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**GARDENS**



**NEWS**  
FALL 2012

FRIENDS OF THE KSU GARDENS ANNUAL

*Poinsettia*  
**SALE**

November 13, 11 – 3  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
November 28, 11 – 3  
December 5, 11 – 1 and 4 – 6

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

*Dozens of colors & varieties available*

## KSU Gardens Luncheon Seminar Series Continues Nov. 8



Lori Able, owner of Ann-A-Lee's in Manhattan's Grand Mere Village, will share ideas for the holiday season which will include decorations for a festive dinner table and home, as well as, gift ideas. Holiday decorating is the next program Thursday, Nov. 8, in the 2012-2013 Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens Luncheon Series.

The public seminar starts at 11:45 a.m. with a buffet lunch served at Colberts at the Colbert Hills Golf Course and concludes at 1 p.m., said Sharon Snyder, coordi-

nator of the lunch series and fundraising chair for the Friends organization.

Admission is \$30 per person. This includes lunch, a beverage and any educational materials. Net proceeds benefit the KSU Gardens.

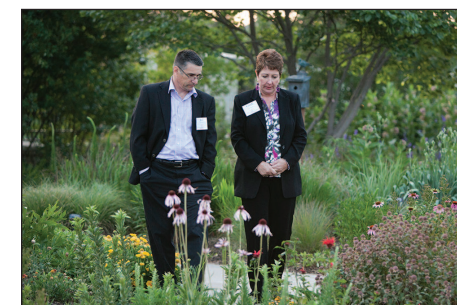
Advance paid registration is required by calling Anne Springer at (785) 532-1442, M, T, Th, F 8 am-1 pm or e-mail spr@ksu.edu. Please make payment in advance to Friends of the KSU Gardens, 2021 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

## 2012 KSU Garden Gala: "Three Coins in a Fountain"

With the beautiful Bidwell Family Fountain as a backdrop and a theme of "Three Coins in a Fountain", the eighth annual KSU Garden Gala was held on June 1, 2012 at the KSU Gardens. As the gala began on an uncharacteristically cool evening, attendees were welcomed to sip peach bellinis while touring the gardens and listening to the wonderful melodies of Wayne Goins. Many also took advantage of the opportunity to have their photographs taken in front of the Fountain, as it was truly a spectacular setting. Hopefully, all are enjoying their complimentary keepsakes! After dining on delicious Italian cuisine, partygoers were entertained by the Fabulous Four Tenors of the KSU Music Department. What a treat!

The silent auction provided entertainment of a different sort, offering a wide range of treasures available for the taking! The proceeds of the auction, along with the very generous sponsor donations, allowed for \$18,000 to be given to the KSU Gardens for hiring student interns. What a tremendous educational gift to our students! Thank you to everyone who made this donation possible!

After an evening of fun and friends, the general consensus was that "a good time was had by all"! Thank you all for the fantastic turnout and your continued support of the KSU Gardens. Please mark your calendars for June 7, 2013 for the ninth annual KSU Garden Gala. Hope to see you there!



### UPCOMING GARDENS EVENTS

#### November 2012

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#### Luncheon Seminar Series

Thursday, November 8, 11:45 am-1 pm, at Colbert Hills  
"Fresh Ideas for the Holidays" with Lori Able, Ann-A-Lee's

#### Tuesday Talk

Tuesday, November 13, 12:15-12:45 pm, at Quinlan Visitor's Center  
"Poinsettias Galore!" with Joshua Graver, Horticulture Graduate Student

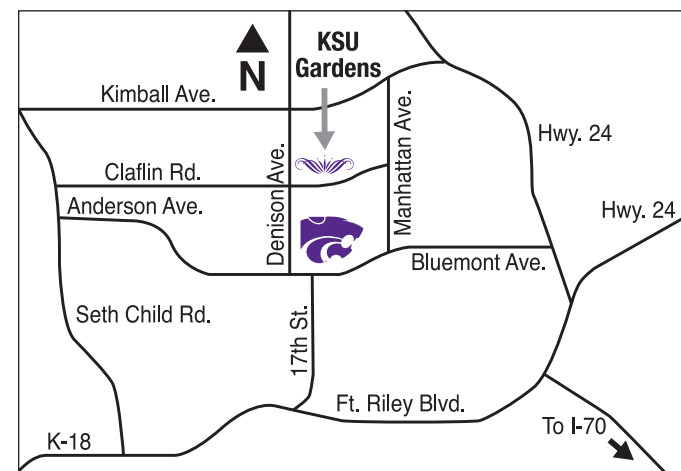
#### Annual Poinsettia Sale

Located in the Quinlan Visitor's Center  
Tuesday, November 13, 11 am-3 pm  
Wednesday, November 28, 11 am-3 pm, OPEN HOUSE  
Wednesday, December 5, 11 am-1 pm and 4-6 pm

For more information on the events listed above, see articles on page 1.

**SAVE THE DATE: June 7, 2013** for the 9th Annual KSU Garden Gala

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 Claflin Road. Quinlan Visitor's Center is part of the historic Glenn H. Beck Dairy Barn.

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## New Sculpture Dedicated to KSU Gardens



Friends of the KSU Gardens and the Unger family gathered on a beautiful Saturday morning, September 1, to dedicate a wonderful new addition to the KSU Gardens. The bronze sculpture, created by artist Kwan Wu was sponsored by Dr. Elizabeth Unger. The Experiential Learning sculpture is a memorial to Beth's son Mark Bryan Unger and the Conservatory Gardens Collection Garden Urns are in memory of her husband Samuel Unger.

The bronze Experiential Learning sculpture greets visitors as they enter the KSU Gardens from the parking lot. A toddler age boy in the squat position observing a dragonfly on the rim of a planting urn demonstrates the true wonder of a garden. There is a learning experience for everyone and it happens the moment they arrive.

The Collection Garden Urns have an amazing floral relief to compliment the collection they represent. The rose, iris, daylily and peony collection gardens will have one of these beautiful urns permanently placed at their entry.

The sculpture was on display in the Conservatory Garden for the dedication ceremony. Scott McElwain, the Director of the KSU Gardens, started the ceremony by

welcoming everyone and introducing Beth Unger for opening comments. Beth introduced each speaker, starting with K-State Provost April Mason, K-State Agronomy Head Gary Pierzynski, Bill Riley (one of Sam's friends), Geoff Johnson (a friend of Mark's), and Geraldine Unger (Mark's widow).

For those who attended the dedication ceremony, it was clear that Beth Unger is a remarkable woman and that K-State is very grateful to her for this contribution to the KSU Gardens. The ceremony was highlighted by Sam and Mark's friends and family as they shared their memories and the accomplishments of two amazing men that were intelligent, thoughtful and compassionate individuals who made a positive impact on the lives of everyone who knew them.

These sculpture additions to the KSU Gardens were perfect memorial pieces that fit with Sam's love for the arts and Mark's passion for gardening. Beth wanted the plaques at each sculpture to recognize Sam and Mark but she also wanted the plaques to raise public awareness about bipolar disease, from which Sam and Mark both suffered.



Friends and family of Samuel and Mark Unger at the dedication of the experiential learning sculpture at the KSU Gardens. Sixth from the left is Dr. Elizabeth Unger.

## Kansas State University GARDENS

Constructed and maintained  
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### Students:

Lisa Angell, Student Gardener  
George Dille, Student Intern  
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Brooke Stamm, Student Gardener  
Bob Odle, Student Intern

### 2012-2013 Board of Directors:

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### Garden Gala Chairs:

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## From the President of the Friends

I am honored to be the Chair of the KSU Gardens this year. During the Friends Host Membership Reception at my home in May of 2011, I was quoted as stating "If it doesn't bark or bloom I am not interested". I was joking but in hindsight it was true. I do have a passion for my own garden and that passion has poured over for the KSU Garden as I have become increasingly involved over the last few years. Many of you are aware that I also have a passion for animals and their welfare. I think the two have much in common in that they cannot speak for themselves, we must advocate for them.

I am surrounded by a Board of Directors that shares that passion, as well as a committed KSU staff including Stu Warren, Tom Warner and our dedicated Director, Scott McElwain

If you are reading this newsletter then you are likely already a Friend of the KSU Gardens. If you are just learning about the Gardens, then will you please consider becoming one. The Gardens just cannot have enough Friends. You might have also received a letter from Jim Lindquist who chairs the Membership Committee and myself elaborating on the benefits of being a Friend as well as what your membership helps us accomplish at the Gardens. If you need help becoming a Friend, give us a call at 785-532-3271 and ask them to get a message to me and I will personally visit with you about the benefits as well as the personal rewards that comes from seeing the Gardens grow.

If you have not visited the Gardens then you need to come and take a look at the fall colors. In that visit you will see the Bidwell Family Fountain which was dedicated earlier this year. Another "must see" is the statue, urns and dedication plaque in memory of Mark Unger and his father, Samuel Unger.

Your visit will help you see "where we are" and provide you a greater appreciation of "what is to come" in the future with the Phase II of the Gardens, the peony collection, the Conservatory renovations, and much more.

Rudyard Kipling said "Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade."

Online membership  
registration now available:  
[www.ksu.edu/gardens](http://www.ksu.edu/gardens)

Thank you for what you do and thank you in advance for what you are about to do to benefit the KSU Gardens this year.

Sincerely,  
Polly Stoecklein, President  
Friends of the KSU Gardens

## New Membership Year for the Friends

A new year for the Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens began September 1st. We hope you have responded to the Friends renewal letter and have decided to become a "Friend" again for the 2012-2013 year. If you haven't responded yet, or misplaced the letter, you can still join by sending your Friends membership to: 2021 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. If you have questions, you can call 785.532.3271, or speak to any of the current Friends of the Gardens Board of Directors.

We hope you have been by the gardens recently. They can't look much better than they did during the early September, but the gardens are always beautiful and there is always something different to see and enjoy, whenever you stop by.

Friends of the KSU Gardens receive special invitations to all kinds of garden activities during the year so watch your mail, the newsletter, and visit our web site: [www.ksu.edu/gardens](http://www.ksu.edu/gardens) so you don't miss out on any of the exciting events that will be available to you. You can even "like us" on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/kstate.gardens](http://www.facebook.com/kstate.gardens).

Our Friends membership is growing and thanks to all of you Friends members, we look forward to additional growth of the Gardens during this next year.

Jim Lindquist  
Membership Chair

## Fundraising News

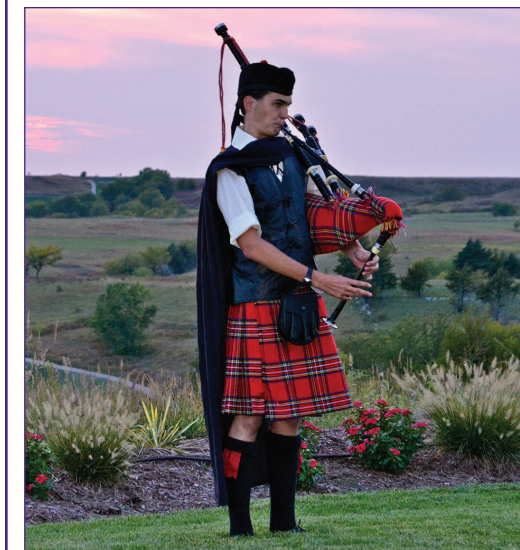
The fundraising committee has planned another fabulous luncheon Nov. 8 to kick off the 2012-2013 season. Lori Able, owner of Ann-A-Lee's in Grand Mere Village, will share ideas for the holiday season, including decorations for your table and home, as well as gift ideas. There will be a wonderful buffet lunch at Colbert Hills with the chance to win some very special door prizes. (Registration information can be found on page 1 of this newsletter.) Plans for additional luncheon programs will be shared at a later date.

In addition, our committee is planning a field trip in the spring to the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine, Kansas. Many of you may remember Robin Macy's performance at the Manhattan Country Club last March and her story about Bartlett Arboretum, its past and its future. Her story was so inspiring, we thought it would be a real treat to actually visit the beautiful gardens in Belle Plaine. Details will be forthcoming.

Finally, mark your calendar for the annual Poinsettia sale and Open House on Nov. 28 from 11 am-3 pm in the KSU Gardens Quinlan Visitor's Center, 1500 Denison. Additional sale dates are on Nov. 13 from 11 am-3 pm and Dec. 5 from 11 am-1 pm and 4-6 pm.

Sharon Snyder  
Fundraising Chair

## Thank You Reception for 2012 Gala Sponsors



On September 23rd Pat and Rita Keating hosted a reception for the sponsors of this year's garden gala at their beautiful home overlooking Colbert Hills Golf Course. Sponsors were treated to a fabulous spread of goodies prepared by members of the Friends of the Gardens Board.

In addition to the lovely surroundings on the mild autumn evening, guests were pleasantly surprised by the arrival of a bagpiper strolling from the golf course to the Keatings' home. This special touch provided the perfect ending to the evening.