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Climbing to an Improved Rose Garden

In addition to the excitement of the new entryway pergola being constructed in the Ottaway Rose Garden, visitors to the rose garden this year and next will also be entertained with the growth and flowering of new climbing roses that will soon be planted on the pergola. In stark contrast to the once-blooming Dr. Huey rootstock that graced the old pergola, the refurbished pergola will feature the climbing roses 'Darlow's Enigma' and 'Improved Blaze' with hopes that they will provide overarching entry color and fragrance in a few short years.

'Darlow's Enigma' is a white continuous blooming climber that is still a rare plant in the rose world. In keeping with its name, 'Darlow's Enigma' is a rose of unknown parentage found

has a exceptionally strong and sweet perfume that should captivate garden visitors, and in winter it will carry small bright red hips through the holiday season.

Many visitors will be familiar with our second new climber but may not have had the space or conditions to give 'Improved Blaze' its opportunity for full glory. 'Improved Blaze' is an old rose garden workhorse that has a reputation as a reliable performer throughout North America. 'Improved Blaze' is a large-flowered scarlet red double rose that also blooms repeatedly throughout the season and on the pergola we expect it to provide a handsome combination with its white companion. 'Improved Blaze' is only slightly fragrant, but nonetheless has exceptional disease resistance and is perfectly cold hardy in our Kansas climate.

—Dr. James Roush



Darlow's Enigma

growing in Eugene, Oregon by Mike Darlow and introduced to commerce in the early 1990's by Heirloom Roses. It is labeled a hybrid Musk rose by some authorities and a Modern Shrub rose by others, but regardless, it is completely winter hardy to zone 4 and should be well able to withstand the dry cold Kansas weather. As a garden plant, 'Darlow's Enigma' is a triple performer. The small white single and semi-double blooms come continuously and open flat to display a center of golden stamens, it

Upcoming Events

5th Annual KSU Gardens Gala



July 5, 2009

Luncheon Series: DR. JAMES ROUSH



July, date TBA

More information will be emailed

Annual Iris Sale

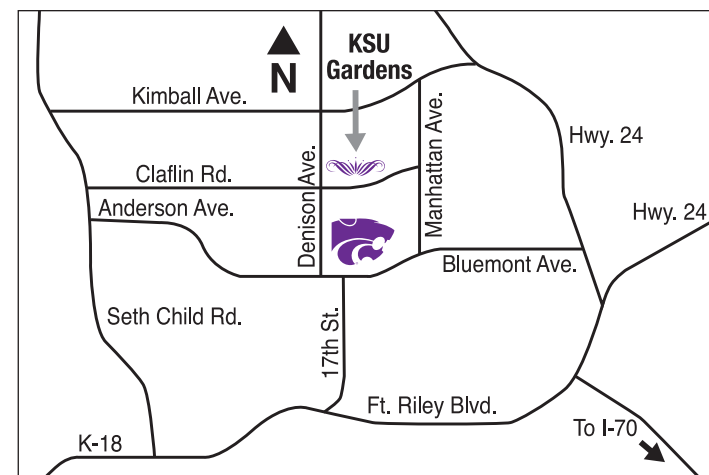


July 25, 2009 • 8 a.m. to noon

KSU Gardens, 1500 Denison Ave.



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 Dairy Barn.

From the Friends Fundraising Committee

In March, the fundraising committee hosted a Gardens Luncheon Series presentation by Mike DeRee of Ball Seeds. He shared a slide show of new and favorite annual flower cultivars with an excited audience of 16 avid gardeners. The next Luncheon Series presentation will be in July, date to be announced, featuring Dr. James Roush speaking about his new book, *Garden Musings*, old roses, and garden journaling. Invitations will be emailed and posted on the KSU Gardens website when the date is confirmed.

The Little Cottage Gift Shop at the Gardens will be opening weekends for the summer season. The committee is looking for volunteers to staff the gift

shop. Interested individuals should contact Lori Levin at llevin@ksu.edu, and when we have a list of volunteers we will hold a training session and set a schedule.

Looking forward to June, the committee helped to generate silent auction items for the Gardens Gala. Some exclusive items include a gift basket from Emerald City Market, a BBQ Extravaganza set-up from Varney's Book Store, dinner for six in their own home by Ralph Diaz of Gaia Salon featuring produce from La La's Heirloom Produce, a Ralph Fontenot painting, and a wrought iron bistro set from Lee Creek Gardens. We look forward to seeing you at the Gala June 5!

Lori Levin, Chair,
Fundraising Committee,
Friends of the KSU Gardens

Taste of TUSCANY
Friday, June 5, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Kansas State University Gardens
1500 Denison Avenue
Cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres
Strolling accordion
Tour the gardens
Exceptional silent auction
Dance music
Valet parking
For ticket information, contact
Karla Wisdom at the
KSU Foundation, 532-7513

Message from the Director

The Lindquist Family Annual Flower Display will showcase some special award winning flowers this season. The KSU Gardens has been designated as an



All-America Selections Flower and Vegetable Display Garden. We are very excited to participate in this program. Our visitors will notice the new sign posted at the Gardens parking lot that designates the AAS Display Garden status. The plants that have been selected as award winners will be planted throughout the Gardens and easily identified by labels that include the variety name and year of

introduction as an AAS Winner. Each spring semester, students taking Floral Crop Productions grow the annual flowers that are planted in the KSU Gardens. This spring, the students were especially excited to have the opportunity to grow the AAS plants for this year's display. We anticipate on having everything planted and properly labeled prior to the Garden Gala on Friday, June 5 and the Riley County Extension Master Gardener's Garden Tour which will be held on Saturday, June 6. Hope to see you at one or both of these events this year in the KSU Gardens.

Scott McElwain, Director,
KSU Gardens

Special Note: The cooler temperatures have dramatically prolonged the Iris Collection's beautiful display. The anticipated peak will be around May 23 which is about two weeks later than usual. Come see the wonderful colors and pick your favorites that can also be purchased at the annual Iris sale which is always the last Saturday in July (July 25, 2009) from 8 a.m. to noon.



From the Friends Membership Chair

May is a wonderful month in Manhattan as the warmer temperatures of spring launch the growing season. Trees bud and bloom, spring flowers show their brilliant colors, and the lawns green and grow with vigor. Morning walks are invigorating, not just for the exercise, but for the beauty of the new life and color of spring.

Our KSU Gardens are also alive with activity. The grass is green, the trees are in full leaf, the perennials are in active growth, and annual flowers are being planted by our garden staff and interns. It is fulfilling, as one strolls through the gardens, to know that our Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens are contributing to this treasure of beauty on the campus through Friends memberships and the many fundraising activities that happen through the year.

One of those activities that everyone should put on their "can't miss" list is the Garden Gala scheduled for June 5. See the "Taste of Tuscany" announcement in the newsletter and make sure you get tickets to this wonderful spring garden party.

You'll also find information in the newsletter about becoming a Friend. If you are not a member, we would love to have you join us. Or perhaps you can pass the newsletter to a friend, and ask them to consider Friends membership.

We are excited about our growing Friends memberships and look forward to the continued growth and expansion of the Kansas State University Gardens.

Jim Lindquist, Chair,
Membership Committee,
Friends of the KSU Gardens

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From the President of the Friends of the KSU Gardens

Dear Friends,

This past year has been one of refining and defining who we are and what our mission is as a Board. A strategic planning meeting in July helped us set up a framework for this effort and a direction for achieving our goals. We began the year by revising and fine tuning our Constitution to accurately reflect our mission and purpose and to give us the means to accomplish our goals. We also focused on establishing a budget designed to provide timely and detailed information at our monthly meetings.

Other goals which have been reached this year are as follows:

- 1) We have increased the number of Board members from 16 to our maximum of 21.
- 2) A membership calendar has been

created and our mailing list has been increased. There are now over 98 Friends, up 34 members from 2007.

3) A new brochure has been developed for the Gardens.

4) Our newsletter is now produced three times a year by Art Craft Printers and has changed format and added color.

5) Our fundraising efforts from the Gala raised monies to fund three student internships (\$18,000). The gift shop, luncheon series, plant sale, and poinsettia sale generated additional revenue for the Gardens and provided exceptional opportunities for our Friends.

6) A reception to welcome our new K-State President and his wife to the Gardens has been planned for our Sponsors' Party on September 27, 2009.

As this year comes to a close for the Friends of the KSU Gardens Board, a new one begins. In addition to the 16 current board members, we welcome six new members to our board: Marilyn Galle, Melissa Jones, Tim Lindemuth, Marti Meek, Polly Stoecklein, and Cheryl Yunk. Ruth Ann Wefald will become our first honorary board member. Next year's officers are: Jim Lindquist, President; Mitzi Richards, President-elect; Jo Lyle, Treasurer, and Deloris Berland, Secretary.

Thank you to our hardworking board and to our generous Friends. We look forward to serving and promoting the K-State Gardens in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Sharon Snyder, President,
Friends of the KSU Gardens



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Grow with the Gardens

Become a Friend and/or Volunteer at the KSU Gardens!

Volunteers provide essential assistance that is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering in any of the following capacities, please return this form indicating your interests in serving.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Membership:

I would like to support the KSU Gardens at the following level:

- Patron (\$25 to \$49)
- Contributor (\$50 to \$99)
- Supporter (\$100 to \$249)
- Benefactor (\$250 to \$499)
- Builders Circle (\$500 to \$999)
- Distinguished Friend (\$1,000 and up)

Gift membership provided by: _____

Volunteer:

I would like to assist the KSU Gardens in the following ways:

- Gardening
- Tour Guide
- Information Center Volunteer
- Gift Shop Volunteer
- Educational Programs
- Special Events
- Publication Production
- Other: _____

Please return form to:

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