Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources
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UPCOMING KSU EVENTS

Sunday, February 17, 2013
Pottorf Hall
Manhattan
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RESERVE NOW for the “Explosion of Color” Bus Tour April 11

Please join the Friends of the KSU Gardens for our “Explosion of Color” Bus Tour to the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine and the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. The trip will be Thursday, April 11, 2013.

Climb aboard a charter bus at the Manhattan Town Center east parking lot (between Chil’s and JCPenney). We will depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. for a relaxing journey through the beautiful Flint Hills to our destination in south central Kansas.

Our first stop will be the historic Bartlett Arboretum. Steward Robin Macy charmed us with a beautiful presentation at a Friends luncheon last year, leaving many of us wanting more. Robin is excited to share the explosion of color from thousands of blooming tulips in the arboretum. There will be plenty of time to wander the paths and ponder what life might have been like decades ago.

Our next stop will be for lunch at Luciano’s Italian Restaurant in Mulvane. Authentic Italian food will be served buffet style for less than $20 per person. (lunch is not included in the ticket price).

After a delicious lunch, we will head north to the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains. Scott Vogt of the arboretum will lead our guided tour. We will also have the opportunity to preview adaptive and native plants that will be available at the Dyck’s spring plant sale. The bus will return to Manhattan by 6:00 p.m.

Cost is $50 per person, which includes transportation and entrance fees. Reservations and payment must be received by March 28. Make reservations with Anne Springer by email (spr@ksu.edu) or by phone (785-532-1442) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Send payment to Friends of the KSU Gardens, c/o Anne Springer, 2021 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. Net proceeds benefit the KSU Gardens.

Garden Talks and Walks Begin Feb. 26

Take your lunch break in the KSU Gardens and learn something new! Two new Garden Talks (formerly Tuesday Talks) are scheduled from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the Quinlan Visitors Center. Feel free to bring your lunch to enjoy in the Gardens before or after the talk.

For more information, visit us on the web or Facebook at:
www.ksu.edu/gardens
www.facebook.com/kstate.gardens

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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.

NOTECARDS FEATURE FONTENOT PAINTINGS

The second series of notecards featuring eight paintings of the Gardens by Ralph Fontenot are available for purchase at Friends events for $20. You may also email gfriends@ksu.edu to make other arrangements for purchase.

Capture the Moment!
Tuesday, February 26
Presented by Kurt Zoglmann, KSU Office of Mediated Education, avid amateur photographer

Nature’s beauty, pattern and detail often inspire us to capture the moment with a camera. The KSU Gardens make for a great location to inspire the mind’s eye and delight us with a variety of colors and small insects. This talk will feature some of the tools and techniques that may be used to capture the wonder of nature, including everything from point and shoot cameras to dedicated DSLRs with specialized lenses and flashes.

Getting to Know Your Neighborhood Bat, Tuesday, March 12
Presented by staff members from Midlif Nature Center

Bats are one of the most misunderstood animals in nature, yet one of the most beneficial insect-eaters around. Come learn the truth about these gentle creatures, meet one up close and learn how to live with them in our Kansas landscape.

Please RSVP to gfriends@ksu.edu by the Monday prior to the talk you wish to attend. There is no charge for Garden Talks and Walks; however, donations and Friends memberships are appreciated.

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Start adding some permanent educational components to the site such as a hardscape, and irrigation and turf demonstration plots. When the demonstration plots are established, we will finish by landscaping the site with trial plants. We are very excited about this project. For the past 17 years, this site has been a maintenance facility but now, it will also serve as a great educational facility.

The second construction project will take place later this spring in the Conservatory Garden. This involves installing a limestone retaining wall, stairs and perimeter walkway around the Conservatory Garden’s fountain plaza. The plaza, home to the Bidwell Family Fountain, will be defined by four large planting beds that will showcase red roses. The red rose beds were sponsored by the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in memory of Claudine Billsburg (Pi Kappa Phi house mother). The design for the limestone walls and paved walkways that define the rose beds are outstanding. When the plantings are established, it will be a wonderful tribute, memorial and addition to the Conservatory Garden Fountain Plaza in the KSU Gardens.

—Scott McElwain, Director

**Unique Events Planned by Fundraising**

Last November Lori Abee, owner of Ann A Lee’s in Grand Mare Village, shared ideas for the holiday season with a power point presentation and hands-on decorations for the table and home. While Colbert Hills served a wonderful luncheon, our attendees were able to purchase decorations, with 10% of the cost going to the gardens. Lori extended this opportunity for the entire day at Ann A Lee’s! Door prizes, good food, and holiday decorations inspired us with a very pleasant day.

In December, we held the annual poinsettia sale where we sold 556 plants representing dozens of species and colors. Special thanks goes to Dr. Kim Williams and her students who planted, marked and recorded results for all the specimens we sold and to Scott McElwain and the many volunteers who staffed the sale.

This year we have planned a very special bus tour to the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine and the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston on Thursday, April 11, 2013. We will depart at 8 a.m. sharp by motor coach to the century-old, historic Bartlett Arboretum, home to massive cypress, oaks, champion Japanese maples, and a wonderful display of tulips.

Lunch will be at Luciano’s Italian Restaurant in Mulvane and then on to the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston, arriving home by 6 p.m.

Visit our website ksu.edu/gardens or facebook.com/ksutgardens for details.

The next luncheon will be April 24, 2013. Tama Matsouka Wong, who wrote Foraged Flavor, will lead a foraging expedition near Keats, at the home of Ann Carter. With the help of Tama and her book, you will be able to identify and pick edible foods to be utilized at a cooking demonstration at Hy-Vee by local chefs. Of course, we will be able to taste the wonderful creations prepared by our chefs! You may participate in both activities or just come to our noon luncheon where Tama’s book will be available for purchase. We only have room for 50 people, so be sure to sign up early for this great opportunity. Information about Tama and foraging can be found on her website: meadowsandmore.com.

The summer luncheon will be June 27, 2013 at Prairie Wind Gardens, the home of Irene Johnson. Our rain date will be June 28. We will keep you posted with details later.

“Music of the Night with Dueling Pianos” will mark the ninth gardens Gala to be held June 7, 2013 under the tent at our beautiful KSU Gardens. Mark your calendars, because this will be fun, Fun, FUN!

—Sharon Snyder, Fundraising Chair