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 Glenn H. Beck Dairy Barn.

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 2010 Kansas State University Gardens Luncheon Series begins March 5 and will include speakers throughout the year on cultivation of annuals from seed, carefree maintenance of the hardy daylily and home holiday decorating with plants.

“Knowing how busy work weeks can be, this educational program is scaled to fit within the normal noon hour with a gourmet box lunch served during the gardening lessons,” said Judy Unruh, series coordinator for the K-State Gardens board of directors.

All the 2010 garden luncheon programs begin at 11:45 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. with an admission of $25 each, payable upon registration. This includes lunch and garden program. Proceeds of the series support special projects at the K-State Gardens.

The series dates and locations include:
- **Friday, March 5**, “Awesome Annuals for 2010,” K-State Gardens Visitors Center conference room. The presenter is Mike DeRee of Ball Seed Co., Wichita.
- **Thursday, July 8**, tour the daylily collection of Steve and Maureen Thien at the height of the blooming season. The Thiens’ home, 3400 Windsor Court, Manhattan, is designated an American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden with more than 600 daylily varieties.
- **Thursday, Nov. 11**, “Holiday Centerpieces and Table Decorations for Christmas,” at the K-State Gardens Visitors Center conference room. The presenter is Bronwyn Douglas, co-owner of Kistner’s Flowers, Manhattan.

For more information, contact Unruh at 785-587-8432 or Judy.Unruh@att.net. To place reservations contact or visit Anne Springer at the office of horticulture, forestry and recreation resources at K-State, 2021 Throckmorton Hall, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 785-532-1442 spr@k-state.edu.

**Awesome Annuals for 2010**

“Awesome Annuals for 2010” is the KSU Garden Luncheon Series topic for March 5. The presenter is Mike DeRee, a sales representative for Ball Seed Company. He lives in Wichita and works in Nebraska and Missouri, as well as Kansas. Mike grew up in his family’s greenhouse business in Wichita and has been in the horticulture business his entire career. Mike believes the wonder of growing and gardening connects us to the grandeur of nature, and also to each other, making the human experience more fulfilling, more complete.

Ball Seed Company is a subsidiary company of Ball Horticultural Company, a family owned and privately held company, and a leader in breeding plants for greenhouse growers on every continent. Ball Horticultural’s credo is to “create excitement in the world of flowers.” Mike’s presentation last year was enjoyed by attendees so much that he was asked to come back again this year!
Dayton Scholarship Recipients

The Dayton Family has supported the KSU Gardens project in many ways over the years. Several teak garden benches and chairs, sculpture such as the native bird collection in the adaptive/native plant garden and “Serenity” in the butterfly garden have all been sponsored by the Dayton family. Another area the Daytons have chosen to support the KSU Gardens and K-State students is through the Art and Artie Dayton Garden Scholarship. This scholarship was established to recognize exceptional horticulture students who work in the Art and Artie Dayton Garden and such as the native bird collection in the adaptive/native plant garden and “Serenity” in the butterfly garden have all been sponsored by the Dayton family. Another area the Daytons have chosen to support the KSU Gardens and K-State students is through the Art and Artie Dayton Garden Scholarship. This scholarship was established to recognize exceptional horticulture students who work in the Art and Artie Dayton Garden and have proven they possess a tremendous work ethic.

Congratulations to Anna, Bridget and Nilo. The Art and Artie Dayton Garden Scholarship is an award that they are well deserving of. On behalf of the KSU Gardens and our horticulture students, I would like to thank the Dayton Family for their generosity and continued support.

— Scott McElwain, Director, KSU Gardens

Art and LaVonie Dayton at a sculpture dedication in 2001.

Bridget Baker
Nilo Fanska
Anna Rhoades

Did You Know?

In 1877 Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University donated over 100 species of exotic trees and shrubs to be incorporated into the campus landscape. At its peak, between 1940 and 1960, the Kansas State University Gardens and Arboretum contained 4,000 specimens, representing 700 species of woody plants. An outdoor laboratory indeed!