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Upcoming Events

Next Luncheon:

Drift Roses: The Next Big Thing for Small Gardens

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Annual Garden Gala

The Great Gatsby:
JAZZ UP
THE GARDENS

Friday, June 3, 2011

Three public seminars are featured in the 2011 Friends of the Kansas State University Gardens Luncheon Series. Learn about drift roses in March, tour an 18th century style colonial garden in June, and, in November, see how to use "old with new" to decorate for the holidays.

All programs will be on Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., said Judy Unruh, coordinator of the series. Admission is $25 per person for the lunch and lecture. Net proceeds benefit the KSU Gardens.

March 10, "Drift Roses: The Next Big Thing for Small Gardens," President’s Room, Holiday Inn at the Campus, presenter Doug Baker, vice president for major accounts for Greenleaf Nursery in Oklahoma. A 1985 K-State graduate in horticulture, Baker has been with Greenleaf for 23 years.

June 16, "English Colonial Gardening," tour a private garden at 500 Denison Ave., Manhattan. Tim Lindemuth, editor of the K-Stater alumni magazine and member of the Friends of the KSU Gardens board, will explain how he designed and built an 18th century style colonial garden patterned after the Custis Maupin House garden constructed in 1733 at Williamsburg, Va. Now, 3, "Re-think, Re-design, Re-invent for the Holidays," Colbert Hills Clubhouse. Manhattan area businessmen Ralph Díaz and Rob Dudley will show how to combine existing items around the home with new pieces to make beautiful table settings and decorations. They will creatively use linens and dishes with holiday décor.

The Garden Gala Committee has been putting together some wonderful plans for the 2011 Gala. So, mark your calendar and get ready to “kick up your heels with Betti O” on Friday, June 3, 2011 in the KSU Gardens. 1920s attire is desired but not required for this Great Gatsby theme oriented evening. Invitations will be mailed to all active Friends members but everyone is invited to this annual fund raising event that directly benefits student internships and their special projects. For The Great Gatsby: Jazz up the Gardens ticket information, please call 785-532-6266.

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Advocate and Friends!
For more information:
www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/gardens/
As many of you know, our historic Conservatory is over 100 years old and in need of major repairs. We removed all of the plant material prior to the 2009-2010 Winter and have since been investigating all options for its restoration or replacement. This is very unfortunate as it adds a significant cost to our efforts.

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In recognizing the importance of the Gardens as a resource to all people who visit Kansas State University, our community, and anyone who enjoys the university campus, it is up to all of us to support and maintain this precious resource. Your support is critical, now and in the future. The Friends of the KSU Gardens are grateful to all those who are called “our friends”. This is why the Friends of the KSU Gardens membership is growing. Welcome to 258 new and continued members and thank you very much for your support of the KSU Gardens!

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