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UNL Master Plan Update

UNL is currently updating the Campus Master Plan and developing a new Landscape Master Plan for both city and east campuses. Sasaki Associates from Watertown, Massachusetts has been hired to update the plans. The Master Plan process began last summer and is now in the final phase of development with the final plan to be released in March. The design team developed three conceptual plans and have narrowed it to one plan. The plan will be online at http://planbig.unl.edu to view and provide comments.

Garden Summer Project Update

Landscape Services is investigating renovating the ponds. Jazz in June and Husker football bring thousands of people to campus; we believe it is essential to keep the pools looking their best. Garden Friends have been supporting the upkeep of the pools for at least 10 years. UNL Garden Friends have contributed over $265,000 in the past five years to support UNL Botanical Gardens and Arboretum. What a great commitment to keeping the UNL campus beautiful. Thank you Garden Friends!

Finally, please remember that spring is a time of renewal. As always, we encourage you to renew your membership. Our Friends form the foundation of our organization and WE THANK YOU.

Upcoming Projects

The Garden Friends are pleased to announce the renovation of a south side garden space on UNL’s Nisei Plaza and Garden thanks to a gift from the Nisei Alumni Association and the University. Eventually, World War II, the University accepted and returned citizens and residents who had been interned. The weather and the university welcomed the students into the country, but the University of Nebraska and Lincoln accepted and returned them. Nisei Plaza was presented to the Nisei Alumni Association by the Friends Board in the 1970s.

Fall Members Gala

The Fall Member’s Gala was held in the Kuhel’s garden. Jill and Kuhel hosted the event and have a large and varied collection of plants. The weather and the company was great.

Ken Good Gift Project Update

In 2009, the Garden Friends worked with the Ken Good Foundation to develop the University Arboretum with the gifts of Ken Good. It is always interesting to see the impact the garden has had on the campus. The garden spaces found on both City and East Campuses. The projects have one of three criteria: filling a gap or cut in department funding to maintain special features or areas of campus, beautifying a garden area that needs renovation and increasing education and community awareness of the garden campuses.

This year the Garden Friends funded two projects. The first project is the annual maintenance of the Sheldon Sculpture Garden ponds. This is a project that fills a gap in department maintenance funding, but also beautifies a wonderful space where art and garden are mixed to create a relaxing retreat on campus. The Garden Friends contributed $3,000 to the annual maintenance of the Sheldon Ponds.

The second project funded was for plant labels in the perennial gardens on the south side of Andrews and Burnett Hall on City Campus. These gardens were recently renovated with new plantings because of a construction project. The area has many interesting and useful plants for a south facing garden. The new labels will help communicate and educate the community about the plants that work together in this particular microclimate. The cost of this project was $1,400.
A Gathering of Friends Event

It's cold. It's dark. It's the time of year when getting a garden catalog brings us hope of spring; when your fingers itch for the feel of dirt and your senses long for the smell of loam. Join your gardener friends to commiserate and celebrate the coming spring. UNL Garden Friends has the cure for the winter blues: A Gathering of Friends—UNL Garden Friends Annual Lecture and Luncheon.

UNL Garden Friends is hosting a luncheon and lecture at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, February 24. This new annual event is our major fundraiser to support the UNL Botanical Gardens and Arboretum. The cost is $30 per person.

A Gathering of Friends will take place at the Landscape Services Shop just east of 33rd Street on the East Campus Loop Road and will feature a soup and salad luncheon, a silent auction and a fabulous lecture by Jan Riggenbach, whose newspaper and magazine columns have been inspiring Midwest gardeners for more than 30 years. “Midwest Gardening,” Jan’s syndicated garden column, appears weekly in newspapers throughout the Midwest.

Reservations received before February 14th will be $25 per person. Any additional gift is greatly appreciated with credit to the authors and UNL Garden Friends. Send your gift to Kit Keller, Treasurer, UNL Garden Friends, P.O. Box 68506, Lincoln, NE 68506, or email kitkell@gardens.unl.edu.

A Gathering of Friends and UNL Garden Friends Annual Lecture and Luncheon is made possible by the UNL Landscape Services, which manages the UNL Botanical Gardens and Arboretum.

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