



Japanese Fall Festival brings Sister Cities and FOG closer together

Once each year, the tranquility of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden is interrupted as the Springfield Sister Cities Association presents the Japanese Fall Festival, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 9-11.

This year celebrates the 30th anniversary of our Sister Cities relationship with the people of Isesaki, Japan. On Saturday, we will be joined by Shoji Tabuchi for a concert, whose unique style of Japanese American country music has been featured at his theater in Branson since the 1980s.

Isesaki is sending a sizable delegation to mark the 30th anniversary of our relationship. A Springfield delegation will also visit Isesaki.

The three-day event is an important fund-raiser for both the organization and

the oldest garden in Nathanael Greene Park (now joined as one with Close Memorial Gardens as the Springfield Botanical Gardens). Friends of the Garden volunteers will be there to introduce ourselves to visitors.

Sringfield Sister Cities Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people of the Springfield and people of similar sized cities in foreign nations acquire a consciousness of one another as individuals, as members of their community, and as part of our global community. The Peace Through People Pavilion is a Sister Cities project.

This year's festival features an amazing lineup of international performers, including Samurai Sword Soul, St. Louis Osuwa Taiko, and Seiran (Japanese performing calligraphy artist.)

A number of other performers are expected, including a familar visitor, Hiroshi Tada (top-spinner), Kizuna (Japan America Friendship Club), Springfield Aikido, Tracey's Karate, and Springfield Cosplay Council.

"We have done many exchanges over the past 30 years, and we continue to be amazed at the commitment they show to our shared mission of "Peace Through People," says Cindy Jobe, fall festival coordinator. "This year's delegation will include a small band and also individuals to assist in crafts and tea ceremonies."

On Sept. 17-18, the 2016 Gray/ Campbell Farmstead Expo will again present a look at pioneer living on Saturday and Sunday with activities centered around the settlement of Springfield. (*Please see story on page 5*)

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Flagship Romance

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About FOG

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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.



After a long career as a fourth grade teacher at Greenwood Elementary School, where her favorite activities included teaching students about the environment, Cheryl "Shae" Johnson is as busy as ever as a volunteer for several organizations.

Shae is the Children's Programming coordinator for Master Gardeners, an officer with Master Naturalists, and a FOG volunteer as a docent in the butterfly house. Most recently, she organized the Young Sprouts in the Garden event at the Butterfly Festival.

She was nominated by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board for the Gift of Time Awards. She also volunteers at the Watershed Center at Valley Water Mill Park.

"Teaching and the environment are her passions and she continues to interact with students in her retirement especially at Hickory Hills, a School-Park location, helping teach children how to propagate plants in the greenhouse production area," reads her nomination letter from the park board.

"Shae is a pleasure to work with, always a good leader in whatever organization she serving," says Kelly McGowan, horticulture educator with MU Extension Service. "She is a pleasure to work with, always has a positive attitude."

"She is extremely organized, very pleasant to be with, and has a passion for supporting native habitats," says Lisa Bakerink.



Other volunteers appreciate working with Shae as her personal knowledge is better than book knowledge and she has working experience not only as an educator but a participant in decades of volunteer service to stream team water quality projects and in caring for plants.

Shae is loaded with volunteer talents from making public presentations, developing activities for field trips and events, marketing, getting her hands dirty, and working behind the scenes with administrative details of operating a volunteer service agency such as serving on several plant society boards. Shae is also working to revise the volunteer handbook and manual for the Master Naturalists Program.

Garden Not from your friends

TRIM-funded tree inventory completed

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board has completed a tree inventory at the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

The inventory identified and graded more than 2,400 trees in the park. The inventory is also an interactive online directory, with the location and details of each tree, as well as a summary of economic and ecological benefits provided by the trees. The directory is viewable at

springfieldparksmo.mytreekeeper.com.

The Springfield Botanical Gardens includes apprxximately 112 acres of managed

garden landscapes, including the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, the Ethnic Trail of Trees, Dwarf Conifer Garden, Dogwood Garden and Redbud Garden, as well as numerous trees marked with plant ID signs and memorial tributes.

"This tree inventory tool has been a huge asset as we understand what we have and what is missing

in our collection," says Katie Steinhoff, coordinator of the botanical center. "We will be able to create better statistics on tree performance and health. People who donate to our arboretum will be able to locate their tree. Within the next year, special tree tours and more specific information about the trees will be accessible on a mobile device."

Pokémon Go players have descended on the gardens in large

numbers. They may be discovering

the gardens for the first time,

provided they look up.

Ben Kellner, park supervisor at Nathanael-Greene/Close Memorial Park, said the inventory also helps aids staff in planning tree maintenance and future planting projects.

"The plan is to prioritize tree maintenance and use this information to put together a plan for the overall improvement of the city's urban forest management program," says Kellner. "In addition to the benefit of immediate risk reduction, this comprehensive inventory of our public trees will provide information to maximize the long-term benefits of the urban forest, increasing the quality of life in our community."

The tree inventory was made possible by a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The inventory was conducted by Davey Resource Group, a division of The Davey Tree Expert Company, using handheld computers, aerial photographs and Geographic Information System (GIS) information.

From the Executive Director:

Celebrating with a visit to Isesaki, Japan

With more than 700,000 estimated visitors each year to the Springfield Botanical Gardens, it is not unusual to see several people at any given spot within our 112 acres, but in the last few weeks, staff and regular park users have noticed more than just the usual walkers, bikers, gardeners, and picnic-goers.

At any given time, there are several dozen people walking the trails while staring intently into their smart phones. They are, of course, playing the new Nintendo Game, Pokémon Go, a freeto-play, location-based, augmented reality mobile game specifically made for iOS and Android devices.

Making use of GPS and the camera of compatible devices, the game allows players to capture, battle, and train virtual creatures, called Pokémon, who appear on device screens as

though in the real world.

Due in part to its size and the variety of outdoor amenities, the Springfield Botanical Gardens has become one of the most



popular places in Springfield to play the Pokémon Go.

A real positive impact of this game is the population of teens and young adults streaming to the park who are exploring, many for the first time, our many garden and recreation areas. Attracting these gamers to the outdoors offers not only health benefits, but also the opportunity to meet and interact with others.

Dr. John Grohol, founder of Psych Central, has studied the phenomenon and found that numerous players reported increased motivation to exercise and experienced improved moods. Dr. Grohol, stated that Pokémon Go was unique in the magnitude of people "expressing the benefits of playing video games to their real-world mental health status." He also attributed the premise of the game, social interaction and fun, as a key factor in its success.

The game does have its downside too. There have been reports nationwide of people injuring themselves while paying more attention to their phone than their surroundings, and the additional traffic to public areas can cause limited parking and congestion when coming and going.

There have also been sites such as Mercy Hospital in Springfield as well as national memorial sites where the extra traffic from gamers has caused real problems for others.

While the increased traffic to the park presents challenges, the staff are pleased to welcome these gamers and have them experience the gardens. We just ask that they be respectful of people and property while here.

Lisa Bakerink is executive director of Friends of the Garden. Reach her by e-mail, Info@FriendsoftheGarden.org, or at 417-874-2952. You can also follow her on Facebook at Friends of the Garden or on Twitter @Friends_Garden.

Americana & Roots Concerts continue with Flagship Romance

"Americana & Roots Concerts in the Gardens" continues on Thursday, Aug. 11, in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at 7:30-8:30 p.m. with "Flagship Romance," reallife newlywed singers and songwriters Shawn Fisher and Jordyn Jackson. To describe their sound, they coined the term "Harmonic Alternative Folk."

The concerts will be on the Moon Stage pending completion of the new Peace Through People Pavilion. In case of rain, the concert will move indoors.

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 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.

Flagship Romance is anchored by Fisher's unique guitar playing, centered around the couple's unclassifiable vocals.

Since the release of their debut EP, "The Fudge Sessions," in January of 2013, Flagship Romance has toured the U.S. multiple times, making stops at

legendary venues such as The Bitter End in New York City.

Fisher and Jackson organized the Clean Water Music Fest in Florida to raise funding and awareness for the 800 million people on this planet without access to safe drinking water. Since then, these two troubadours



have raised over \$35,000 with funds being used for well building in Malawi and Rwanda.

Two more concerts are planned:

- Sept. 15: Adler & Hearne.
- Oct. 12: Claude Bourbon.

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

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triends of the Garden! I would like to volunteer: in the gardens at the park in the Friends of the Garden office in the Botanical Center We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide at events: Friends of the Garden booth outstanding botanical, horticultural, environmental and educational opportunities for people of all ages. These activities at events: activities are made possible by your membership and donations. at children's activities Botanical Gardens You are a valued member of our volunteer team. as a Butterfly House docent in marketing/development Your Membership Benefits begin the day we receive your form. in hardscaping/construction · Subscription to Ozarks Living Magazine which includes the Friends of the Garden Newsletter at whatever you need! • Complimentary admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden (excluding the Fall Festival) I have a special talent for Discounts at the Botanical Center gift shop and select local businesses Thoughts/Questions: · Free or reduced admission to hundreds of public gardens across America Invitations to special gardening events (Sion me up as a Friends of the Corden member!

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Gray-Campbell Farm Expo pays homage to Ozarks' early settlers

The 2016 Gray/Campbell Farmstead Expo will present a fascinating interpretation of pioneer living on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18, with tours and activities centered around oneroom Liberty School and other authentic buildings that were crucial to the settlement of Springfield, including the oldest house in the area.

Typically, the Expo includes artisans and craftsmen demonstrating the very techniques and pastimes that sustained

the settlers, from flat bread, popped corn occupied by the Campbell family from and cookies to open-fire cooking, quiltmaking, dancing and even Sunday morning outdoor services and a pie contest. Liberty School will be open to visitor in much the same classroom setting that educated generations of students until the 1950s.

The farmstead is adjacent to the Kickapoo Edge Prairie, just what John Polk Campbell Campbell would have been seeking at the original homestead 1860's to the 1950's. The home was moved to Nathanael Greene Park in 1984 when the Kansas and James River Expressways were built.

Visitors will enjoy a unique opportunity to walk through the Kickapoo Edge Prairie as it was at the time the Grays and Campbells settled Springfield, along with seven slaves who certainly helped develop the homestead 160 years ago. The event is entirely free.

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

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Tree inventory reveals 80 memorial trees, many with stories to tell

In the rolling hills beyond the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, just outside of Cassville, Wisconsin is where my family's tree farm grows.

My grandfather was a dentist by profession, but a true naturalist to the core of his soul. In the land where corn and cows are king, he took the path less traveled in the promotion of trees.

You'll find a variety of oak species, but a



A Parks
Perspective:
Katie
Steinhoff

special corner just north of the hunting cabin is a grove of American Chestnut trees from grown from seedlings of the Lunde farm in Trempealeau, Wisc. This might not seem very special, but the American Chestnut tree is nearly extinct due to a fungal blight that entered the United States in the 1900s.

Some native trees seem to resist the blight, but breeding in resistance has been the most successful method in preserving this tree. When our

Springfield Botanical Garden community lost a naturalist friend this spring, his wife was inquiring about a planting a memorial tree, the Chestnut came to mind. We acquired a Dunstan Chestnut that is actually a hybrid of the American and Chinese Chestnut, back crossed with the American chestnut to come up with a plant that is 99 percent biologically like the native tree, but blight resistant.

Trees and people make great stories. We have the results of our tree inventory and discovered we are home to 160 tree species with additional shrubs and perennials still to count. Among the 2,400 trees inventoried, we discovered we have more than 80 memorial trees. As we add detail to the record, we'd like to recapture the stories of the people who have been remembered or honored with a tree.

Here are a few favorite tree stories that live at the Springfield Botanical Garden:

A local citizen whose dog assisted in the rescue and recovery of the Oklahoma City bombings received a "Survivor Elm" in appreciation for their help in the disaster. The Survivor Elm refers to a tree that survived the blast near the Murrah Federal Building. A seedling from that tree was donated to us to enjoy and sits along the sidewalk toward the Nathanael Greene Pavilion.





Above, an 2015
aerial view of
Drummond Lake
from a drone.
Descendants of
Gov. John
Endecott join
Patrick Byers, far
left, in 2013 to
plant a clone of
the historic
Endicott Pear Tree.

The Shooting Star 4-H club that meets at the Botanical Center on the second Saturday of the month recently planted a "Liberty Tree seedling."

The practice of gathering support for the American Independence cause started at urban centers in 1776 around the biggest tree. Our tulip poplar tree is from a seedling of the last standing "Liberty Tree" from Annapolis, Md. that was more than 800 years old when it was destroyed by hurricane Floyd in 1999. You'll see it as you take the north drive back to the Gray-Campbell Farmstead and Japanese Garden.

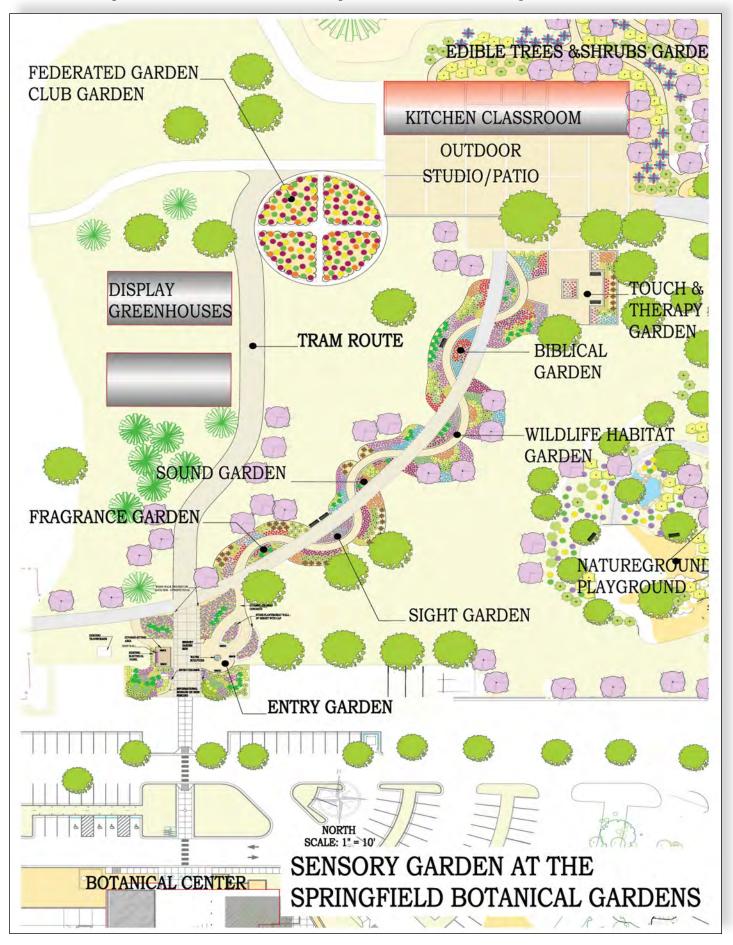
In the Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens, you will find an Endicott Pear. It is the progeny of the oldest known cultivated fruit tree in the U.S. still bearing fruit.

Of course, the Ethnic Life Stories Trail of Trees that lines the northern edge of the property is associated with a story of an immigrant or two that moved to Springfield. You can read their stories inside our Lois K. Boswell Memorial Botanical Reference Library.

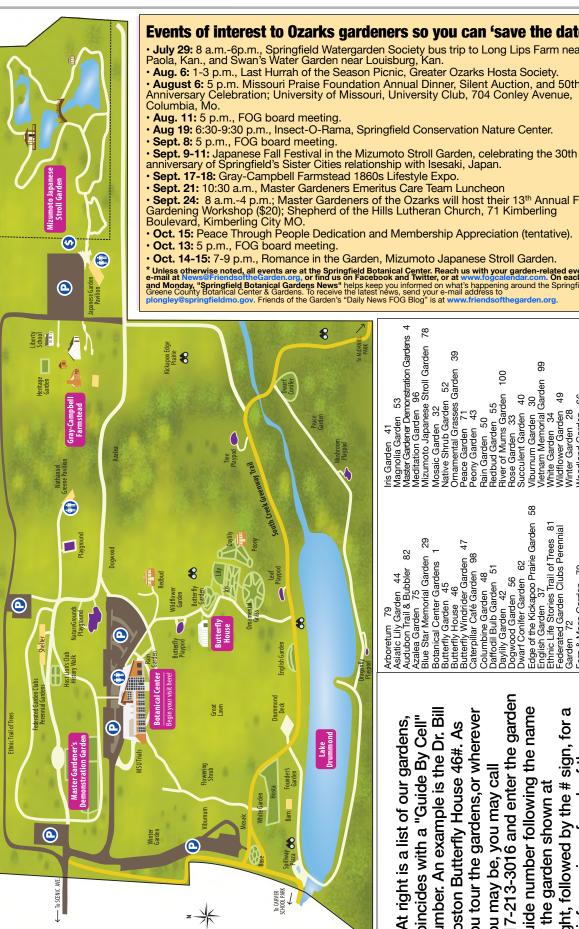
If you have stories that you would like to accompany the record on your tree, please contact me at 417-891-1515 ext #3 or **ksteinhoff@springfieldmo.gov**. If you'd like to purchase your own Tribute or Memorial Tree, contact Lisa Bakerink at 891-1515 ext #8 or **lbakerink@springfieldmo.gov**. Love your 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 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'*

• July 29: 8 a.m.-6p.m., Springfield Watergarden Society bus trip to Long Lips Farm near Paola, Kan., and Swan's Water Garden near Louisburg, Kan.

 Aug. 6: 1-3 p.m., Last Hurrah of the Season Picnic, Greater Ozarks Hosta Society. August 6: 5 p.m. Missouri Praise Foundation Annual Dinner, Silent Auction, and 50th Anniversary Celebration; University of Missouri, University Club, 704 Conley Avenue, Columbia, Mo.

· Aug 19: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Insect-O-Rama, Springfield Conservation Nature Center.

· Sept. 17-18: Gray-Campbell Farmstead 1860s Lifestyle Expo.

• Sept. 21: 10:30 a.m., Master Gardeners Emeritus Care Team Luncheon
• Sept. 24: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Master Gardeners of the Ozarks will host their 13th Annual Fall Gardening Workshop (\$20); Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 71 Kimberling

• Oct. 15: Peace Through People Dedication and Membership Appreciation (tentative).

· Oct. 14-15: 7-9 p.m., Romance in the Garden, Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.

* Unless otherwise noted, all events are at the Springfield Botanical Center. Reach us with your garden-related events by e-mail at News@FriendsoftheGarden.org, or find us on Facebook and Twitter, or at www.fogcalendar.com. On each Friday and Monday, "Springfield Botanical Gardens News" helps keep you informed on what's happening around the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center & Gardens. To receive the latest news, send your -mail address to plongley@springfieldmo.gov. Friends of the Garden's "Daily News FOG Blog" is at www.friendsofthegarden.org.

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