



Quinlan Society Recognition and Arbor Dedication Held in Conjunction with September Stroll



A special recognition ceremony for the Quinlan Society was held last September. Individuals, families and businesses who had donated over \$10,000 to the Gardens were recognized. The dedication ceremony for two new steel and stone garden arbors was held the same evening. In the photo at left, Dan and Beth Bird stand beneath the arbor they sponsored. In the photo at right, Garden student employee Joe Prud'homme presents an individual plaque to Carol and Warren Weibert for their support of the Gardens. They were also recognized for the arbor they sponsored in loving memory of Dave and Doris Weibert by Warren, Carol, Chris and Julie Weibert.

Note from the President

Things at the Gardens are in full swing to get ready for the shower of spring flowers that our director, Scott McElwain, always strives to make perfect for us to enjoy.

The Friends of the Gardens board continue to focus on ways to provide resources and have created a grant writing team to search for funding. They are also working with department head Candice Shoemaker to develop a strategic plan for the Gardens. Discussion will center on what is the mission and vision of the Gardens.

Watch our website for interesting events throughout the year. We will host the Garden Party in the Gardens on Friday, June 2 and a fundraiser featuring former White House pastry chef Roland Mesnier at the Hilton Garden Inn on Friday, November 3.

Thanks for your support of the Kansas State University Gardens.

Beth Unger, President,
Friends of The Gardens Board



Daylily Sale to be Held Saturday, April 1

After several years of uninterrupted growth, the daylily collection is ready to be divided. Garden volunteers and student employees will be digging and dividing many varieties, including Stout Medal Award Winners. Mark your calendars because these divisions will be for sale during Kansas State Open House on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the north side of the conservatory. Cash or check only.

From the Director of The Gardens

I've been serving as director of the Kansas State University Gardens for over 20 years now and I've seen a lot of wonderful changes. When I first got here, there were only a few informal flower and vegetable beds planted near the conservatory. It has gone from a future garden site to maturing and mature gardens. Every winter I update our digital presentation on the gardens. This year, I was looking through old photos so I could show before and after shots of all our newly developed gardens. The old photos sure do reveal a dramatic transformation. The continued garden growth and support from the Friends of the Gardens is truly inspiring. We have come a long way in creating the beautiful gardens that we have today.

As we gear up for the new growing season, we are very excited to see the maturation of our peony collection, a full season for rose establishment on our new arbors, and a new climber combination for the pergola. We have also added 30 new woody ornamentals, 25 new daylily varieties, 25 new spuria iris, 20 new tall bearded iris and 500 new spring and summer blooming bulbs throughout the gardens. All of these new plantings are sure to surprise you with a splash of color in areas that you may not expect or draw you to a part of the garden that you may not frequently visit. We hope you will like what you see the next time you visit the gardens!

Bits of green start to emerge from many of our plants in the month of February and an explosion of color transforms the gardens in March and April. Whether it's from month to month or over a 20 year span, don't you just love the transformation of a garden?

Scott McElwain
Director of The Gardens

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"From pruning cuts to transplanting, I have learned so many helpful tips from working in the Gardens. Witnessing the entire life cycle of plants and learning new information every day enhances my classroom experience perfectly."

Madison Culley
Junior, Landscape Horticulture
with a minor in Plant Pathology



*Student employees and Gardens volunteers enjoyed a holiday potluck luncheon. Front row: student employee Connor Bolte with volunteers Sue White, Sandy Cramer and Deb Lippoldt
Center row: Volunteers Barbara Pearson and Carol Bruckerhoff with students Madi Culley, Josie Riggs and Toni Hudspath
Back row: student employees Caitlynn McVey (winter 2016 graduate), Lauren Walz, volunteer Cindi Morris, and students Mary Conner and Joe Prud'homme (winter 2016 graduate)*

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Can You Dig It?!



The theme of this year's Garden Party is "Can You Dig It?" Join the Friends of the Gardens on Friday, June 2 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. A dj will spin songs from the 50's through the 80's. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Silent auction proceeds will support student interns in the Gardens. For more information, call 785-532-7417.

Supporting the Gardens

Much like a robust garden needs a balance between annuals and perennials, the Kansas State University Gardens benefit immensely from the private support friends provide in the form of both expendable and endowed funds.

Gifts for immediate use (expendable) allow Director Scott McElwain to fund a wide array of programs throughout the calendar year — from intern projects to the addition of some much-needed irrigation systems. Additionally, however, reoccurring needs — such as bed maintenance — require predictable, sustainable resources provided through endowed funds.

As we continue to grow and enhance the landscape, hardscape and educational opportunities found throughout the Gardens, we hope you will consider both of these ways your generosity can have an impact. Contact Emilie Fink at the Foundation to further explore an investment in the future of the Kansas State University Gardens.

Fall 2016 Newsletter

Some of our regular readers may have missed the fall 2016 newsletter. Please go to k-state.edu/gardens and find it on our home page.

Win a Cotton Candy Redbud Tree

Keith Westervelt of Blueville Nursery was instrumental in the introduction of a new variety of redbud called *Cercis canadensis* 'Sjo' Cotton Candy™ Redbud (named after the man who discovered it, former K-State professor, John Sjo) which is now being produced by Greenleaf Nurseries. This unique redbud tree has been growing in the Visitor Center Garden for over 15 years.

Stop by on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and buy a raffle ticket for a Cotton Candy tree valued at \$150. Drawing at 2 p.m. Participants need not be present to win.



Foxtail lilies are a dramatic addition to any garden and add texture, interest and color. Unique flower spikes bloom in early summer and are highly attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. See them at the Gardens this year.

Annual Master Gardener Tour Set for June 11

The Riley County Extension Master Gardeners are hosting their annual garden tour on Sunday, June 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. Purchase your tickets at the Gardens on the day of the event and see all the beautiful Manhattan gardens featured this year. Tickets will be available beginning May 8 at the Riley County Extension office or local garden centers.



Randy James, from Tree Biologics, recently helped install a support system for one of the main branches on the Gardens multi-stemmed 'Cotton Candy' redbud tree.



2017 is the Year of the Daffodil

Daffodils were first brought to North America from Europe by pioneer women who sewed them into their skirt hems to plant at their new homes. The official botanical genus name for daffodils is narcissus. Daffodil is actually just a nickname, not a scientific or Latin name.

(excerpt from Diane Blazek at the National Garden Bureau)

Gardens Luncheon Series: Holidays with Hildegard



Hildegard Bemby explains how she assembled a lantern decorated with greenery and holiday ribbon.



Guests enjoyed a luncheon at the Manhattan Country Club with guest presenter Hildegard Bemby from Steve's Floral.



A twig basket designed by Hildegard was filled with greenery, magnolia leaves, spider chrysanthemums and fresh apples.



Pictured above, Steve's Floral florist Hildegard Bemby and owner Jan Miller helped volunteers to create floral arrangements.



At left, a centerpiece made of greenery and white flowers can be used through the holidays.

Quinlan Society Recognition & September Stroll



Music students Jack Keeley, Matthew Renser, Audrey Chang and Patrick Guvele played string music under the shade of a giant American elm tree in the Visitor Center garden.



September Stroll visitors enjoyed beautiful weather, conservation, Call Hall ice cream and cookies from the Bakery Science Club, compliments of the Friends of the Gardens board members.



Current members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity pose with alumni Tim Lindemuth and board member Sharon Snyder in front of the red rose garden they dedicated in honor of their former house mother Claudene Pillsbury.



Horticulture club students held their annual chrysanthemums sale during the September Stroll.



Dean of the College of Agriculture, John Floros, spoke at the Quinlan Society recognition ceremony and arbor dedication.



Director Scott McElwain speaks to the Quinlan Society at a special recognition ceremony for lifetime donations over \$10,000 to the Gardens. 53 different individuals, families and businesses were recognized.



Kansas State alumnus Rick Smith played the guitar during the September Stroll.



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to Kansas City for a special garden tour and shopping excursion. Lunch is included. Details on our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Gardens Events Saturday, April 1 (All University Open House):

Daylily Sale (see front page for details)

Cotton Candy Redbud Raffle, 10 am – 2 pm. Free cotton candy for participants.

Horticulture Club Bedding Plant Sale, 8 am – 5 pm.



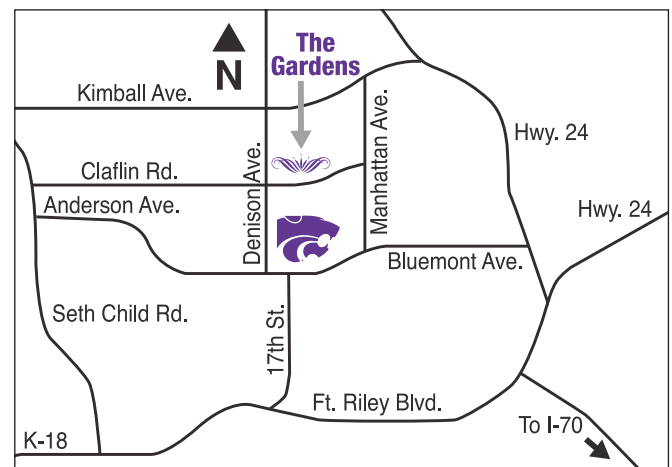
Friends Spring Bus Trip to Kansas City, May 9, 7:45 am – 5:30 pm

Iris Day, May 14, 1–4 pm, K-State Gardens

“Can You Dig It?” The Friends of The Gardens annual garden party, Friday, June 2 from 6:30–10 p.m. at The Gardens.

Riley County Extension Master Gardeners Annual Garden Tour, Sunday, June 11 from 1–5 p.m. Tickets on sale May 8 at Riley County Extension and local garden centers.

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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