



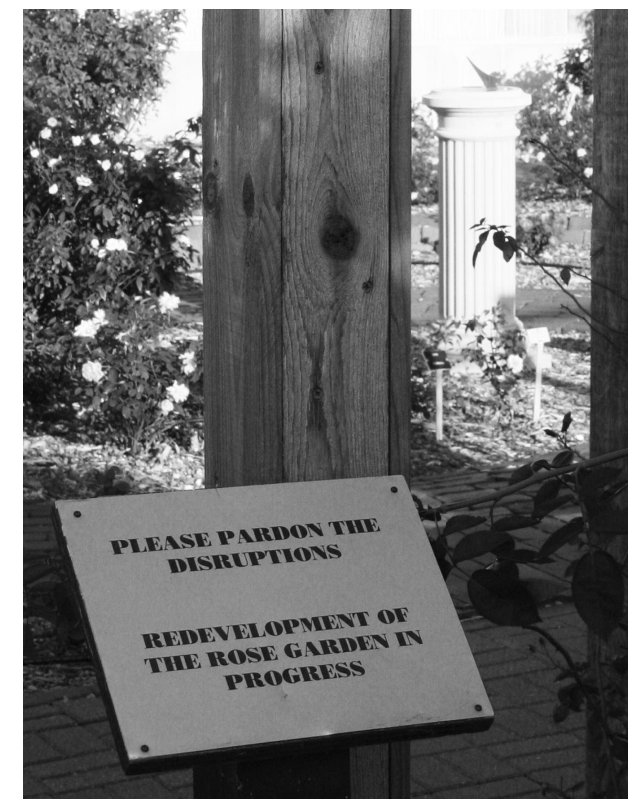
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Please Pardon Our Face-Lift; We Have Rosy Intentions!

Visitors to the KSU gardens may have noticed some change and uprooting occurring in the KSU Ottaway Rose Garden this summer. Sponsorship by Albert H. and Clare (Russell) Ottaway and the donation of services by Blueville Nursery (owned by the Westervelt family) resulted in the 1989-91

pergola and declining condition of some of the roses has led KSU Garden's Director Scott McElwain and the Garden's summer interns to begin reconstruction of the pergola and redesign of the front face of the rose garden. Improvements to the rose garden will include reconstruction of the entryway pergola and



the addition of several new trellises across the front of the garden to better "frame" and display the collection. For the new face of the rose garden, new climbing roses will grace the trellises at the front and the climbing roses on the pergola will be replaced with repeat-blooming, cardinal red "Improved Blaze" and the single delicate white blossoms of "Darlow's Enigma."

In concert with Director McElwain's efforts, a group of Riley County Extension Master Gardener volunteers have transplanted many of the surviving roses into theme

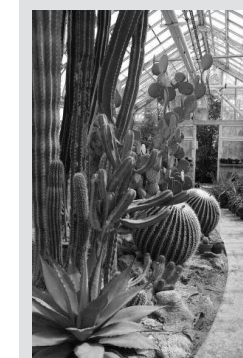
creation of the original hardscapes of the Rose Garden. Time has unfortunately wrought water and wind damage to the pergola and the main support posts are being steadily eroded. In addition, the original climbing roses placed on the pergola have perished, leaving the pergola covered by the grafting rootstock "Dr. Huey," an undistinguished deep magenta climber that only blooms in the spring and that is unfortunately prone to blackspot.

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Conservatory Plant Sale A Great Success

The 100 year old Conservatory opened its doors on May 3 to allow plant enthusiasts to view and select from hundreds of plants for purchase. Because the conservatory will be taken down and refurbished, all of the plant collections have to be cleared. This allowed the public a rare opportunity to purchase the actual plants dug right



out of the conservatory collections. There were hundreds of desert plants like succulents and cacti, along with tropicals and bromeliads available from the collection.

The Friends fund-raising committee began working on re-potting and pricing plants back in February, meeting many times to dig and pot plants. Though hundreds of plants were sold, there was so much material still left, the Friends decided to hold two more sales. The second sale took place in conjunction with the iris sale in July. The third and final sale was during K-State Family Day on September 27. To date, sales have totaled over \$3000. It's not too late to purchase your own piece of the KSU Gardens! There are some great specimen plants for sale by special request. Contact the Gardens at 532-3271.

Special thanks to the volunteers who got dirt under their nails to prepare for the sale: Lori Levin, Ann Scott, Jo Lyle, Kathy Glidden, Deloris Berland, Sharon Snyder, Carol Gadbury, Nancy Farrar and Janice Flanary.

Upcoming Events

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
September 1

Luncheon Series:
OZ WINERY TASTING
October 23, 5:30-7:00 pm
Details on page 5. RSVP by October 16.



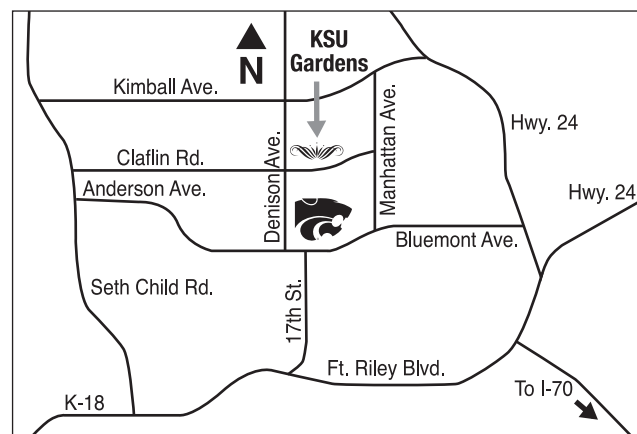
POINSETTIA SALE
Wednesday, December 3,
11 am-6 pm

Thursday & Friday, December 4 & 5,
11 am-1 pm, 4-6 pm

Saturday, December 6, 9 am-noon



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 Center is part of the historic Dairy Barn.

Message from the Director

Friends,

The 2008 Garden Gala fundraiser was a complete success. A special thank you to all who participated in sponsorship, those that attended and the Friends Gala Committee for putting together such a wonderful event. As most of you already know the funds raised from the annual garden gala support the student internship and work-study program at the KSU Gardens. This past summer there were two work-study students and one intern working in the gardens as a result of the 2007 garden gala's success.



Selena Manche and Paul Cook taken at the 2008 Garden Gala.

Paul Cook was our summer intern. Paul is a landscape design student here at K-State. Paul's internship will continue into the Fall semester where he will use studio time to complete design ideas he has for the Adaptive/Native Plant Garden. Paul spent the summer working on the maintenance of the Adaptive/Native Plant Garden so he could familiarize himself with the habits of the plants that are currently on display. As the summer progressed he was able to determine what specimen plants he would like to build his design around and establish a wish list of select plants that can be incorporated into the future design changes.

Selena Manche, a horticulture student studying greenhouse operations, was one of our work-study students. Selena will continue her efforts by starting her KSU Garden internship this Fall, which will continue through the Spring semester. Selena worked in the cottage garden this past summer and did an exceptional job maintaining the Annual Flower Displays. Her familiarity with our annual flower collection will be beneficial as she will be

in charge of collecting seed and taking cuttings of the annuals that will be grown in the greenhouse this winter and incorporate into the 2009 display beds.

Leann Kootz, a horticulture student also studying greenhouse operations, was also taking part in the work-study program prior to the end of the 2007 spring semester. Leann left for a May and June Internship at a Florist Supply Company in Oklahoma. When her internship was completed, around the first of July, she finished the summer helping maintain the Butterfly and Rose Gardens as well as staff the fresh produce sale table on Tuesdays and Thursdays here at the KSU Gardens. See page 4 for more on the produce sales.

The students that work in the KSU Gardens are always exceptional but Leann, Paul and Selena have been a valuable asset to the KSU Gardens this past season and their employment may not have been possible without the support of the Annual Garden Gala. So, on behalf of the students and myself, I would like to thank everyone again for their participation and support of this valuable fundraiser.

Scott K. McElwain
Director, KSU Gardens

It's Not Too Late!

There are still great specimen plants available from KSU Gardens Conservatory:

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Contact the KSU Gardens at 532-3271 for more information about what's available

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From the President of the Friends of the KSU Gardens

The Friends of the KSU Gardens Board have been hard at work this summer planning for the upcoming year. A strategic planning retreat was held in July and led by board member Kris Boone. Our purpose was to define our goals for 2008-09 that included membership, budget, outreach and the procedure and structure of our Friends Board.

We had an excellent dialogue among our members, which reinforced the reasons we all serve on this board and the purpose for the board itself. Fundraising is a major component because it allows

us to support internships for the horticulture students, but it is not our only purpose. We also want to increase community visibility and appreciation of the Gardens, promote the mission of the planned Gardens, and to increase our outreach through the annual Gala, luncheon talks, newsletter, plant sales, gift shop, and volunteerism.

In order to carry out our goals we need to revisit the By-laws to clarify the procedures and structure of our board, as well as, increase our membership and identify how funds are to be used based

on the needs of the Gardens. Our strategic plan is in place and the Board is ready to go forward with our mission.

Our officers this year are: President, Sharon Snyder; Secretary, Anne Springer; Treasurer, Jo Lyle. We welcome our new members, Barb Wassenberg (Chair of the Gala Committee) and Jim Roush, and are grateful for the commitment and hard work our entire board has shown to the KSU Gardens.

Sharon Snyder
Friends of the KSU Gardens

Thanks to Our Friends Our Garden Is Growing!

The KSU Gardens is recognized as a jewel on our campus, in Manhattan and across our state. Annually, thousands of visitors experience the beauty and serenity the gardens provide while students across the campus benefit from a learning environment second to none. All those who are impacted by our gardens are grateful to those we call "our friends".

Members of Friends of KSU Gardens generously assist with garden development, educational materials, and ongoing maintenance of this historic Kansas State University project. As the Friends membership continues to grow it is reflected in the continued improvement and development of Garden programs. With this support, the following have been accomplished: stone benches were placed in the Adaptive/Native plant Garden, educational brochures and materials were produced, plant labels were purchased, new plant material was incorporated into existing and newly expanded area of the gardens, and most importantly three horticulture student internships were

sponsored during the past year.

The Friends of the Gardens Board of Directors has set some exciting goals for next year including increasing our membership. Please know how much your continued membership renewal sustains the Gardens and invite your friends to

consider membership. Together, our shared passion for the KSU Gardens, impacts our quality of life and the excellent education for future horticulture leaders.

Annual Membership renewals are now due for the September 1st through August 31st membership.

KSU Gardens Gift Shop Opens

K-State's spring Open House marked the opening of the Little Cottage Gift Shop in the visitor's center of the KSU Gardens. Friends of the KSU Gardens Fund-Raising Committee requested funds from the board in order to establish the gift shop and purchase items to stock it in March of 2008. Together with the help of Ann Scott of Lee Creek Gardens and Varney's Book Store, the committee selected some wonderful and unique garden gifts for the shop. Browsers will find garden books, darling terra cotta teacup planters, statuary, lanterns, and even hand-sewn pillows with various garden themes.

The gift shop is such an exciting addition to round out a visit to the gardens. Currently staffed by volunteers, the shop will help the Friends group to raise additional funds to support gardens projects and initiatives. The shop will be open during special events throughout the growing season. If you are interested in assisting with the gift-shops efforts, volunteer training for 2009 will take place this winter. Friends Board members hope to expand both the hours and the merchandise as the shop becomes more profitable. Please plan to stop in and see the lovely shop inside the visitor's center. Remember the shop when you need a perfect birthday, hostess, or Christmas gift for your gardening friends and family. Every purchase helps the gardens grow.

Let's Talk Wine

The date for the Friends of the KSU Gardens "Luncheon" Series presentation is October 23 at 5:30 in the evening at the KSU Gardens, 1500 Denison. Mimi Balderson will host a wine tasting featuring Oz Winery's productions, while discussing wine making and grape growing in Kansas. Savory treats will feature gourmet cheeses and goodies from Emerald City Market. Cost is \$35 per person and space is limited. Participants can secure their reservation by sending a check to KSU Gardens, c/o Anne Springer, 2021 Throckmorton, Manhattan, KS 66506 by October 16.



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