Friends of the KSU Gardens Luncheon Series for 2012

The Fall 2011 Gardens Luncheon, Re-Think, Re-Design, Re-Invent for the Holidays, at Colbert Hills was a huge success with our largest attendance yet! Attendees had a lovely lunch and learned new ideas for holiday decorating and entertaining.

The Fundraising Committee has planned the following Friends of the KSU Gardens Luncheon Series events for the remainder of the year—mark your calendars and reply early to save your spot!

March 28, 2012
Robin Macy, The Bartlett Arboretum
Manhattan Country Club, 11:45-1:00. Boxed lunch and beverage included in $30 price. RSVP by March 26.

Original Dixie Chick band member Robin Macy will share the story of the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine, Kansas and delight us with her music. Her life story is amazing and you will find out how she came to be steward of this historic garden property. This special event will fill quickly, so save your spot today. Visit www.bartlettarboretum.org for more information about the Bartlett and Robin.

November 8, 2012
Fresh Holiday Ideas for the Home
Manhattan Country Club, 11:45-1:00. $30 includes salad buffet, dessert, and drink. RSVP by November 6.

Ann A Lee’s, a home décor retailer in Manhattan, will share expertise for novice and experienced water gardeners alike. Participants will gather for lunch beside a large man-made pond stocked with bass and bluegill to learn about the many facets of aquatic gardening on large and small scales. For more information about Water’s Edge, visit www.watersedge.com.

Tuesday Talks in the Gardens Scheduled Through May

Attendants to the first two Tuesday Talks in the Gardens were treated to a very informative talk on Rain Gardens by Lee R. Skabelund, Associate Professor, KSU Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional and Community Planning. Lee (pictured at right), discussed urban storm water runoff issues and solutions incorporating rain gardens. He highlighted projects he has been involved with in Kansas including gardens at the KSU International Student Center and the Sunset Zoo in Manhattan.

Tuesday Talks in the Gardens are a great way to spend your lunch break and explore new and different topics pertinent to the gardening experience. The interactive talks are scheduled on Tuesdays, from 12:15-12:45pm in the Quinlan Visitor Center (with exceptions) at no charge. However, at times space is limited, so an RSVP is required by the Monday prior to the talk you wish to attend. For more information on upcoming talks and to RSVP, contact Judy F. Unruh at gfriends@ksu.edu.

Future topics include Back Health (Feb. 28), Community Gardening (Mar. 6) and Roses (May 22) all to be presented by generous individuals dedicated to helping the KSU Gardens grow! You can help by becoming or continuing to be a Friend of the KSU Gardens. Thank you for your support and see you in the Gardens!