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'Growing Strong' weekend has much to offer



Landscape architect Tres Fromme, center, is flanked by Lenora Larson, right, and Patrick Byers., left. All three horticulturists will share their knowledge during the Grow Strong Gardening Symposium on Oct 3. Fromme will also speak at a banquet on Oct. 2.

It hardly seems possible, but five years ago the Botanical Center Building was dedicated on the Great Lawn with Judy Collins at the keyboard. And 15 years ago, Friends of the Garden was organized to provide fund-raising support and hands-on development of the gardens.

Three decades ago, the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden opened (1985, followed by the Japanese Fall Festival in 1995, organized by the Springfield Sister Cities Association). Thus what is now the Springfield Botanical Gardens, bringing together Nathanael Greene Park and the Close Memorial Gardens to a nationally acclaimed public garden.



Now it's time for our 1,200 members to celebrate. *Growing Strong* is the theme of events on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 & 3, 2015. On Friday evening, there will be a reception, dinner, and silent auction at the Darr Agricultural Center (\$60).

The keynote speaker will be a familiar name, garden designer Tres Fromme who is featured in this summer's edition of *Garden Design* magazine. Those attending the event will receive an elegant full-color history of the gardens (\$10 in the Botanical Boutique after the banquet), along with a family membership to use or gift some special gardener.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, a garden symposium (\$35) featuring Fromme, Lenora Larson, from Paola, Kan., and Patrick Byers, MU Extension Horticulturist from the Ozarks. (*Learn more about them on page 7*).

Lunch will be served on the rooftop plaza by Farmers Gastropub. There will be garden tours and a variety of activities for all ages,

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Profile: Glenn and Beverly Blake: good volunteers
Page 2: He shares his computer and gardening skills while she works in the white garden.



Roy Blunt pays a visit:
Page 4: Sen. Roy Blunt is no stranger to the gardens. He stopped by the Japanese Fall Festival for a tour.

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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.

“...it is his contributions behind the scenes in creating and maintaining functional computer systems and processes that have become invaluable for the administration of the ever-growing volunteer groups that support the Springfield Botanical Gardens.”

– Lisa Bakerink, FOG executive director

Profile: Glenn Blake

Glenn Blake's first memorable contribution to the Springfield Botanical Gardens was digging through a computer, although these days you can often find him the first of each mining dirt instead of data.

Earlier this summer, he built a new bin system for garden debris at the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden. Meanwhile, his wife, Beverly Blake, volunteers in the White Garden.

“I first got to know Glenn when I coordinated the Hotline in 2012,” says Lisa Bakerink, the new executive director of FOG. “He created and maintained an Excel database for all our hotline inquiries.”

The information the database contained provided several different ways to search by person, topic, or geographic area. Glenn also maintains the roster of nearly 300 Master Gardener members.

In addition to helping in the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden, Glenn's gardens have been featured on garden tour. He's also active in Friends of MU Extension in Greene County, the group's fund-raising arm.

Adds Kelly McGowan, horticulture educator for MU Extension:

“One thing that makes Glenn special is that he does things that really are not that glamorous or fun to do and are



Glenn Blake takes a turn each week volunteering in the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden.

Editor's note: If you're new to FOG or this publication, the Master Gardeners hotline is staffed from March through October. The office is open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-Noon on Saturday, or online at [Ask A Master Gardener](http://AskAMasterGardener.org). Call 417-881-8909, Ext. 320 to leave a message, or send comments by e-mail to Hotline@MGGREENE.org. In the off-season, volunteers respond weekly.

often done behind the scenes. Glenn also does things like digging and installing irrigation lines and then follows through on the project until he knows everything is working properly.

“Glenn is also a great asset to Patrick Byers and me,” adds Kelly. “He meticulously keeps the Master Gardener roster up to date and well organized, which is a huge job considering the chapter has nearly 300 members. He also keeps the online volunteer hours reporting system used by the Master Gardeners running like a well-oiled machine. This is also a huge job since there are many different categories of volunteer hours and each one must be entered separately.”

– George Freeman



Glenn and Beverly Blake: Both volunteers in the gardens.

Garden Notes from your friends

Final 'Americana' concert features 'Brisa Marina' in Japanese stroll garden

The final concert of the "Americana in the Springfield Botanical Gardens" series will feature Brisa Marina at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Japanese Stroll Garden.

Rob and Drew Pommert, a father and son duo, offer a unique blend of romantic, modern and classical music.

Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket for more comfortable seating.

Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults, says Ric Mayer, chair of the Friends of the Garden group that develops and maintains the Kickapoo Edge Prairie and a volunteer with the Missouri Prairie Foundation, another nonprofit that is sponsoring the concert series.

The seven one-hour concerts benefit the Kickapoo Edge Prairie, which is raising funds to pave a path through the garden. For more information, call the Botanical Center at 417-891-1515 or Ric Mayer at 417-995-3943.

Board members nominated as Tom Finnie assumes presidency

The Nominating Committee chaired by Avis Holloway, who serves as secretary of the Friends of the Garden Board, has recommended the following slate of board members.

Nominees include Maggie Black, George Freeman, Carolyn Holdren, Barbara Lucks, Betty Coe Manuel, Gail Melgren, Becky Morgan, Heather Parker and Matt Wolfel, all for three-year terms. George Deatz, Kim Chaffin and Betty Shook are standing for a second three-year term.

The nominees will be voted upon at the October board meeting. Holdren, Lucks, Manuel, Melgren, Morgan and Wolfel would be new to the board. Freeman and Parker have served previously.

The board also accepted the resignation of Lisa Bakerink as board president to become the first executive director of Friends of the Garden. Effective Oct. 1, Vice-president Tom Finnie will serve out the remainder of her term. He was already slated to become president for 2016.

Visit Tlaquepaque in February with FOG

There are still a very few remaining openings to join the travel tour to Tlaquepaque, Mexico, with our Springfield Sister Cities Association partner, in February 2016. Here is a chance to experience the cultural exchange as well as see the Monarch Butterfly overwintering sites in the forest. For detailed information, call 417-891-1650, or send an e-mail to

Info@friendsofthegarden.org.

If you have news for Friends of the Garden, please send it to Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org. The newsletter is published six times a year as part of Ozarks Living Magazine.

From the president:

New executive director has familiar ring

Most everyone would agree that nature has a rhythm. This is probably most apparent in the predictable and regular events that occur with each season. Temperatures change, trees sprout leaves then drop them, migrating birds and butterflies arrive and then leave us anticipating their return.

Throughout the spring and summer, we get caught up in the hectic rhythm of gardening tasks moving from planting to watering to weeding to deadheading and, of course, to more weeding. At a public park, the urgency to ensure its beauty by accomplishing these tasks can be demanding.

As we come to the end of the growing season, our volunteers, members, and visitors can all sense a different rhythm, one that slows down just a bit offering time for reflection on the beauty that is the Springfield Botanical Gardens. As activity slows down, it is not by chance that we are taking time this fall to reflect on Friends of the Garden's 15-year anniversary. We are pausing to celebrate the people, the vision, and the passion that created Close Memorial Park. We are also celebrating milestones for the Botanical Center building



Lisa Bakerink

completion and the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.

In keeping with a rhythm that allows less work and more reflection, it is also not by chance that a FOG history book has been commissioned by Major & Marthe Close. Researched and written by Louise Knauer with pictures and design by Aaron J. Scott, this

beautiful, full-color book will be available for our anniversary event and, in fact, is included in the price of a ticket to Friday's banquet on Oct. 2.

As I step into the role of executive director, I am especially appreciative of the opportunity to serve as a consultant to the history book project. The perspective gained in more thoroughly understanding the beginnings of this great organization will help establish the rhythm necessary to move forward in the next fifteen years and beyond. I am truly blessed to be counted in the history pages of Friends of the Garden!

Thanks to our many friends, partners, members, and volunteers who have journeyed with us. Let's continue the journey together.

Lisa Bakerink is the new executive director of Friends of the Garden. Reach her by e-mail, 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.





Sen. Roy Blunt visits with Tom Finnie, the new president of Friends of the Garden, during an unannounced tour of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden on the first evening of the Japanese Fall Festival. The former 7th District Congressman from Marshfield was the speaker when Drummond Lake was dedicated. Tom replaces Lisa Bakerink, who was hired as executive director.

Photo by George Freeman

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 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)

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(includes gift memberships for clients and/or employees)

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'Envirothon' competitors look for answers in Botanical Gardens

A five-member team of high schools students from Pembroke Hill High School in Kansas City, Mo., won top honors in the 2015 National Conservation Foundation Envirothon hosted by Missouri State University in Springfield.

The week-long North American natural resource education competition working in partnership with local conservation districts, forestry associations, educators and cooperating natural resources agencies to organize and conduct competitions on the local, regional, state and/or provincial level. Among them was the Springfield

Botanical Gardens. Smithfield Foods sponsored the competition this year.

The Envirothon is North America's largest high school environmental education competition. The top winning teams were announced during the award ceremonies at MSU. More than 4,000 high schools were involved across North America.

The competition featured 52 five-man teams from 44 states and eight Canadian provinces.

Theresa Dunlap, a Missouri State Envirothon Committee member, explains that the Envirothon moves each year around the U.S. and Canada. Next year the competition visits Ontario,

Canada. Dunlap explains that Springfield was a better fit than larger metropolitan areas that were considered.

"It's an environmental competition, and with all of the natural resources that we have in the Ozarks and just the beauty of nature in the Ozarks is something very attractive that we kind of wanted to show off in our state," Dunlap says.

The students in the competition move through five ecostations: wildlife, forestry, soils and land use, aquatic ecology and a current issue theme, which this year was urban forestry, and answer questions at each site. They also made an oral presentation.

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

Memberships:

Adams, Katie
Ames, John & Patricia*
Archer, John*
Atkins, Catherine
Bacon, Jo Ellen*
Baskins, Donald & Tamara*
Beckner, Dan & Zoe*
Bensley, Carol
Black, Karla*
Blackshear, Eva & Robert*
Bounds, Cynthia*
Byers, Patrick*
Carrier, Ron & Leslie*
Carter, Sharon.
Chase, Diana.
Chorice, Linda*
Clark, Charles & Connie*
Collins, Debra & Stephen*
Colson, Pat
Cooper, Nancy*
Cowens, Kathleen & Dave*
Cunningham, Jen
Dixon, Rose*
Dixon, Jennifer*
Duncan, Douglas & Linda*
Eberhart, Chad
Elmer, Tonya
Emge, Barb & Don*
Engel, Machell.
Esther, Zanita
Fort, Patricia*
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Greenfield, Alice*
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Johnson, Helen.
Johnson, Shae*
Jones, Nancy
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Keagy, Pat*
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Kulhanek, James*
Lamberghini-West, Alicia*
Lee, Peggy Day*
Lucks, Barbara J.
Mallamo, Nancy*
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Mayer, Ric & Jeanie*
McGinnis, Charles & Jenny*
McHaffie, James*
McTeer, Roz
Moore, Gaylord & Beverly*
Moran, Susan*
Moyer, Roberta*
Napoleon, Gilbert & Jeannette
Neff, Tom & Sheila*
Neil, Louise*
Nelson, Thomas & Marcia
Newton, Katie
Owens, Peggy & James*

Owens, Rebecca*
Peele, John*
Petitt, Nikki
Pruitt, Donna*
Putman, Bryon & Linda*
Reagan, Connolly
Rechkemmer, Fawn
Reed, Cindy & Steve
Rice, Julie M*
Richardson, Karen
Robertson, Paul*
Rosenkoetter, Marcie*
Rozier, James & Susan
Rutherford, Clara*
Schmidt, Don & Nancy*
Shook, Betty*
Shull, Mark & Margo*
Simmons, Mike*
Smith, Larry & Trisha*
Springer, Carla
Squires, Patty*
Switzer, Joyce.
Taylor, Nadine*
Tordt, Billie.
Van Horn, Patricia*
Van Weelden, Patty*
Vaughn, Mary
Ventress, Mary
Ware, Alan & Pat*
Welter, Paula
West, Larry & Charlotte*
Wilkinson, Terry*
Wilson, Penny*
Wimberley, Curt & Kathy

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Bone, Duane & Prudy*
Brown, Barbara M*

Close, Joe & Julie*
Holloway, Avis & Wallace*

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Perez, Dr. Carlos A. & Susan*
Quinn, Jerry*
Selby, Clark & Karen*

Garden Ambassador:

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Blair, Robert C.
Bottarel, Frances*
Bottarel, Mia*
Close, Major & Marthe*
Cornelson, Meredith*
Dozier, April.
Fleeman, Sue Ellen
Gardner, Ron & Val*
Gerdes, Anita
Holloway, Avis & Wallace*
Johnson, Bud
Klein, Galen*
Loeb, Richard & Faye*
Madenwald, Margaux & Brayt*
Mallory, Eric
Mortimer, Jason & Jennifer*
Sheppard, Beverly.

Steenhoek, Rodger & Laura*
Stewart, Michael & Autumn*
Tangen, Nyla*
Toth, Rachel
Ward, Libby
Wiggins, C.J.
Wilde, Leslie*
Williams, Debby

Bricks/Benches:

Deal, Eileen
Deatz, George & Linda*
Earnhardt, Vickie
Ever Green Garden Club*
Federated Garden Club of Missouri
Holloway, Avis & Wallace*
Miles, Linda
Scranton, Krista
Smith, Colleen M.
Spess, Thaddeus
Twibell, Heather & Patrick
Williams, Beverly
Wurst, Bobbie

Restricted Funds:

Benold, Nancy
Menchetti, Joan E.*
Pearson, Carol

In-Kind Donations:

Chaffin, Kim
Ever Green Garden Club*

An uncommon phenomenon not to be taken for granted

I think most people will understand what I mean about taking good things for granted. As a Springfield transplant, I can assure you that the resources and relationships that are being built around this *Celebration of the Beauty of the Ozarks* is an uncommon phenomenon not to be taken for granted.

The partnerships at work in this community are something for which each of us should be proud. I was recently asked if there is a model in the public garden



A Parks Perspective:
Katie Steinhoff

world where many different agencies contribute something to make one great thing. After thinking about it, I think we are it.

I'd like to share my perspective on the big picture for the future of the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

First, we would not have a botanical garden without the Springfield-Greene County Parks department. Without the community support for a sales tax, we would never have the funding to operate a property that hosts more than 500 events and 400,000 visitors each year. Of course, it was the ¼-cent storm

water and parks capital improvements sales tax that helped us reach the funding goal needed to build the Botanical Center that functions as the welcome and education center for our gardens. If we are going to have a botanical garden, we need your support for parks.

Next, we would not have a botanical garden without our education partners. The expertise we gain by working with our local and state universities is the most important bridge for connecting the community to our garden collections.

We could not have the Native Butterfly House without the expert guidance provided by Missouri State University's Dr. Chris Barnhart. MSU also hosted a crowd funding opportunity to pay a docent in the house all summer. Stuart Beezley was able to reach thousands of visitors who might have otherwise found the butterfly house closed for lack of volunteer availability.

Of immediate concern, as a Botanical Center resident, the Greene County Extension office is still in jeopardy of not having sufficient funding. The University of Missouri sends faculty, paid for by their budget, to provide research-based continuing education in Greene County.

This is a huge value having educators and researchers that take an interest in your wellbeing. Whether you tap the advice of the Master Gardeners to create a program for your civic group or ask them a question about what's going on in your garden; or if you participate in the number of different classes the Extension specialists offer, if we are going to have a



Above, participants in the Envirothon. The event brought students from 44 states and eight Canadian provinces. At right, young "pioneers" portray life in the 1860s during the Gray Campbell Farmstead 1860s Lifestyle Expo. More than 400,000 visitors visit the gardens each year.



botanical garden, we need support from the Greene County Commission and/or from you.

Last, we would not have a botanical garden without the Friends of the Garden and our park partners who take individual care of each garden and attraction you find throughout the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

If you wanted to try and put a value on all their efforts, our volunteers reported more than 26,000 hours of service to the growth and maintenance of the park. Using the government standard value for a volunteer in Missouri of \$22.55/hr, that's a value of \$586,300.

Not only are our partners providing the labor, but virtually all of our garden partners raise their own funds to purchase plants and build the gardens and structures in the park.

Your Friends of the Garden membership dollars, your purchases at plants sales that happen at the gardens, your attendance at the "Americana in the Springfield Botanical Gardens" concert series, your participation in other garden events and fundraisers, are all very important if we are going to have a botanical garden.

If you love it, please find a way to support it with your time, talent or treasure.

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 contact her at ksteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov, or 417-891-1511.

'Growing Strong' presenters bring array of insights

Growing Strong, a gardening symposium on Oct. 2-3, was conceived and planned by gardeners for gardeners and others with a serious interest in plants.

Three well-qualified speakers will share their perspective on gardening.

Meet them here:

Lenora Larson: This veteran gardener lives on Long Lips Farm west of Paola, Kansas, a breath-taking four-acre pollinator garden set in a rural 27-acre property that includes pasture, lake, swamp and hardwood forest. An artist as well as gardener, Lenora's home is well-traveled, having been moved 3.5 miles to its current location. It overlooks a scenic lake constructed during the Work Progress Administration (WPA).

Lenora grows more than 500 plants. Most of them she knows by name (including their scientific name), including many natives that populate her gardens certified by the North American Butterfly Association and Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas in nearby Lawrence. Butterflies and moths populate this sanctuary in season.

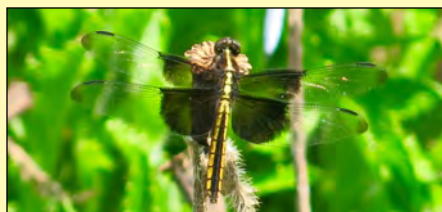
Lenora is a member of Miami County Master Gardeners and a frequent speaker to gardeners. She is a graduate of Michigan State University.

Patrick Byers: To say that Patrick is merely well-traveled is to miss the point. Since 2008, he has been a Regional Horticulture Specialist in Southwest Missouri. His responsibilities include outreach programming as well commercial and home horticulture education in the 17-county Southwest region of Missouri, offering assistance to horticulture growers as well as homeowners on such topics as soil testing, disease diagnoses, and pest control recommendations. He is a Master Gardener coordinator for largest and most active chapter in southwest region and a board member of Friends of the Garden. His travels for the U.S. Agency for International Development Farmer to Farmer Program include Uzbekistan (2003, 2004); Azerbaijan, 2006, 2007; Lebanon, 2010, 2012 and 2013. He was a participant in an educational exchange to China (2005), organized by Missouri



Lenora Larson obviously has a sense of humor. Hence the name of Long Lips Farm. But her gardens are demonstrate what one person can do to attract pollinators – and people – in abundance. Hear her speak on Oct. 3 during "Growing Strong." Here is a selection of succulents; below left, an accommodating dragon fly; at right, campanula, a native cultivar that can bloom from spring to late fall.

Photos by George Freeman



State University and Ningxia Forestry Institute. From 1989-2008, he worked for Department of Agriculture, Missouri State University, Mountain Grove as a Fruit Grower Adviser, directing fruit production research, particularly in the development of non-traditional fruit industries.

He has also worked for the University of Arkansas Fruit Substation, Clarksville; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville as a graduate assistant in the Department of Horticulture; and Southwest Missouri State University (now MSU) State Fruit Experiment Station, Mountain Grove.

Tres Fromme: For more than 15 years Tres has been planning and designing public garden projects with exceptional levels of creativity, multi-disciplinary collaboration, extensive group participation, and concern for functionality. He is the Landscape Design and Planning Manager for the **Atlanta Botanical Garden**. He believes compelling gardens result from skillfully choreographed layers of sight, smell, taste, and emotive associations that span the seasons and the years. **Tres** will share various ways to infuse your personal landscape with sensual richness and drama.

– 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 their 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" is at www.friendsofthegarden.org.

• **Sept. 25 & 26:** 7-9 p.m.; Romance in the Garden; \$5 per person; must be 17 years old to attend; Springfield Astronomical Society will have Telescopes on the Moon View Platform.

• **Oct. 2-3: Anniversary Event & Garden Symposium;** Something for nearly everyone with a passion for gardening. From 6-9 at the Darr Agricultural 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. 8: Friends of the Garden;** 5 p.m. monthly meeting; board elections.

• **Oct. 14:** Rob and Drew Pommert, "Brisa Marina," will perform in the last of the "Americana in the Gardens" concert series.

• **Oct. 23 & 24:** 7-9 p.m.; Romance in the Garden; \$5 per person; Allison String Quartet will perform at the Moon View Platform.

• **Nov. 12: Friends of the Garden;** 5 p.m. monthly meeting.

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