Time to celebrate 5, 15, 30 years around the gardens

Recruitment Committee recommends Lisa Bakerink to be first executive director

First, some important breaking news: The Recruitment Committee appointed by the Friends of the Garden Board of Directors in June has recommended unanimously that Lisa Bakerink be hired for the newly created position as executive

director.

For upcoming events and calendar, see the president's column, page 3, and events calendar on page 8.

But of course Lisa is still president, and you should read her column on page 3 outlining all of the special activities in store for all of us as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Mizumoto Japanese

Stroll Garden, the 15th anniversary of Friends of the Garden and the fifth year that the botanical center has been open.

Lisa's selection is still subject to board approval at the next Friends of the Garden meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, but she has agreed to accept the post.

Lisa is serving her third one-year term as board president, but was not involved in the search for FOG's first executive director. She would resign as president to accept the new position and Tom Finnie would become president.

Tom is board vice-president, and as such reported the committee's selection after



Lisa Bakerink

the interview process involving five qualified candidates.

"The Recruitment Committee is pleased to recommend Lisa Bakerink to the board. Her qualifications and record as an active volunteer and board member in both Friends of the Garden and Master Gardeners showed us a real passion the goals we set for the first executive director and for gardening. Lisa's experience as a Master Gardener really helped make her the obvious person for the job."

Lisa has been active in Friends of the Garden since 2010. She is serving her second three-year term as a board member. She has also served on the board of Master Gardeners of Greene County (Class of 2011), and has volunteered as Hotline

coordinator, assisting callers with home gardening questions. She is a member of the Speakers Bureau on a number of garden-related topics and is interested in promoting the planting of natives and in preserving natural ecosystems.

She is also an active member of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society, the Missouri Prairie Foundation and the Missouri Native Plant Society. Among her many passions is the Monarch Butterfly, which she actively nurtures at her home, and as a volunteer at the Roston Butterfly House, participating since 1999 in the tagging program of Monarch Watch in Lawrence, Kansas. Lisa was an early organizer of the FOG Butterfly Festival and has served as volunteer coordinator since 2013.

A native of Pella, Iowa, she is a graduate of Iowa State University. She has held the roles of guest services director, sales consultant, and promotions manager at the Ramada Oasis since 2009. Formerly, she was Human Resources Manager of the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center.

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 (see story on page 8).

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

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Yuriko Mizumoto Scott:

Page 8: On the 30th anniversary of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, it's time to reflect on on the garden's quiet namesake.

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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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.



"Along with April Dozier, Steve has also adopted the Native Caterpillar Cafe, just south of the butterfly house. This garden displays a variety of caterpillar host plants in a fun way, enabling visitors of all ages to make the connection between plants and the critters that depend on them for survival."

- Lisa Bakerink, FOG president

Steve Craig and Amy Short may look like a couple of Fishin' Magicians, but the magic they bring to the Native Caterpillar Cafe is strictly hard work.

Along with fellow adopter April Dozier and others, Steve volunteers as an "adopter" and helps maintain the important food source for catepillars. Amy and others lend support. Docents spend scheduled time in the Butterfly House and care for the plants, caterpillars, butterflies, and visitors. For group tours call 417-891-1515.

If this is your first caterpillar rodeo, these little critters have voracious appetites. They can magically strip a plant of its leaves while chowing down in preparation for transition to chrysalis (pupa) and then to butterfly or moth.

Not for people snacking, although there were a few curious visitors at the butterfly festival hoping for a treat.

"We put the magic in fun, fishing and learning," he explains. "We use traditional and unique props to perform classic and original magic and adapt the shows to each audience – adults, families or students."

Or butterflies, if need be.

"Steve and Amy are a delight to work with and they delivered even more that we expected of them," says Lisa Bakerink, FOG president. "They



Steve Craig appeals to a couple of onlookers to pick a hand while demonstrating his skills outside the Roston Native Butterfly house.

developed new material specifically for our festival. They offered more entertainment time than contracted and they were a delight for kids and adults alike. The butterfly education mixed with humor was perfect for our festival audience."

They are volunteer naturalists with the Missouri Department of Conservation – Amy since 1989 and Steve since 2003.

"We combine our educational backgrounds and environmental experiences to create these water quality programs. As lifelong learners, we have participated in Project Wet, Project Tree, Project Wild and Stream Team training and activities and use those experiences to enhance the water quality programs.

You can learn more about them at **FishMagic.com**.

Garden Notes from your friends



Learn to Grow in the Garden Series continues

Master Gardeners of Greene County is continuing its series of classes, one each month. Cost is \$5 and payable in the Botanical Center Gif/t shop. Times are 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 10th**: Missy Sanford "Garden Above Ground" Garden the easy way! A raised bed garden is the perfect thing for growing your summer veggies, flowers, herbs or even a theme garden. They can be attractive and useful.
- **Sept. 14:** Patrick Byers "Seed Saving" Why should you be interested in seed saving? Preserving gardening heritage, saving money, self-sufficiency, and seed saving is downright fun! Join MU Extension horticulturist and seed saver Patrick Byers for an in-depth discussion of seed saving techniques, from pollination to seed extraction to storage.
- Oct. 5: Ann Kynion: "Urban Bee Keeping" Having fun with stinging insects. ant a backyard beehive? Recommendations and information to help you decide if bee keeping is for you.

You're invited to Tlaquepaque in February

FOG members have been invited to join a travel tour to Tlaquepaque, Mexico, our Springfield Sister Cities Association partner, in February 2016. Availability is limited, but here is a chance to experience the cultural exchange as well as see the Monarch Butterfly overwintering sites in the forest. For information, call 417-891-1650 or send an e-mail to info@friendsofthegarden.org.

From the president:

It's time for a celebration - and more!

October of this year marks five years since I have been part of the Friends of the Garden organization. It has been wonderful to share in the planning and growth of the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

I have also very much enjoyed the many people, volunteers and staff that I have been privileged to work with and whom I now call friends.

Also, in October of this year, we will pause briefly from our work to celebrate three important milestones:

- The Botanical Center Building was built and dedicated 5 years ago.
- In conjunction with the donation of Close Memorial Park, Friends of the Garden was organized and incorporated 15 years ago.
- The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden was built and opened in 1985 or 30 years ago (and the 20th anniversary for the Japanese Fall Festival sponsored by the Springfield Sister Cities Association.



Lisa Bakerink

Maybe 5-15-30 sounds like a great fertilizer for *Growing Strong* which is the theme of our celebration on

Oct. 2 & 3, 2015.



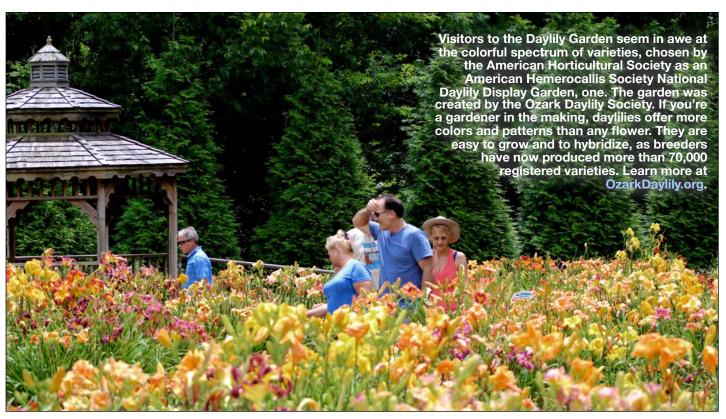
"Growing Strong,", the logo and poster for this year's celebrations emphasizes all three anniversaries. On Friday evening,
October 2, we are planning
a reception, dinner, and
silent auction at the Darr
Agricultural Center. Our
keynote speaker will be
noted garden designer Tres
Fromme who is featured in
this summer's edition of
Garden Design magazine.

On Saturday, October 3, we begin in the morning at the Botanical Center with a garden symposium featuring

Tres Fromme, Lenora Larson, and Patrick Byers. Following will be lunch on the roof top plaza where local chefs will share great cuisine to sample. Then enjoy garden tours and a variety of activities for all ages including monarch tagging.

Please consider this as a personal invitation to attend our party! We so appreciate our volunteers and partners and hope you will mark your calendars now as we celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to *Growing Strong* into the future! Be sure to check our website and social media sites for more details in the next several weeks.

Lisa Bakerink is president of Friends of the Garden. Reach her by e-mail at Info@FriendsoftheGarden.org or at 417-891-1650. You can also follow her on Facebook at Friends of the Garden or on Twitter @Friends_Garden.



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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.

Botanical Gardens

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!

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Don't tempt thieves when you visit the gardens; lock up to help prevent crime

Just as any other business with a parking lot and valuables to sell, the Springfield Botanical Gardens suffers from thieves and vandals. Even so, the number of incidents is down year to year, thanks to tighter security.

Some steal valuable (and sometimes rare) plants. Others go for items that park visitors leave in vehicles, especially those left unlocked or in plain site. Recently, thieves broke into a parked car by shattering a window, opening the trunk and left emptyhanded within a few seconds.

Despite a nearby television crew and volunteers who described the truck and report its license plate, there has been no arrest. Some video cameras are in place.

If you're a park visitor, please at least put anything you value in the trunk, or better vet, leave it at home. Take your valuables

along with you when you walk or attend an activity.

That said, there is a \$500 reward available for information leading to the conviction of anyone who steals or vandalizes public or private property at the gardens. But you must file a police report, either in person or online with the Springfield Police Department.

"If we're not reporting it to park rangers and police, we're not getting accurate statistics," says Tom Finnie, vice president of Friends of the Garden. FOG and Master Gardeners of Greene County partnered to create the reward.

One idea being discussed is to create a volunteer group patterned after the Neighborhood Watch Program.



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

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At the Chelsea Flower Show, a grateful sensory overload

Much like the world looks toward Milan or Paris for fashion trends, the world looks toward London for garden trends. I was fortunate to be a part of the Friends of the Garden party who visited several gardens in London as well as the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show in May. While I struggle to find the words to describe this sensory overload experience, I am grateful to have participated in this opportunity.

I encourage all Friends of the Garden members to



A Parks Perspective Katie Steinhoff

take advantage of your reciprocal admissions benefit with the American Horticultural Society to see great gardens.

When you see other botanical institutions, especially ones within our region, you can better appreciate the Springfield Botanical Gardens. The American Horticultural Society recently added additional gardens to your Friends benefit. You can review this at www.ahs.org.

Getting back to the garden tour, one of the strongest and consistent themes seen in London was the diversity in their plantings. If you've ever tried to study or

replicate what Peter Longley does in our English, Butterfly and new Succulent Garden, you will know that it takes a wide selection of plants to create this tapestry of rich colors and textures virtually year round, even in winter. In several of the garden design booths, you could see clean-line architecture and perfectly sheared hedges placed among these very wild, quasistylized meadow planting designs with grasses and perennials.

In the May-June edition of *Ozarks Living*, Kelly McGowan discussed the Master Gardeners new pollinator garden. Diversity in plantings is important here to provide food and shelter for pollinators throughout the year. This was a trend seen especially at the Chelsea Flower Show.

One of the competitions included a "Greening Gray Britain" that was geared toward amateur gardeners in response to the trend of paving everything from the front door to the street. The winning garden included nest boxes for mason and solitary bees as well as a mix of plants. Diverse plantings were tucked in all areas where tires do not tread, set between beautiful slate tiles for the car park. Free flowing plants and ecologically balanced landscapes.

In addition to the over-the-top garden displays and products to purchase at Chelsea, information booths were plentiful; promoting everything from preserving hedgehog habitat to combating invasive species. One booth of particular interest to me was a program administered by their Animal and Plant Health Agency that connects United Kingdom gardens with other botanical gardens, especially from China and Australia.





Prince Harry greets members of the Besutho Choir from Lesotho, Africa, near his charity's display garden at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show in London. At right are a mass of Lupinus flowers, popular in U.S. Gardens as well.

Like the United States, the UK is finding that plants that have been introduced from other regions, especially Asia, have sometimes become invasive or carry pests and pathogens that may affect the native plants. By sharing information about native plants' performance in foreign lands, and vice versa, you can better anticipate future threats in the landscape.

You might not know this, but the Springfield Botanical Gardens participates in the American Public Gardens Association's Sentinel Plant Network. The purpose of this program is to ease access for communicating with other botanical institutions when dealing with plant health issues. Invasive species, especially insect and disease threats are critical to a botanical garden.

A few Master Gardeners of Greene County have participated in training at the Chicago Botanic Garden and Powell Gardens.

The Master Gardener Hotline is on the frontlines when it comes to identifying new pests in the community. In fact, the first (exotic invasive) brown Marmorated Stink Bug in Greene County was identified at the Hotline.

As we consider how our gardens will develop, we must recognize the threat that pests will have on our plant collections. The Rose Rosette, Emerald Ash Borer and Boxwood Blight are just three species that could potentially take out all plants from that genus. It will be prudent to look for resistant varieties, and diversify our plantings to lessen the impact that pests can have.

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, or 417-891-1511.

Japanese Gardens brings out the Sister Cities in all of us

In a year of remarkable anniversaries, the 20th Japanese Fall Festival is scheduled for Sept. 11-13 in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, it will mark the 30th anniversary of the garden's oldest garden creation, and now the number one visitor destination in the gardens and Springfield according the Trip Advisor.

Beginning in 1985, the Botanical Society designed many of the plantings and landscaping in the central area of the garden and other areas. Back then, the main entrance was through the Zen Garden on the south side of the 7.5 acres.

An extraordinary friend of the gardens will come to mind. The garden's namesake, Yuriko Mizumoto Scott, born in Yokohama, Japan, came to the United States in 1950 as the first war bride after World War II, and moved to the Ozarks in 1951. She still lives on a farm near Elkland, north of Marshfield. It took an act of Congress to allow her to come to the Ozarks. By one estimate, 300,000 foreign war brides moved to the United States following the passage of the War Brides Act of 1945. She remains a passionate supporter of the gardens.

"This is my home. I have lived here so long, and I'm involved with a lot of church activities," she explains. "I enjoy sharing my culture with visitors to the Mizumoto Japanese Garden."

The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden began as a cooperative effort 30 years ago between the Springfield/Greene County Parks Department and what was then the Botanical Society of Southwest Missouri (now incorporated into Friends of the Garden), and now is part of the 114-acre Springfield Botanical Gardens, which includes Nathanael Greene Park and the Close Memorial Gardens.

Assistance in park development was received from Springfield's Japanese Sister City of Isesaki, Japan. In 1990 members of the Isesaki Garden Association designed and installed the small dry bed that is located by the Moon Bridge.

The Moon Bridge and Tea House are replicas of the bridge and tea house found in the Japanese Garden in Fort Worth, Texas. The bridge was built in Louisiana of cypress. Tile for the roof came from Japan.

The ponds were stocked with Japanese Koi that were only found in the Imperial Garden of Japan until after the end of World War II. Koi means "brocaded carp."

Expansion of the Meditative Garden was completed 2011, along with numerous other garden projects. Admission is \$3; and free for children ages 12 and younger and





members of Friends of the Garden. Fish food is available for sale.

Funds for the purchase of plants, the construction of the Moon Bridge, Tea House, Bonsai Shelter, Moon Viewing Deck, Meditation Garden, Entrance gate, Water Garden and the purchase of the 13-level carved stone tower were raised by the Botanical Society from many sources that include the Missouri Department of Conservation, Springfield Area Garden Clubs, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, the Close Foundation, the Springfield Water Garden Society and members of the Botanical Society through their dues. And, of course, Yuriko Mizumoto Scott.

Visitors to the garden will discover a 10-ton Alaskan Jade Rock brought to Springfield by the late Joe Green, who hired a specially reinforced plane to transport the boulder to Seattle and then to Springfield by train. On several occasions, Japanese gardeners from Isesaki have worked extensively in the stroll garden to help refine the design and prune plantings.

For information about the festival, events and hours of operation, visit the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden on Facebook.

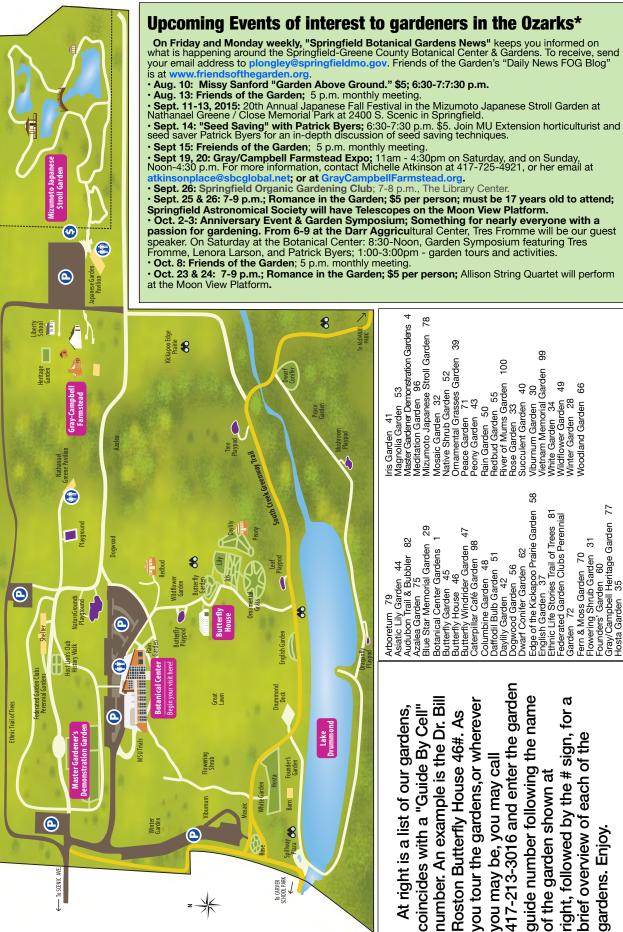
-Compiled by George Freeman



Romance in the Stroll Gardens
On the 30th anniversary of the Japanese
Stroll Gardens, there will be two
weekend opportunities for romance in
the garden this fall. Admission is \$5 for
each event. On each occasion, you
must be at least 17 years old to attend.

- Sept. 25 & 26 2015, 7-9 p.m. The Springfield Astronomical Society will have Telescopes on the Moon View Platform.
- Oct. 23, 24 2015. 7-9 p.m. The Allison String Quartet will perform at the Moon View Platform.

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. Friends of the Garden's "Daily News FOG Blog"

- passion for gardening. From 6-9 at the Darr Aggricultural Center, Tres Fromme will be our guest speaker. On Saturday at the Botanical Center: 8:30-Noon, Garden Symposium featuring Tres Fromme, Lenora Larson, and Patrick Byers; 1:00-3:00pm garden tours and activities.
- Oct. 23 & 24: 7-9 p.m.; Romance in the Garden; \$5 per person; Allison String Quartet will perform

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