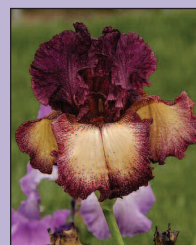




Most Popular Iris at the Gardens

Each year visitors to Kansas State University Gardens' Annual Iris Day are asked to vote for their favorites. This year's voting resulted in a three-way tie for first place. The winners are pictured below. The annual iris sale is held the last Saturday of July each year.



Epicenter



Cameo Wine



Planned Treasure

Upcoming Events

November 3 Luncheon:

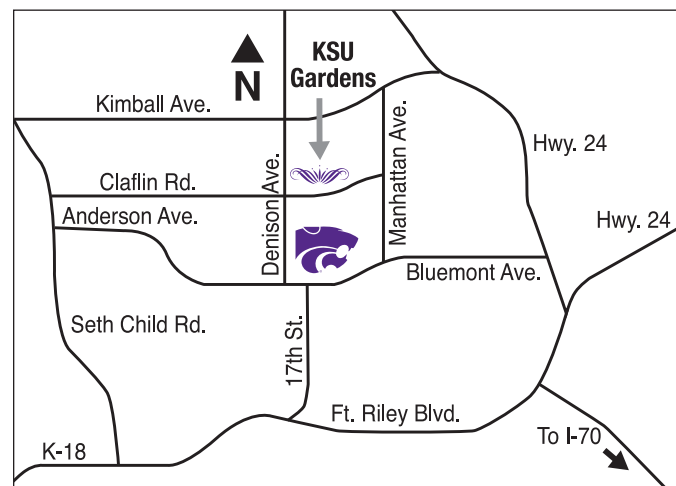
Re-think, Re-design, Re-invent for the Holidays



The final luncheon in the 2011 Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens series will be at Colbert Hills from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 3. Manhattan area businessmen Ralph Diaz and Rob Dudley will show how to combine existing items from around the home with new pieces to make beautiful table settings and decorations. They will creatively use linens and dishes with holiday décor.

Admission is \$25 per person. Net proceeds benefit the KSU Gardens. Advance payment and registration is required. Make reservations with Anne Springer at (785) 532-1442, (M, T, Th, F 8 a.m. to 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 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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Friends Host Membership Reception for Area Gardeners

Flower and plant enthusiasts from several garden clubs in the Manhattan area were invited Sunday, May 1, to a Friends of the K-State Gardens membership reception at the home of Polly Stoecklein, a member of the board.

Members of the Friends board of directors planned the membership meeting that included talks by Scott McElwain, gardens director; Mitzi Richards, immediate past president of the board; and two student workers at the Gardens who have been recipients of the work-study funds raised by the Friends. McElwain showed a presentation of the phase 2 garden construction currently underway.

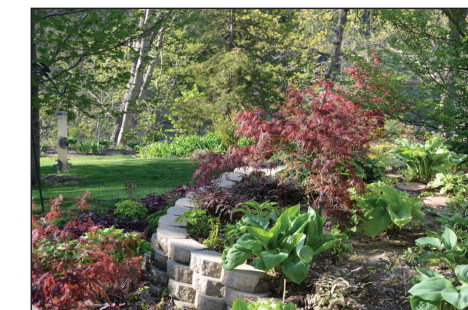
The Stoecklein home and garden were showcased for guests to enjoy with refreshments served in the summer house overlooking the lovely landscape.

Board members expressed a desire to repeat the membership function in other metropolitan areas of Kansas to expose people to the importance of supporting the university gardens, its educational mission and its planned expansion.

—Tim Lindemuth



Attendees mingle on the first level of the terraced backyard of Polly Stoecklein's home (above and lower left). One of the many plant beds throughout the terraces (lower right).



Gardens Note Cards

Note cards printed with eight different scenes of the KSU Gardens are available for a \$20 donation.

Each package contains eight cards and blank envelopes. The watercolors on the cards are by local artist Ralph Fontenot. This is the perfect memento of Manhattan, Kansas, produced in Manhattan, Kansas. Available at future



luncheons, the poinsettia sale or from any board member. For more information contact judy_unruh@att.net

Colonial-Style Garden Is Scene of Luncheon

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2011

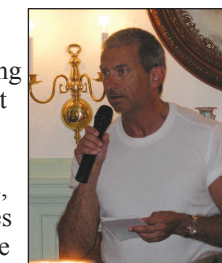
Place: Manhattan, Kansas

Forecast: Thunderstorms

Scheduled: Lunch and Talk in the private garden of Tim Lindemuth

What actually happened?: It rained. Tim graciously opened up his home to 40+ registrants who enjoyed a delicious box lunch and heard about the evolution of his property. Afterwards, the rain stopped and everyone was able to view his charming, rain freshened, colonial style garden. It was a great event!

It has been a pleasure coordinating the lunches this past year. Thank you to everyone who presented programs, provided door prizes and worked with me to make the events a success. Most of all, thank you to



Lindemuth explaining the process of creating his garden.



A portion of Tim Lindemuth's colonial garden.

everyone who attended the lunches in support of the Gardens. Because of your support, the Friends were able to purchase the PA system used at the June luncheon. It will enhance future programs including the next lunch at Colbert Hills Clubhouse, Thursday, November 3, 2011.

Until then see you in the Gardens.

—Judy F. Unruh, Co-Chair
Fundraising Committee

Growing Gardens: Phase II Construction Begins



Construction continues on the Conservatory Garden, Phase II of the KSU Gardens. July 1, 2011, ground was broke on the Bidwell Family Fountain site. The fountain will be the central focal point and key component to the overall design of this formal garden. This beautiful multi-tiered cast iron fountain will stand over 13 feet tall in an octagon shaped pool of water that measures 25 feet across. It will be a wonderful addition to the KSU Gardens. A camera has been set up to provide a live video feed of this construction project. To follow it online, visit the gardens at www.ksu.edu/gardens and look for the **Phase II Update** tab in the left hand column.

A Special Thanks to the Flint Hills Iris Society

The Flint Hills Iris Society recently donated over \$4,300 to the Friends of KSU Gardens to purchase commercial grade tools and supplies for the KSU Gardens. This kind of donation is extremely important as it filled various long-term needs. When inventorying all



Members of the Flint Hills Iris Society taking inventory and putting identification markers on tools donated by the Society.



Members of the Flint Hills Iris Society

the new tools, one student said, "This is like Christmas morning!" The tools and supplies are greatly appreciated and have been beneficial to students and volunteers participating in educational and maintenance practices this past spring in the KSU Gardens.

A Board member's personal story

"In search of my Grandmother's garden I found my own" (author unknown). Someone else deserves credit for this phrase, but it is exactly how I feel about my gardens. My passion for gardens began when I was a little girl visiting my Grandmother's garden with my cousin. We had very busy minds, loved to play outside and loved our chores in the garden with Grandmother. Looking back I realize those gardening chores were an attempt to keep our hands busy and our minds occupied.

We would go to the flower beds and she would go through a short ritual of putting her ear to the flowers and listening intently. She would look at us and say "They want this old bloom cut off so a new one can get out." We would listen and listen and never hear a peep from those flowers. When we fussed about not hearing the message, she would explain that we were "mere visitors" in her garden.

She reminded us she loved us dearly and she said, "Someday you will have your own garden to listen to." To our joy every visit unveiled new blooms and excitement about what we'd discover on the next visit.

My Grandmother has long since been forgiven for those little white lies which have become cherished childhood memories about gardening. If she were living and could stroll through my gardens she would understand that she is now the "mere visitor" and know that my garden only speaks to me.

It is a privilege to serve on the Advisory Board of the K-State Gardens and be a Friend of the Gardens. As Friends we are all advocates of the Gardens and provide a voice to the community about what has been accomplished, how our efforts benefit the students and also to support the future of the K-State Gardens.

—Polly Stoecklein

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Annual Gala Jazzes Up the Gardens with Gatsby Theme



From the President of the Friends

Hello, Friends!

Hope you are having a wonderful summer!

The KSU Gardens are just beautiful this time of year! If you get a chance, stop by and walk through the gardens. Several times when I've been at the Gardens, I've seen people taking pictures of their children or family with the pretty flowers in the background. What a great place to take pictures!! Smile!

We are off to a busy start this summer! The Gala at the start of June was a tremendous success! Then, most recently, we had our summer luncheon series on "English Colonial Gardening" which was very informative and interesting. Thanks to everyone who attended these events! In addition, a special thank you to those who worked on the planning and preparation to make these events fun and enjoyable for all. Kudos!

Included in this newsletter is a 'Friend of the KSU Gardens membership form'

for the 2011-2012 year. We hope you will consider becoming a Friend and/or volunteering for the coming year. Your continued support is vital to the operation and growth of the KSU Gardens and is most appreciated. Thank you!! And...please know that we always welcome 'new' Friends to the Gardens, so you are welcome to invite your 'friends' to become a 'Friend of the KSU Gardens.'

Watch for more information from the Friends of the KSU Gardens Board in the coming months for events happening this fall and winter. In the meantime, take time to "stop and smell the flowers," especially those at the KSU Gardens.

—Cheryl Yunk, President
Friends of the KSU Gardens

Online membership
registration now available:
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New This Fall! Tuesday Talks in the Gardens

Plan to take your lunch break in the KSU Gardens and hear short talks about the Gardens, garden photography, monarchs, and eating your garden. More information will be posted on the website and Facebook as it becomes available.

Congratulations on 60 Years

The Town and Country Garden Club celebrates 60 years of gardening this year. The club has made great contributions to the Manhattan community and we want to thank them for everything they do to promote gardening and their continued support of the KSU Gardens.

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If you visit us on Facebook (facebook.com/kstate.gardens), you can watch special videos highlighting plants of interest and educational demonstrations of maintenance practices in the KSU Gardens.