



A new performance venue creates room for on-stage activities

Mother Nature's gardens may soon be winding down, but never let it be said that Friends of the Garden and the Springfield Sister Cities Association missed an opportunity to celebrate.

The occasion is the new Peace Through People Pavilion taking final shape within site of the Botanical Center, and within steps of the Kay Finnie Memorial Dogwood Garden.

This new amphitheater will offer a unique venue for people to come together especially through the ultimate universal language – music. Imagine weddings and other outdoor ceremonies at this exciting new venue, appropriately equipped for the 21st Century.

Music and celebration will be the theme beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016,

when we welcome two very talented musicians to perform from our sister city in Mexico – Tlaquepaque: Sheila Rios, accompanied by Fernando Quintana.

Sheila Rios is an acclaimed singer, composer and guitarist, who has been singing since she was a small girl. In addition to four solo albums, she has collaborated in several projects with other artists such as a familiar guest, Paco Padilla and the band *Maná*.

Fernando Quintana has been in the Latin American music industry for three decades, sharing his extensive talents as a producer, composer and arranger as well as playing the guitar, keyboard and singing.

Both Friends of the Garden and the Springfield Sister Cities Association will host a members-only event at 6 p.m. immediately following the concert.

Members will have a special opportunity to meet and greet the musicians and enjoy some informal music and conversation with them. Heavy hors d'oevures and beverages will be served. Tickets in advance are \$25 and may be purchased at 417-874-2952. Same day tickets are \$30.

But that's not all. Make it a really great date night by lingering for the Romance in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden event at 7 p.m. Your concert ticket purchase also affords entry into this event as well. For more information, check out our website at **FriendsoftheGarden.org** or contact our office directly.

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Profile: Professionals

Page 2: Four seasoned gardening professionals help all the park partners grow in one direction. At left, David Middleton primes a pump.



Claude Bourbon

Page 4: You might want to bring a seat belt along with your lawn chair Claude Bourbon takes the Moon Stage.

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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.**



"I am privileged to work with a team of Parks staff who are completely invested in tending to and enhancing the Springfield Botanical Gardens," says Lisa Bakerink, executive director of Friends of the Garden.

about what they want to do.

Katie what a botanic garden great and

Steinhoff has a keen awareness for the big picture of should be and offers

practical ideas for all garden spaces. She can identify any plant or at least to what family it belongs.

Peter Longley manages and maintains four of our 30-plus gardens, provides educational workshops on a wide variety of topics, and lends his expertise to our long range planning.

David Middleton has a vast knowledge of horticulture, an eye for detail in each garden, and is passionate about native landscapes that support healthy ecosystems.

Ben Kellner, park supervisor for the Springfield Botanical Gardens, is the guy who gets it done when heavy lifting is needed. He and his operations team handle projects large and small for the botanical gardens, manicuring the stroll



Garden November from your friends

Romance in the Garden offers rare night visit Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden

One of our oldest and most beautiful gardens will be lit with paper and silk lanterns as couples are entertained with live classical music during the third annual Romance in the Garden from 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15.

Take a rare nighttime stroll through the romantic and beautiful Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. "This is our third year for this event and it has been growing in attendance each year," says organizer Nancy Schmidt.

The cost is only \$7 but you must be 17 or older to attend. FOG members and students will receive a \$2 discount with their membership or student ID card.

All proceeds and donations will go toward replacing the concrete walkways in the garden.

Couples should plan to bring their own folding chairs or a blanket in order to sit comfortably and enjoy live classical music. Floating wishing lanterns will be available for purchase (actually LEDs, which are safer, last longer and are perhaps even luckier, but you won't know

until you try and/or pop the question). Like fireflies and fairies, the lights will dot the ponds, reflecting the full moon of Oct. 15 and perhaps providing a glimpse of the majestic Koi, including two "Dragon Carp," that swim in the pond year-round.

Also on display will be eight new granite lanterns, along with a new granite basin for the Tea House.

A beautiful new wooden fence has been installed along the west side of the garden. With the able help of Parks staff, the Stroll Garden Committee has improved the display lighting with new LEDs.

A family membership in Friends of the Garden (now \$50 annually) provides free admittance to the only garden for which there is an admission fee. FOG members also receive reciprocity at more than 300 public gardens throughout the United States.

From the Executive Director:

Peaceful music celebrating new pavilion

It is exciting to see the new Peace Through People Pavilion taking shape at the Springfield Botanical Gardens with site of the Botanical Center (please see the front page of this edition).

This structure, with amphitheater, will offer a unique venue on many occasions for people to come together through the ultimate universal language – music. Music provides an opportunity to celebrate our diversity, regardless of race, religion or political leanings.

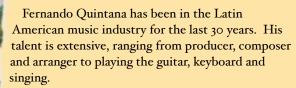
Music and celebration certainly go hand in hand and each of

us will have opportunity to celebrate the very first concert at our new pavilion on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, when we welcome two very talented musicians from our sister city in Mexico – Tlaquepaque. Sheila Rios, accompanied by Fernando Quintana, will

perform for the public beginning at 4 p.m.

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addition to four solo albums, she has collaborated in several projects with other artists such as Paco Padilla and the band Maná.



Truly, these two are not to be missed.

You are invited to join us all in bringing people, nature, and gardens together at this inaugural concert around the new Peace Through People Pavilion.

As a thank you for the enthusiastic support of both Friends of the Garden and the Springfield Sister Cities Association, a members-only event is scheduled for 6 p.m., immediately following the concert.

Members of both our associations will have an opportunity to meet and greet the musicians and enjoy some informal music and conversation. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and "mocktail" beverages will be served. Advance tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by contacting the FOG office at 417-874-2952. Same day tickets are \$30.

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Lisa Bakerink

Americana & Roots Concerts concludes with Claude Bourbon

You might want to bring along a seat belt along with your lawn chair for the last American & Roots Concert Series when Claude Bourbon takes the Moon Stage from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.

"Do not miss him," advises Ric Mayer, organizer of the series. "He is the best at what he does."

Admission is by donation (at least \$10 is suggested) to benefit the Kickapoo Edge Prairie. Donations go toward construction of a wheel chair and stroller friendly paved trail through the native prairie garden.

Born in France, raised in Switzerland, now living in England, Bourbon has become a world-renowned guitarist, highly acclaimed for his finger-picking style – he plucks, picks and strums – at such speeds that his fingers seem to blur as he explores without the limitations of written music.



Often, he adds vocals in a slightly gruff, world-weary voice of a traveling man.

Bourbon utilizes strains of folk, western, jazz and blues through such melodic delights as traditional English Dance, hypnotic Rodrigo and his gorgeous version of the Rolling Stones' "Angie."

He describes his music as "Spanish and medieval blues," but you can expect an evening of adroit, surprising cross-cultural guitar music.

"In the first 10 minutes alone, flamenco, gypsy-jazz and Indian influences were evident, as was good old Southern blues and Americana," writes Ken Smith of the Chico News & Review.

"His sound instantly creates ambiance – from haunting Spanish moods to lyrical, romantic jazz...," added the BBC. You can learn more at

www.claudebourbon.org. In case of rain, the concert will be inside the Botanical Center. For more information, call the Botanical Center at 417-891-1515.

Newsletter produced by FOG board member George Freeman, Editor of Ozarks Living Magazine and OzarksLiving.com. riends of the Garden! I would like to volunteer: in the gardens at the park in the Friends of the Garden office We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide in the Botanical Center at events: Friends of the Garden booth outstanding botanical, horticultural, environmental and educational opportunities for people of all ages. These activities at events: activities at children's activities are made possible by your membership and donations. **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 (Sign me up as a Friends of the Carden member!

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Measuring the benefits of nourishment for the community's soul

Albert Einstein once said, "I never teach my pupils, I only provide the conditions in which they can learn." If there is a quote to guide my service, especially as I think about the master plan for the Springfield Botanical Gardens, this might be it.

The working partnership among Park Operations staff, Friends of the Garden leadership, and other park partners are



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becoming even more mindful of the spaces we are creating for people to personally grow. From testimony of our visitors reported in our guest book at the desk and on **TripAdvisor.com**, we know people gain some sort of knowledge, appreciation for nature or nourishment for the soul. Learning is more than book smarts, but developing skills for life.

This summer, I participated in the Outdoor Classroom Leadership Institute, a program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation at the **Arbor**

Day Farm in Nebraska.

It was worthwhile to take a step back and consider how people of all ages use the park for relaxation and stimulation, learning and personal and spiritual growth. At the conference, I was introduced to some national research studies that actually measure the benefits of being outdoors.

One study illustrated how a well-designed outdoor space creates happier, less impulsive children. One of the keys to a happy and successful life is the development of what is referred to as executive function skills. Along with the security of caregivers, executive function skills allow people to retain information, focus, problem solve, plan and organize, and control emotions.

Being in nature is critical for executive function development. One of my favorite concepts was the acceptance that we can't and shouldn't try to keep children as safe as possible because it is the risk and challenge that is essential for learning – especially in problem-solving ability and coping skills.

While we often focus on the work of the volunteer garden maintainers, we are exponentially blessed with volunteers who use the Springfield Botanical Gardens as an outdoor classroom. Please indulge me as I toot our park partner horns about our outdoor learning offerings! We are just wrapping up another popular season at the Dr. Roston Native Butterfly House. People of all ages come for free throughout the summer, but



Above, kids of all ages fluff a parachute at the fist Teddy Bear Picnic. Right, Peter Longley teaches his Botanical Illustration class, one of many benefits at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

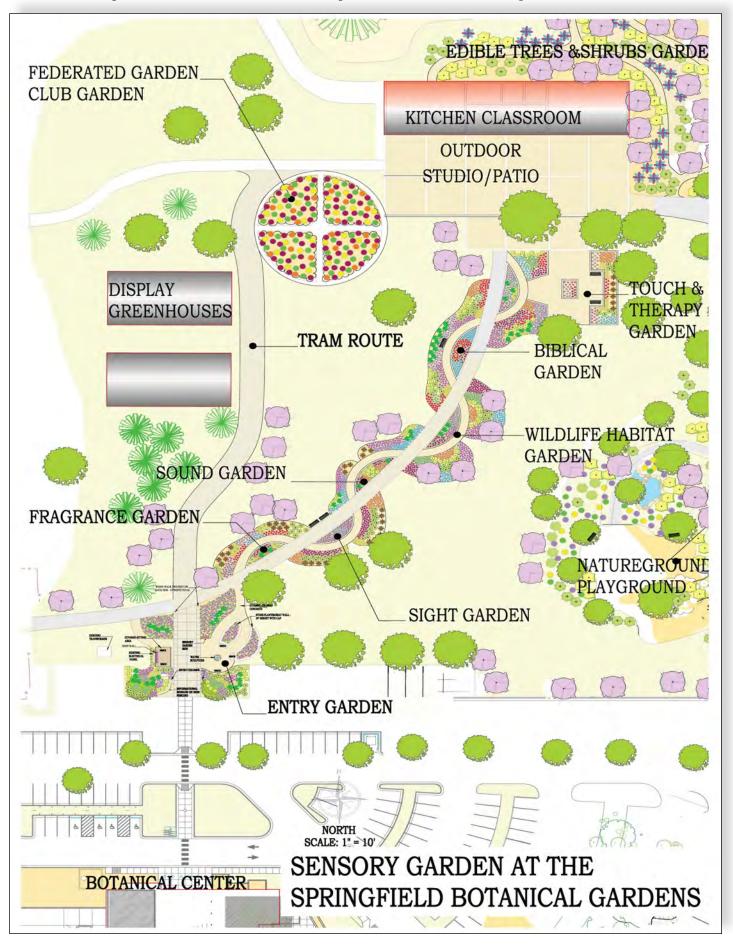


teachers also coordinate guided field trips when they realize all of our offerings listed at: http://parkboard.org/276/ **Education**. The Gray-Campbell Farmstead interprets life in the 1860s. People were so tied to the land and the plants it provided. Fifth graders spend a good portion of a field trip participating in the chores and tasks typical 150 years ago. Master Gardeners of Greene County staff the hotline to answer gardening questions, and have more than a dozen special topics with the Potting Shed University and Learn to Grow in the Garden programs for adults. Peter Longley will lead Botanical Illustration courses again this fall. On Oct. 6, we will host the Homeschool Outdoor Learning Fair. We rotate this program twice a year between several different interpretive sites and it is a way for home school groups to participate in programs that the schools use to supplement their curriculum. On Nov. 5, we will host Missouri Environmental Educators Association's Green Schools and Environmental Education Conference for teaching teachers.

Something that sets the Springfield Botanical Gardens apart is its accessibility and comfort for people. Important accessibility projects are hopefully on the horizon in the sensory garden, rose garden, and butterfly garden with the help of sponsors and donors like you! If you are interested, please contact Lisa Bakerink at lbakerink@springfieldmo.gov or 417-874-2952.

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Landscape architect's conception for Sensory/Kitchen Garden



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

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'Save the Date:' Events of interest to Ozarks gardeners*

- Oct 3: 6 p.m. Master Gardeners of Greene County, board meeting.
- Oct. 10: 6 p.m. Master Gardeners of Greene County, chapter meeting. (Learn to Grow in the Garden Series: Plant In The Fall, Bloom In The Spring: Unique "Bulbs")
- · Oct 13: Friends of the Garden Board meets.
- Oct. 14-15: 7-9 p.m., Romance in the Garden, Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. Cost is \$7 and you must be 17 or older to attend. Guests should bring their own folding chairs. All proceeds and donations will go towards replacing the walkways in the garden. FOG members and students get \$2 discount with FOG ID's.
- Oct. 15: Peace Through People Membership Musical Celebration (see page 1).
- Oct. 15: 9-11 a.m.; Iris Society of the Ozarks meets in the Workshop Room.
- Oct. 18: 7 p.m., Springfield Orchid Society; Southside Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont Avenue, Springfield.
- · Oct. 18: 6-8 p.m., Springfield Area Herb Society.
- · Nov. 10: Friends of the Garden Board.
- · Nov. 19: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; FOG Board retreat.

* 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 e-mail address to plongley@springfieldmo.gov. Friends of the Garden's "Daily News FOG Blog" is at www.friendsofthegarden.org.



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