundation\*

### Vietnam Memorial Garden:

Close, Major & Marthe\*  
Deatz, George & Linda\*  
Mauldin, Jim\*  
Pink Dogwood Garden Club

## Discovering a world of gardens is critical, here and there, everywhere

One of the most pivotal experiences in shaping my career path happened while I was an intern at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis.

Interns were housed in an apartment just outside the garden gate, and across the street lived an 8-year-old boy named Tony.



A Parks  
Perspective  
**Katie  
Steinhoff**

One day, Tony convinced me and his grandmother to allow me to take him to the gardens. After all, it was Henry Shaw's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday (in 2000), so there was a lot to see in the garden on that day.

To my amazement, Tony was discovering an entire new world that was less than 200 yards from his front door. Honeybees and blueberries on shrubs were as foreign as the Japanese Garden or Climatron rain forest. Everything was

new to him inside the garden. It was this experience that helped me appreciate the critical need for a botanical garden in every community and how I decided to work in public gardens.

Public gardens aren't just beautiful places to visit, but they are critical for every community. Not only for the urban child who may not have any other way to experience plants, but horticultural science skills are needed to improve our food supply, and address the environmental issues of water quality and habitat loss especially of the monarch butterfly.

If you've followed the Friends of the Garden for the past 15 years, you might be familiar with the tagline, "Celebrating the Beauty of the Ozarks!" At this stage of the development of the Springfield Botanical Gardens, our acquisitions have been largely native plantings, hardy to USDA zone 6A and/or adaptable to the extreme Midwest climatic conditions. We can tell many stories that people can relate to with our gardens.

- The re-created prairie and Gray-Campbell Farmstead show how our ancestors developed the country we know today.

- The butterfly house helps us understand the micro cosmos happening in our back yards as we study the interrelationships between plants and wildlife.



**Above, Mariachi Viva Xalisco and Paco Padilla from Tlaquepaque, Mexico performing with local dancers in 2014. A tour with Springfield Sister Cities Association to Tlaquepaque is planned for February 2016. At right is the Tlaquepaque Plaza.**



- The national display gardens of the daylily and hosta are two famously successful societies with relatively easy to grow ornamental plants.

- The new succulent garden developing directly outside the stained glass window of the Botanical Center fits in with our water conservation mission.

In addition to our themed gardens of re-creating habitats and cultural experiences at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, we are taking people to see different gardens around the world. Last fall, more than a dozen people traveled with Peter Longley and Collette Vacations to the historic gardens of the east coast. Nearly five times as many people came to listen to Peter talk about these garden experiences. At 6:30 p.m. on June 11, I will share my experience of our recent travel tour to London and the Chelsea Flower Show as part of the Springfield Watergarden Society meeting.

Please join us. I am excited to announce there will also be a travel tour planned with our Springfield Sister Cities Association, Tlaquepaque, Mexico, in February 2016. Seating will be limited, but we will have a chance to experience the cultural exchange as well as see the Monarch Butterfly overwintering sites in the forest. Thank you for your support of the botanical gardens.

Katie Steinhoff is coordinator of the Springfield Botanical Center at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic, Springfield, Mo., and an ex-officio board member of Friends of the Garden. You can reach her at [ksteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov](mailto: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
- 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
- Kids Across America
- Studio 55 Fine Arts Guild

## Business partners:

- Farmers Market of the Ozarks
- Garden Adventures, Nixa
- MaMa Jean's Natural Market
- Myron Royce Gardens
- Ozarks Living Magazine
- Positronic Industries Inc.
- R.J. Jacob Media & Web Design
- Schaffitzel's Greenhouse
- Steinert's Greenhouse & Gardens
- The Botany Shop, Joplin
- Troy Daylily Garden
- Wickman's Garden Village

The new Founders Garden is dedicated to our first volunteers who made the gardens possible through their efforts. The garden was dedicated on May 23, 2015.



Opening week at the Roston Butterfly House was perhaps more suited for the Canada Geese than Missouri native butterflies. But thanks to the efforts of key docents, the house now has many butterflies in a variety of life stages (eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis and emerging butterflies).

An outstanding group of docents has been trained and updated, including many new volunteers. Dr. Chris Barnhart, Kelly McGowan, and Lisa Bakerink are interviewing applicants for the summer intern position, hoping to make a decision in late May so that the position can be filled by June 1. Our thanks to all of the applicants, and to those who supported the online fund-raiser through our partner, MSU.

A butterfly rearing workshop was held this past spring and we hope to have caterpillars on display at the butterfly house most weeks throughout the summer.

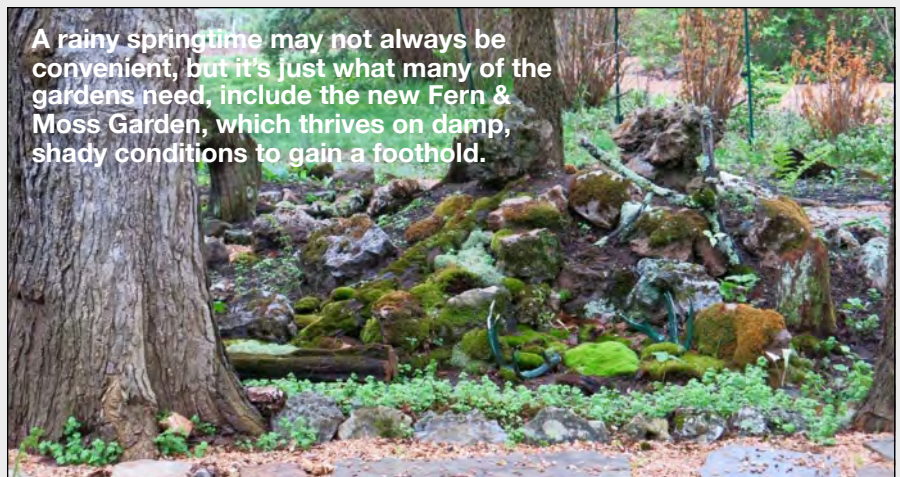
- The solar tram is available as a free shuttle around the gardens from 1-5 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. This is a great way for park visitors with limited mobility to see the gardens.

- Missouri State flower variety trials have been planted around the Botanical Center. Katie Steinhoff will submit monthly data monthly to Dr. Clydette Alsop-Egbers on each varietal's performance.

- Playground surface repairs and electronic sign repairs have been completed.

- The Lois K. Boswell Botanical Reference Library now has 616 books. Newest titles include Milkweed, Monarchs and More and Little Hostas, thanks to donations from Lee Coates and George Deatz.

A rainy springtime may not always be convenient, but it's just what many of the gardens need, include the new Fern & Moss Garden, which thrives on damp, shady conditions to gain a foothold.



# Take the right turn to get to enjoy the Springfield Botanical Gardens



## 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](mailto:plongley@springfieldmo.gov). Friends of the Garden's "Daily News FOG Blog" is at [www.friendsofthegarden.org](http://www.friendsofthegarden.org).
- **June 11: Friends of the Garden;** 5 p.m. monthly meeting.
  - **June 11th: Springfield Watergarden Society;** Katie Steinhoff will present an overview of the 2015 Chelsea Flower Show 2015 at the which begins at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the FOG meeting.
  - **June 14: 1 p.m.;** Blue Star Veteran's Memorial Marker & Garden dedication; Blue Star Memorial by the Springfield Council of the Federated Garden Clubs. See story, page 5.
  - **June 27: Paul James (The Gardener Guy), Botanical Center.; Lunch on the Lawn.**
  - **June 27-28: Ozarks Daylily Society Show and Annual Sale.**
  - **July 11: 9-3 p.m. Seventh Annual Butterfly Festival;** featuring Amy Short and Steve Craig, the "Fishin' Magicians."
  - **Sept. 11-13, 2015: 20th Annual Japanese Fall Festival** in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene / Close Memorial Park at 2400 S. Scenic in Springfield.
  - **Sept 19, 20: Gray/Campbell Farmstead Expo;** 11am - 4:30pm on Saturday, and on Sunday, Noon-4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Michelle Atkinson at 417-725-4921, or her email at [atkinsonplace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:atkinsonplace@sbcglobal.net); or at [GrayCampbellFarmstead.org](http://GrayCampbellFarmstead.org).
  - **Oct. 2-3: Anniversary Event & Garden Symposium;** something for nearly everyone with a passion for gardening. Darr Center with Tres Fromme as our guest speaker
- \* Unless otherwise noted, events are at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. An online events calendar is at [www.fogcalendar.com](http://www.fogcalendar.com).

At right is a list of our gardens, coincides with a "Guide By Cell" number. An example is the Dr. Bill Roston Butterfly House 46#. As you tour the gardens, or wherever you may be, you may call 417-213-3016 and enter the garden guide number following the name of the garden shown at right, followed by the # sign, for a brief overview of each of the gardens. Enjoy.

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