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From The President

Kay Logan-Peters

Every winter I harbor a secret dread that spring will forget to arrive. Fortunately my hunch is always wrong. Lawns are greening up again, buds are swelling, and plants are reappearing after months of dormancy. I always feel such a sense of renewal and hope and yes, relief, when I notice that spring really has made another appearance, more or less on schedule. Spring also means that the Garden Friends will be busy with two of our biggest projects—the Annual Meeting and Lecture, and the Spring Affair Preview Party. Planning for both of these activities is in full swing. We are also in the midst of membership renewal—please remember to renew your Garden Friends membership. We rely on our members to help keep The Garden at UNL green and growing!

On April 3, at 2:30 we will host Marcia Leeper, Corporate Gardener for August Home Publications and Garden Gate Magazine at the UNL City Union.

Marcia will be discussing the plants and techniques she uses in container gardening. We are excited to hear Marcia's lecture and look forward to her visit. Please plan on attending and bring a friend—it's free



Marcia Leeper

after all. You will be able to hear the lecture, renew your membership, and purchase a Preview Party ticket in one trip. Don't miss this event!

Planning for our other big event, the Spring Affair Preview Party, is well underway.

See the story on the back page of this issue of the Garden News for details on buying tickets, this year's theme, and a peek at our always tasty menu. As usual, we will host a silent auction, our biggest fund raiser of the year. Please contact one of our Board members if you would like to donate an item to the auction.



Be sure to get your reservations to the 2011 Spring Affair Preview Party sent in by April 13th. Reservation form located on the back page.

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Spring Affair Tickets
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Jazz in June Tours 2011

June 7th

Kay Logan-Peters, Architecture Librarian and Peter Bleed, Professor of Anthropology, will lead a tour of the site of the former University Hall. They will discuss the history of University Hall and the results of a archeological investigation of University Hall this summer.



June 14th

Amy Alderman and Amber Hollmann from Landscape Services will give a tour of the newly planted perennial beds at Andrews and Burnett Halls.



June 21st

Karen Janovy, Director of Education at the Sheldon Museum of Art will provide a tour of select objects in the outdoor sculpture garden. The tour will be based on works chosen by the participants upon their arrival.



June 28th

Eileen Bergt, Director of Landscape Services will lead a tour of the Love Gardens to discuss new plantings and what is blooming in the garden.



All tours begin at 6:00 pm at the East entrance of the Sheldon Museum of Art.

From the Director

Eileen Bergt

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has once again earned Tree Campus USA recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. The 2010 designation recognizes UNL's dedication to campus tree management and environmental stewardship. This is the third year in a row that UNL has earned this designation. UNL was one of the first nine universities in the nation to earn Tree Campus USA status in 2008.



Tree Campus USA is a national program of the Arbor Day Foundation that honors colleges and universities that meet core standards of tree management and community engagement. Tree management involves forming a tree advisory committee, having a Tree Care Plan and dedicated annual expenses for campus trees that is greater than \$3 per full time student. Community engagement involves an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony and a service learning project such as a tree planting event with students.

The Arbor Day Foundation recognizes cities across the country with the most familiar Tree City status. The City of Lincoln not only is a Tree City but also holds the other 5 designations with the Arbor Day Foundation. Lincoln is the only community in the nation that has all 5 of the possible designations. These designations include:



- Tree City USA for 34 years
- Tree City USA Growth Award for 20 consecutive years
- Named Sterling Tree City USA in 2000
- Tree Line USA Utility –Lincoln Electric System for 6 consecutive years
- Tree Campus for UNL and Nebraska Wesleyan University was approved as a Tree Campus in 2009

Landscape Services maintains over 9,000 trees on both campuses. Since becoming a Tree Campus in 2008 we have planted 400 trees. These trees were planted in parking lots for shade and locations where we lost trees to construction, disease or death.

Along with the good, come the bad and the ugly...

On March 21 and 22, Spring Break week at UNL, 41 trees were removed, to make way for the East Stadium Expansion project. These trees were within the building footprint and pedestrian plaza of the proposed new building. Construction will begin on East Stadium this spring. The site design is in the early stages, but there is the potential for approximately 14 trees to be planted, at the end of the project, within the plaza area.

On East Campus, the first phase of the Thermal Energy Storage Tank project is beginning. The underground chilled water main between Animal Science and the Utility Plant along East Campus Loop Road will be enlarged to increase capacity. This extension will remove approximately 20 trees. UNL Landscape Services staff removed these trees and will be planting new trees near the project site and in the Carbon Sink at 38th and East Campus Loop Road.

The project teams will be working to preserve trees within the proposed construction staging areas that are not directly affected by the construction of the building and infrastructure. All of the plant material removed from the sites will be ground and made into wood chips to be used on campus.

We are removing the trees prior to April 1st in order to comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Ken Good Gift Update

By Emily Casper

In 2009, the Garden Friends worked with the Ken Good Estate to receive a gift of \$100,000 to establish an endowment for Love Garden. As part of the Ken Good Gift, the UNL Garden Friends are raising \$50,000 in a match to support improvements in Love and Cather Garden. Some of these improvements have already been completed, but here's a look at the projects in planning for this year.



Love Garden Projects for 2011

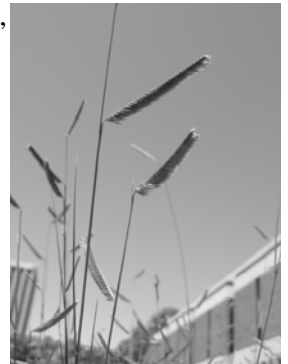
Love Garden is a garden with a mix of tried and true perennials for homeowners to view in a garden design focused on showcasing differing textures, color, sizes and seasonal interest. But over the years some plants have taken over or died, which has created a few holes in the garden. This opens up areas for us to try new plants. We're currently evaluating the garden to identify

opportunities for new plants. The new plantings are planned for early summer and will be planted as part of a volunteer effort by UNLBGA Garden Friends. The June 28th Jazz in June Tour will also highlight the new plants in Love Garden.

Along with new plants comes the need for new labels. These will also be part of this summer's project as well as making any updates to the existing signage. Designs are also underway for a plaque recognizing the Ken Good Gift within the garden.

Cather Garden Projects for 2011

Cather Garden is a native perennial, tree and shrub garden that illustrates the use of prairie plants in an urban setting. The prairie plants have thrived in this open garden and now need some rejuvenation. Projects in this garden include pruning and thinning the existing plants and adding to the native perennials and grasses in the existing plant beds.



Trees and shrubs are also very important to the character of Cather Garden, so we are working on plans to add a few native trees to the north and west edges of the garden. New labels for plants added to the garden will also be a part of the improvements.

Plan drawings are also being finalized for the installation of a seating area with benches in the northwest section of the garden. There is currently no seating other than the rock walls for people to sit so this will be a welcome addition to the garden. Interpretive signage illustrating the native garden plants and their application in an urban setting is also being developed for Cather Garden.

Maintenance in Love and Cather Garden

The Ken Good Gift is also set up to endow Love Garden, the purpose of which is to help fund ongoing maintenance and projects in the garden. The gift is growing and has enough built up to start partially funding extra hands in the garden this summer.



Your 2011 Garden Friends membership is due. You should have received a 2011 membership letter in the mail. Send your check (\$35 payable to the UNL Garden Friends) with your name (new or renewing) address, city, state, zip, phone and email information to: UNL Garden Friends, P.O. Box 81501, Lincoln, NE 68501-1501. And recruit a friend to become a member.

There are many campus projects that need support.



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Silver Celebration Awaits Preview Party Guests

The Spring Affair Preview Party, April 22, 2011, at the Lancaster Event Center, celebrates the 25th "Silver" Anniversary of Spring Affair, the dazzling plant sale that has helped form gardens and gardeners across the state since 1987. The Party is the annual UNL Garden Friends fund raising event benefiting the UNL Botanical Gardens and Arboretum. Proceeds from the Preview Party help purchase shrubs, trees and flowers to beautify both city and east campus locations.

This historic anniversary event is also supported through the charitable donations of this year's table sponsors: Countryside Bank of Unadilla, Burr, Syracuse & Tecumseh, Lincoln Benefit Life and St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center. Sponsor guests will receive reserved seating, dinner tickets, beverage and plant coupons. Sponsor support for the UNL gardens is essential and greatly appreciated. Thank You Sponsors!

Preview Party attendees will experience glowing tables, fresh flowers, memorable décor, unique auction items, party atmosphere, and of course, a delicious two entrée dinner buffet that includes slow roasted beef brisket, supreme roast chicken, green bean almandine, seasoned new red potatoes, romaine salad, homemade rolls, coffee, iced tea and a selection of cheesecake, fruit or chocolate tarts for dessert. This year, vegetarian lasagna will be substituted for the meat selections by marking "vegetarian" on the reservation form.

UNL Professor Dave Lambe's advanced floral design and floral shop management students will again be helping with the floral décor assisted by Interior Designer, Deb Arends.

Beverages and silent auction bidding starts at 5 pm. Dinner and the grand opening of the plant sale will be held at 6 pm. Plants are provided by Bluebird Nursery, Clarkson NE. Reserve your tickets early for this reservation-only spring garden event. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

Spring Affair Preview Party

Friday, April 22, 2011

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

Preview Party Reservation Form

Reservation only ticket must be ordered by Wednesday, April 13, 2011

- ___ Tickets @ \$35 each for Garden Friends Members only
- ___ Tickets @ \$45 each for other Guests
- ___ Indicate number of Vegetarian Only tickets ordered
- ___ Total # of tickets

___ I would like to make a donation to benefit the UNL Botanical Gardens and Arboretum.

Enclosed is my check for _____
(Payable to UNL Garden Friends)

Name _____
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Mail checks and this reservation form to:

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