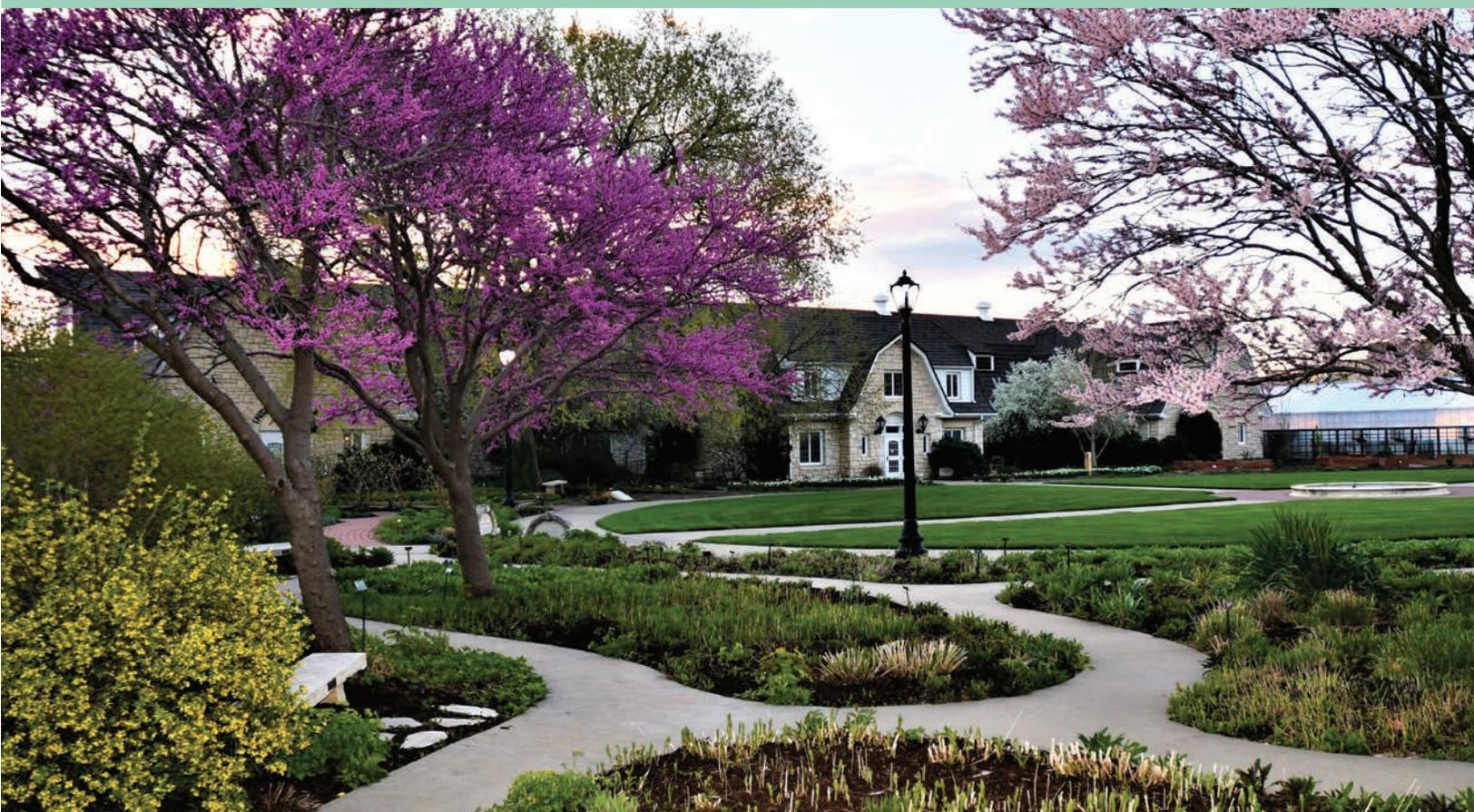


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Spring 2022





Kansas State University GARDENS

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From the Director of the Gardens

Friends of the Gardens,

Thanks to your support, the leadership of the Friends of the Gardens Board and a few major gifts we surpassed our fourth quarter 2021 fundraising goal of \$50,000 and raised over \$200,000 to support the Garden's reflecting pool project. We are moving forward with construction drawings and hope to break ground following the 2022 spring semester.

Significant gifts from Deloris and Steve Berland, Ann Bidwell, and Sharon and Bill Snyder helped create an endowment for the Gardens' water features. Our water features are a big part of the overall visitor experience and building this endowment will help us keep it that way.

Whether you make a gift toward the Gardens' endowment or expansion, attend an educational event or plant sale, or serve as a Gardens' volunteer, we want you to know that you are greatly appreciated and Thank you for being a Friend of the Gardens.

Scott McElwain
K-State Gardens Director



From the President of the Friends

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm going to Run for the Roses...
How about you?

The Friends of the K-State fundraising committee is hard at work planning a new event, Run for the Roses, which is a 5K Run and 1K Walk starting and ending in the Gardens. So, I thought it appropriate to proceed with a rose theme, including our Rose Garden.

The original K-State Garden included a lovely rose bed and was the first garden planted after the gardens' move in 1989. Many new rose bushes were planted in 2017-2018, but rose rosette disease hit in 2019, killing many of them. Annuals were planted to fill in the beds and remain today. The future will bring new roses to the Gardens.

Roses are one of the universal symbols for love. Rose flowers are given as gifts and are written about in stories and poems. Gardens of roses are built in adoration of this lovely flower with distinct characteristics, including symmetrical round flower heads, soft fragrant petals, oval serrated leaves and hard thorny stems. Roses are a favorite of both hobbyists and breeders who plant them for pleasure, beauty and joy. Many things are associated with roses, such as childhood games, poems, stories, songs and even band names (remember Guns and Roses?).

Roses are a great way of expressing one's feelings to another person without saying anything. Keep in mind that each rose color has a different meaning: yellow = friendship, orange = enthusiasm, white = purity, pink = joy, red rose = love.

Hope I succeeded in brightening your day and remember to check out the Run for the Roses information to learn about sponsoring or participating in the race/walk at k-state.edu/rose-run.

Jenne Streeter

Friends of the K-State Gardens Board President

Supporting the GARDENS

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5K run, 1K walk

April 30, 2022

9-11:30 a.m.

Runners will start at the Gardens, take a lap on the track in the WWI Memorial Stadium, and cruise by iconic Wildcat landmarks like Anderson Hall, the Student Union and Ahearn Fieldhouse. Purple Thumb volunteers will guide the 1K walkers around the Gardens, highlighting new projects to be funded with proceeds from the race.

The 5K course is USATF-certified, so winners are qualified for state records on this relatively flat, fast route. First-, second- and third-place winners in each age/gender category will receive a unique rose-shaped live succulent plant in a glazed purple pot! Thanks to our start and finish line sponsors: Community 1st Bank, Stephanie Berland and Jeff Walker.

Participant medals and T-Shirts for everyone who enters by **April 1**.



k-state.edu/rose-run

presented by: People's State Bank

Enchanted Evening

Garden Party

The Friends of the Gardens cordially invite you to the annual Garden Party.

Friday, June 3, 2022 ♦ 6:30 p.m.

Kansas State University Gardens

heavy hors d'oeuvres ♦ open bar ♦ live entertainment ♦ silent auction

See the Gardens in all their summer glory and enjoy an outdoor evening with friends.

Watch your mail for an invitation.

k-state.edu/gardens/events



Morrison Family Gift

Charlie and Debbie Morrison made a \$250,000 gift to sponsor the visitor center garden's cottage garden. Charlie surprised Debbie with this gift as the garden will honor her by being officially named the Debora Morrison Cottage Garden. While the majority of the Morrisons' gift will support the Gardens' endowment, funds will also be utilized for improvements that enhance our visitors' experiences.

The Morrisons understand the importance of building the Gardens' endowment to sustain future excellence in garden education. We are extremely grateful for this wonderful gift. An official dedication of the cottage garden will be announced later this spring.

Thanks to the Morrisons for their generosity!

Support the Gardens

The following funds support specific areas of the Kansas State University Gardens. Please contact Director Scott McElwain if you wish to contribute to any of these important areas.

- **Gardens Director's Excellence Fund** *(D61020) assists with critical day-to-day operations.
- **Bidwell Family Excellence Fund** *(D17850) provides maintenance for Gardens' water features.
- **KSU Gardens Projects** (D14610) supports expansion and development of the Gardens.
- **KSU Gardens Conservatory Project** (D29735) helps with future renovation/expansion.
- **KSU Gardens Internship Program** (D29740) supports students maintaining the Gardens.
- **KSU Gardens Friends** (D25860) provides maintenance, educational, expansion and promotional support.

* This is an endowed fund. Contributions can be directed toward income (available for immediate use) or principal (invested to build endowment).



Iris Sale Blockbuster

This year's Iris sale will be
8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 30.

Many varieties of your favorite Iris will be available. Last year's proceeds topped \$11,000 and we hope to have another blockbuster sale!

Farewell to the Gnomes and Hummels

Hip hip hooray! After a full year, we are thrilled to report that all the gnomes and Hummels are rehomed and the Gardens' conference room and halls are no longer display areas for sales. The majority of the gnomes and Hummels were sold by appointment out of the conference room or a Purple Thumb's garage, and on a few lovely Saturday mornings to visitors in the Gardens. The remaining were sold to an antique dealer who plans to resell them. The several Purple Thumbs who gathered, cleaned, disinfected, cataloged, priced, staged and sold the gnomes and Hummels are proud to donate the approximately \$13,500 in proceeds to the Gardens.



September Stroll

September Stroll was held in the Gardens on Sept. 17. It was a warm evening and a nice crowd enjoyed a beautiful stroll and the opportunity to purchase gnomes, succulents and raffle tickets for an outdoor lantern. A good time was had by all.

Friends of the Gardens Board Education Committee Activities

The Gardens Board Education Committee plans to host the K-State Gardens Kids Garden Club for first to third graders this spring. There will be several in-person classes covering basic gardening topics. The kids will plant early salad items in one of the raised beds and harvest their crop for salads at home.

Docent training for garden tour leaders will be offered in the spring. Garden history and layout, information about the collections (daylily, iris, rose, and peony) and specialty gardens (adaptive/native, butterfly, and cottage), along with interpretation, will be covered.

Poinsettia sale

Once again, the Friends of the Gardens poinsettia sale was a success thanks to the help of many Purple Thumbs, board members and volunteers. The plants were especially lovely this year with a few new varieties. The online sale ran Nov. 1-12 resulting in 75% of the sales. Horticulture students grow the plants and Gardens' volunteers gathered in the greenhouses to put online orders together. The remaining plants were sold quickly (in 45 minutes) by more volunteers at the Gardens' in-person sale on Nov. 19. The \$7,000 in sales allowed the Friends to support the student greenhouse production experience and provide funds for annual Gardens' expenses.



**Riley County
Extension Master
Gardener Tour**

Saturday, June 25
ksre.k-state.edu

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**All University
 Open House**
Saturday, April 9

Run for the Roses
Saturday, April 30
 9-11:30 a.m.

May 2022

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Iris Day
Sunday, May 8
 1-4 p.m.

Garden Party
Friday, June 3
 6:30-9:30 p.m.

June 2022

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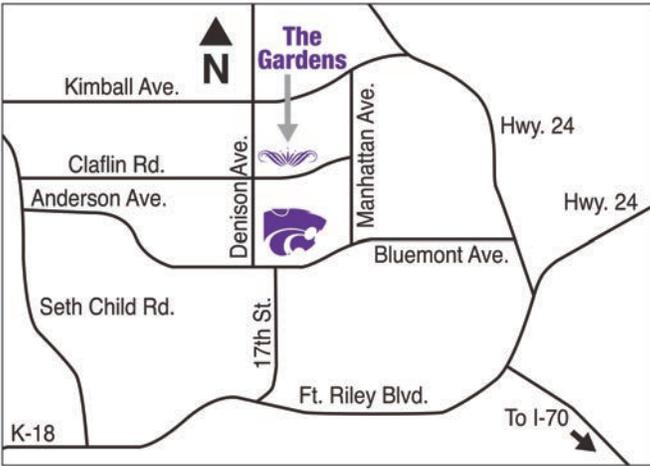
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The Kansas State University Gardens are designed as a lifelong learning laboratory to encourage environmental involvement with the university community and the public. An ever-changing display of plants provides an opportunity for education, research and conservation.



The Kansas State University Gardens are on the campus of Kansas State University at 1500 Denison Ave., north of Claflin Road. Quinlan Visitor's Center is part of the historic Glenn H. Beck Dairy Barn.

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