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England and Wales
May 16-30, 2011



with K-State students and Friends!

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Upcoming Events

Next Luncheon:
Drift Roses: The Next Big Thing for Small Gardens



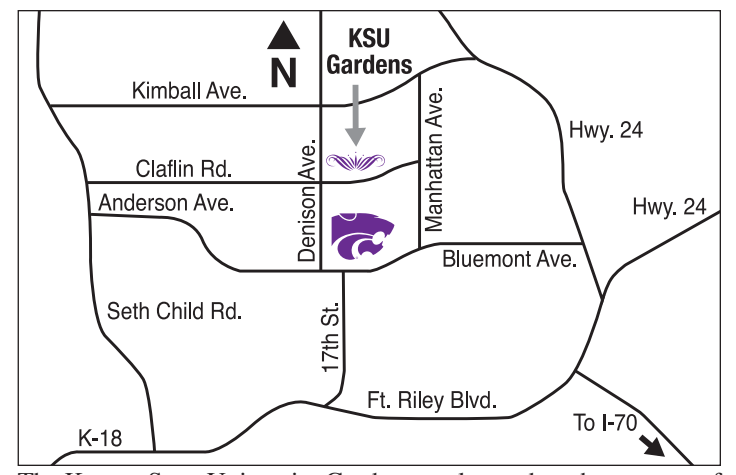
Thursday, March 10, 2011

Annual Garden Gala
The Great Gatsby:
JAZZ UP
THE GARDENS 

Friday, June 3, 2011



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 Center is part of the historic Glenn H. Beck Dairy Barn.

KSU Gardens offers public seminar and lunch series in 2011

Three public seminars are featured in the 2011 Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens Luncheon Series. Learn about drift roses in March, tour an 18th century style colonial garden in June, and, in November, see how to use “old with new” to decorate for the holidays.

All programs will be on Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., said Judy Unruh, coordinator of the series. Admission is \$25 per person for the lunch and lecture. Net proceeds benefit the KSU Gardens.

March 10, “Drift Roses: The Next Big Thing for Small Gardens,” President’s Room, Holiday Inn at the Campus, presenter Doug Baker, vice president for major accounts for Greenleaf Nursery in Oklahoma. A 1985 K-State graduate in horticulture, Baker has been with Greenleaf for 23 years.



Rosa Drift Red (top photo) and Rosa Drift Pink (bottom). Photos courtesy Doug Baker.



Two views of the colonial style garden of Tim Lindemuth. Photos courtesy Tim Lindemuth.

June 16, “English Colonial Gardening,” tour a private garden at 500 Denison Ave., Manhattan. Tim Lindemuth, editor of the *K-Stater* alumni magazine and member of the Friends of the KSU Gardens board, will explain how

he designed and built an 18th century style colonial garden patterned after the Custis Maupin House garden constructed in 1733 at Williamsburg, Va.

Nov. 3, “Re-think, Re-design, Re-invent for the Holidays,” Colbert Hills Clubhouse. Manhattan area businessmen Ralph Diaz and Rob Dudley will show how to combine existing items around the home with new pieces to make beautiful table settings and decorations. They will creatively use linens and dishes with holiday décor.



Advance payment and registration is required. Make reservations with Anne Springer at (785) 532-1442, (M, T, Th, F 8 a.m.-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 Great Gatsby:
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The Garden Gala Committee has been putting together some wonderful plans for the 2011 Gala. So, mark your calendar and get ready to “kick up your heels with Betti O” on Friday, June 3, 2011 in the KSU Gardens. 1920s attire is desired but not required for this Great Gatsby theme oriented evening. Invitations will be mailed to all active Friends members but everyone is invited to this annual fund raising event that directly benefits student internships and their special projects. For **The Great Gatsby: Jazz up the Gardens** ticket information, please call 785-532-6266.

Conservatory renovation update



The KSU Gardens would like to thank the Sigma Lambda Chi Construction Science Honorary Club, their club advisors and KSU Gardens volunteer Darrell Westervelt for their participation in removing all of the old heating units, control panels and utility lines in the Conservatory. The de-construction project was organized by Darrell Westervelt and Bryan Clark (President of Sigma Lambda Chi) and took place Saturday, February 5, 2011. After all their hard work was completed, the clean curved lines of the beautiful steel structure were revealed.

As many of you know, our historic Conservatory is over 100 years old and in need of major repairs. We removed all of the plant material prior to the 2009-2010 Winter and have since been investigating all options for its restoration or replacement. This past October we were planning to have the structure's glass removed and stored but those plans were put on hold when tests came back positive for asbestos on the glazing material. This is very unfortunate as it adds a significant cost to our efforts. Initial estimates for the asbestos abatement were over \$100,000. We are now working with the University to identify funding and proper procedures



for this hazardous material clean up. When the glass is removed, we plan on planting seasonal displays in the open air structure until full renovations can begin.

Make a \$20 donation to Friends of the KSU Gardens and receive a package of 8 notecards with envelopes featuring original watercolors by Ralph Fontenot. Each card depicts a different scene of the Gardens. Available at the next luncheon or from a board member. Don't miss the opportunity to have a beautiful memento of the gardens.



A Board member's personal story

I originally became a Friend of the KSU Gardens because I was invited by a friend to serve on the Friends of the KSU Gardens Board. My first thought was that I don't know much about gardening, but learning more about it sounded intriguing. So I accepted and have been learning ever since. By being a Friend of the KSU Gardens I feel like I am helping them achieve their mission to serve as a resource center for students, teachers, and the general public. I feel that the Gardens enhance the lives of people at our university, our community, and anyone who visits. In our busy world, the Gardens offer a tranquil retreat – free of charge. The Gardens connect people, young and old, with nature. They build excitement and joy for science and stewardship of the environment. The Gardens protect and grow native plants and habitats.

We are an active, involved, and friendly Friends group. I have found fundraising

very rewarding because the money raised goes for scholarships for students, and the overall enrichment, upkeep, and expansion of the Gardens. These are the reasons I am a Friend of the KSU Gardens.

—Nancy Farrar



In January, right before most of the students returned from the Holidays and the start of spring classes, members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity came to the KSU Gardens and volunteered to shovel snow off all the garden walks. They made short work of the deep drifts and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

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2011 Manhattan Area Garden Show

Saturday, February 26
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 27
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park
(Kimball & Avery Avenues)

Hourly Seminars Silent Auction Free Admission
Door Prizes Free Garden Gloves



KSU Gardens Friends memberships are growing!

Even before the first sign of spring, the Friends of the KSU Gardens membership is growing. Welcome to 258 new and continued members and thank you very much for your support of the KSU Gardens!

Two hundred nineteen individuals renewed their membership and 39 new members joined for the first time to support the worthy mission of assisting with garden development, supporting an educational living laboratory, and providing ongoing maintenance of this historic Kansas State University landmark.

Friends' members provide support for a wonderful treasure on the Kansas State University campus. Their generosity impacts the quality of life for campus

faculty, staff, students and Manhattan residents as well as visitors from across the world. Every year, the Gardens attract thousands of visitors who enjoy the beauty and serenity provided in every season of the year. Students have a special relationship with this amazing learning environment, where they gain practical hands on experience while applying their classroom instruction.

All those who are impacted by our gardens are grateful to all those we call "our friends". This is why the Friends of the Gardens Board of Directors decided that their primary goal this year is to increase the number of Friends members.

Our family of Friends support is reflected in the continued improvement

Friends of the Gardens stick together

Recently I came across the following quote credited to Vesta M. Kelly: "Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together." How appropriate, I thought, as I watched the most recent round of tiny snow flakes floating and blowing through the air eventually blanketing the earth. They come together, sometimes creating something monumental, such as "the weather event of the season". It is amazing.

It is also amazing how many individuals came together to work on projects benefiting the KSU Gardens in 2010. These individuals have a common interest and belief that the Gardens are an important part of the community and have a desire to maintain and grow them. There were generous speakers who gave their time and talent and worked with me along with the Friends of the KSU Gardens Board Fundraising Committee to present an informational and inspirational luncheon series to benefit the Gardens. There were many friends and supporters who encouraged their friends and colleagues to attend the lunches. Just imagine what will be accomplished as we continue to "stick" together, even in tough economic times, to support this cause.

—Judy F. Unruh, Co-Chair
Fundraising Committee

and development of Gardens programs. Together, our shared passion for the KSU Gardens provides unprecedented beauty for visitors and improves the learning environment for students pursuing the horticulture profession.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank those who are Friends of the KSU Gardens and invite others to join our proud family!

—Mitzi Richards, President
Friends of the KSU Gardens

Online membership
registration now available:
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