

# The Bimonthly Journal of the Friends of the Garden

VOL. 12, NO. 3

REACH US AT 417-891-1515

JUNE/JULY2017



**Come fly with us:  
Butterfly Festival  
is coming to a  
garden near you**



Above, left and right, three friends transform into butterflies, and twin brothers share a remarkable similar paint job; left, tossing the bean bag through the hole. Right, a young painted lady gets her butterfly face.



While work progresses on Phase I of the Sensory Garden, fans of pollinators will soon spread their wings for the 9th annual Butterfly Festival and Young Sprouts on Saturday, June 24.

The festival begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m. in an event that was combined last year with enthusiastic participation. At 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m., students from the Conservatory of the Ozarks will

perform. At 7:30 p.m., the third season of “Americana & Roots in the Garden” concerts moves outdoors in the new Peace Through People Pavilion.

Centered around the Bill Roston Native Butterfly House (now open all week), this free event celebrates the importance of native butterflies and moths by providing entertaining insights into the life cycles of these essential pollinators. Gently petting

caterpillars will be encouraged along with other activities for the youngest among us.

Since its opening, the butterfly house has attracted thousands of visitors (2,000-plus for opening weekend; more than 37,000 in 2016). Students savor the chance to watch eggs become caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies, dining on native host and nectar plants in the adjacent Caterpillar Cafe.

#### **Sponsors for 2017:**

- Dr. Dan & Susan Cardwell
- One of a Kind
- Commerce Bank
- Environmental Services, City of Springfield.
- Bank of Bolivar

**VISIT FOG  
ONLINE  
CLICK HERE**



**Profile: Peter Longley  
Page 2:** Our horticultural interpreter is preparing to retire, leaving several pairs of shoes to be filled, and gardens galore.



**25 years of History Walk:  
Page 5:** The Host Lions Club will honor Teacher/Astronaut Christa MacAuliffe on June 22 as “An American Who Made A Difference.”

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



# AboutFOG

Vol. 12, No. 3, JUNE/JULY 2017

2400 S. Scenic, Springfield, Mo. 65807

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).

## Officers:

President: Kim Chaffin

Vice-president: Gail Melgren

Secretary: Becky Morgan

Treasurer: Christy Yoakum

## Board of Directors:

**Terms ending October 2017:** Jessi Beauchamp, Susan Cardwell, Marthe Close, Dr. Pam Duitsman, Brent Bothwell-Palmer, and Christy Yoakum.

**Terms ending October 2018:** Maggie Black, Kim Chaffin, George Freeman, Gail Melgren, Becky Morgan, Heather Parker, Betty Shook and Matt Wolfel.

**Terms ending October 2019:** Roseann Bentley, Kayla Chambers, Tom Finnie, Morey Mechlin, Jessica Pearson and Don Snyder.

## Advisory Board:

Deanna Armstrong, Patrick Byers, Major Close, Christie Eden, Stan Horsch, Bob Kipfer, Bob Lovett, Chris Barnhart, Carla Beezley, Bob Childress, Jeanne Duffey and Bill Roston, Kaileen Valentine, Gabrielle White and Cindy Willis.

## Ex-Officio and Staff:

Lisa Bakerink, executive director; Barbara Lucks, volunteer coordinator; Katie Steinhoff Keith, Botanical Center coordinator; Peter Longley, Botanical Center horticultural interpreter.

## 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: Peter Longley

His knowledge of the gardens came alive during tram tours, but he has been a fixture at the gardens, until recently with his canine companion, Orbit, a Great Pyrenees who showed up one day and stayed

Peter Longley will soon leave his adopted home in the American colonies to return to his first home across the pond. Jolly good for him, and who can blame him, for he is an Englishman at heart. He will leave at the end of July.

Since 2010, Peter has embraced the position of "horticultural interpreter" at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, but some will remember he was first a FOG board member beginning in 2003. Major Close asked him to design an English garden, which he adapted to the Ozarks climate and plants.

Most recently, he has created the thriving Succulent Garden around the botanical center, but he has also turned a spade on behalf of the Butterfly Garden and the Ornamental Grass Garden.

He has penned a blog, guided countless tram tours; taught art classes, Tablescape seminars, just to name a few of his responsibilities. And did we mention he played Santa Claus.



Before that he was a traveler whose life seemingly has been one adventure after another, from studies at Cambridge for the priesthood in the Anglican Church to licensed lay reader, estate manager Manager of Tullamaine Castle in County Tipperary, Ireland; cruise director on the Queen Elizabeth

2 in 1988; novelist, artist, with a bit of the bon vivant thrown in for good measure.

"I have been privileged to work with Peter for nearly six years now and I could go on about his many abilities, talents, and grit in getting work accomplished in the gardens," says Lisa Bakerink. "But as a newbie on the scene back in 2010 and throughout my involvement here, it has been Peter who best helped me see the vision of a beautiful botanical garden with a public park."

And from Katie Keith: "Peter's full life of a world of experiences have been so valuable to connect people with plants at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. While

he will be the first to tell you he's not the horticulturist or botanist, he brings a wealth of talent as he connects plants to all subjects from art, history, science, theology, and even entertainment."



Among Peter's talents are the paintings he did in the gardens. Here he teaches a drawing class.





Peter joined flutist Bettine Clemen for a duet in one of her several concerts to help raise funds for the Sensory Garden, now under construction in Phase One. Here he discusses the Ornamental Grass Garden on a tram tour.

# Take a bow, Old Bean Peter Longley



Peter visits with Dr. Peter Raven to view the English Garden Peter created early in his tenure as horticultural interpreter.



Peter's 'Tablescape' presentations were designed to represent a season or special occasion. Above, he and Katie Keith dressed for the Christmas season.

At right, Peter watches over the placing of a 3.5-ton boulder in the expanded succulent garden. Below, he completes a still life at the Lawn & Garden Show in 2016.





# Garden Notes

from your friends



**Students take their turns reading about “Americans Who Made a Difference” at the History Walk, started 25 years ago by the Host Lions Club in Springfield.**

## Host Lions Club honors McAuliffe for her passion to explore space

For the past 25 years, one of our earliest supporters of what we now call the Springfield Botanical Gardens has been the Springfield Host Lions Club, founded in 1921, the first Lions Club in Springfield.



**Christa McAuliffe**

This year, the Host Lions Club will honor a beloved teacher who died at 37. The late Sharon Christa Corrigan McAuliffe was the first teacher chosen to fly in space, aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger. Tragically, she was one of the seven crew members who perished when the shuttle exploded on Jan. 28, 1986. As an American history teacher who wore science on her sleeve, she wrote on her application form to NASA: "I watched the Space Age being born, and I would like to participate."

She will be honored with a stone in ceremonies at 5:30 p.m. on June 22. The History Walk is a long-term project that memorializes "Americans Who Have Made A Difference" in one of the two adjoining parks, Nathanael Greene Park. The Close Memorial Gardens were added in 1998. Today, the two operate as one as the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

Since 1992, the Host Lions Club has placed an etched stone honoring a historic figure. Nearly 30 stones account for America's heroes, beginning with Lions Club founder Melvin Jones. Helen Keller, George Washington Carver, Harry S Truman and many others help bring history alive.

In 2016, the Host Lions Club honored Linus Pauling, the only recipient of two Nobel Prizes, who developed the polio vaccine and was awarded the prize for chemistry in 1954, followed by the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962.

## From the President:

### An extraordinary place with many purposes

It is hard to describe all that is going on at our Springfield Botanical Gardens. It truly is extraordinary. Within the last couple of months we have dedicated the Peace through People Pavilion, hosted a world renowned musical ensemble from our Sister City, Tlaquepaque, treated couples to a serene and romantic stroll through the Japanese stroll garden, complete with hanging lanterns and floating wishes.

The only all-native butterfly house in Missouri is open and ready to roll for the summer, educated docents at the ready, and gardens have been pampered, prodded and lovingly coaxed to become the works of art that are once again inspiring our many visitors. Our succulent garden has been enlarged as so that it will now wrap the entire South and West sides of the botanical center. We have concrete planters and walkways being installed revealing the start of our newest project, the Sensory Garden.



**Kim Chaffin**

We have installed a new water fountain for our furry friends, chimney towers for our feathered friends and the solar tram is up and running for everyone who wants to take part in this amazing space.

What is truly extraordinary are the many people that make all this happen. The Springfield Botanical Gardens are the beneficiary of a unique synergy resulting in a force of staff and volunteers who create the "magic."

Friends of the Garden, the Springfield/Greene County Park Board and the MU Extension all bring talented, educated, passionate staff and volunteers who contribute the time, expertise and dollars that create this tucked away jewel of Springfield.

But that's not all; we have 24-plus park partner organizations, including floral societies that have been honored with national recognition, musicians who entertain us and historians standing by to educate us. More than 20,528 hours of volunteer time were reported in 2016. We have an impressive amount of blood, sweat and tears being poured into our 112 acres.

Although Mother's Day provide a clear reminder that the word is out – a very tricky day to find a parking spot – I encourage you to be sure those in your circle of friends know of this extraordinary place.

Time after time, first-time visitors are blown away by our oasis. The vista of the great lawn overlooking Lake Drummond is enough to impress – but be sure they behold the stunning gardens, the native butterfly house and the many activities hosted by our Park Partners.

To be extraordinary, you must rise above the norm. The Springfield Botanical Gardens have grown and expanded well beyond the expected. Please spread the word, participate in FOG's vision to bring people, nature and gardens together, and be part of something extraordinary.

*Kim Chaffin is president of Friends of the Garden. Reach her by e-mail at [Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org](mailto: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.*

# Friends of the Garden exceeds goals in third annual 'Give Ozarks'

Friends of the Garden and the Springfield Botanical Gardens raised \$13,172 through the *Give Ozarks* campaign, including a one-to-one matching grant for all online donations of \$5,000.



More than 220 non-profits from across the Ozarks participated in the campaign.

FOG, MU Extension and Grey-Campbell Farmstead combined to share in the "Spirit Award." FOG ranked 20th in total dollars raised and 18th in the number of gifts given. Thanks to all of you who helped us reach these goals.

This is the third year for the event, sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO).

In Give Ozarks' first two years, thousands of donors have supported hundreds of nonprofits to the tune of more



**David Burton, Lisa Bakerink and Norma Tolbert paused for a "selfie" during Give Ozarks Day on May 9.**

than \$2.2 million. The Give Ozarks campaign finished with a total of \$1,397,147 in donations for all participating agencies.

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

Growing our endowment fund enables us to sustain the 112-acre Springfield Botanical Gardens that thousands of people enjoy each year.

All of the funds raised help support the Friends of the Garden Growth & Maintenance Fund at the CFO.

The Give Ozarks campaign was part of the *Give Local America Day* when community foundations across the country held similar online fundraising events to boost resources for their local nonprofit members.

Our goal is to encourage new donors as we raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy.

If you haven't already done so, you can follow us at [FriendsOfTheGarden.org](http://FriendsOfTheGarden.org), *Friends of the Garden* on Facebook, and *@Friends\_Garden* on Twitter for the latest information about upcoming events.

Thank you for your support.

Newsletter produced by FOG board member George Freeman, Editor of Ozarks Living Magazine and [OzarksLiving.com](http://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)

### I choose this Corporate Sponsorship:

- ☐ \$500...Red Admiral
- ☐ \$1,000...Tawny Emperor
- ☐ \$2,500...Regal Fritillary
- ☐ \$5,000...Monarch
- ☐ Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Give membership as a gift!

Gift Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the Garden, P.O. Box 8566, Springfield, MO 65801



**JOIN  
ONLINE**

[friendsofthegarden.org](http://friendsofthegarden.org)

**417-874-2952**

*Become a member today!*



# Sensory Garden construction continues; Succulent Garden expands

If you haven't explored the Springfield Botanical Gardens lately, you may have missed two garden projects that are well underway, despite plenty of weather interruptions. Each one has a special mission.

Work continues on Phase One of the Sensory Garden by Nesbitt Construction Co., creating an entry gateway with raised planters and sculpted and stained concrete. Soon natural stone will be added to match the Peace Through People Pavilion and the exterior of the Botanical Center facade.

After years of fund-raising and design discussion, here is a special experience worth watching as this project evolves. Even though we are still working to raise funds to complete the vision, the excitement is building along with the structure.



Crews from Earthstone Landscape Materials get a hand from David Middleton placing a 3.5-ton boulder as the focal point in the expanded Succulent Garden on the west side of the Botanical Center.

This garden will serve those with physical limitations that might limit a garden experience. A key part of the project is an outdoor kitchen classroom.

Nearby, park staff inspired by Peter Longley, David Middleton along with crews from EarthStone Landscape

Materials have expanded the Succulent Garden to encompass three sides of the Botanical Center.

As this new garden proves its stamina in its second year, its beginnings have created that a garden sure to inspire others to give xeriscape gardening a try.

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

### Membership

Ailor, Jennifer\*  
Applegate, Clara  
Armstrong, Deanna\*  
Baldwin, Karen\*  
Barnhill, Barb  
Bates, Cindy\*  
Bell, Bob & Marilyn\*  
Bengsch, Harold & Darlene\*  
Bernhardt, Jane\*  
Bjorge, Ardit\*  
Boatman, Joan  
Bohannon, Darin & Kristi\*  
Bonwell, Marcia & Charles\*  
Borja, Remedios\*  
Brooks, Mike  
Brown, Barbara J.\*  
Buchanan, Becky  
Caldwell, Mariel\*  
Cantrell, Emily & Greg  
Caplinger, Michelle  
Cardwell, Elizabeth K.\*  
Chaffin, Kim & Keith\*  
Chamberlain, Gary\*  
Colin, Tom  
Connor, George & Mary\*  
Copeland, Ada\*  
Crow, John & Janet  
Crowson, Barbara  
Culbertson, Dixie\*  
Cunningham, Sandy\*  
Davis, Ruth I. \*  
DeGeere, Tom & Jean\*  
Dewey, Sarah & Heywood, John\*  
Dexter, Phil & Gretchen  
Dillinger, Allison  
Doyle, Tammy  
Dwight, Lindsay\*  
Dye, Tom & Joy\*  
Enderson, Dayle\*  
Falls, Harold & Anita\*  
FCGA Brentwood Garden Club\*  
Flynn, Carolyn L.  
Foss, Holly\*  
Gerdes, Carolyn & John \*  
Good, Mike  
Gose, Nancy\*  
Guyer, Bob & Pat\*  
Hatcher, Patty\*  
Hatfield, Roberta  
Hellman, Daniel

Henderson, David  
Henry, Anne\*  
Hogan, Rebecca K.\*  
Hom, Susan\*  
Hood, Ulla\*  
Hoover, Donald & Lucille\*  
Hough, Mary Ann\*  
Hutchison, James\*  
Iris Society of the Ozarks\*  
Johnson, Betty & Kay\*  
Jungers, Mike & Gayle\*  
Keagy, Buck\*  
Keagy, Pat\*  
Keeter, Diane\*  
Keith Jr, Elvin W. \*  
Kemp, Rick & Andrea\*  
Kipfer, Barbara & Robert\*  
Lappin, Brenda\*  
Leighton, Janet\*  
Levell, Carolyn\*  
Lindsay, Dwight\*  
Lovig, Lawrence  
Lynn, Linda\*  
Mayer, Ric & Jeanie\*  
McAfee, Gordon & Vinson,  
Marilyn\*  
Melgren, Nadine\*  
Merritt, Ron & Kathy\*  
Morgan, Becky\*  
Neff, Sheila\*  
Nunley, Jennifer\*  
O'Reilly, Charlie & Mary Beth\*  
Parnell, Todd & Betty  
Paul, Robert  
Peiter, Charles & Shirley\*  
Pitts, Debbie\*  
Richardson, Karen\*  
Rogers, Terri L.  
Sammon, Elizabeth\*  
Schweke, Alexa  
Shadwick, Sara\*  
Shalloup, Tony & Linda  
Sheets, Doris F.\*  
Smith, Sally & Don\*  
Smith, Tonya\*  
Spindler, Patsy\*  
Springfield Host Lions Club\*  
Stewart, Dulcy\*  
Stokes, Janice  
Sullivan, Dan\*  
Toll, Marty\*  
Tombridge, Barbara\*

Trantham, Tammy\*  
Tyndall, Keith & Amy\*  
Underwood, Elaine\*  
Vinson, Russell & Rose\*  
Wegmann, Larry & Linda\*  
Wenzl, James & Judy\*  
Wetzel, Vicki\*  
Widhalm, Barbara\*  
Williams, Mary G. \*  
Williams, Roger & Deborah\*  
Wilson, Lori\*  
Witherspoon, JoAnne\*  
Woods, Virginia & Kenneth\*  
Zerrer, Lois M. \*

### Garden Friend

Bone, Duane & Prudy\*  
Emmons, John & Terri\*  
Hollander, Cynthia\*  
Marsh, Mike & Pat\*  
Ward, Mike & JoAnn\*

### Garden Contributor

Christiansen, Stephen & Carol

### Tribute Brick Pavers

Adams, Mary  
Crews, Jennifer  
Jeter, Melva  
Snyder, Don

### Tribute Shrubs/Trees

Springfield Host Lions Club

### Gift Membership Donors

Chaffin, Kim  
Connor, George & Mary  
Crow, John & Janet  
Gose, Nancy  
McAfee, Gordon & Vinson,  
Marilyn  
Ward, Mike & JoAnn

### Gift Membership Recipients

Dexter, Phil & Gretchen  
Foss, Holly  
Leighton, Janet  
Lynn, Linda  
Morgan, Becky  
Vinson, Russell & Rose

### General Gifts/Donations

Cardwell, Elizabeth

### Restricted Donations/Gifts

Barnhart, Chris & Debra  
Croessmann, Dave  
Ehlers, Tom & Abbe  
Murray, Pamela

### Memorial Donations for Anita Giza

Atkinson, John & Janice  
Hunter, M. L. & Barbara  
Lawrence, Kenneth & Patricia  
Selsor, Douglas & Deborah  
Welch, Regina

### Give Ozarks

Adams, Jodie  
Ahart, Tony & Carolyn  
Allen, Mary Ellen  
Ambler, Hearld & Marge  
Bakerink, Randy & Lisa  
Barnhart, Chris & Debra  
Beezley, Robert & Carla  
Belote, Bob  
Bender, Harold  
Bowen, Joan  
Brown, Barbara  
Cardwell, Susan  
Cephas & Annie Close Trust  
Fund

Chaffin, Kim & Keith  
Chaffin, Ross  
Chaffin, Sam  
Chambers, Kayla  
Chittim, Carolyn  
Chitwood, Marcy  
Close, Marthe & Major  
DeLaurier, Camille  
DeMate, Jason  
Edwards, Gale  
Estes, Kathleen  
Farquhar, Jaime  
Foss, Holly  
Fowler, Tommy  
Freeman, George & Nancy  
Fry, Joseph R.  
Gilpin, Catherine  
Hall, Phillip & Barbara

Harkey, Don  
Hart, Debra  
H'doubler, Maryanne  
Hoffman, Terri  
Hogan Land Title Company  
Hogan, Mary  
Hogan, Rebecca  
Holt, Patricia  
Jacob, Richard & Julie  
Jobe, Cindy  
Johnson, Shae & Dick  
Jones, David  
Keith, Kathryn  
Kelly & Louise Knauer Fund  
Krutsinger, Dave & Sara  
Leeth, Julie  
Longley, Peter  
Lucks, Barbara  
Lumpe, Vivian  
McGowan, Kelly  
Mechlin, Morey  
Miller, Debra  
Morgan, Becky  
Munden, Joyce & Wallace  
Mwengi, Suzanne & Bernard  
Parker, Heather  
Pearson, Jessica  
Pearson, Joel  
Peck, Julie  
Provance, Maranda  
Pyle, Susan  
Rexroad, Melodie Koerner  
Reynolds, Jennifer  
Ross, Mary Kay  
Ruzicka, Judi  
Saner, Alexandra  
Schur, Richard  
Scott, Aaron J.  
Scroggs, Myra  
Simpson, Matt  
Smith, Cindy & Hollie  
Snyder, Don  
St. Clair, Will & Barbara  
Steury, Mary Joan  
Strothkamp, Pat & Donna  
Thomas & Kay Finnie Fund  
Torcivia-Stammer, Elizabeth  
Trotter Family Foundation  
Underwood, Randy & Linda  
Yoakum, Christy

\*If you see a correction, please bring it to our attention at [Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org](mailto:Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org)

# Countless opportunities for growing and giving

It is a privilege to be in a position that allows me to be surrounded by the people who ARE the change they want to see in the world. Everyone is a critic, but there is a special group of people who see a need and actually do something positive about it. This special group of people includes both the paid staff and volunteers who work together to create the Springfield Botanical Gardens. While paid positions are usually few and far between, you might be surprised at all the different ways volunteers make a difference.

Obviously, the gardens, our foundation for building programs and creating magical and memorable experiences gain the most attention when they are beautiful and when they are in disrepair. The garden adopters are the people who drive the seasonal displays as well as the



## A Parks Perspective:

Katie Keith

diversity in our collections. An adopter is rewarded with a living canvas to manage and share with others. We have nearly 20 garden areas or special features in the park right now that need someone to care for them. Whether your church group or scout troop wants to do something in the community, or you as an individual are looking for some way to make a difference, there are opportunities to serve in a very visible way.

The Garden Committee usually meet sat 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday at the Botanical Center. We like to start the day in the gardens, meet, and then do lunch. If you are interested, please let me know. The nurturing nature of caring for the gardens can also be extended to caring for our garden's wildlife. Volunteers maintain

the purple martin house, blue bird boxes, and chimney swift towers, by keeping an eye out for predator activity, keeping structures functional and collecting and reporting data on the species. Some volunteers raise caterpillars and plants at home and bring them to the butterfly house. Foiling beaver activity and managing invasive species are open projects for the person who is the change they want to see in the gardens.

Communicators are needed behind the scenes to write articles, interpretive signage and web descriptions, and post to social media. Live communicators are needed to lead butterfly house tours, host in the Gray-Campbell Farmstead, guide children through the Lions Club History Walk and greet people at the desk. There is demand for youth field trips in topics of plants and pollination, adaptations, alien invaders, soils, and the plants we eat as well as walking garden



**Above, jumping on a brand new rope at Gray-Campbell Farmstead 1860s Lifestyle Expo. At left, third graders from Springfield Public School get a lesson for the day in frontier ways from a young volunteer.**

tours including the Japanese Stroll Garden. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the gardens and even off-site when we receive requests to talk to different groups about our gardens in general and every gardening topic. Teachers are needed year round for these activities and are great for special events like the Kite, Butterfly, and Japanese festivals and 1860s Lifestyles Expo. If you want to share your experience as a garden story teller, we have a position for you!

Speaking of special events, we host themed activities and occasions around the gardens to draw people who don't know yet that they like gardens. Volunteers create flyers; ask for sponsors, donors and vendors to participate in the gardens. Volunteers feed people who work in the gardens and work these events. Volunteers find more volunteers to lead activities or give a program. Volunteers decorate the Japanese Garden for the Romance in the Garden event. Volunteers play music and paint faces. Friends of the Garden have Communications and Development teams that drive these activities.

I appreciate the volunteers who never stop growing and giving. Unexpected skills that volunteers employ are surveying, mapping, inventorying, and documenting our collections. Some volunteers keep tools, equipment and structures operating safely. Volunteers continue to use their skills learned during their career and often applying them to an entirely new subject when they come to the gardens. If you value the Springfield Botanical Gardens or see a need, would you fulfill it?

*Katie Keith 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 her at [KKeith@SpringfieldMo.gov](mailto:KKeith@SpringfieldMo.gov) or 417-891-1515.*



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



## Save the Date: Happenings of interest to Ozarks gardeners\*

- **June 8:** 5:30 p.m., Friends of the Garden board meets.
- **June 15, 16:** Master Gardeners of Missouri State Conference, University of Missouri, Columbia.
- **June 22:** 5:30 p.m., dedication of History Walk stone honoring Christa McAuliffe at the flag poll, by the Host Lions Club.
- **June 24:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 9th Annual Butterfly Festival and Young Sprouts.
- **June 24:** 7:30 p.m., Americana in the Gardens Concert, featuring the Shortleaf Band joined by David Wilson.
- **July 10:** National Teddy Bears' Picnic Day.
- **July 13:** 5-6:30 p.m., Friends of the Garden board meets.
- **Aug 10:** 5-6:30 p.m., Friends of the Garden board meets.
- **Aug. 18:** 6:30-9:30 p.m., Insect-O-Rama at the Springfield Nature Center.
- **Sept. 9-11:** Japanese Fall Festival in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.
- **Sept. 14:** 5-6:30 p.m., Friends of the Garden board meets.
- **Sept 17:** Noon- 4 p.m., Gray-Campbell Farmstead 1860s Lifestyle Expo.
- **Sept. 30:** 2-4 p.m., Monarch Tagging at the butterfly house.

\* 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](mailto:News@FriendsOfTheGarden.org), or find us on Facebook and Twitter, or at [www.fogcalendar.com](http://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](mailto:plongley@springfieldmo.gov). Friends of the Garden's "Daily News FOG Blog" is at [www.friendsofthegarden.org](http://www.friendsofthegarden.org).

Aboretum	79	Hosta Garden	35
Asiatic Lily Garden	44	Iris Garden	41
Audubon Trail & Bubble	82	Magnolia Garden	53
Azalea Garden	75	Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens	4
Blue Star Memorial Garden	29	Meditation Garden	96
Botanical Center Gardens	1	Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden	78
Butterfly Garden	45	Mosaic Garden	32
Butterfly House	46	Native Shrub Garden	52
Butterfly Windrider Garden	47	Ornamental Grasses Garden	39
Caterpillar Café Garden	98	Peace Garden	71
Columbine Garden	48	Peony Garden	43
Daffodil Bulb Garden	51	Rain Garden	50
Daylily Garden	42	Rebud Garden	55
Dogwood Garden	56	River of Mums Garden	100
Dwarf Conifer Garden	62	Rose Garden	33
Edge of the Kickapoo Prairie Garden	58	Succulent Garden	40
English Garden	37	Viburnum Garden	30
Ethnic Life Stories Trail of Trees	81	Vietnam Memorial Garden	99
Federated Garden Clubs Perennial Garden	72	White Garden	34
Fern & Moss Garden	70	Wildflower Garden	49
Flowering Shrub Garden	31	Winter Garden	28
Founders' Garden	60	Woodland Garden	66
Gray/Campbell Heritage Garden	77		

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.