



The dedication of the Peace Through People Pavilion on Saturday, April 22, will bring the Springfield Botanical Gardens alive with the international sounds of mariachi music featuring Paco Padilla and fellow musicians from our sister city, Tlaquepaque, in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. Joining the musicians will be Paco's brother, Rodo Padilla, an acclaimed ceramic sculptor, to unveil a new hands-on sculpture near the pavilion.

The Mariachi Viva Jalisco Band will begin performing at 3 p.m. after a day full of music provided by various groups. Both Tlaquepaque and Isesaki are Springfield's sister cities, the latter having celebrated a three-decade tradition at the Japanese Fall Festival in 2016.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., the mid-day skies will be filled with the bright colors of some 500-600 remarkable kites during the 11th annual Kite & Piñata Festival. Sister Cities Director Cindy Jobe estimates the number throngs last year at about 3,000 visitors spread out across the great lawn between the Botanical Center and Drummond Like.

In addition to kite flying, food from park concessions to private vendors will be available along with international music representing our three cultures. Also present will be Friends of the Garden, Kizuna (Springfield's Japan America Friendship Group, joined by Springfield Parks Are Reaching Communities (SPARC) as well as Parents as Teachers. Music will be provided by the three-member Marimba Caliente and Uke 66, a local ukele ensemble preparing for a visit later this year to Isesaki.

Visitors are advised to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. There will be light refreshments for FOG members.

The pavilion is just a few steps from the Kay Cummins Finnie Memorial Dogwood Garden, established in 2009 and the nearby Redbud and the Azalea Garden, playgrounds and the Bill Roston Native Butterfly House.

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### **Stroll Garden opens:**

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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.



For nearly as long as there has been a Botanical Center at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, there have been friendly faces with answers to the difficult questions that face every gardener. One of the most familiar is Vaughn Skaggs, who has volunteered his services at the reception desk at least two mornings each week since 2011, working at least 300 hours a year.

"Vaughn has been volunteering as a

greeter at the front desk for as long as I can remember," says Lisa Bakerink, executive director of Friends of the Garden. "He has a great way of engaging visitors with his witty banter and obvious love for our gardens. If it's Tuesday or Thursday morning, you can bet that Vaughn will be

at his post. He is very dependable and a pleasure to work with."

Vaughn and his wife, Kate, are former residents of Houston, Mo. in Texas County. He retired after 32 years of public service as a civilian with the Department of the Army and the Office of Personnel Management. His overseas assignments included Germany, Korea, and Japan, enabling him to pursue his love of traveling.

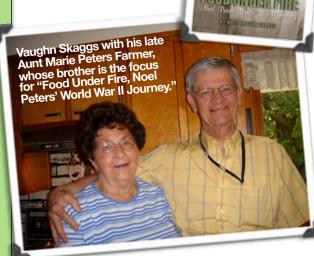
Recently, Vaughn turned over another

page in his repertoire, publishing "Food Under Fire, Noel Peters' World War II Journey" (\$12 in print; \$3.99 as an online book from Barnes & Noble) about the exploits of his uncle's WW II experience.

Also a Houston native, Noel's duty took him to the front lines in North Africa, the mountains of Sicily, the beaches of France and the forests of Germany.

"(Noel) Peters was the product of a strong family as he grew to manhood during the Great Depression," wrote Skaggs of his uncle.

As any horticulturalist knows, the apple does not fall far from the tree.



# Garden Notes from your friends

### Plant sale will start one hour later on April 29

For 20 years, Master Gardeners of Greene County have shared the bounty of their personal gardens with two goals in mind. First is to provide hardy, healthy plants for those of us growing our gardens in the Ozarks. Second is to help fund the work of the organization, from seminars to helpful advice on the MG Hotline that operates six days a week from April through October.

This year the plant sale will start one hour later at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center located in Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Parks, 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO, and will continue until 2 p.m.

Members of Master Gardeners of Greene County gather plants to sell from their own gardens- and from the two city gardens that Master Gardeners maintain in Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park and at the Xeriscape Garden – to sell at the annual plant sale. Members also grow a diverse range of popular and heirloom plants from seed for the sale. This fundraiser helps Master Gardeners maintain the public demonstration gardens and serve the public by providing quality lawn and garden programs as volunteers of University of Missouri Extension.

This year the Xeriscape Garden at South National Avenue and Linwood Street celebrating its 25th anniversary in June. More information is at MGGreene.org.

Buyers are advised to arrive early in the sale for the best choices of shrubs, small trees, bulbs, perennials, annuals, grasses, ground covers, houseplants, vegetables, herbs and garden related items.

Master Gardener members will be on site to assist with purchases and answer questions. Cash, checks and credit or debit cards are accepted.

If you have questions or need more information about the sale in Greene County, contact the Greene County Extension Center at (417) 874-2963.

### Native plant sale, workshops April 1

The Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 S. Nature Center Way, will host its annual Native Plant Sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 1. Native plants will be available from a variety of plant vendors along with nature-friendly information from exhibitors. There will be a series of guest speakers on topics related to native plants. Call 417-888-4237 for information on the day's activities. No registration is required.

If you have an event of interest to more than 1,200 gardeners and members of Friends of the Garden, please send it in a timely manner to Info@FriendsoftheGarden.org.

### From the President:

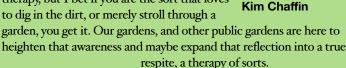
### Double dividends during 'Give Ozarks'

What is the value of a Garden? Is it the cost of manpower, plants, soil, and tools? Yes, of course that should be considered – but I maintain that the real value goes deeper. In the footsteps of Anne Drummond, Major and Marthe Close and their family, we look forward each springtime and marvel at their vision.

Step back and consider the joy budding tulips, daffodils and forsythia bring to us each and every spring – the gratitude we feel when a cherry tomato decides to make a showing, and the awe brought on by the fall color that fills our Ozark autumn landscape.

All these moments of awareness – as fleeting as they are, can bring out a reflection and pause that is all too rare in our busy, fast paced world.

The trendy word for this is horticulture therapy, but I bet if you are the sort that loves to dig in the dirt, or merely stroll through a



DIARKS,

I know that this is deeply true for me, and as we watch the growing number of visitors to our gardens, I get the feeling that this is true for others as well.

There is no doubt: Our gardens provide real value to our world, from the beauty and therapeutic value to serving as a guide and source of important

guidance to gardeners making plant and tree selections for homes.

We are pleased to announce that the Give Ozarks Campaign has also recognized our value.

For a second time, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks has selected the Friends of the Garden as a recipient of the \$5,000 matching grant program. Give Ozarks is a one-day, online fundraising event for nonprofit partners of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. In Give Ozarks' first two years, thousands upon thousands of donors have supported hundreds of nonprofits to the tune of more than \$2.2 million. This year more than 200 non-profit organizations have signed on to participate in the 24-hour campaign.

This honor is evidence of not only our recognized value, but also that we are worthy of an investment into the future. The Foundation has given us a vote of confidence, and is willing to assist us in our ongoing goal of financial stability, allowing us to create and maintain the gardens.

Please be prepared to participate in the Give Ozarks Campaign on Tuesday, May 9, and show your support for Friends of the Garden. Not only is it kind of fun – you can help prove to the community that we are an organization whose members and friends fully understand our value and are willing to participate in its reveal.

Kim Chaffin is president of Friends of the Garden. Reach her by e-mail, Info@FriendsoftheGarden.org. You can also follow us on Facebook at Friends of the Garden, on Instagram@Springfield Botanical Gardens, or on Twitter @Friends\_Garden.

### Community Foundation selects FOG and gardens for donation match

Once again, Friends of the Garden and the Springfield Botanical Gardens have been chosen by the *Give Ozarks* campaign for a one-to-one matching grant for all online donations up to \$5,000.

Give Ozarks is a one-day, online fundraising event for Agency Partners of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Non-profits from across southern Missouri will have the chance to raise funds, compete for matches and prizes, and be a part of a one-day surge in generosity across our state.

This is the third year for the event sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO). For 2017, more than 200 non-profit organizations have signed on to participate in the 24-hour campaign. *Give Ozarks* is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **May 9, 2017.** 

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hundreds of nonprofits to the tune of more than \$2.2 million.

As our gardens grow and expand, so does the need for maintenance and enhancements of all 35-plus gardens and



attractions.
Growing this
endowment fund
will better enable
us to sustain,
long into the
future, the 112acre Springfield
Botanical

Gardens that thousands of people enjoy each year.

All funds will support the Friends of the Garden Growth & Maintenance Fund at the CFO. Giving is easy enough; donors can log onto **GiveOzarks.org** to complete a totally secure basic credit-card donation. Cash and checks can also be

accepted on and prior to May 9. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the IRS.

May 9 is also *Give Local America Day* when community foundations across the country will be holding similar online fundraising events to boost resources for their local nonprofits, encourage new donors and raise awareness of philanthropy in general. Online giving is a growing movement in the philanthropy field, has raised millions of dollars for non-profit organizations over the past several years.

If you haven't already, you can follow us at **FriendsoftheGarden.org**, *Friends of the Garden* on Facebook, and @*Friends\_Garden* on Twitter for the lastest information about upcoming events and a link to this newsletter. As always, thank you for your partnership and support.

Join Friends of the Garden!  We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a utstanding botanical, horticultural, environmental and ducational opportunities for people of all ages. These activities are made possible by your membership and donations.  SPRINGFIELD Botanical Gardens out are a valued member of our volunteer team.	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	
<ul> <li>Our Membership Benefits begin the day we receive your form.</li> <li>Subscription to Ozarks Living Magazine which includes the Friends of the Garden Newsletter</li> <li>Complimentary admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden (excluding the Fall Festival)</li> <li>Discounts at the Botanical Center gift shop and select local businesses</li> <li>Free or reduced admission to hundreds of public gardens across America</li> <li>Invitations to special gardening events</li> </ul>	in marketing/development in hardscaping/construction at whatever you need! I have a special talent for Thoughts/Questions:	

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### Docents needed to expand hours in 2017; training will be April 22 & 26

One of the goals for our organization in 2017 is to operate the Bill Roston Native Butterfly House seven days a week. This year the house will open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on May 12 in connection with National Public Gardens Day. For good reason: the number of visitors in 2016 increased to more than 37.000, a rather dramatic increase as more organizations ask

to tour Missouri's only all-native butterfly house, including bus loads of students on field trips and even some attending statewide garden conferences.

Dr. Chris Barnhart, curator and professor at Missouri State University, will conduct a training session for docents from 10 a.m.-Noon on Saturday, April 22, the same morning as

the Kite & Piñata Festival festival and Peace Through People dedication. If weather permits, the house may be open informally after training.

For the second year, a full-time internship has been funded to help staff the many hours the house is open, but the expanded hours will still depend heavily on our ability to recruit and train volunteer docents. you don't have to be a lepidopterist, or for that matter, a public speaker.

Many of our visitors are young people just learning to appreciate

science. In fact, some of our best docents are responsible young people who have been "bitten" by the science bug and want to learn more and share what they have learned.

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

### Membership

Albers, Lolita\* Arrowood, Cindy & Max\* Back, Becky\* Bayless, Jean\* Beezley, Carla & Robert\* Beezley, Spencer & Natasha\* Benzen, Michelle\* Blake, Beverly\* Bottarel, Mia\* Brill, Wilbur & Lorene\* Brunskill, Richard & Dorothy\* Caplinger, Nancy\* Caswell, Maxine Cates, Sharon\* Collins, Debra\* Conine, Susan\* Cower, Carol\* Ford, Nola\* Forgy, Martha\* Gallagher, Mary\* Garrels, Kathleen\* Grayless, Jeff & Linda\* Gunion, Ann\* Heatherly, Teresa Hicks, Pamela\* Holand, Gail & Roy\* Howell, Janet

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Siano, Carol Skaggs, Vaughn\* Smith, Connie J.\* Sterlin, Lisa Swackhamer, Pat\* Templeton, Shirley\* Trout, Marlin\* Updike, Jodie\* VanHouden, Betty\* Vonwiller, Susan\* Walker, Doris\* Walters, Joel\* Watson, Pat Whittington, Karen\* Willis, Cheryl\* Wilson, Donnie & Susan\* Wright, Gail\* Wright, P. June\*

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### **Gift Membership** Recipients

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On my coffee table at home, next to a stack of past issues of *Ozarks Living Magazine*, you will also find *Better Homes and Garden*, compliments of the Friends of the Garden membership, along with *National Geographic* and *Smithsonian*. Even as I was growing up, these same windows to the world, or magazines, were at my finger tips. As I turned the pages, I was struck with wanderlust. I was fortunate to have parents who traveled in spite of the shenanigans coming from us kids and our hound dog, Zeek, in the back seat. I was fortunate to

A Parks
Perspective:
Katie
Keith

find a career that not only supports my travel habit, but is vital to the understanding of developing the themed gardens like you see at the Springfield Botanical Garden.

Don't get me wrong, there are plenty of good reasons to never leave the Ozarks. Just read your *Ozarks Living Magazine* and you will know about the abundance of natural resource wealth, diversity of seasons and weather experiences. In the heart of the states, you will find beaches on lakes, wonderful scenic waterways, interesting people, and can potentially grow a wide variety of plants. It is our ability to grow a variety of plants from around the world that keeps me interested in the native plants, so I can better understand ways to maintain the beauty of the Ozarks, but also know how and where I can interpret the rest of the world. I

became especially interested in native plants as a student in Professor Sam Rogers' Environmental Design Lab at the University of Tennessee. I remember volunteering on Saturdays to replant native varietals on Pistol Creek Greenway in Alcoa, Tenn. And thinking that some of these exotic plants seem so healthy, but then seeing how they were strangling out the native plants that were actually more

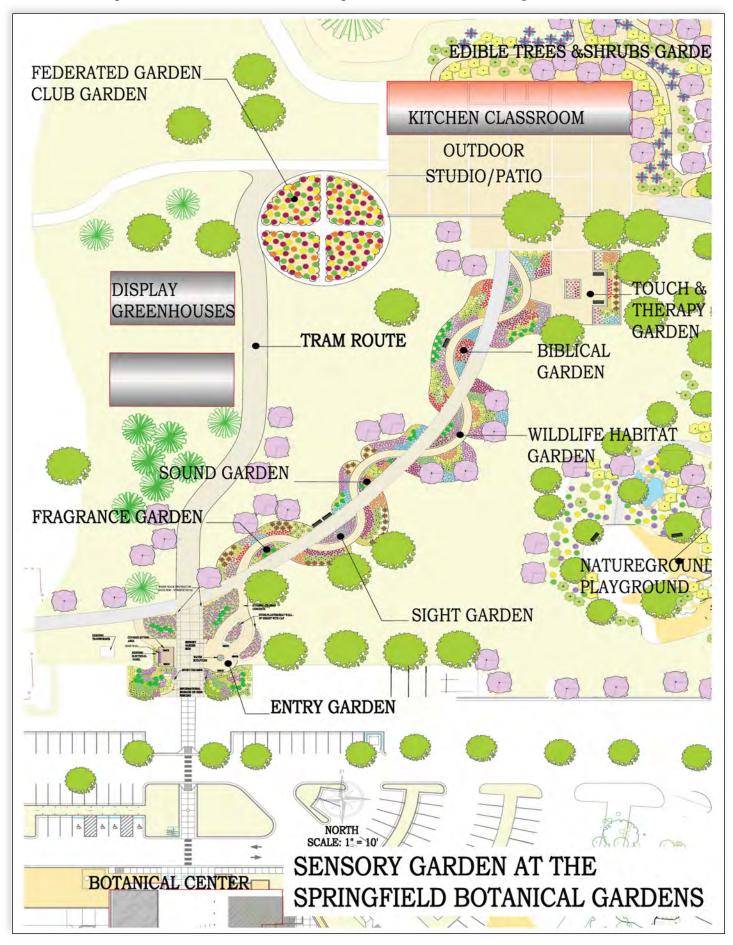
functional to the landscape for erosion and flood control, and serving the wildlife.

I recently visited Hawaii, and the islands we visited, you could truly see the world within just a few short miles. Because 95 percent of the islands' vegetation is not native, you can see plants from all over the world, but also the climate can be so different depending on the side of the island you are visiting. I was amazed to travel only five miles from Waikiki Beach to encounter a tropical rain forest and even closer at Diamond Head crater, a desert-like landscape. The island of Kauai was a smorgasbord of culinary delights. We saw plantations of coffee, sugar cane, pineapple, mango, coconut, macadamia nuts and the home of breadfruit development, an initiative of the National Tropical Botanical Garden to help curb starvation in the tropics. They maintain more than 2,100 different breadfoot varieties, which is important for genetic diversity, and ship the best varieties to regions across the globe that have been hit with drought, hurricanes or just need more nutritious food that grows quickly.

Food security may not be a struggle that most of us have an appreciation for on a daily basis, but through our partnership with MU Extension, the Springfield Botanical Garden does have a mission beyond just being a pretty park,. We are a gathering place for creating partnerships to respond to food security issues in the Ozarks. If you do not receive the "Reaching Out Report," the Greene County Extension Newsletter, pick one up inside the Botanical Center or find and subscribe at: <a href="http://Extension.Missouri.edu">http://Extension.Missouri.edu</a>. This is an excellent resource for being informed on your local food and discover learning opportunities. If you'd like to see more edible plants at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, please give to Friends of the Garden and support the continuing development of the Sensory Garden.

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### Landscape architect's conception for Sensory/Kitchen Garden



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