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SPRING 2013

Manhattan Area Garden Show
Saturday, February 16, 2013
 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday, February 17, 2013
 Noon – 4 pm
 Pottorf Hall
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 1710 Avery Ave.
 Manhattan

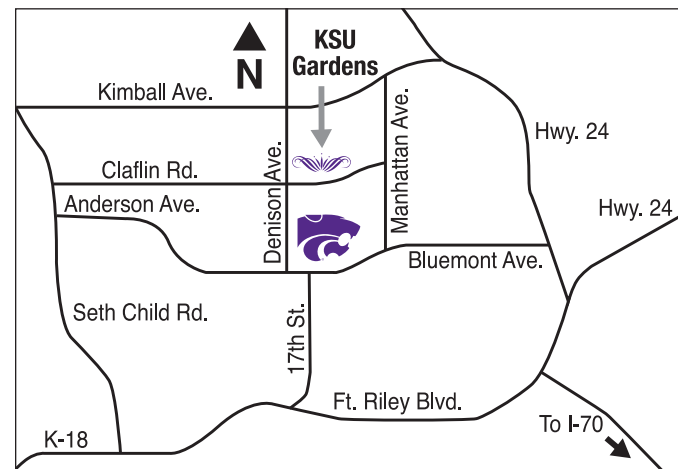
Visit the KSU Gardens booth and bid on our silent auction items, including Gala tickets and gardening items.

UPCOMING KSU GARDENS EVENTS

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Manhattan Area Garden Show, February 16 and 17 (see ad above)
Garden Talks and Walks (held at Quinlan Visitors Center)
 • Tuesday, February 26, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. “Capture the Moment!” Nature photography with Kurt Zoglmann
 • Tuesday, March 12, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. “Getting to Know Your Neighborhood Bat.” Presented by staff from Milford Nature Center.
SPECIAL EVENT! “Explosion of Color” Bus Tour
 • Thursday, April 11, 8 am – 6 pm. Trip to Bartlett Arboretum and Dyck Arboretum. See front page for details.
Luncheon Seminar Series
 • Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 11:45 am – 1 pm. Foraging expedition with Tama Matsouka Wong, at the home of Ann Carter (near Keats)
 • Thursday, June 27, 11:45 am – 1 pm. Prairie Wind Gardens, home of Irene Johnson
“Music of the Night,” 9th Annual KSU Garden Gala, Friday, June 7

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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Reserve Now for the “Explosion of Color” Bus Tour April 11

Please join the Friends of the KSU Gardens for our “Explosion of Color” Bus Tour to the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine and the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The trip will be Thursday, April 11, 2013.

Climb aboard a charter bus at the Manhattan Town Center east parking lot (between Chili’s and JCPenney). We will depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. for a relaxing journey through the beautiful Flint Hills to our destination in south central Kansas.

Our first stop will be the historic Bartlett Arboretum. Steward Robin Macy charmed us with a beautiful presentation at a Friends luncheon last year, leaving many of us wanting more. Robin is excited to share the explosion of color from thousands of blooming tulips in the arboretum. There will be plenty of time to wander the paths and ponder what life might have been like decades ago.

Our next stop will be for lunch at Luciano’s Italian Restaurant in Mulvane. Authentic Italian food will be served buffet style for less than \$20 per person (lunch is not included in the ticket price).



After a delicious lunch, we will head north to the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains. Scott Vogt of the arboretum will lead our guided tour. We will also have the opportunity to preview adaptive and native plants that will be available at the Dyck’s spring plant sale. The bus will return to Manhattan by 6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per person, which includes transportation and entrance fees. Reservations and payment must be received by March 28. Make reservations with Anne Springer by email (spr@ksu.edu) or by phone (785-532-1442) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Send payment to Friends of the KSU Gardens, c/o Anne Springer, 2021 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. Net proceeds benefit the KSU Gardens.

Garden Talks and Walks Begin Feb. 26

Take your lunch break in the KSU Gardens and learn something new! Two new Garden Talks (formerly Tuesday Talks) are scheduled from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the Quinlan Visitors Center. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy in the Gardens before or after the talk.



Capture the Moment! Tuesday, February 26

Presented by Kurt Zoglmann, KSU Office of Mediated Education, avid amateur photographer

Nature’s beauty, pattern and detail often inspire us to capture the moment with a camera. The KSU Gardens make for a great location to inspire the mind’s eye and delight us with a variety of colors and small insects. This talk will feature

some of the tools and techniques that may be used to capture the wonder of nature, including everything from point and shoot cameras to dedicated dSLRs with specialized lenses and flashes.

Getting to Know Your Neighborhood Bat, Tuesday, March 12

Presented by staff members from Milford Nature Center

Bats are one of the most misunderstood animals in nature, yet one of the most beneficial insect-eaters around. Come learn the truth about these gentle creatures, meet one up close and learn how to live with them in our Kansas landscape.

Please **RSVP to gfriends@ksu.edu** by the Monday prior to the talk you wish to attend. There is no charge for Garden Talks and Walks; however, donations and Friends memberships are appreciated.

For more information, visit us on the web or Facebook at:

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Notecards Feature Fontenot Paintings



The second series of notecards featuring eight paintings of the Gardens by Ralph Fontenot are available for purchase at Friends events for \$20. You may also email gfriends@ksu.edu to make other arrangements for purchase.

KSU Gardens 2013 Development Plans

This winter and spring, our students will continue to work on their paver walkway expansion project for the Daylily Collection Garden. As you may have noticed, they finished the Peony Collection Garden walk this past fall. This summer,



a new irrigation system will be added to both the Daylily and Peony Collection Gardens. Initial plantings to both of these collection gardens will begin this fall.

Construction drawings for two new KSU Garden projects were finalized this winter.

The first construction project will take place early this spring at the KSU Gardens Maintenance Building. We will be cutting the street curb to install a new concrete entry drive, a parking lot curb and gutter and bulk material storage bins. Upon completion of this construction project, we will

start adding some permanent educational components to the site such as a hardscape, and irrigation and turf demonstration plots. When the demonstration plots are established, we will finish by landscaping the site with trial plants. We are very excited about this project. For the past 17 years, this site has been a maintenance facility but now, it will also serve as a great educational facility.

The second construction project will take place late this spring in the Conservatory Garden. This includes installing a limestone retaining wall, stairs and perimeter walkway around the Conservatory Garden's fountain plaza. The plaza, home to the Bidwell Family Fountain, will be defined by four large planting beds that will showcase red roses. The red rose beds were sponsored by the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in memory of Claudine Pillsbury (Pi Kappa Phi house mother). The design for the limestone walls and paver walkway that define the rose beds are outstanding. When the plantings are established, it will be a wonderful tribute, memorial and addition to the Conservatory Garden Fountain Plaza in the KSU Gardens.

—Scott McElwain, Director



Four black cast iron benches with matching planters were added to the Conservatory Garden Fountain Plaza site in the fall of 2012 (pictured above). Donor plaques are shown below. Take time to relax in the Gardens and enjoy these new benches.



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Unique Events Planned by Fundraising From the President

Last November Lori Able, owner of Ann A Lees in Grand Mere Village, shared ideas for the holiday season with a power point presentation and hands-on decorations for the table and home. While Colbert Hills served a wonderful luncheon, our attendees were able to purchase decorations, with 10% of the cost going



to the gardens. Lori extended this opportunity for the entire day at Ann A Lee's! Door prizes, good food, and holiday decorating inspirations provided us with a very pleasant day.

In December, we held the annual poinsettia sale where we sold 556 plants representing dozens of specimens and colors. Special thanks goes to Dr. Kim Williams



and her students who planted, marked and recorded results for all the specimens we sold and to Scott McElwain and the many volunteers who staffed the sale.

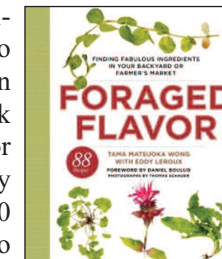
This year we have planned a very special bus tour to the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine and the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston on Thursday, April 11, 2013. We will depart at 8 a.m. sharp by motor coach to the century-old, historic Bartlett Arboretum, home to massive cypress, oaks, champion Japanese maples, and a wonderful display of tulips. Lunch will be at Luciano's Italian Restaurant in Mulvane and then on to the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston, arriving home by 6 p.m. Visit our website ksu.edu/gardens or facebook.com/kstate.gardens for details.

The next luncheon will be April 24, 2013. Tama Matsouka Wong, who wrote *Foraged Flavor*, will lead a foraging expedition near Keats,



at the home of Ann Carter. With the help of Tama and her book, you will be able to identify and pick edible foods to be utilized at a cooking demonstration at

HyVee by local chefs. Of course, we will be able to taste the wonderful creations prepared by our chefs! You may participate in both activities or just come to our noon luncheon where Tama's book will be available for purchase. We only have room for 50 people, so be sure to sign up early for this great opportunity. Information about Tama and foraging can be found on her website: meadowsandmore.com.



The summer luncheon will be June 27, 2013 at Prairie Wind Gardens, the home of Irene Johnson. Our rain date will be June 28. We will keep you posted with details later.

"Music of the Night with Dueling Pianos" will mark the ninth Gardens Gala to be held June 7, 2013 under the tent at our beautiful KSU Gardens. Mark your calendars, because this will be fun, Fun, FUN!

—Sharon Snyder, Fundraising Chair

Serving as the President of the KSU Gardens is a privilege: very rewarding and a great deal of fun. As you read this newsletter you will see that the months ahead are filled with a bus trip to several beautiful gardens, the increasingly popular Garden Talks and Walks series, and the Garden Gala the first Friday in June.

There is no need for me to expand on these events as the Board is made up of enthusiastic and dedicated members who will elaborate on these events. My job as President is simply to encourage you to read this newsletter from front to back.

One of the purposes of the Friends of the KSU Gardens is to benefit the K-State faculty, students and the visiting public. For this reason the Board selected the project of updating the Maintenance Building. This may not sound particularly glamorous but upgrading this facility will enhance the education component of the KSU Gardens.

I encourage you to visit the Gardens now while plants are dormant for the winter. Then come visit once a month between now and June and you will witness the gardens come to life during their annual renewal. By seeing "what is not there at this moment," you will appreciate the growth of the gardens themselves along with the beginning of our upcoming construction projects.

Thank you for your continued support.

—Polly Stoecklein, President

Save the Date! Annual Gala June 7

Plans are currently underway for the ninth annual KSU Gardens Gala, to be held on Friday, June 7, 2013. The committee promises another delightful event, based on the theme "Music of the Night: Featuring Dueling Pianos." Private donations provide more than ninety percent of the funding for the development of the Gardens and the Gala is our most important event. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

—Gala Committee

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