

# The Bimonthly Journal of the Friends of the Garden

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## Eighth year for Butterfly Festival moves to June 25 with Young Sprouts

There will soon be magic in the air at the eighth annual Butterfly Festival on Saturday, June 25, as Friends of the Garden merges two events into one. Missouri native butterflies will take center stage, including presentations on the Monarch butterfly and tours of the Roston Native Butterfly House.

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

Master Gardeners' Young Sprouts event will again lift the spirits of children through fascinating displays, presentations, face painting and the Caterpillar Petting Zoo.

Financial support is greatly appreciated from Dan & Susan Cardwell, Hogan Land Title, Ruth Arneson and the City of Springfield Environmental Services.

For the second year, Steve Craig and Amy Short, the Fishin' Magicians) will share their magical talents during two shows in the Botanical Center and two "walks in the garden." Both are actively involved as "adopters" of the Caterpillar Cafe adjacent to the butterfly house.

Outdoor spaces will again be available to a select group of vendors and organizations. If you're interested 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.



**Magician Steve Craig does a bit of magic for young fans at the Butterfly Festival in 2015. At right, balloon tying is a hit with kids.**



FOG is expecting more than 3,000 visitors and a record number of butterfly-friendly vendors and organizations with educational and interactive exhibits.

In fact, more than 1,700 visitors enjoyed the butterfly house on its first weekend of operation. Again this year, trained volunteer docents and a paid intern are helping to expand hours.

The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden will again be open without charge, and more than 100 volunteers will be on hand to help the activities run smoothly.

On page 3, you will find details of the first Teddy Bear Picnic, another event

with children at center stage, this time presented by the Springfield/Greene County Park Board.

Later this summer, visitors will be able to enjoy the 21st Annual Japanese Fall Festival in the Mizumoto Japan Stroll Garden for three days of cultural entertainment, Friday through Sunday evening, Sept. 9-11.

A week later, the 2016 Gray/Campbell Farmstead Expo will offer a realistic look at pioneer living on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18, including tours of Liberty School.

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### **Profile: Tom Lakowske**

**Page 2:** As president of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society and a FOG board member, Tom Lakowske brought national recognition to the gardens.



### **Teddy Bear Picnic:**

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

# AboutFOG

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Friends of the Garden is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1999 to develop the Close Memorial Gardens, located at 2400 South Scenic in Springfield, home of the Springfield/Greene County Botanical Center. We seek a dynamic relationship with other organizations working to benefit the park gardens. This newsletter is now published six times a year in print through Ozarks Living Magazine and delivered online as well to members. Past issues and other information can be found at [www.FriendsoftheGarden.org](http://www.FriendsoftheGarden.org).

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Lisa Bakerink, Executive Director; Katie Steinhoff, Botanical Center coordinator; Peter Longley, Botanical Center horticultural interpreter; Kelly McGowan, Horticultural Educator.

## 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: Tom Lakowske

As a board member with Friends of the Garden, Tom Lakowske wears at least two hats as president of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society.

Tom Lakowske may be a transplant from Chicago, but he hasn't let his funny hats and urban ways hold him back as president of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society.

Under his leadership and with considerable assistance from his wife, Cathy, the organization has grown its rolls to 150 members and achieved national recognition as one of only 18 "National Display Gardens" recognized by the American Hosta Society. It is one of the favorite gardens for weddings, the remarkable hostas astound visitors, who often spend extra time learning about this popular plant, renowned for variations numbering in the thousands.

In 2011, Tom organized members to renovate the 10-year old Hosta Display Garden. Now the garden is divided into two distinct areas: a stunning event garden for weddings and parties, and a pristine stroll garden for viewing hundreds of hosta varieties.

Rock walls were raised, an arbor was installed and a planting of Nandina Domestica and other annuals brought



"He's just got a way about him that is so inviting. He just reaches out to people."

– Win Hageman



color to the improved new gravel paths and an enlarged formal entry. More than 200 daylilies were added as well.

"It was under Tom's leadership that the Hosta Garden attained national display garden status, one of only 18 in the nation," recalls Lisa Bakerink, former Friends of the Garden board president and now executive director. "The stately Founders Garden, designed and built by Tom along with volunteer J.J. Averett, is a wonderful tribute to the great men and women who had the vision and dedication to build Close Memorial Park."

Win Hageman appreciates Tom's enthusiasm among many of the park partners: "Everything we do is involving people and making it fun."



Tom Lakowske shares his considerable knowledge about hostas at a workshop. Above is a plaque designating the hosta garden as a "National Display Garden," as selected by the American Hosta Society, one of only 18 such gardens nationwide.



# Garden Notes

from your friends



## Teddy Bear Picnic: Invite your friends and family to a picnic in the gardens

Here's your chance to rekindle childhood memories of Teddy Bears, and perhaps create new ones for the next generation from Noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

The ubiquitous Teddy Bear got its name during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, having been marketed by at least two "inventors" from the United States and Germany, apparently at nearly the same time. Ever since, stuffed bears have been among the most popular gifts for children, inspiring adults to recall a favorite stuffed animal from way back, whether bear or not.

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA) hosts a Teddy Bear Picnic annually. In 1988, the first Teddy Bear Picnic Day was launched. It became so popular that teachers and parents determined to make it an official holiday. The holiday was made official on July 10th, 1988, though word seems to have traveled slowly.

This is the first year for the event, even as Black Bears are making a sometimes problematic comeback in the Ozarks.

"This is Springfield's first teddy bear picnic," says Steinhoff. "There will be music, singing the teddy bear picnic song, crafts, a parachute for bears, photo opportunities, worm composting for food scraps and the Springfield/Greene County Library will have established their story walk featuring 'The Bear Ate Your Sandwich' by Julia Sarcone-Roach. We invite people to find these story pages posted around the garden.

"Bring your own bear if you can," says Katie Steinhoff, Botanical Center Coordinator. "We will have some for purchase inside the botanical center."

Pack your own picnic as well, although refreshments will be offered at the shaded walnut grove near the Hosta Garden, a shady place to for bear pleasantries on the deck adjacent to Drummond Lake.

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**Sad News:** We have just learned of the passing of Frank Mason, one of our most stalwart and talented members. Our sympathies go out to his family.

## From the Executive Director:

### Celebrating with a visit to Isesaki, Japan

As I write this, I am packing my bags for a trip with the Springfield Sister Cities Association to meet the people of Isesaki in the ancient and beautiful country of Japan.

As you can imagine, as a Master Gardener, touring the wonderful gardens of Isesaki is a dream come true. These trips also provide significant added revenue for us.

In recent years, delegations from Springfield have often visited Isesaki, and delegations from Isesaki have visited the Ozarks to advise and help us improve the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. As one of the original gardens at our Springfield Botanical Gardens now three decades old, it is a serene and spiritual place of solitude.

Gardeners from Isesaki assisted and trained our staff and volunteers to ensure the success of this garden. The intriguing berms at the front entry of the stroll garden were designed through our partnership. Isesaki also assisted in raising funds to plant replacement trees after the 2007 ice storm devastated our collection. Its beauty and richness represent ancient Japanese gardens, attracting thousands of visitors to Springfield each year from all over the world. The Japanese Fall Festival on the weekend of Sept. 9-11 celebrates the Japanese culture with music, dancing, food and demonstrations.

As the relationship between our two organizations evolves, our own members may be interested to know that Cindy Jobe, Springfield Sister Cities Association Coordinator, has relocated her office just across the hall from Friends of the Garden at the Botanical Center. Our two organizations recently announced a joint project to construct the Peace Through People Pavilion to allow for outdoor cultural events, weddings, family and corporate gatherings to be funded entirely through memorials and funds raised through Sister Cities members.

Since the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden opened nearly six weeks ago for the 2016 season, more than 7,000 people have already visited this garden. One of them shared the following comment:

"We spent quite a while walking through this park and found ourselves inspired."

These kinds of sentiments inspire Friends of the Garden and Springfield-Greene County Parks staff and volunteers alike in the great work of caring for and enhancing this garden as well as our Sister Cities friends in Tlaquepaque, Mexico.

On behalf of Friends of the Garden, we invite you to visit the Springfield Botanical Gardens and the Japanese Stroll Garden soon. Friends of the Garden is honored to host visitors from many lands as guests in Springfield as we continue building friendships among people from our two cities.

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**Lisa Bakerink**

# Americana & Roots Concerts continue with The Creek Rocks

"Americana & Roots Concerts in the Gardens" continues on June 16 the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

Next up are two familiar local artists, Mark Bilyeu and Cindy Woolf, performing original and traditional folk music as "The Creek Rocks" from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The concerts will be on the Moon Stage in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden pending completion of the new pavilion now under construction.

The concert series is a fund-raiser for the Kickapoo Edge Prairie Garden in cooperation with the Springfield Park Board and the Springfield Botanical Gardens staff, Friends of the Garden and the Missouri Prairie Foundation and their volunteers.

Donations of any amount are accepted as admittance to the concerts. A

minimum of \$10 is suggested. Donations will go toward construction of a wheelchair and stroller friendly trail through the prairie garden.

Upcoming concerts are as follows:

- **July 14:** Tech & the Roadies.
- **Aug. 11:** Flagship Romance.
- **Sept. 15:** Adler & Hearne.
- **Oct. 12:** Claude Bourbon.

If you have questions, please call the Springfield Botanical Gardens at 417-891-1515.



Newsletter produced by FOG board member George Freeman, Editor of Ozarks Living Magazine and

## 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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- ☐ \$500...Red Admiral
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*Become a member today!*



# Give Ozarks donors contribute \$7,500 to Friends of the Garden

Friends of the Garden has again benefitted from the generous support of members and fans in the second annual online *Give Ozarks* event on May 3 conducted by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

A third of the donors had not contributed to the garden previously and were not members of FOG. They may make a membership commitment when they realize their donations helped fund

the Sensory/Kitchen Garden set to break ground on Phase I later this year.

FOG was also the recipient of a \$2,500 "bonus" in the 8-9 p.m., sharing half of a \$5,000 contribution from Bill and Jane Darr to encourage last-minute donations. The event again raised more than \$1 million, but the number of not-for-profit



organizations participating in *Give Ozarks* was up 25 percent from the 150 participating organizations the first year.

About 200 non-profit agencies in the Ozarks participated in the marathon to raise both money and awareness of philanthropy.

*Give Ozarks* is one of dozens of crowd-sourced non-profit online fundraising marathons being hosted by community foundations during *Give Local America Day*.

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

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Bailey, Elbee  
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Berry, April  
Bjorge, Ardith\*  
Blacke, Beverly\*  
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Brown, Margie  
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Ford, Nola\*  
Forgy, Martha\*  
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Gower, Carol\*  
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Hatcher, Patty  
Henry, Anne\*  
Heydt, Kristin\*  
Holand, Gail\*  
Hom, Susan\*  
Hoover, Donald & Lucille  
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Ingalsbe, Barbara  
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Jeffers, Sherry\*  
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Johnson, Bruce & Vicki\*  
Johnson, Rita\*  
Johnston, Debra  
Jordan, Kenneth\*  
Joslyn, Dottie\*

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Kim, Joanne\*  
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Kynion, Ann\*  
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Lindsay, Dwight\*  
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Marple, McKensie\*  
Marsh, Pauline & Desmond  
McAfee, Gordon & Vinson,  
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Meuser, Ann\*  
Miller, Geri  
Monterastelli, June\*  
Moore, Patricia\*  
Murphy, Mike & Jackie  
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Neese, Susan\*  
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Shadwick, Sara\*  
Shipley, Jeanne\*  
Sikes, Reva  
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Snider, Rose Mary  
Snowden, Gretchen\*  
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Williams, Mary G.\*  
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Wilson, Kenneth & Sunni Rae\*  
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Wylie, Mr. & Mrs. Robert\*  
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York, Darrel\*  
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Spindler, Patsy\*  
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Davis, Julie  
Grisham, Jennifer  
Jenkins, Heather  
Lee, Vickie L.  
Nall, Wes & Vera  
Newman, Barclay & Jean  
Pink Dogwood Garden Club  
SWMO Bridge Center  
Welch, Regina

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Casey, Tim & Debbie  
Neff, Sheila  
Snider, Joey

### Gift Membership Donors

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Beezley, Carla & Robert  
Cardwell, Dan & Susan  
Chaffin, Keith & Kim  
Connor, George & Mary  
Kassner, Jo  
McAfee, Gordon & Vinson,  
Marilyn  
Miller, Michal  
Ward, Mike & JoAnn  
Wylie, Mr. & Mrs. Robert

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Divine, Scott

Harkey, Don  
Klein, Arvin & Norma  
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Louallen, Courtney  
Lynn, Linda  
Ott, Georgia  
Phillips, Katherine & Ryan  
Randall, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin  
Vinson, Russell & Rose

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Duitsman, Pam  
Finnie, Tom  
Gose, Nancy  
Pink Dogwood Garden Club  
Springfield Sister Cities Assn.

### Restricted Donations/Gifts

Cardwell, Dan & Susan  
Deatz, George & Linda  
Finnie, Tom  
Fowler, Tommy  
Gilpin, Catherine  
Hoban, Mary Sue  
Holloway, Wallace & Avis  
Holt, Patricia  
Hom, Harry & Susan  
Horny, Karen  
Hutcheson, Carol  
Jobe, Cindy  
Jones, David  
Knauer, Kelly  
Knauer, Louise  
Kufahl, Kathryn  
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Lucks, Barbara J.  
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McWay, Donna  
Meuser, Ann  
Morgan, Becky  
Parker, Heather  
Phillips, Sally & Graham  
Ream, Bobbi  
Ross, Mary C.  
Ruzicka, Judi  
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Smith, Collene  
Snyder, Donald  
Soholt, Sylvia  
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Strothkamp, Pat & Donna  
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Wilde, Leslie  
Williams, Mary G.  
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Nelson, Kathy & Emily  
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Quinn, Jerry  
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Sheppard, Silvia  
Stufflebam, Robert  
Terry, Jim & Nancy

### Memorial Donations for Jeanette Renie

Menchetti, Joan

### Memorial Donations for David Michael Welch

McLain, Clifford & Dixie  
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### Give Ozarks

Adams, Jodie  
Aldrich, William  
Baird, Cindy  
Bakerink, Lisa  
Bakerink, Randy  
Bakerink, Sarah

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# Botanical Gardens habitat for birds, butterflies, bees... and beavers

"If you build it, they will come."

– Field of Dreams

For many of us, the Springfield Botanical Gardens as we call them today have been a field of dreams.

While we may disagree on how we build it, I think everyone agrees that this is and should be a place to find peace and connect with nature.



Wild, tangled woods were replaced with accessible pathways, playgrounds, colorful plantings and convenience amenities, like restrooms, to make the Springfield Botanical Gardens one of the most attractive places to bring people of all ages and abilities. One might assume that the Botanical Center coordinator would only be concerned about the plants, but really, I

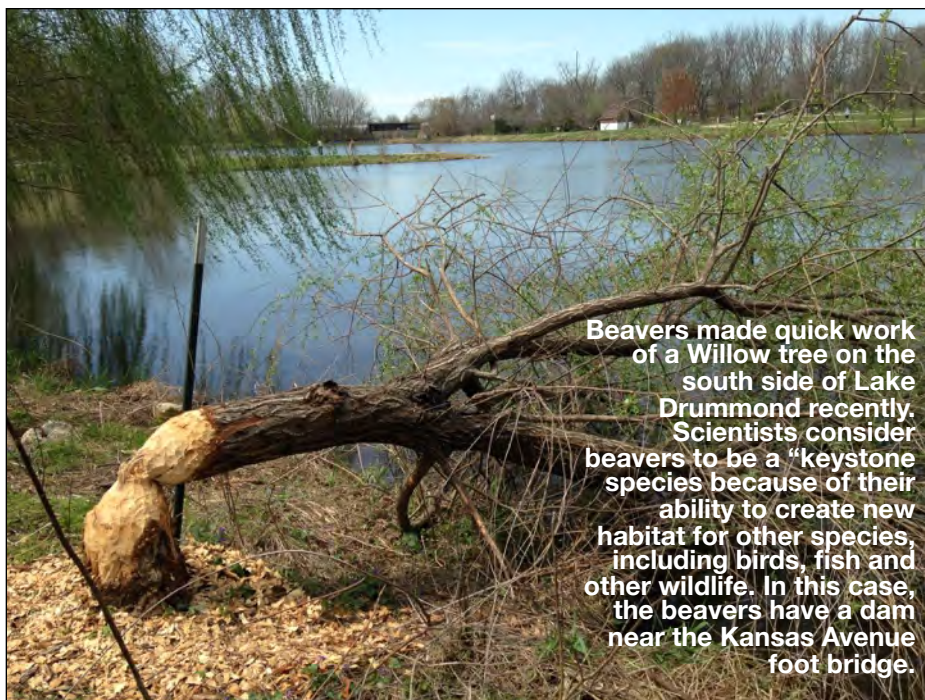
am most interested in how we can use plants to light a spark in people and connect them with nature.

As mentioned in previous articles, a botanical garden is just as much a museum as it is a park. Our tree inventory project, made possible by a TRIM grant, is underway and we hope to have it available to all before the growing season ends.

A common practice in museums may only show 5-20 percent of its permanent collection, relying most heavily on rotating exhibits to engage visitors and entice them to come again.

A botanical garden's permanent collection requires a little more flexibility because they are living organisms, and part of their role in the garden is to connect us with nature. We must acknowledge that a garden is always changing. Change in a garden shouldn't be scary. When the opportunity for change arises, we should be thrilled for the chance to grow.

My first full-time public garden job was titled horticulturist for the Day Butterfly Center at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga. A horticulturist in a butterfly garden and conservatory knows that some plants will be lost because they are food plants for the caterpillar. The Caterpillar Café just south of the Dr. Roston Native Butterfly House became necessary to support the expanding waistlines of a growing caterpillar. Beyond raising caterpillars so we can have butterflies, the Caterpillar Café



also interprets the need for caterpillars to support the diet of many birds in our gardens.

Last year, there was some public outcry that the willows on the south side of the lake were dying and there were requests for staff to remove them. Despite the borer damage, the trees continued through the season. By February of 2016, a beaver recognized the willows and began to chew. The trees were never moved by the beaver, just dropped. That was a rare treat for our mostly suburban and urban park visitors, visible signs of beaver life within Springfield. What

a connection with nature.

The beaver is described by scientists as a keystone species because it creates new habitats for other species to establish themselves. So do the gardeners and volunteer enthusiasts who continue to make changes within the park and invite new species to come in. Look for the chimney swift towers to be installed near the Kickapoo Edge Prairie. Hopefully we will see a show during the fall migration. Love your Parks.

Here's an event you might want to make sure is on your calendar.

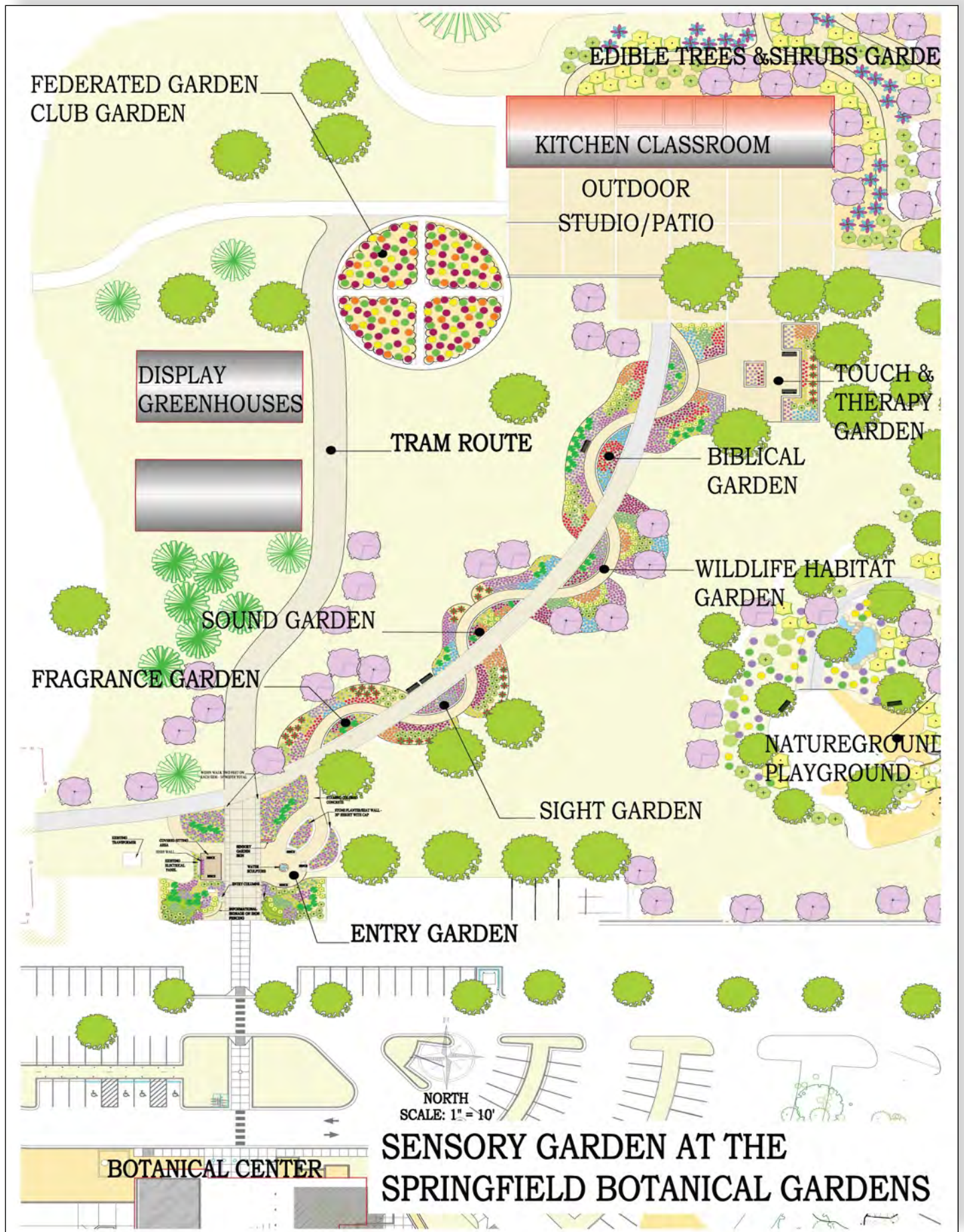
• **June 4<sup>th</sup> is National Trails Day** and we will be celebrating Ozark Greenways 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a new connection between the Wilson Creek Trail and the South Creek Trail.

Whether you take time to participate in any of the upcoming activities or not, just remember we have a great park system that you can enjoy daily from sunrise to sunset! Love our Parks.

*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. Contact Katie Steinhoff at [ksteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:ksteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov) or 417-891-1515.*



# Landscape architect's conception for Sensory/Kitchen Garden





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



## Events of interest to Ozarks gardeners so you can 'save the date\*\*

- **June 4:** National Trails Day, celebrating the 25th anniversary of Ozark Greenways.
- **June 9:** 5 p.m., Friends of the Garden board meeting.
- **June 16:** 7:30-8:30: "Americana and Roots in the Gardens"
- **Benefit Concert Series,** featuring Mark Bilyeu & Cindy Woolf performing as "The Creek Rocks," in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden; benefiting the Kickapoo Edge Prairie Garden.
- **June 17:** Greater Ozarks Hosta Society picnic for members and guests at the home of J.J. Averett.
- **June 25:** Eighth Annual Butterfly Festival & Young Sprouts in the Garden.
- **July 10:** Noon-2 p.m. Teddy Bear Picnic. Bring your own bear or enjoy one of ours.
- **July 14:** 5 p.m., Friends of the Garden board meeting.
- **July 29:** 8 a.m.-6-m., Springfield Watergarden Society bus trip to Swan's Water Garden near Louisburg, Kan.
- **Aug 19:** 6:30-930 p.m., Insect-O-Rama, Springfield Nature Center.
- **Sept. 9-11:** Japanese Fall Festival in the Mizumoto Stroll Garden.
- **Sept. 17-18:** Gray-Campbell Farmstead 1860s Lifestyle Expo.
- **Oct. 2:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., FOG Membership Picnic.
- **Oct. 14-15:** 7-9 p.m., Romance in the Garden, Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.

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