



News from the Friends Fundraising Committee

2008 was a busy year for the fundraising committee. The Gardens Luncheon Series featured Kansas wildflower expert, Mike Haddock in June, and the Oz Winery wine tasting with Mimi Balderson in October. In May, we premiered our new

Lyle, Mitzi Richards, Kiffnie Holt, De McGlashon, Kaye Hummel, and especially Scott McElwain.

Plans are under way for four new luncheon series presentations in 2009. The spring gardens luncheon series pres-

the KSU Gardens Conservatory, which has been closed pending complete renovation. The fundraising committee will work on an event to commemorate its one hundred years on the K-State campus, and as an important learning lab for thousands of Horticulture students through the decades.

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



Guests at the Oz Winery tasting are pictured above left. Mimi Balderson (pictured at right) gave the presentation which was a part of the 2008 Gardens Luncheon Series.

Cottage Gift Shop to coincide with a huge Spring Conservatory Plant Sale, where hundreds of tropicals, succulents, and cacti were sold. The Friends held their annual Friends Day on September 27, where visitors again had the opportunity to purchase plants from the Conservatory. In December, we held the annual poinsettia sale which set sales records. We completely sold out—selling every single specimen grown by Dr. Kim Williams and students. A special thanks to the volunteers who staffed the sale: Nancy Farrar, Sharon Snyder, Kris Boone, Deloris Berland, Janice Flanary, Barb Wassenburg, Barbara Peck, Ann Scott, Jo

entation features Mike DeRee from Ball Seed. He is doing a slide show and discussing new annual flower introductions for 2009 and highlighting other special annual flowers. The date is March 12 and the time is noon to 1:15 at the K-State Gardens. Invitations will be emailed in February, so R.S.V.P. early to reserve your spot. The second luncheon series presentation will feature a talk on Viburnums by Gary Ladman later in the summer. The cost for the Gardens Luncheon Series is \$25, and includes a wonderful boxed lunch.

2009 brings the centennial anniversary of



Upcoming Events

Luncheon Series:
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March 12, 2009 • Noon-1:15 pm

More information will be emailed in February

**5th Annual KSU Gardens Gala:
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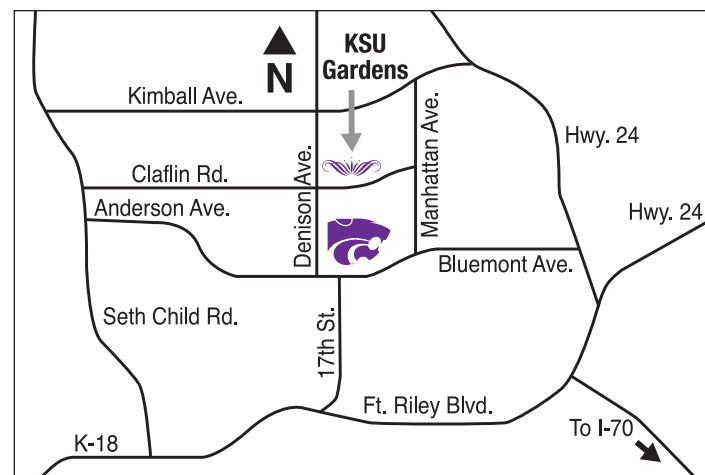


June 5, 2009

Invitations to be mailed in May



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 Claffin Road. Quinlan Visitor Center is part of the historic Dairy Barn.



Visitors to the Poinsettia Open House take a survey on the wide variety of poinsettias available this year from the KSU Gardens. More photos from the poinsettia sale on page 5.

Message from the Director

This past fall and winter we have been working with the University and Faculty members within the department of Horticulture, Forestry, and Recreation Resources to develop a couple of new programs for the KSU Gardens.

The first program is an addition to our student internship and work-study program. This spring we will start recruiting students to participate in various design and development projects within the KSU Gardens. We have created a list of potential **student service learning projects** from which each student can select one that fits into their area of interest. The student will then outline and develop the project with the assistance of their advisor and the gardens director. The most exciting part of this new program is that it will enable more students to participate in the overall development process of the KSU Gardens.

The second program is actually a new garden area. The planning and design are underway for a new **Teaching and Demonstration Garden**. You may have

heard me say that “whenever we are developing a new area, we incorporate student labs into the project which gives our students a great hands-on experience”. However, we are in various phases of development each year and there are certain lab projects that need a dedicated space that will ensure that each semester those projects can be offered to our students. Construction and maintenance equipment operation, brick paver and irrigation installation, temporary planting demonstrations, and various side by side product comparisons are just a few of the educational tools that will be incorporated into this unique and exciting new garden.

Not only will both of these projects assist in garden development but they will continue to support our mission of providing excellence in garden education. As always, don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for your continued support.

Scott McElwain, Director,
KSU Gardens



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From the President of the Friends of the KSU Gardens

Dear Friends,

Our heartfelt thanks for the more than ninety Friends who responded to our December mailing. Indeed, our membership is growing and your passion for and commitment to the Gardens is the reason. I would also like to thank Jim Lindquist and his committee, Mitzi Richards, Jim Roush, and Anne Springer, for leading this charge. They exemplify the excitement and energy so necessary to promote our mission as a Friend and Board member.

In January we added a new Board

member, Judy Unruh. Judy served on the Board a number of years ago and brings with her a love of gardening and a desire to be a part of a “working Board”. I would encourage any of you who enjoy people and want to make a difference in our Gardens to volunteer to serve. We welcome all Friends.

Please, be sure to mark June 5th on your calendar. Our Gala committee is hard at work creating “A Taste of Tuscany” as our major fundraising effort for the year. Did you know that over 90

percent of funding for the KSU Gardens comes from private donations? Your support will provide resources for student interns for special projects and further the development of our beautiful Gardens. Please, join us for dining, dancing and great fun with the knowledge you will be a part of our mission to promote and support the KSU Gardens.

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

2008 Poinsettia Sale Sells All Plants and Sets Sales Record



For more about the 2008 Poinsettia Sale, see the Fundraising Committee article on the front page.

Thanks to Our Friends Our Garden Is Growing!

“The KSU Gardens is recognized as a jewel on our campus, in Manhattan, and across our state. Annually, thousands of visitors experience the beauty and serenity the Gardens provide, while students across the campus benefit from a learning environment second to none. All those who are impacted by our gardens are grateful to those we call ‘our friends’.

“Members of Friends of KSU Gardens generously assist with garden development, educational material, and ongoing maintenance of this historic Kansas State University project. As the Friends membership continues to grow, it is reflected in the continued improvement and development of Garden programs. With this support, stone benches were placed in the

Adaptive/Native Plant Garden, educational brochures and materials were produced, plant labels were purchased, new plant material was incorporated into existing and newly expanded area of the gardens, and most importantly, three horticulture student internships were sponsored during the past year.”



The paragraphs appearing above were excerpted from the 2009 Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens membership solicitation sent a few weeks ago by Friends President Sharon Snyder and Membership Committee Chair, Jim Lindquist. We want to re-

mind readers of our newsletter of the great work being done in the Gardens and the many projects that are possible because of Friends membership. We are pleased to report that membership is increasing and we have received a boost in Friends contributions that will enable us to continue to improve and develop this wonderful campus resource. Tell your friends about membership in the Friends of KSU Gardens and help us “grow the Gardens”. Together, our shared passion for the KSU Gardens impacts our quality of life and excellent education for future horticulture leaders.

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