



Planting a Seed Fundraiser Set for October 25

Make plans now to attend the third annual "Planting a Seed" fundraising event on Friday, October 25 from 6:00-10:00 pm in the K-State Alumni Association ballroom with this year's special honorees Dan and Beth Bird, and Warren and Carol Weibert.

Our goal is to raise \$400,000 for the reflecting pool project. This will enable the Gardens to move forward with its plan of building a large reflecting pool with two adjacent aquatic pools and surrounding limestone walls.

Enjoy this evening extraordinaire with cocktails, dinner and a lively auction with a dozen new exciting auction items available this year. They include a trip for 8-10 to Churchill Downs and a bourbon tour; a trip for 8 to Placencia, Belize; a Kohler golf package for 4; and a trip to Lake Louise, Calgary and Banff Canada.

Watch for your invitation in the mail but mark your calendars now! Tickets are \$125 each and go to support our

K-State Gardens.

Check our website at k-state.edu/gardens/events/ for more details!



NEW!! Kids K-State Garden Club

The Gardens hosted the new Kids K-State Garden Club. In four spring sessions, kids (K-3rd) learned gardening basics including how plants and kids have similar needs; how worms, butterflies and bees benefit plants; how to make terrariums; and planted vegetables and herbs in one of The Gardens new raised beds. Fun was had by all. The vegetables were planted in May (*lower left*) and by August (*lower right*) were filling the planters.



Welcome to New Members of Quinlan Society

The Friends of the Gardens welcome several new members to the Quinlan Society of lifetime donors of \$10,000 or more. Thanks to Charlie and Debbie Morrison, Steve and Cathy Lacy, Carl and Mary Ice, David and Mary Jo Nelson, and Charley and Nancy Cole. Your strong support is gratefully received.



Friends of the Gardens Annual Appeal

To all of you who help make the **Kansas State University Gardens** a beautiful space, we **THANK YOU!**

Did you know that approximately **80% of the funding for the K-State Gardens comes from donations?** We very much appreciate your support in helping the Gardens grow and also in providing funding for the student interns who work in the Gardens as a learning laboratory.

Our **Friends of the Gardens Annual Appeal** will have a different look this year. You will be hearing directly from the Friends of the Gardens about plans and needs. Watch for our letter in your mailbox! We hope you will consider a donation to the Gardens. **Thank you for your continued support of our mission.**

Cheryl Yunk, Chair
Friends of The Gardens Development Committee



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From the Director of the Gardens

My wife and I recently traveled to Florida. One evening, while waiting for a table outside a restaurant the people around us engaged in a conversation about where they were from and what they were doing in Florida for their vacations. I was minding my own business until they started talking about the landscape and how they both loved plants. One woman said, "I just love plants, if I could make a living at it, I would...I should have been a botanist!" I couldn't resist. I



said, "How about a Horticulturist?" She said, "Yes, I should have been a Horticulturist...what do you do, are you a Horticulturist?" "Yes I am," I replied and then the flood gates opened with plant questions and what exactly I did as a Horticulturist. After telling them about our beautiful Gardens at Kansas State University they were all in unison on saying "Wow! That is way cool!" My reply (with a big smile on my face) was, "Yes. Yes it is."

While this was one of my many proud papa moments, it's also a good example of how easy it is to connect people and plants. Our students become quickly aware of this while working in the Gardens and it's fun to see their passion emerge when they engage with others. Wesley Howe, our

head intern for 2019, while training the summer crew this past spring, said, "now, you really need to pay attention or even take a few pictures of how things look early on in the growing season because the transition in the Gardens (especially in the annual flowers) is amazing!! But you know what? That's not even my favorite thing about working here. What I really like the most about working in the Gardens is that everyone that walks through here is in a great mood. They love the Gardens and even if it's hot and nasty outside, I'll absorb just a little bit of all that positive energy that everyone has and it makes my day!" Now that's some good stuff and it's why being part of the Kansas State University Gardens is... "way cool!"

Scott McElwain

Remarks from the President of the Friends

I am looking forward to serving as the President of the Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens board. I know I have the support of an amazing

and diversely talented group of people who serve on this board and that together we will be successful at anything we undertake. Along with you, our

friends, we will continue to make our Gardens grow and improve.

The beauty you see in the Gardens is the result of the enthusiastic efforts of many. Scott McElwain, our director, manages and works tirelessly to improve and grow the Gardens. Your generous donations fund the student interns who assist Scott in numerous ways and also provide financial assistance where it is needed the most. Volunteer groups, the Purple Thumbs and Awl Thumbs, also contribute many hours to help enhance the beauty of the Gardens. Join us for a stroll through the Gardens for relaxation and renewal, but also for weddings, receptions, family gatherings, photo opportunities or even a bench to sit while you read or study.

To all of you who contribute to the Gardens, we thank you! We hope to see you at one of several upcoming fall events and fundraisers. Meanwhile, I hope you'll come visit and experience the beauty, tranquility and joy of our K-State University Gardens. We have much to celebrate!

Nancy Farrar
2019-2020 Friends Board President



The Awl Thumbs, a group of woodworking volunteers, built these raised garden planters in the winter months of 2019. This summer, the planters are filled to overflowing with fruits and vegetables. Thanks to all of our handy volunteers, they've been a great addition to the Gardens.

LIGHT UP THE GARDENS



This year's Garden Party was an unqualified success! We had a perfect evening with mild weather and lots of beautiful lighting to make the night special. The silent auction, sponsors and ticket sales brought in over \$20,000 to support our student internship program.

Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed the event. If you weren't able to attend, mark your calendars for next year on Friday, June 5, 2020.



Student Sponsorship

A special thanks to Don and Linda Glaser for sponsoring Wesley Howe our head intern for 2019 (\$7,500) and Sue White for sponsoring a summer intern (\$5,000). The Glaser's have also provided a \$2,500 matching gift to encourage others to sponsor a student intern at the \$5,000 level. If you would like to support our student internship program, please consider one of the following sponsorship opportunities.

- Sponsor the Head Intern (Spring-half & Summer full-time) \$7,500 [Sponsored for 2019]
- Sponsorship for Summer Interns (4 full-time) \$5,000* each [1/4]
- Sponsorship for Fall & Spring Semester Intern (4 part-time) . . . \$3,500 each
- Seeking donor for matching opportunities (Summer Interns) . . . \$2,500 each
 (*\$2,500 matching may be available for this sponsorship) [1/4]





Daylily Daze

The Gardens second annual Daylily Daze went well with over 60 visitors in attendance. The popularity poll among the daylilies blooming in the Gardens was a tie for first with 'Rose F Kennedy' (*above left*) and 'Red Rhapsody' (*right*) as the winners. The votes were really spread out with nine daylilies tying for second place.

Among the bloom display, 'Entwined in the Vine' and 'Starry Skies' tied for top honors. 'Entwined in the Vine' was just added this year to the Gardens as the 2018 Stout Medal Winner. Tied for second place was 'Can You Dig It', 'Orange Grove', 'Africa', and 'Milk Chocolate'. 'Milk Chocolate' was a big hit among the Flint Hills Daylily Society members who hosted the event.





Purple Thumbs hard at work in The Gardens.



Another Successful Iris Sale

The Flint Hills Iris Society (FHIS) hosted the annual iris sale at The Gardens on July 27 and is happy to report that for the second year in a row, “we sold out of iris early.” Due to the wet winter and the cool, wet spring, there were fewer iris to sell; however, there were still many award winning varieties available. All of the funds generated at the sale are donated back to the Kansas State University Gardens and the FHIS donation this year should be around \$3600. Some of the funds have already been used to replace iris lost over the winter and will also be used to add 25-30 beautiful new varieties to the collection. The collection includes dwarf, intermediate and tall bearded iris along with spuria and Siberian. The iris beds include: a bed of historical iris, one with re-blooming varieties, another with a large group of Dykes Medal Winners, and the De McGlashon memorial bed which is named after the FHIS founder. We hope you’ll visit the Gardens next May and enjoy these beautiful and hardy perennials in their prime bloom period.

A big thanks goes out to all who got up early on a Saturday morning and stood in line for 30-45 minutes to purchase iris and support the Flint Hills Iris Society and The Gardens. If you’re interested in becoming a FHIS member, please contact us at fhis2014@gmail.com.



Master Gardener Tour

The annual Riley County Extension Master Gardener’s Garden Tour on June 9 was a success with approximately 380 participants touring six Manhattan gardens including the Kansas State University Gardens. The Riley County, K-State Research and Extension Masters Gardeners donate a portion of the proceeds to the K-State Gardens every year. For more about the Master Gardeners: Riley.k-state.edu/master-gardener/index.html.



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September Stroll

Bring your friends and family to the Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens September Stroll on Friday, September 6, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Board members, master gardeners and volunteers will be available to show you around our beautiful gardens. Enjoy a free evening with friends, music, student demonstrations and more.

Online membership registration available: www.ksu.edu/gardens

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2019

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September Stroll in the Gardens
Friday, September 6, 6:30-8:30 pm
Check out our new lighting and visit with Board members and volunteers

October 2019

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Planting a Seed
Dinner and auction at the Alumni Center
Friday, October 25, 6-10 pm
Fundraiser for the new reflecting pool in the K-State Gardens

November 2019

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Friends of the Gardens Poinsettia and Amaryllis Sale
Kansas State University
Gardens Quinlan Visitor Center
Friday, Nov. 22, noon-5:30 pm

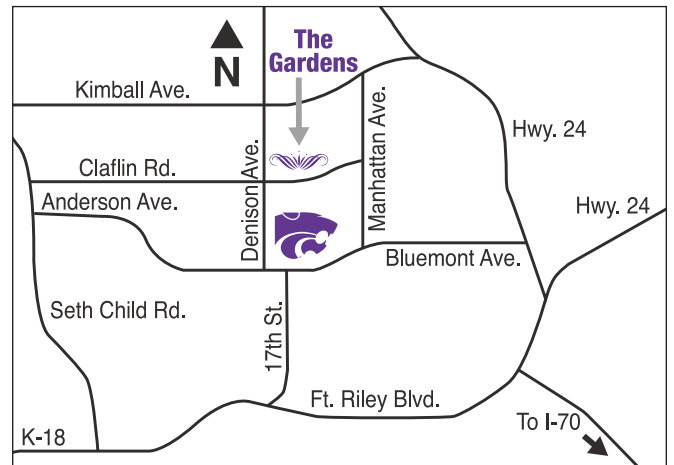


Wednesday, Dec 4, noon-5:30 pm
Friday, Dec 6, noon-5:30 pm

December 2019

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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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