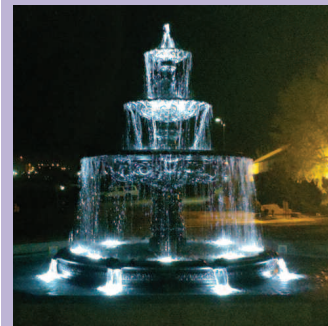


## Bidwell Family Fountain Focal Point of Two Gardens Events



Please join us in the KSU Gardens **Saturday, April 21, 2012** at 10:00 a.m. for the dedication of the Bidwell Family Fountain. This beautiful new addition to the KSU Gardens is centrally located in the Conservatory Garden site (Phase II). This special event will be held during K-State Open House (9am-3pm). Visit

<http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse/>

The 2012 Gardens Gala will be **Friday, June 1**. This year's theme is "Three Coins in a Fountain," and will center around this new water feature at the Gardens. Invitations will be mailed in mid April.

Attending the Manhattan Area Garden Show is the perfect way to gear up for the new growing season. There are hourly educational seminars, door prizes, great vendor displays showing off beautiful plants and best of all **IT'S FREE!!!**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE COOL STUFF  
IN THE KSU GARDENS' BOOTH AND  
SILENT AUCTION DISPLAY.**

  
**Manhattan**  
Area Garden Show  
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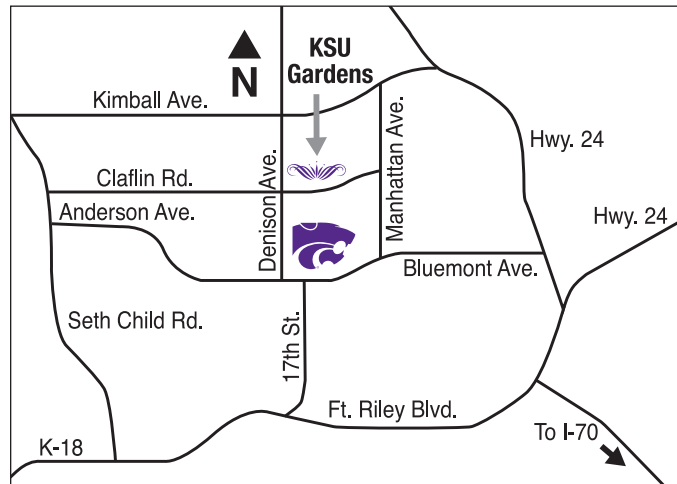


- Hourly Seminars
- Silent Auction
- Free Admission
- Door Prizes
- Free Flower Seeds

**Saturday, February 25** **Sunday, February 26**  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park**

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.

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## Kansas State University GARDENS



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## Friends of the KSU Gardens Luncheon Series for 2012

The Fall 2011 Gardens Luncheon, Re-Think, Re-Design, Re-Invent for the Holidays, at Colbert Hills was a huge success with our largest attendance yet! Attendees had a lovely lunch and learned new ideas for holiday decorating and entertaining.

The Fundraising Committee has planned the following Friends of the KSU Gardens Luncheon Series events for the remainder of the year—mark your calendars and reply early to save your spot!

### March 28, 2012

**Robin Macy, The Bartlett Arboretum Manhattan Country Club, 11:45-1:00.** \$30 includes salad buffet, dessert, and drink. RSVP by March 26.

Original Dixie Chick band member Robin Macy will share the story of the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine, Kansas and delight us with her music. Her life story is amazing and you will find out how she came to be steward of this historic garden property. This special event will fill quickly, so save your spot today. Visit [www.bartlettarboretum.org](http://www.bartlettarboretum.org) for more information about the Bartlett and Robin.



### June 21, 2012 Big Pond, Little Pond, Patio Pot: Water

**Gardening 101 Home of Steve & Lori Levin, 11720 Landscape Lane, St. George, 11:45-1:00.** Boxed lunch and beverage included in \$30 price. RSVP by June 19.



Deb Spencer from Water's Edge, a water gardening retailer in Lawrence, Kansas will share expertise for novice and experienced water gardeners alike. Participants will gather for lunch beside a large man-made pond stocked with bass and bluegill to learn about the many facets of aquatic gardening on large and small scales. For more information about Water's Edge, visit [www.watersedge.com](http://www.watersedge.com)

### November 8, 2012

**Fresh Holiday Ideas for the Home Colbert Hills Club House, 11:45-1:00.** \$30 includes salad buffet, dessert and drink. RSVP by November 6.

Lori Able of Ann A Lee's, a home décor retailer in Manhattan, will share the latest ideas and trends in holiday decorating and entertaining just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lori has graciously offered to give 10 percent of sales that day to the KSU Gardens! For more information about Ann A Lee's, visit [www.annaleesinc.com](http://www.annaleesinc.com)

To reserve your place at any of the luncheons, contact Anne Springer at [spr@ksu.edu](mailto:spr@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1442 (M, T, Th, F 8am-1pm). Send payment to: Friends of KSU Gardens, 2021 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

—Lori Levin, Fundraising Chair

**"The KSU Gardens are an exceptionally beautiful place to visit on our campus. I can't imagine a land grant university without public gardens because they are part of our mission to educate students and the people of Kansas. We are proud of the KSU Gardens. They deserve our support."**

—Kirk Schulz, President,  
Kansas State University

## Tuesday Talks in the Gardens Scheduled Through May

Attendees to the first 2012 Tuesday Talks in the Gardens were treated to a very informative talk on **Rain Gardens** by Lee R. Skabelund, Associate Professor, KSU Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional and Community Planning. Lee (pictured at right), discussed urban storm water runoff issues and solutions incorporating rain gardens. He highlighted projects he has been involved with in Kansas including gardens at the KSU International Student Center and the Sunset Zoo in Manhattan.

Tuesday Talks in the Gardens are a great way to spend your lunch break and



explore new and different topics pertinent to the gardening experience. The interactive talks are scheduled on Tuesdays, from 12:15-12:45pm in the Quinlan Visitor Center (with exceptions) at no

charge. However, at times space is limited, so an RSVP is required by the Monday prior to the talk you wish to attend. For more information on upcoming talks and to RSVP, contact Judy F. Unruh at [gfriends@ksu.edu](mailto:gfriends@ksu.edu).

Future topics include **Back Health** (Feb. 28), **Community Gardening** (Mar. 6) and **Roses** (May 22) all to be presented by generous individuals dedicated to helping the KSU Gardens grow! You can help by becoming or continuing to be a Friend of the KSU Gardens. Thank you for your support and see you in the Gardens!



THIS IS ONE EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!  
K-State to Host PLANET Student Career Days

The 36th annual Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) Student Career Days (SCD) will be held on campus in Manhattan, March 22-25, 2012. SCD is an annual three-day competition and networking event for students in horticulture programs at colleges and universities across the nation. This will be the first time for the event to be hosted in our region.

*PLANET Student Career Days is an eye opening experience bringing students and professionals from all over the country with the same interests and passions to one location. I'm proud to say this year it is Kansas State University's turn to host this great event. Hosting PLANET has been a huge task but I feel very privileged to be part of this great experience and I know as a student this is a great place to make connections in the industry and to interact with other students that portray the same passions I do. The KSU Landscape Contracting Team and I look forward to making all of the current students, faculty, and K-State alumni proud by placing first on our home turf. GO STATE!!!*

Chris Roesch, President,  
KSU Horticulture Club

There will be approximately 900 college students from 65 colleges and universities on campus for this magnificent horticultural event that also features the world's largest green industry career fair. Student Career Days provides green industry companies with unparalleled opportunities to meet and recruit next-generation green industry superstars.

Each school will participate in 28 individual and team competitions, such as tree climbing, paver/hardscape installation, wood construction, plant identification, sales presentation, exterior and interior design, irrigation troubleshooting, landscape construction and maintenance estimating,

skid steer, personnel management, and small engine repair, just to name a few.

*To make this event successful, approximately 250 volunteers are required. We are reaching out to our local landscape professionals and the general public to ask for their help!* Volunteers will be needed in a variety of capacities, from directing students to their various events to helping set up the competitive events.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD,  
VOLUNTEER, AND  
HELP MAKE K-STATE'S  
PLANET SCD  
A SUCCESS!!

PLANET SCD would not be possible without volunteers and the support and sponsorship from numerous industry leaders.

To learn more about this event and to register online as a volunteer, visit the website <http://www.hftr.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=1021>. Please feel free to contact either Greg Davis, 785-532-1417, [gdavis@ksu.edu](mailto:gdavis@ksu.edu) or Cathie Lavis, 785-532-1433, [clavis@ksu.edu](mailto:clavis@ksu.edu).

Scenes from last year's PLANET Student Career Days competition pictured below.



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**UPCOMING GARDENS EVENTS**

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**Manhattan Area 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 with Scott Johnson

**Tuesday Talks**  
March 6, 12:15-12:45pm  
Community Gardening in Manhattan—A Whole New Ballgame! with Chuck Marr

**2012 Luncheon Series**  
Wednesday, March 28, 11:45am-1pm  
Robin Macy of Bartlett Arboretum

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

**Iris Day**  
Sunday, May 13, noon-4pm

**Tuesday Talks**  
*Please note date change!*  
May 22, 12:15-12:45pm  
Stop and Smell the Roses with Jim Roush

**Annual Garden Gala**  
Friday, June 1  
"Three Coins in a Fountain"

**2012 Luncheon Series**  
Thursday, June 21, 11:45am-1pm  
Water Gardening, Deb Spencer of Water's Edge at the home of Lori and Steve Levin

**Iris Sale**  
Saturday, July 28, 8am-noon

From the President of the Friends

Hello, Friends!

Not much longer now and the K-State Gardens will once again be bursting with color. With the warm weather this winter, it definitely increases our anticipation for spring. We hope you will stop by and walk through the K-State Gardens or just come and sit for a while and enjoy. The gardens are open to the public. While at the gardens, stop by the Quinlan Visitor Center to see the 'future plans' for the Gardens.

We are currently in phase 2 of a four phase expansion project. Phase 2 is the Conservatory Garden. Future areas will include the Wetlands Garden, the Alumni Garden and the Children's Garden. The K-State Gardens will be even more beautiful when the project is completed!

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

The new fountain in the gardens, part of the phase 2 expansion, will be dedicated this spring. The dedication will take place in the gardens during the K-State Open House on April 21. Watch for more details. Hope you can join in the festivities!

No matter if you live near or far away from the K-State Gardens, we value your Friends of the Gardens Membership. On behalf of the Friends of the Gardens Board of Directors, I'd like to take this opportunity to 'THANK YOU' for your Garden Friends membership. Your continued support means a lot and is vital to the growth of the gardens. In addition, thanks to those of you who support the gardens through the Friends of the Gardens Luncheon Series, the Poinsettia and note card sales and the Garden Gala.

We look forward to your continued support and hope you can join us at our future events.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Yunk, President  
Friends of the KSU Gardens Board



Pavestone's Christmas Gift to the Gardens

The KSU Gardens received a wonderful donation from Pavestone. The Pavestone Company manufactures a wide range of concrete products to enhance commercial and residential landscapes. With the recent addition of the Bidwell Family Fountain to the KSU Gardens, new walkways leading visitors to the main gardens and up to and around the new fountain were needed. Since we wanted to add some new products to this area of the gardens and since Pavestone values the educational experience that the KSU Gardens provides, we gave them a call to see if they could help. When they heard what we were working on, they sent five semi-trucks of Pavestone products. What an awesome donation!

This is an exciting time for the KSU Gardens. We hope you're excited to come see these new features and watch the gardens grow in around them.

To learn more about Pavestone products, go to Pavestone.com. To view a short video about the Pavestone delivery go to <http://www.facebook.com/kstate.gardens>



*Pavestone's generous donation of paving materials are pictured surrounding the Bidwell Family Fountain. Scott McElwain receives delivery of a truckload from Pavestone's Kansas City facility.*