



Department of Horticulture,
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2021 Throckmorton Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506-5506

Sponsor Party Held in September

Stephanie and Ross Grynkwicz opened their home for a party in honor of the sponsors of this year's Garden Gala. Tasty treats provided by members of the gala committee, combined with perfect weather, made it a celebratory evening.



Upcoming Events

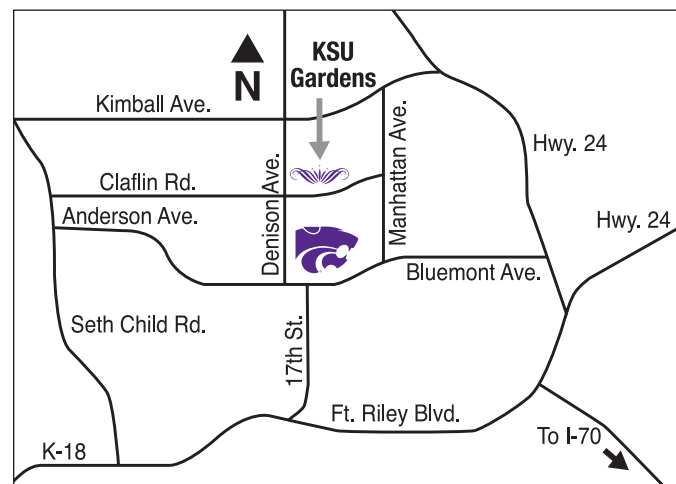
November 3 Luncheon:
Re-think, Re-design, Re-invent for the Holidays



The final luncheon in the 2011 Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens series will be at Colbert Hills from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 3. Manhattan area businessmen Ralph Diaz and Rob Dudley will show how to combine existing items from around the home with new pieces to make beautiful table settings and decorations. They will creatively use linens and dishes with holiday décor.

Admission is \$25 per person. Net proceeds benefit the KSU Gardens. Advance payment and registration is required. Make reservations with Anne Springer at (785) 532-1442, (M, T, Th, F 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or e-mail spr@ksu.edu. Please make payment to Friends of the KSU Gardens, 2021 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

The Kansas State University Gardens are designed as a lifelong learning laboratory to encourage environmental involvement with the university community and the public. An ever-changing display of plants provides an opportunity for education, research and conservation.



The Kansas State University Gardens are located on the campus of Kansas State University at 1500 Denison Avenue, north of Claffin Road. Quinlan Visitor Center is part of the historic Glenn H. Beck Dairy Barn.

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Tuesday Talks in the Gardens



The weather was perfect for the first series of Tuesday Talks in the Gardens. Attendees were able to gather in the Gardens, take a respite from their day and enjoy a variety of interesting topics presented by generous individuals who took time out of their busy days to share knowledge and support the Gardens. Master Gardener and Friend Barbara Green collected numerous specimens representing the Monarch butterfly lifecycle (photo at upper left). Participants were treated to approximately 30 days of observations in a 30 minute presentation of the Monarch of the Butterflies. Lannie Zweimiller, avid photographer and Director of Lafene Health Center, simplified macro photography in Garden Shots (photo at lower left). Nancy Moore, from Blueville Nursery displayed locally grown squash varieties and discussed selecting, storing and preparing them in her presentation of Eating Your Garden. The Director Speaks with Scott McElwain took us through the past, present and future of the Gardens.

Contact Tuesday Talks at kstate.gardenfriends@gmail.com for a complete listing and description of upcoming talks in 2012. Topics will include Rain Gardens, Your Back When You're Back in the Garden, Roses, and Honey Bees. Take time to visit the Gardens, it's good for your health!

Check out the Gardens Facebook for a complete series of photos showing a Monarch caterpillar pupating (molting or shedding its skin) and an adult eclosing (emerging).

KSU Gardens Fundraising News

The fundraising committee has three more amazing luncheon programs set for the 2011-2012 season. First, we will enjoy a fabulous lunch buffet at Colbert Hills followed by a presentation by Ralph Diaz of Gaia Salon and Spa, and Rob Dudley of Gatherings on the Prairie called "Re-think, Re-design, Re-invent for the Holidays." They will share timely ideas for holiday decorating that transition through the season.

Next, we will feature country music artist and original member of the Dixie Chicks, Robin Macy on March 28, 2012. Robin is steward of the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine, Kansas, and she has an amazing life story to share along with a performance.

Finally, I am excited to announce that Deb Spencer of Water's Edge, an amazing water gardening retail store in Lawrence, Kansas, will present water gardening basics at our third luncheon for the year. The luncheon will be at my house where participants can see firsthand how Water's Edge has helped us create and maintain several small and large water features and ponds.

Specific details about each event will be included in invitations, and each event will leave attendees yearning to travel to Gatherings on the Prairie in Junction City, the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine, and Water's Edge in Lawrence.

In addition, the committee has been busy planning the annual Poinsettia Sale at the KSU Gardens on November 18 and December 2 from 11-5:30 and December 7 from 11-3.

—Lori Levin, Fundraising Chair

FRIENDS OF THE KSU GARDENS ANNUAL

Poinsettia SALE

Friday, November 18, 11:00 – 5:30
Friday, December 2, 11:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 7, 11:00 – 3:00

KSU Gardens Quinlan Visitor's Center
1500 Denison
Manhattan, Kansas

6½ inch \$10 each or 6 for \$50
10 inch centerpiece \$15 each
Cash or check only; no credit cards

DOZENS OF COLORS AND VARIETIES GROWN BY KSU STUDENTS
OVER 50 CULTIVARS AVAILABLE

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Garden Development Update

The Bidwell Family Fountain, centerpiece to the Conservatory Garden (Phase II), is up and running. R.M. Baril General Contractor Inc. completed the fountain installation the last week of September. If you haven't seen it up close, it is absolutely beautiful during the day and at night...it's spectacular!! When the major construction was completed, we immediately installed irrigation, tilled and graded the site so Growing Concerns could seed with a turf-type fescue. Now that the seed is up and getting established we are preparing for brick pavers. The walkways that lead up to the fountain, from Denison Avenue and also the parking lot, will be installed by K-State students a little later this fall. Additional plantings will also be installed by our students after the brick pavers walk project is completed. The official dedication for the Bidwell Family Fountain will be held during K-State's Annual Open House (April 21, 2012). Please remember the date because we would like for you to join us as we celebrate the addition of this wonderful new feature to the KSU Gardens.

As always, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the KSU Gardens.
—Scott McElwain, Director, KSU Gardens



A beautiful nighttime photograph of the newly installed Bidwell Family Fountain.

A Board member's personal story

In the late 1980s I was serving as the Riley County Extension Director and had horticulture education as one of my responsibilities. I wrote a weekly column and had a weekly radio show that focused on all things horticultural. Paul Jennings, late Head of the Department of Horticulture, approached me to organize a support group for the KSU Gardens, which was just getting off the ground. I remembered the impact the original KSU Gardens had on me as a student at KSU. It was a beautiful place to go and enjoy the joy of a beautifully landscaped garden. That original garden was replaced with a new campus building leaving a real void for the campus and the community. The opportunity to support and assist in the development of

the new KSU Gardens was an opportunity I couldn't pass up.

A few years ago, I was asked to get involved once more in Friends of the KSU Gardens. No longer involved in horticulture educational programming, but still very interested in trees, shrubs, flowers and gardening, I wanted to do what I could to support the KSU Gardens. The Gardens had developed into a beautiful and valued resource for the campus and Manhattan. There is a wonderful plan for growth of the Garden Visitors Center, and I am very interested in doing all I can to support their continued development as a Friend of the KSU Gardens.

—Jim Lindquist

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A Taste of the Garden: Moroccan-Style Spaghetti Squash

1 spaghetti squash, 3-1/2 to 4 lbs.
1/2 stick (4 T) unsalted butter
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 t ground cumin
1/2 t ground coriander
1/8 t cayenne
3/4 t salt
2 T chopped fresh cilantro or flat-leaf parsley

Cut squash in half lengthwise, scooping out seeds and roast halves face-down in an oiled baking pan for about 40 minutes in a 375 degree oven. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring until it is barely golden. Stir in spices and salt and remove from heat.

Working over a bowl, scrape squash flesh with a fork, loosening and separating strands as you remove the skin. Toss with spiced butter and cilantro. Serve over drained and rinsed canned chickpeas, couscous or sautéed greens. Enjoy!

Gardens Note Cards
Note cards printed with eight different scenes of the KSU Gardens are available for a \$20 donation. Each package contains eight cards and blank envelopes. The watercolors on the cards are by local artist Ralph Fontenot. This is the perfect memento of Manhattan, Kansas, produced in Manhattan, Kansas. Available at future luncheons, the poinsettia sale or from any board member. Ask for the notecards at GTM, Varney's or email kstate.gardenfriends@gmail.com

UPCOMING GARDENS EVENTS

November 2011	December 2011	January 2012
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2011 Luncheon Series
Thursday, Nov. 3, 11:45am-1pm

Poinsettia Sale
Friday, Nov. 18, 11am-5:30pm
Friday, Dec. 2, 11am-5:30pm

Poinsettia Open House and Sale
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 11am-3pm

Tuesday Talks
Jan. 24, 12:15-12:45pm
Rain Gardens, Lee Skabelund

Garden Show
Saturday and Sunday,
Feb. 25 & 26, 2012

Tuesday Talks
Feb. 28, 12:15-12:45pm
Your Back When You're Back in the Garden, Scott Johnson

2012 Luncheon Series
Wednesday, March 28
Robin Macy of Bartlett Arboretum

KSU Open House
Saturday, April 21, 9am-3pm

Iris Day
Sunday, May 13, noon-4

Tuesday Talks
May 15, 12:15-12:45pm
Roses with Jim Roush

Garden Gala
Friday, June 1

2012 Luncheon Series
Thursday, June 21, 11:45am-1pm
Water Gardening, Deb Spencer of Water's Edge
Held in the gardens of Lori & Steve Levin

Iris Sale
Saturday, July 28, 8am-noon

From the President of the Friends

Hello, Friends!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for being a Friend of the KSU Gardens! Our Friends memberships continue to grow and we sincerely appreciate your continued support as it is vital to the operation and growth of the K-State Gardens.

If you are reading this newsletter and are not yet a Friends member, you are invited to become a Friend today! You can become a Friends member online on the Kansas State University Gardens website at www.k-state.edu/gardens/ or you can email the Kansas State University Friends of the Gardens at kstate.gardenfriends@gmail.com and ask for Friends membership information.

Have you seen our new fountain in the K-State Gardens? It's beautiful! We are so excited about the new addition to the North Gardens. Pictures are posted on Facebook at Kansas State University Gardens. Check it out. You can also go to

the K-State Gardens website to see a "Live Construction Watch". The fountain project is in phase two of the four-phase Gardens Expansion Project. You can view the Master Plan for the project on the Gardens website.

Mark your calendars! Make plans to attend the dedication of the fountain at the KSU Open House on April 21. Watch for more details. We hope to see you there!

Again, we are delighted to have you as a 'Friend' of the KSU Gardens. Email us if you have questions. We will strive to help you informed of events and activities happening with the Gardens.

—Cheryl Yunk, President
Friends of the KSU Gardens

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