

Kansas State University Gardens

Kansas State University, established in 1863, has a long history with gardening starting with its Arboretum in 1877. Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University donated over 100 species of exotic trees and shrubs.



The efforts continued to grow with the erection of a Victorian Conservatory in 1907 and establishment of a formal rose garden in 1927 by Professor Leon Reed Quinlan.

At its peak, the Arboretum contained 4,000 specimens, representing 700 species of woody plants. As the University grew, the Arboretum declined and in 1978 the formal gardens were eliminated. In 1989 a new garden was started.

Today, the Kansas State University Gardens is a horticultural display garden, free and open to the public, that serves as an invaluable educational resource and learning laboratory for K-State students and visitors of all ages.



Specialty Gardens

Discover the spectacular views and abundant plant life in the newly established Adaptive/ Native Plant, Butterfly, and Cottage Gardens. Be a part of the future by helping develop the Alumni Garden, Campus Creek Garden, Conservatory Garden and Children’s Garden.

Collection Gardens

Give your senses a treat! Plan to stay awhile and wander amongst a rainbow of colors in our Daylily, Iris, and Rose Collections! With future expansion, beautiful collections of conifers, hostas, and peonies will also be introduced.



Conservatory

Would you like to see an amazing display of cacti/desert and tropical plants in a beautiful Victorian style conservatory? Please support our efforts to renovate by making a donation to the KSU Gardens Conservatory so we can once again showcase these extraordinary plants to the public.

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