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Ninja dancers perform at the Japanese Fall Festival in 2016 are joined by storytellers combining dance and dialogue.



## Japanese Fall Festival celebrates cultural ties between sister cities Springfield and Ilesaki

Once each year, the tranquility of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden turns into a cultural celebration as the Springfield Sister Cities Association, Friends of the Garden and the Springfield Regional Arts Council present the 22nd Japanese Fall Festival, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 8-10.

The festival will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by an evening stroll featuring hundreds of torches and candles.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, Shoji Tabuchi returns for an evening outdoor concert. He will be joined throughout the festival by other

musicians and dancers, including Karin Amano, a Japanese storyteller and the popular St. Louis dance troupe, Osuwa Taiko, will each perform all three days.

The cultural tent will offer T-shirts and souvenirs and the food court will be offering Asian-style cuisine all three days. Admission is \$7 for adults on Friday, (\$3 each day for children 12 and under); \$10 for adults on Saturday, and \$7 for adults on Sunday.

All proceeds benefit the SSCA's "Peace Through People" programs.

A detailed schedule of events is available at [PeaceThroughPeople.org](http://PeaceThroughPeople.org), the web site of the Springfield Sister Cities Association. A printed schedule will be available as well.

The three-day event is an important fundraiser to help maintain one of the oldest gardens in Nathanael Greene Park (now joined as one seamless park with Close Memorial Gardens known as the Springfield Botanical Gardens). Friends of the Garden volunteers will be on hand to introduce

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# AboutFOG

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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).

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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.



Earl Whitman and Joan Bowen have a passion for volunteering in many organizations, including FOG.

## Earl Whitman & Joan Bowen

Anyone who takes an active role in Friends of the Garden quickly realizes it takes hundreds of volunteers to keep the gardens looking their best. From weeding to writing, staffing the front desk to stuffing envelopes, the need for volunteers just seems to grow.

Earl Whitman and Joan Bowen may be retired but they haven't slowed down.

Joan's extraordinary butterfly quilt created to raise funds for the butterfly house in 2016 is just one example of her artistry. (She's a member of Studio 55 as well and several other organizations).

"Joan is always looking for ways to support the volunteers and our gardens," says Lisa Bakerink. "The beautiful quilt she made and donated in 2016 is just one of many examples."

Earl is eager for about any project that needs doing right, from weeding and planting to making repairs. He is one of the resident park horticulturalist David Middleton's most dependable volunteers for a garden work day anywhere in the park.

"Earl is thoughtful and precise in

his work," says Lisa. "Whether fixing tools or weeding garden beds, he does so with great attention to the details."

Katie Keith, botanical center coordinator, agrees:

"Both Joan and Earl are such 'big picture' volunteers. They always make informed decisions and advocate about how to best support the gardens. They are marketing agents on behalf of the gardens and each have in their own ways to promote them. Earl often stops and talks to guests in the gardens while he is spreading mulch, deadheading flowers, stacking stone and other garden chores. Joan often shares her interest on social media and within all the organizations she participates."

Earl focuses much of his service to the Blue Star Memorial around the Nathanael Greene flagpole as well as the Federated Garden Clubs perennial quad.



Earl Whitman with three wheelbarrows he repaired for used in the gardens. Above, Joan Bowen displays the butterfly quilt she created to raffle at the 2016 butterfly festival.

# Yokoso, Shoji Tabuchi

Shoji Tabuchi, a native of Japan who performs at his own theater in Branson, will again entertain us at 7 p.m. Saturday with his unique blend of music played on the violin.

ourselves to visitors. If you would like to volunteer for this event, call FOG 417-881-1515, or SSCA at 417-864-1191.

The new Peace Through People Pavilion was a joint project by the two organizations.

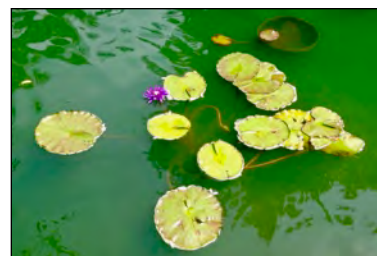
This year's festival features an amazing lineup of returning international and local performers, including Seiran Chiba, a large-scale calligrapher from Fukushima, Japan.

Fresh from their August trip to perform in Japan, Uke 66, a student ukulele ensemble from Kickapoo High School, will perform at 5 p.m. Friday and again at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Other performers include a familiar visitor, Hiroshi Tada (top-spinner), Kizuna folk dancers (Japan/America Friendship Club), Springfield Aikido, Tracy's Karate, and the Springfield Cosplay Council.

Origami, calligraphy and gyo-taku (fish painting) will be demonstrated by visiting artists.

Children's activities will be offered by the Kickapoo High School language classes from 5-7 pm. Friday; 11-7 on Saturday, and 11-4 on Sunday. Some groups will be presenting children's workshops.



Above, Osuwa Taiko dance troupe of St. Louis. Far left, a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, and below right, water lilies from the Springfield Water Garden Society.

# Garden Notes

from your friends

## Master Gardeners invite members to learn principles of permaculture

Christian County Master Gardeners' ongoing "Garden Gate" advanced training workshops will feature permaculture for their fellow Master Gardeners from 9 a.m. until Noon on Saturday, Aug. 19, in the Nixa Community Center, 701 Taylor Way in Nixa.

The cost is \$10 at the MU Extension office at 105 North Second Street in Ozark, or at the door. Call 417-581-3558 to register.

What is permaculture? How can home gardeners benefit from it?

Benjamin Tegeler boils a 72-hour course into three hours tailored for the home gardener.

Permaculture is a philosophy and methodology of working with, rather than against nature. The term originally applied to agriculture but has since expanded into social, architectural, cultural and other applications. For gardeners, permaculture considers the role of plants, animals and other critters, geography, watersheds, soil, climate, growing zones to create a sustainable and ecologically beneficial garden or landscape.

After learning the basics of permaculture, you'll have an opportunity to sketch and describe your current garden/landscape and then sketch and describe changes you could/might make in the context of permaculture.

Ben is a graduate of Missouri State University. His studies have included permaculture design, ecological design, natural building, social justice, urban food forests, watersheds, and localized food systems. He is a Regrarians Certified Designer and holds a Permaculture Design Certificate. He is also the director of youth programming and founder of The Rare Breed, a youth outreach center for teens located in Springfield. These certifications compliment the degree he has from Missouri State University in community and regional planning, with an emphasis on designing cities that are in tune with natural systems. Ben integrates permaculture principles into holistic urban planning, aimed at creating change in cities, towns and suburbs that reflect natural systems and patterns.



**Bill Aldrich accepts a lookalike birdhouse from Julie Blackson and her friend, Elizabeth, who ride the tram every Saturday afternoon. Bill takes his turn at driving as a volunteer.**

## From the President:

### Ohhhhhh, the things (and people) you will see

As members of FOG, we know what to expect when we visit our 112 acres complete with its 40 gardens. Most assuredly, we will see beautifully tended gardens, accompanying wildlife and fellow souls letting down a bit. However, next time you visit, take a closer look.

We have visitors from all over the world. Our guest book reveals that residents of states from New York to New Mexico make it a point to stop and see our oasis. A cyclist crossing the United States made a stop at the Springfield Botanical Garden and was rewarded with a sunset photo shoot complete with an egret in flight. Our Peace

through People Pavilion, even in its very young life, has hosted gatherings for people from Mexico, Japan, Africa and Laos.

There's fun in seeing what we locals are up to. I personally wandered upon a beautiful one year old, covered in purple frosting from head to toe, "modeling" for her adoring mom and their photographer in one of our gazebos. I was told that a visitor agreed to take a moment to stand witness for a wedding, and a wedding proposal (complete with puppy!) was witnessed by a few of our guests. Bill Aldrich had a surprise moment with Julie Blackson and her young friend, Elizabeth (*see photo at left*).



**Kim Chaffin**

Our grounds have been used for dramatic tree climbing competitions, kite flying on a large scale, and Pokeman sleuthing. Plenty of athletes in training pass through our premises. Musicians can find a home here as can the literary mind. At certain times of the year, the gardens and the botanical center overflow with kids on field trips, prompting one cute, sweaty little boy to exclaim, "This is the best field trip ever!"

Then there's the unexpected people you can run across who make this place come together. There are volunteers doing the hard work of keeping the weeds at bay, expert botanists constantly evaluating and promoting the health and diversity of the gardens, and we have been blessed with the theatrical, passionate force of Peter Longley serving so very aptly as our horticultural interpreter. He has connected beautifully with our vision – bringing people and gardens together.

And finally, we are told time and time again that our gardens serve as a place to find peace. People facing all sorts of adversity, be it physical, mental, or just plain old stress, have found a place to set a burden or two aside and just enjoy the beauty of nature.

Our tram rides offer accessibility for young, old and everyone in between. Both caregivers and those in need of care can often find a respite at our garden. Our "great lawn" provides a wide-open space to let kids run off some excess energy, and the gardens can help us move from our typical fast, stressed pace into another realm.

I hope you will soon find time to revisit the Springfield Botanical Gardens and take a closer look. With just a little focus, you will find diversity, inspiration and peace.

*Kim Chaffin is president of Friends of the Garden. Reach her by e-mail at [Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org](mailto:Info@FriendsOfTheGarden.org), and follow us on Facebook at Friends of the Garden, on Instagram@Springfield Botanical Gardens, or on Twitter @Friends\_Garden.*

# Visitors from far away places are discovering Springfield Botanical Gardens

Frequent visitors to our botanical gardens often have the unexpected pleasure of meeting visitors who may have traveled thousands of miles to enjoy our nationally acclaimed collection of gardens.

With the likely exception of Antarctica, we have enjoyed visitors from every continent and all 50 states, including frequent bus tours.

If you are new to the Ozarks or just this publication, the Botanical Gardens are home to the MU Extension Service, Friends of the Garden, Greene County Master Gardeners and Springfield-Greene County Park Board botanical staff as well as the Springfield Sister Cities Association. You can even schedule your wedding here at one of several locations.

You'll find snacks and gifts in the Botanical Boutique, restrooms, water fountain, the Lois K. Boswell Memorial Botanical Reference Library, community rooms, wi-fi and information and maps of the gardens. Have a botanical question? Ask the Master



Gardeners Hotline at 417-881-8909, or by e-mail at [Info@MGGreene.org](mailto:Info@MGGreene.org).

Dozens of themed and collection gardens, including the new succulent garden, hostas, day lilies, Asiatic lilies, iris, peonies, roses, dwarf conifers, ornamental grasses, native plants and more are grown and maintained by volunteer plant enthusiast organizations united under the Friends of the Garden. Think of it as a reference library of plants.

## Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden

Enjoy the serenity of this 7.5-acre traditional Japanese garden, established in 1986 through a partnership with the Springfield Sister Cities Association and our sister city, Isesaki, Japan. Includes mature landscaping, winding paths, three koi ponds, the ceremonial teahouse, moon bridge, and a

meditation garden. Admission is \$3 for adults; free for children 12 and under and FOG members.

## Demonstration Gardens

Here you will find a kitchen garden maintained by the Master Gardeners of Greene County, plus an ornamental shrub and perennial border, themed herb beds, Missouri natives plants, lawn turf plots showing varieties of grass.

## Roston Native Butterfly House

See native butterfly eggs, caterpillars feeding, chrysalises in camouflage, and native butterflies emerging in this enclosed garden. Private tours are available. Open seasonally seven days a week.

## Gray-Campbell Farmstead

Discover life in the 1860's at the oldest cabin in Springfield, along with a two-crib barn, kitchen, granary, outhouse and the recreated Liberty School one-room schoolhouse.

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 landscaping/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  
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### I choose this Corporate Sponsorship: (includes gift memberships for clients and/or employees)

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**417-874-2952**

*Become a member today!*

# Gray/Campbell Farmstead hopes to fund a pavilion on the farm

If you ever wondered how our pioneer ancestors managed to thrive in the Ozarks, the 2017 Gray/Campbell Farmstead Expo on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18 offers a weekend of appreciation for the old ways – and perhaps to give some valuable perspective to the next generation.

Activities centered around one-room Liberty School and other authentic buildings that were crucial to the settlement of Springfield, including the oldest house in the area. You can also learn about plans for a much-needed pavilion. Although the event is free, donations are appreciated.

Typically, the Expo includes artisans and craftsmen

demonstrating the very chores and pastimes that sustained the settlers, from apple butter and cider to flat bread, popped corn and cookies baked on the open hearth. You might even want to compete in the annual pie baking contest at 3 p.m. Sunday (no advance registration is necessary, but all pies must be delivered by 2:15 p.m.)

Leathercrafts, fiber arts, quilt-making, music, dancing and even a Sunday morning outdoor church service all keep with the pioneer theme.

Liberty School will be open to visitors to experience the one-room school that educated past generations.

The farmstead is adjacent to the Kickapoo Edge Prairie, just what



John Polk Campbell's family would have been seen at the original homestead occupied from 1860's to the 1950's when it was moved in 1984 to make way for the James River Expressway.

**Dressed in the style of the 1860s, volunteers stand ready to take visitors back in time at one-room Liberty School.**

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

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# Fun teaching moments for students and teachers

Do you know the riddle of The Sphinx at Thebes, who asked Oedipus, "What has four feet, then two feet, then three; speaks with one voice and is the weakest when using the most feet?"

The answer is man, for a baby crawls on its hands and knees; walks upright; then with a cane later in life. This image has been so vivid in my mind this week.

Everyone in all seasons of life show up, amidst the growing season at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Ribbons of black and yellow stream around the parking lots and the raspy rattle of the diesel engines of the school buses are almost drowned out by the giggles and squeals of young children often wearing matching school or camp T-shirts in a rainbow of colors who can't wait to see the gardens as fast as they can.

A more subtle school of seniors climb aboard the solar tram for a leisurely cruise through the floral displays. We coordinate tram tours and field trips through the week for a fee and offer tram rides on the weekends for free. If you never thought of it, botanical gardens are beacons for life-long learning.

Read more at: <http://www.parkboard.org/276/Education>

Recently, the Master Gardeners of Greene County began a series called, "Learn to Grow in the Garden." This is a class that is staged for at least a portion of the session in the gardens. Look for information about classes around the second Monday of the month through October. The program is supported by a \$5 fee. The Federated Garden Clubs of

Missouri recently earned a Gardening School certificate of completion at the Botanical Gardens. Participants from all ages and as far away as New Mexico participated in this course taught by myself and the horticulture specialists through MU Extension. In 2018, they will offer a design course that usually runs for a few days in the spring and fall.

If you count yourself among the garden volunteer group, we offer advanced training opportunities throughout the season and David Middleton is often in the park to help you work through almost any garden challenge. Participating in the care for the gardens in a physical, hands-on way can be very rewarding and has been a good outlet for people are retired, but not finished. I would recommend



**Above, children and their bears take center stage at the Teddy Bear Picnic. At right, third graders from Springfield Public School get a lesson in frontier ways from a young volunteer at the outhouse, part of Gray-Campbell Farmstead.**



that anyone wanting to learn more about gardening to take the Master Gardener course offered through MU Extension, but if you really want to be a better gardener, participate as a volunteer.

We hope most formal educators know about the Interpreters' Coalition in Springfield. I attend the quarterly meeting with staff from other similar resources like the Zoo, Library, Discovery Center, and Nature Center and we discuss how learning objectives in the classroom influences the field trips we can offer. The Community Resource Guide hosted by the city's department of Environmental Services is available at [www.springfieldmo.gov/sustainability](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/sustainability) or [www.thelibrary.org/kids/educators](http://www.thelibrary.org/kids/educators). This resource can help anyone become more familiar with what our city, local museums and attractions offer for schools to supplement classroom learning.

On Oct. 19, we will be hosting the Road Map to Learning" especially for teachers, at the Botanical Center from 4-6 p.m. Reserve your space by visiting [Parkboard.org](http://Parkboard.org) and "Register Now" or call me at the number below by Oct. 16.

*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, Ext. 3.*



## A Parks Perspective:

Katie Keith

**Travel by tram during the "Learn to Grow in the Garden" series at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 14 with Katie Steinhoff to the Dwarf Conifer Garden.**

**Dwarf conifers are the anchors and exclamation points of garden design. Katie will discuss best growing conditions, diseases and insects in this educational series hosted by Master Gardens of Greene County.**

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



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

- **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, 4601 S. Nature Center Way. (417)888-4237).
- **Aug. 21:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Solar Eclipse Event; life-streaming in the Botanical Center; plenty of room outside to gaze skyward. Safe viewing glasses will be available.
- **Sept. 8-10:** Japanese Fall Festival in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.
- **Sept. 14:** 5-6:30 p.m., Friends of the Garden board meets.
- **Sept. 15:** 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Americana Concert featuring Adler & Hearn, Mizumoto Garden.
- **Sept 16, 17:** Noon-4 p.m., Gray-Campbell Farmstead 1860s Lifestyle Expo.
- **Sept. 30:** 2-4 p.m., Monarch Tagging at the butterfly house.
- **Oct 1:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; last day of Native Butterfly House operation.
- **Oct. 6:** 6-9 p.m.; Romance in the Garden Moonlight Masquerade; Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.
- **Oct. 7:** Twilight Masquerade for Families; Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.
- **Oct. 12:** 5-6:30 p.m. Friends of the Garden board meets.
- **Oct 12:** Friends of Tiaquepaque, Old Glass Place, 521 E. St. Louis, Springfield.
- **Oct 22:** 3-5 p.m. Last Americana Concert Series; featuring Patrick Mureithi performing original and traditional Americana and blues.

\* 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

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	Redbud 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
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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.