**Weekend Weeders Wanted!**

On Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 9 a.m. the Gardens will host a weekend weeding event. We are looking for volunteers who can help trim, deadhead and weed various garden beds. We want to look our best for fall events and need your help.

Please contact volunteer coordinator Laura Hall at Gardens.Laura.Hall@gmail.com for more information. We will serve coffee and donuts to all who participate. If you have a pair of pruning shears and your own gloves, please bring them. All other tools and trash receptacles will be provided. If you can’t make it on Saturday, please give your contact information to Laura for future volunteer opportunities.

**Before and After: Updates Continue Throughout The Gardens**

*The iris bog was developed in 2016 and 2017. Notice the contrast between the bare space (pictured above) and after it has filled in with plants (pictured at right).*

*This arbor was constructed and dedicated in 2016 (pictured above). A climbing rose and annual coleus complete the bed (at right).*

**New Quinlan Society Members**

Several new donors have joined the Quinlan Society which recognizes lifetime contributions of $10,000 or more. Please join us in congratulating Nancy Vogel, Dr. Robert Smith and Nelson and Marilyn Galle. Thanks to all of our members who support the work that we do at the Gardens.

**Note from the President**

We welcome the KSU Foundation Trustees to an evening reception in the Gardens on Sept. 29. These K-State supporters will have the chance to stroll through the grounds and enjoy the beauty of our gardens. Earlier in June, the Friends of the Gardens also were pleased to welcome the Kansas State University Alumni Association Board of Directors as special guests (and sponsors) to our annual Garden Party.

Many friends love and appreciate the Gardens as a work of art and a place of tranquility. Please join us and experience this wonderful setting for yourself.

Tim Lindemuth, President,
Friends of The Gardens Board
From the Director of The Gardens

We thought you’d enjoy the aerial photo below, taken with a drone in 2016, which presents a great bird’s eye view of the conservatory garden to the north. This photo also captures two of our major fundraising efforts. The first being our conservatory renovation and expansion project. As you can see in the aerial photo, our conservatory is in pretty rough shape. The second fundraising effort involves the lawn area, near the top of the photo and between the arbors. This is the site for our future reflecting pool. As you can see from the design perspective (also below), the reflecting pool will create a dramatic view of the plants, arbor, fountain and conservatory to the south. Both the reflecting pool and the conservatory have a long standing history with K-State and the University’s Gardens.

We have been reaching out to potential donors and are actively seeking major gift commitments to bring these projects to reality. If you or someone you know would be interested in supporting either one these projects, please let us know. It’s a great time to grow with the Gardens.

Scott McElwain
Director of The Gardens

Photos are of the reflection pool before and 2017 perspective.
The 14th annual Garden Party was held on June 2, 2017. The theme for the Party was “Can You Dig It?” A DJ from Complete Music kept the party lively with music from the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s.

Sodexo catered the event and used recipes that were popular during each of the decades represented by the music. The highlight was the hot peach cobbler topped with Call Hall ice cream. A perfect end to an al fresco summer dinner.

As attendees ate, danced, and visited their way through the evening; they also took time to bid at the silent auction which brought in over $9,200!

Some special guests at this year’s Party included President and Mrs. Myers who also brought friends from Washington, D.C.; and the KSU Alumni Board of Directors which attended as part of their summer meeting. Attendance grew to over 200 guests with room for more next year.

Thank you to all who attended, to the silent auction donors, and to our sponsors for making, “Can You Dig It?” a success. This event provides almost $28,000 in funding for the interns and student workers who keep the Gardens beautiful. We really “dig” you and hope to see you at the 2018 Garden Party.
Supporting the Gardens

As the Gardens grow, so does our need for support. There are various ways to support the Gardens. In addition to making an annual contribution to the Friends of the Gardens, you can also support the Gardens by attending special events, promoting the Gardens and its events, invite a friend to become a Friend of the Gardens or consider becoming a garden volunteer. All of the above are needed and greatly appreciated.

More photos from the 14th Annual Garden Party: Can You Dig It?

2017 Annual Iris Sale

On the last Saturday in July, a long line of potential iris buyers snaked through the Kansas State Gardens, waiting for the opportunity to purchase iris rhizomes from the Flint Hills Iris Society at their annual event. Hundreds of varieties and colors were available, divided and dug from the Gardens by volunteers.

This year was another successful event with approximately $7,000 in sales.

Profits from the sale are used to purchase new varieties, permanent signage, pavers for the walks, etc. The FHIS contributes hours of weeding, planting and deadheading to the Gardens. Please visit their website at flinthillsirissociety.com for more information.

Members of the KSU Horticultural Club had a pizza party in The Gardens recently.
What Will Your LEGACY Be?

Planned gifts are a wonderful way many K-Staters and friends of the university create a lasting legacy for areas they are most passionate about, like the Kansas State University Gardens. Future gifts through retirement or insurance policy beneficiaries, appreciated assets, charitable trusts or simple bequests designations are ways you can support the Gardens, and receive sizeable tax advantages at the same time. It is a great way to establish endowments that support our people, programs and places in perpetuity. To begin the conversation about your legacy, contact Emilie Fink at the KSU Foundation at 785-532-7571 or emilief@found.ksu.edu.

Our summer 2017 student gardeners (left to right): Emma Brooks, Madi Culley, Katy Doll and Huan Guo.

Student gardeners for this fall (left to right): Connor Bolte, Paul Knackendonk, Jessica Stanton, Mary Conner, Ethan Taylor and Toni Hudspath. An additional six student gardeners have been added for the fall term.

*Liatris punctata* (dotted gayfeather)  
*Eryngium leavenworthii* (false purple thistle)  
*Isotoma axillaris* (laurentia)
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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