

Pump, waterline replacement will restore upper, lower ponds to operation Japanese Stroll Garden gets major facelift

If you thought that activities at the Springfield Botanical Gardens might slow down during the winter months, get ready for a surprise when the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens reopens on April 1.

Volunteers led by Don and Nancy Schmidt along with parks department staff have been giving the stroll gardens a makeover while the garden is closed from November through March.

“It’s a real mess right now,” says Nancy Schmidt. “But it’s going to be absolutely fabulous.”

“Our big goal was to get the water system operating and the waterfall redone,” Nancy reported at the annual meeting on Jan. 10.

“We got tons of muck cleaned out of the ponds and the coy are going to be a lot happier next year.”

The restoration of the stroll garden is a three-year project that is planned for completion in time for the 30th anniversary of the first garden at Nathanael Green Park that opened in 1985.

Creation of the garden followed by one year the relocation of the Gray-Campbell Farmstead to the park in 1984. Gray-Campbell Farmstead is located west of the parking lot while the stroll garden is immediately east. (See map on page 8).

For years, the stroll garden was maintained and expanded by the Botanical Society of Southwest Missouri, which disbanded in 2011 and incorporated its activities into Friends of the Garden.

The Springfield Sister Cities Association presents the Japanese Fall Festival in the stroll garden each September. The festival is the one time each year when the garden yields some of its serenity to celebrate Springfield’s sister city relationship with Isesaki, Japan. Indeed,



One of several signs posted by the Springfield Police Department at the Botanical Gardens warns of thievery. See story on page 3.

master garden designers from Isesaki have played an important role in planting and pruning various trees and shrubs. For several years, crews from Isesaki worked extensively in the stroll garden along side park staff.

This restoration will take several steps toward a more authentic presentation of the garden landscape. One important part of the restoration will be the reinstallation of permanent signage throughout the stroll garden, thanks to the efforts of Mike Ward, a FOG board member who has mastered a computerized engraving machine purchased jointly by Friends of the Garden and Master Gardeners.

The Schmidts adopted the garden in 2011 after retiring in Springfield, having lived extensively in Asia.

Stroll garden hours

Open April 1-Oct. 31; Thursday-Monday, 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. (or sunset, if before 7:30 p.m.) Admission: adults - \$3; children under 12 are admitted free. Members of Friends of the Garden are admitted free with one guest.

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Profile: Avis Holloway

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Are you smarter?

Page 6: Gray-Campbell Farmstead Association asks if you’re smarter than a 5th grader to raise funds for Liberty School.

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 Botanical Center. We seek a dynamic relationship with other organizations working to benefit the park gardens. This newsletter is now published five times a year in print through GREENE 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 gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park and by supporting the mission of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center and Park Board.



Avis Holloway and Susan Boswell prepare for the Friends of the Garden Annual Meeting at the botanical center.

Avis Holloway

She's seldom at center stage, but she's nearly always working behind the scenes to see that our events run smoothly

Avis Holloway isn't the sort who seeks out center stage.

"She is one of the most classy women I know," says Linda Whiting, fellow Friends of the Garden Board member. "She carries herself with such beauty and grace."

A native of southeast Missouri, Avis came to Springfield in 1980 and went to work for the City of Springfield. In three decades, she has served as president of the Federated Garden Clubs, Hillbilly Gardeners. She is a member of the Master Gardeners Class of 2000.

"Avis is a rock when it comes to organization and assisting with the many Friends of the Garden activities," says George Deatz, former FOG president and newly elected vice-president of Master Gardeners of Greene County.

Her involvement at the Springfield Botanical Gardens ranges from garden development and maintenance to assisting with the Dwarf Conifer and Winter Garden volunteer work crews, to events including Santa & Friends and the annual Butterfly Festival. She is currently organizing the upcoming FOG Garage Sale on Saturday, April 27th. She often assists with meetings that involve serving food, including the recent annual meeting, helping with setup, serving,

"Avis is one of the most gracious, classy, and generous ladies I have met. Her thoughtful, deliberate planning and execution of events is seamless and flawless."
-Lisa Bakerink, president



and clean-up She is in middle of all our projects working to make them better for FOG members and the public, doing what she can, when she can," says Deatz. "I have never heard her say no."



Botanical drawing, painting series

Peter Longley, horticultural interpreter at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, will offer a class in botanical drawing for four weeks in February.

“The class teaches you how to observe plants up close and draw them with accuracy,” says Peter. Participants are limited to age 15 and up.

The class will meet at 10 a.m. each Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27). There is a \$10 registration fee. Materials will be provided upon registration.

Meanwhile, Peter has been in for some recognition from the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri. Nominated by the Cherry Court Garden Club, Peter was cited for his fascinating tablescape presentations. Lest you wonder at what a horticultural interpreter does, you are invited to read his blog at FriendsOfTheGarden.org to learn more about his classes; his garden tours and other endeavors.

Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

Gray/Campbell Farmstead will again host the third “Are you smarter than a 5th grader?” President’s Day Challenge on Feb. 18th at the Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic, from 1-3 p.m. This fun and fund-raising event supports the effort to move and restore Liberty School, a one-room facility dating back to the 1800s, to the farmstead at Nathanael Greene Park.

Fifth graders come on field trips to the farmstead to learn about life of their ancestors.

“We hope to show them where education took place and instill in them an appreciation of their heritage and a desire to learn about the history of our country,” says Norma Tolbert.

The public is invited to see which VIP can recall the most about our U. S. Presidents with the assistance from local 5th grade students. Last year’s champion, Rob Evans, KOLR 10, will be this year’s Master of Ceremonies.

If you are interested in being a participant or sponsor for this fun and worthwhile project, please contact Norma Tolbert, 417-833-2352 or by e-mail at nlt7023@gmail.com.



Photo of historic Liberty School at its original location near of Fellows Lake. At least \$50,000 is needed to move the school to the botanical gardens.

‘Smash-and-grab’ thieves act boldly to grab valuables from parked cars

FOG, Master Gardeners offer reward for conviction of park thieves, vandals

As part of a citywide campaign, visitors to the Springfield Botanical Gardens may notice some new signs in place warning visitors who walk or play to take care of valued items in vehicles.

Springfield-Greene County Park Ranger Supervisor Matt Coats, warns that so-called “smash-and-grab” thefts increased from 64 in 2011 to 84 in 2012. “The majority of these car break-ins happen in broad daylight, and they happen in just a matter of seconds,” Coats told KY3 News. Break-ins are nothing new, however.

Since 2009, Friends of the Garden and Master Gardeners of Greene County have partnered to offer a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the conviction of anyone committing theft or vandalism in the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Signs to that effect have been in place at key locations, along with security cameras now that the botanical center is open.

Thieves are more likely to break windows in a busy parking lot than when just a few cars are present, so special events are attractive. The botanical gardens aren’t the only place where break-ins occur, but the proximity of some parking to tree lines offers easy cover and a quick getaway. But an unlocked car or one with obviously valuable items lying in plain sight can be tempting.

Coats advises simply leaving valuable items at home when you plan to walk. “If you know you’re going to a park or



New signage warns park visitors to leave valuables at home or at least stow them in a locked trunk, away from ‘smash-and-grab’ thieves.

Greenways trail, try to take just as little as you can, like your driver’s license or credit cards or anything. Don’t try to take a whole purse or something,” says Coats.

About 50 signs are scheduled for installation at various park properties as part of the county-wide campaign to warn folks about a rise in smash-and-grab thefts. Park rangers regularly patrol park facilities overnight.



Reward sign posted through botanical gardens.

Garden Notes other good stuff

Three separate gardening series offer tips and techniques

Here's a wonderful way to get ready for spring, learn gardening tips and techniques so you get the most out of your garden. Three separate series on gardening are being offered by the University of Missouri Extension Service and Master Gardeners of Greene County.

The **MoGardens Seminar Series**, 6-9 p.m. from Feb 25-April 15, on Monday evenings at the St. Johns Cancer Center in Springfield is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive overview of several garden topics. These include Gardening with Chickens, Xeriscape/Waterwise Gardening, Shade Gardening, Creating a Garden Destination, Flowering Perennials, Herbs, and Roses.

During seven sessions you will receive instruction in 14 specific gardening topics (two each evening).

Registration for single dates is also available. A second series of 13 short courses, billed as **Potting Shed University**, will follow the MoGardens series, beginning 6 p.m. Monday from March 4 - May 27th. These classes are 45 minutes followed by a question-and-answer period. The fee is \$5 per person.

Yet a third option is the acclaimed **Master Gardeners** course, consisting of 30 hours of basic horticulture training on a wide variety of topics taught by extension specialists and other qualified horticultural professionals.

Classes are open to anyone 18 years of age and older at the Springfield Botanical Center, from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 19-April 4. The fee for this series is \$150.

The program is an opportunity to learn, and then share knowledge with others as a volunteer, including community projects, educational programs, garden maintenance, and assisting with the Master Gardener hotline.

To register or learn more about any of these three training series, call the Greene County University of Missouri Extension office at 417-881-8909.

Master Gardeners officers, board for 2013

Master Gardeners of Greene County have elected officers and board members for 2013, including several who are officers in Friends of the Garden. As follows:

President: Christine Chiu, Emeritus

Vice President: George Deatz, 2012 Intern

Treasurer: Missy Sanford, Class of 2011

Secretary: Nancy Chambers, Class of 2008

Board Members At Large: **Lisa Bakerink**, Class of 2011; **Bob Childress**, Class of 2004; **Dellene Nelson**, Class of 2002; **Bobbie Ream**, Class of 2009.

Around & about the Gardens

Caring for gardens takes a team

In taking on the role as president of Friends of the Garden, many members have said to me, "There's no 'I' in 'team.' "

Of course, this is their way of telling me to ask for their help while acknowledging the nature of this group of people – a team. Caring for 114 acres of gardens at the Springfield Botanical Gardens definitely takes a team. I am privileged to be part of such a great group of generous and hardworking team members.

As Friends of the Garden begins a new year, one thought runs through my mind..."team members welcome"! In order to maintain beautiful and educational gardens, we need partners who believe in our vision, to *...bring people, nature and gardens together.*

Even now, dozens of volunteers are working every bit as hard during the winter months as they and others do who prefer hands-on work as their way of keeping the gardens growing.



Lisa Bakerink

Here's just a partial list of activities underway, not all of them Friends of the Garden projects, but each one celebrating gardens and nature.

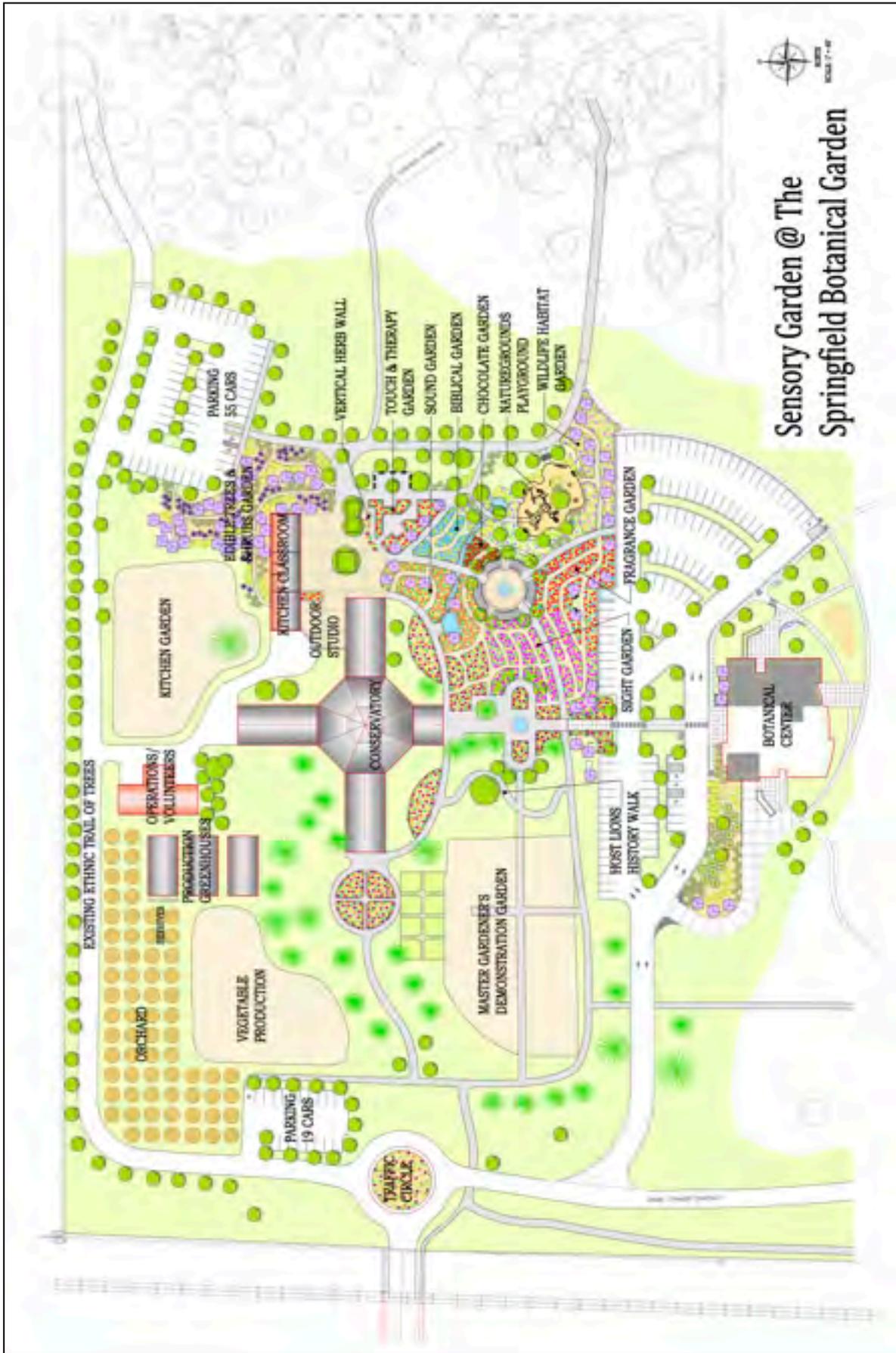
- Organizing our first Garage Sale at the Gardens in conjunction with the Master Gardeners Plant Sale on April 27.
- The first of a three-phase restoration of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden led by Don and Nancy Schmidt.
- Recruiting volunteers to staff the Lawn & Garden Show on Feb. 15-17, and other upcoming events.
- Planning for the fifth annual Butterfly Festival July 20.
- Planning for the Master Gardeners State Conference in September at The Oasis Conference Center in Springfield.
- Creating thousands of permanent labels for every cultivar in the gardens, so that we truly are a "Library of Plants."

By now, we hope you're asking: How do I help? You can start by joining us. There's an application on page 7 in this newsletter. You can "like" us on Facebook, follow our online blog, and of course, visit us often at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

Membership at any level helps to grow and maintain the gardens that thousands of people enjoy. One hundred percent of all membership contributions and donations go right back into the gardens.

In joining our team and contributing to gardens that inspire, motivate, educate, and recreate you, ironically, you may just discover the solitude that allows you to face one more challenging or mundane day because you have helped create an environment that meets the "back-to-nature" need we all have.

Come to the gardens; join our team. Find out how at friendsofthegarden.org or call 417-891-1650.



**Sensory Garden @ The
Springfield Botanical Garden**

“If one of their senses is impaired, like their sight, they can still smell, touch and taste. If their hearing is impaired, they can see, smell and touch. I want to support this. It is my passion.”
– Bettine Clemens

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

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Daylily Garden earns national designation as display garden

The Daylily Gardens at Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center is now an American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden. There are over five thousand daylilies in the collection with 850 varieties. When they begin to bloom from mid-June to mid-July, the result is a blaze of color in the Ozarks Daylily Garden.

Additionally, Bed 9 has been designated as a Historic Daylily Bed because all of the daylilies were hybridized in years 1980 or older. Yet another garden is devoted exclusively to Region II hybridizers (Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma).

"We invited Randall Barron, our AHS Region II President to our October meeting," says Frieda Alexander, president. "After touring the Daylily Gardens, he approved our application and said it was 'one of the best' daylily gardens he had ever seen."

"They have worked hard to gain this level of recognition," says Peter Longley, horticultural interpreter. "but we were delighted when it was announced that the garden at the Springfield Botanical Gardens attained official designation as an American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) Historic Daylily Display Garden making it one of a very select club."

An American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden is established to display the very best daylily cultivars to the



Members of the Ozark Daylily Society had plenty of stock for sale at the Gray-Campbell Farmstead Expo. The surplus plants were a result of the entire daylily garden being reorganized and labeled to qualify as a display garden by the American Hemerocallis Society. More than 5,000 daylilies remain in a collection that includes 850 varieties, located just south of the Butterfly House.

general public. Its purpose is to educate visitors about modern daylilies and how they can be used effectively in landscapes.

Congratulations to Frieda Alexander and her entire team for achieving this status for their garden. The additional work in preparing the daylily beds for winter was completed by Cliff Garland and Cindy Arrowood. Officers in addition to Frieda Alexander include May Moore, vice-president; Walt Long, treasurer; and Bev Long, secretary.



Yet another sign warns would-be violators that facilities may be under video surveillance. Although park rangers patrol all city and county parks, visitors need to lock their vehicles and high valuables, or better yet, leave them home.

Grow With Us! Become a Friend of the Garden

We're individuals & families who support the **Botanical Center & Gardens** in its mission to provide outstanding botanical, horticultural and environmental education opportunities for people of all ages. Anyone with an interest or appreciation in nature who wishes to support

the progress of the gardens is encouraged to join. Your interest in being a member is the first step in making a lasting difference in the ongoing development of the **Botanical Center & Gardens**. As a member, you're a partner in the future of the gardens.

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- 10% off at Smiling Sun on any plant life
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- 10% off at O'Quinn's Water Gardens on plants & fish
- FOG members have access to a wide array of botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories throughout North America offering special admission privileges and many other benefits. http://www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events.htm

Upcoming Events at the Springfield Botanical Gardens

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27: 10 a.m.; Botanical Drawing Workshop Series; Peter Longley on how to observe plants up close and draw them with accuracy. Ages: 15 and up; Fee: \$10 per class (materials list will be sent upon registration).

Feb. 17-19: Lawn & Garden Show: Feb. 17-19, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds; \$4 for adults; children under 12, free. E-Plex at Ozarks Empire Fairgrounds.

Feb. 19-April 4: 1-4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays; Master Gardener classes, 1-4 p.m.

Feb. 18: 1-3 p.m.; Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader? (See story, page 3).

March 6, 20, 27: 10 a.m.; Oil Painting Demonstration; Peter Longley on how to capture the essence of a landscape by using light and shadows in oil painting; 15 and up; \$5 per class.

March 9: 9 a.m. -Noon; Wood Carving Class & Public Carving Display; \$10 for carving classes.

March 16-17: 10a.m.-4 p.m.; Springfield Orchid Society Show and Sale; beautiful orchids for purchase, educational displays and exhibitors.

March 22: 6 p.m.; Peter Longley's animated slideshow; "The story of the creation of 25 acres of gardens and grounds at Tullamaine Castle in Ireland.

March 23: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ozark Regional Lily Bulb Sale; American, Asiatic, Oriental, Martagon and more.

March 31: 10-11:45 a.m.; 1-2:45 p.m.) Bonsai Society Workshop; Botanical Center; two sessions.

March 30: 9, 10, 11 a.m.; Hosta Dividing Seminar; Greater Ozarks Hosta Society will teach you how to make the most of your plants in an hour-long seminar repeating three times. Varieties available for purchase.

April 5: 10 a.m.; Missouri Arbor Day Tree Walk; Learn more about the arboretum and plant collections at the Botanical Gardens. Walk forms in Botanical Center Atrium.

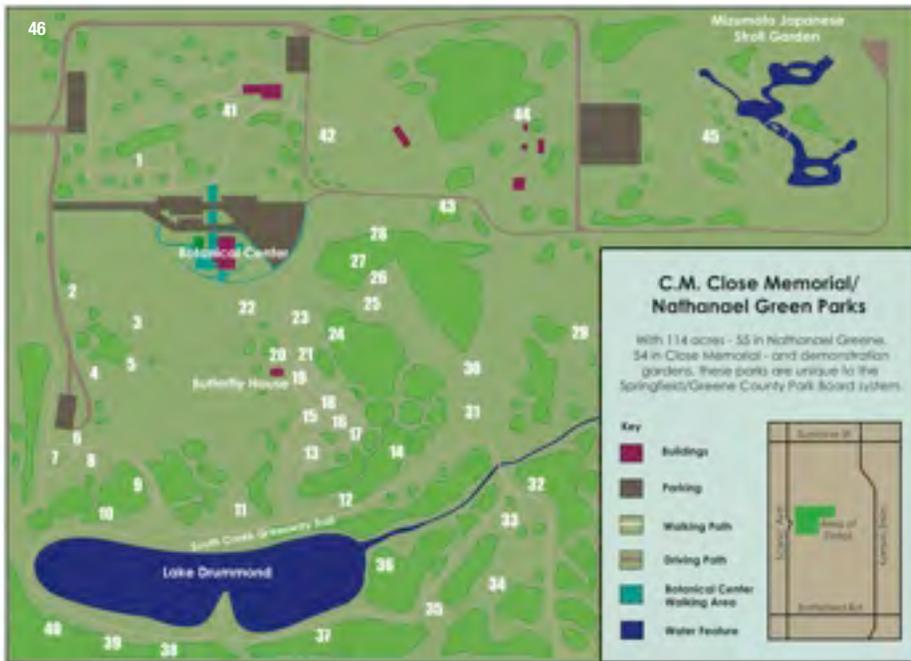
April 6: Cherry Blossom Kite Festival; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free (kids kite kit \$3); Celebrate the beginning of spring and the opening of the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden by flying your kite or building one with us; also origami and other traditional Japanese crafts; sponsored by Springfield Sister Cities. Rain date, April 7.

April 21: Earth Day festivities nationwide.

April 27: 8 a.m., Master Gardener Plant Sale; your favorite perennials at great prices; Garden Garage Sale hosted by Friends of the Garden; specialty plants sold by Springfield Area Herb Society, Springfield Watergarden Society and Cherry Court Garden Club.

* Unless otherwise noted, events are in the Springfield Botanical Center. Friends of the Garden is pleased to publicize timely gardening events of regional interest. Please sign up for a weekly summary of events and activities by sending us your e-mail address. E-mail us at News@FriendsOfTheGarden.org, or on Facebook.

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19. Butterfly Garden
20. Columbine Garden
21. Wildflower Garden
22. Rain Garden
23. Bulb & Tuber Garden*
24. Native Shrub Garden
25. Magnolia Garden*
26. Japanese Maple Garden*
27. Cercis (Redbud) Garden
28. Dogwood Garden
29. Kickapoo Edge Prairie Garden
30. Flowering Tree Garden*
31. Pendula Garden*
32. Rock Garden*
33. Dwarf Conifer Garden
34. Conifer Garden*
35. Perennial Garden*
36. Wetland Garden*
37. Woodland Garden
38. Fragrant Garden*
39. Fern Garden*
40. Secret Garden*
41. Federated Garden Clubs Garden
42. Biblical Garden*
43. Azalea Garden
44. Heritage Garden
45. Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden
46. Ethnic Tree Trail Memorial Garden

*Planned gardens

Take the right turn to get to the gardens

Visitors to Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park and Arboretum describe the experience as an unexpected adventure. But of course you've got to get there to enjoy it, and that can be a bit challenging. This map, which includes directions to the parks (inset map) as well directions for convenient parking, will help. If you are new to the gardens, you can locate each garden numerically at right. Those with an asterisk* are planned but not yet under construction. A "Guide By Cell" tour of the garden parks is now available by calling 417-213-3016. After a brief introduction, callers may dial a garden code on each sign followed by the # key (For example, 35# is the Hosta Garden) for information on various gardens. Introductions for every garden, including the Ornamental Grass Garden (39#) have been recorded, with signage in place listing the numbers for each garden.