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From The President

Kay Logan-Peters

Finally, Spring is here! The cranes have come and gone, the December snow and March winds are behind us, and the redbuds and magnolias are blooming. Most of us have been out surveying our gardens and cleaning up from the long and difficult winter. Isn't it wonderful?

UNL Garden Friends launched into spring by hosting Pam Duthie, garden writer and landscaper from the Chicago area, as our annual speaker. A record crowd showed up to hear Pam present her lecture, "**Continuous Color: the Easy U-Can Plan Way**" on March 7 at Hardin Hall. Pam's lecture was an excellent program for mid-level and beginning gardeners. Pam encourages gardening for all seasons, including winter, by emphasizing shrubs and trees that retain interesting form and color in all seasons. She offered practical garden advice, plant recommendations for solving landscape problems, and of course, ideas for incorporating color! Nearly 350 people turned out to hear Pam, filling Hardin Hall Auditorium to its capacity. As a result of our success, we ran out of handouts. Our apologies! If you were one of the guests who didn't get a handout, please visit our website where we have posted Pam's entire handout. You can find it at <http://www.unl.edu/bga/friends/lecture.shtml> under Speaker Handout.

The UNL GF Board has recently added two new members. Jeanne Johnson, a longtime member, volunteered for the Board after attending the

annual meeting and speaker. Thank you Jeanne! Mark Canney, landscape architect for Lincoln City Parks, will rejoin our Board. Mark served on the Board several years ago and was such a great contributor we begged him to come back. Jeanne and Mark, we appreciate your willingness to serve the UNL GF. We will tell you more about Mark and Jeanne in an upcoming issue of Garden News.

With the Annual Meeting and Speaker behind us, we move onto our major event of the gardening season, the Spring Affair Preview Party. Preparations are well underway and we are entering the countdown phase. UNL GF Board members are eager to test our new location, and menu, at the Lancaster Event Center. Remember to order your tickets by April 14 to attend the Preview Party on April 23, and the Spring Affair plant sale on April 24. We expect a great event and turnout! See you there!



Pam Duthie, Speaker and Kay Logan-Peters, Garden Friends President



Garden Friends Annual Meeting and Speaker
March, 7, 2010



**Renew your membership by
May 1st in order to stay on the
mailing list and receive the next
issue of the Garden News**

GIS Mapping at Landscape Services

By Emily Casper

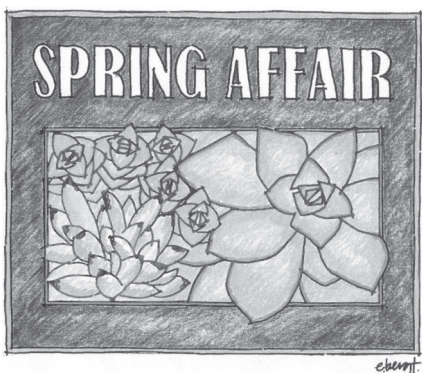
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's City and East Campus is designated as a Botanical Garden & Arboretum as well as a Tree Campus USA. Maintaining plant records on maps and in a database is an important part of these designations. Current records have been maintained on paper maps and in a database, but an exciting new mapping is taking place. Landscape Services has hired a graduate assistant to start mapping the campus landscape into GIS, a geographic information system. GIS allows Landscape Services to map site features geographically and analyze the data to reveal relationships, patterns, quantities, densities and determine areas for growth and development.

The landscape graduate assistant for Landscape Services is Shaojing Tian. She is from Wuhan, China and is pursuing a Masters degree in Community and Regional Planning as well as taking classes in the Department of Horticulture. Her bachelor's degree is in Landscape Architecture from Huazhong



Agricultural University in China. The focus of her study at UNL is environmental planning and incorporating GIS as a tool into assessing and reducing adverse impact of development on the environment. Shaojing's work for Landscape Services is focused on mapping trees and shrubs on both campuses. She is utilizing aerial photographs and scanned paper maps to enter plant locations.

Once the initial mapping is complete, field verification and updates will start. The data Shaojing is digitizing on the map is being linked to the existing plant database so that all plant information can be found in one place. Her work will be an incredible resource for the Landscape Services department and the UNL Botanical Garden and Arboretum.



Spring Affair Plant Sale

April 24th
9 am-4 pm

Lancaster Event Center
Pavilion 1

From the Director

Eileen Bergt

Spring has come to UNL and we are excited for its arrival. The trees, shrubs and perennials have started blooming making campus beautiful. We encourage you to take a walk on campus and see some special plants and interesting places.

One of my favorite perennials, the pasque flower (*Pulsatilla patens*) are always welcome after winter. They are the first to bloom with their fussy foliage and cup shaped flowers. After the flowers fade, seed heads keep this plant showy most of the summer. Pasque flower can be seen blooming in Cather Garden and in Love Garden along with other spring flowering perennials and bulbs.



The Sheldon Sculpture Garden Ponds will soon be alive with water and water lilies. Thanks to Garden Friends for funding the maintenance of these two water pools that are an enjoyable place to read a book or walk through while enjoying the music at Jazz in June.



Tree Peonies (*Paeonia suffruticosa* 'Yachiyotsubaki') are new additions to the south side of Perrin Porch on East Campus. These hardy deciduous shrubs have beautiful long-lasting, pink, semi-double, ruffled blooms that are 8 to 10" across. This shrub has green, deeply divided foliage that remains attractive throughout the growing season.

Magnolia trees are in bloom on campus. The Magnolias bloom before any leaves emerge which makes them look oriental. We have Star (*Magnolia stellata*) and Saucer Magnolia (*Magnolia x soulangiana*) on campus. A group of Saucer Magnolia trees can be seen near Mueller Tower in Enright Garden on City Campus.



North of Yeutter Garden on East Campus is the Flack Lilac Collection. This large collection contains over 40 varieties including the typical purple and white lilacs to the more unusual blue, pink, and double flowered varieties. The fragrance is my favorite part. Be sure and stop by in late April or May to see this incredible collection.





Visit Maxwell Arboretum and Yeutter Garden to see spring bulb display

Thanks to the 2009 UNL Garden Volunteers

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UNL Garden Volunteer Program
Helping Campus Grow.

Be a part of the 2010 UNL Garden Volunteer Program! It's a great opportunity to give back to the community by working in the many new and historic gardens on campus.

For more information about volunteering or visiting the gardens call (402)472-2679 or email gardenvolunteers@unl.edu

Check out our booth at the Spring Affair Plant Sale!



Save Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in June for the annual Jazz in June Garden Tours. If you have questions about the tours, please call Landscape Services at 402-472-2679.

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Spring Affair: A Fresh Start

The Spring Affair Preview Party is starting fresh at the Lancaster County Event Center on Friday, April 23 and the Spring Affair Plant Sale, on Saturday, April 24, 2010. The Preview Party is the annual UNL Garden Friends fund raising event, with all proceeds going to benefit the growing UNL Botanical Gardens and Arboretum. Party sponsors to date are UNL Garden Friends, Eagle Nursery and St. Elizabeth's Regional Medical Center.

Your dining experience will feature a hearty two-meat entrée dinner buffet prepared and catered by LEC Chef Paul Johnson & his staff. Dinner includes: Hickory-Smoked, Slow Roasted Beef Brisket, Juicy Grilled Chicken Breast, Green Bean Almandine, Chef Paul's Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Garden Salad, Warm Homemade Dinner Rolls, and a dessert bar with Chocolate Raspberry, Chocolate Brownie, Truffled Cream Cheese w/Raspberry, Drizzled White & Dark Chocolate Chunk Pecan Bars. Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water.

Come at 5 pm for the silent auction and beverages; dinner buffet begins at 6 pm. Wear your walking shoes to browse 45,000 plants in over 1000 varieties locally grown in Nebraska by Bluebird Nursery. UNL Advanced Floral Design and Floral Shop Management students, under the guidance of UNL Professor Dave Lambe and Interior Designer Deb Arends, will again provide fresh floral table décor, priced for sale to Party bargain shoppers.

The Preview Party promises to be a fresh start to your spring garden season as well as a great value for your garden.

Spring Affair Preview Party

5-9 pm, Friday, April 23, 2010

5 pm Cocktails & Silent Auction
6 pm Buffet Dinner and Plant Sale
7:30 pm Silent Auction bidding closes

Preview Party Reservation

All tickets are by reservation only.
Ticket deadline is Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

Your ticket (s) will be mailed to you.

Garden Friends Members Only
___ Tickets @ \$35 each

Other Guests
___ Tickets @\$45 each

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