

## From the Director

Eileen Bergt

Each year Landscape Services awards a Permanent, Temporary and Safety Employee of the Year at our annual holiday event. These awards are to recognize employees for outstanding work performance.

Nominations are sought from the Landscape Services staff and students. The nominees, with their accomplishments, are compiled and are voted on by the staff.

This year the Permanent Employee award went to Dave Schneider. Dave is the Assistant Manager for City Campus. He has been with UNL for almost 20 years. He was an Area Supervisor on the east side of City Campus before becoming the Assistant Manager 4 years ago. Dave was noted for his sense of humor and hard work. Dave was still working, sanding walks and was not available to receive his award when it was presented!

The Temporary/Student Employee award was a three way tie: Jacob Hartwig, Amber Hollmann and Dan Moseman. Jacob Hartwig is a student employee that started at Landscape Services 1 ½ years ago. He works in the central part of East Campus. Jacob was noted for being a quick learner, a reliable student and an excellent equipment operator. He was also noted for helping improve the productivity of Area 4.

Amber Hollmann started as a student in our department in August 2009. She is now a permanent employee, a Landscape Assistant in the northwest side of City Campus. Amber was noted for being very dependable with enthusiasm for her work on a daily basis and for doing a thorough job of training others.

Dan Moseman started as a Landscape Assistant on East Campus in April 2007 working with Area Supervisor, Brian Dieterman. Dan decided to go back to school full time to accomplish a masters degree in Planning so he switched to a student in Fall of 2010. Dan continues to work for us as a Temporary employee. He assists the City and East Campus mechanics. Dan was noted for keeping equipment running smoothly and for fixing equipment faster than Superman saves lives.

The Safety Award was also a tie: Jeff Culbertson and Fred Thorne. Jeff Culbertson is the East Campus Manager. He has been with our department for 23 ½ years. Jeff was noted for making sure everyone wears the proper personal protective equipment and for always finding the safest way to complete a task. Fred Thorne is the Irrigation Manager and is also the Chair of the Landscape Services Safety Committee. Fred started in May 2008. Fred was noted for 3 years of service on the Safety Committee, for

making sure that the department has regular staff safety demonstrations and for caring about the safety of the entire University as well as Landscape Services.

Congratulations to the 2011 award recipients!

## Autumn Secret Garden Tour

Sunday, September 11, 2011

The UNL Garden Friends spent a lovely fall evening in Sue and Dan Wurm's garden. Members strolled the garden paths, chatted with fellow gardening friends and enjoyed relaxing on the tiered patios.



The Wurm's garden is the epitome of creative whimsy and design with water features; a children's play set morphed into a chicken coop; fairy gardens; a dinosaur nest; chandeliers hung from trees; and much more. This is all beautifully intertwined with a diverse collection of plants, shrubs and trees! We came away inspired and full of fresh ideas to use in our own gardens. There are more garden tours planned for this year for UNL Garden Friends members.



## Jazz in June Tours 2012

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

### June 5th

Love Perennial Garden—Mark Canney  
Park Planner—Lincoln Park & Recreation

### June 12th

Historic Trees on Campus—Wilber (Bud) Dasenbrock  
Retired Director—UNL Landscape Services

### June 19th

Sheldon Outdoor Sculpture Garden—Greg Nosan  
Education Director—Sheldon Museum of Art

### June 26th

Why We Put Plants On Campus—Laurence Ballard  
Nursery Supervisor—UNL Landscape Services

## MLAGM Conference

Emily Casper

The Midwest Landscape Architects and Grounds Managers Conference (MLAGM) is coming to Lincoln. MLAGM is a group of Landscape Architects, Directors, Landscape Managers and other Landscape staff that are from universities in the Big 10 and Big 12. Each June one of the universities in the group hosts the conference on their campus. The main goals of the conference are to build relationships with colleagues, share problems and solutions for campus landscape and site issues and show off the host campus. UNL Landscape Services is excited to have UNL be this year's host campus and we are busy preparing campus for the discerning eyes of our colleagues.

Most of the conference is spent on walking tours of campus so UNL wants the campus to look like a bright shiny new penny. In preparation, Landscape Services is working hard to identify improvement projects for campus furniture, campus infrastructure and most importantly, campus plantings. This exercise has generated a list of projects, some small and some large for both City and East Campus that will help improve the aesthetics of campus.

Some of the larger projects for campus include: a renovation of the R Street plantings from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street, creation of a seating area just east of Andrews Hall, renovation of the planting on the west side of Agricultural Hall, renovation of the plantings on the south side of the College of Law and plant replacements throughout campus. Landscape Services also has several construction projects that need site restoration which include Enright Garden and University Hall Plaza on City Campus and site restoration for three major utility projects on East Campus.

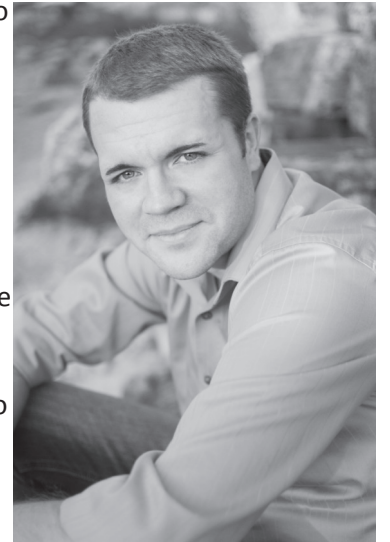
It will be a busy spring, but we believe UNL is one of the finest campuses in the Big 10 and we're excited to show it off to our colleagues.



2004 MLAGM at Penn State University

## Kelly Norris Presents Annual Lecture Life on the Edge: Tough Plants for Tough Places

UNL Garden Friends is proud to sponsor Kelly D. Norris' lecture on Life on the Edge: Tough Plants for Tough Places. Kelly will discuss his recent plant exploration adventures in the unpredictable growing conditions of Nebraska and South Dakota. Whether you are striving to cultivate for beauty or sustenance Kelly will tell a tale from the road wearing two hats that of the plant ecologist and a horticulturist. He will share with us a palette of garden-worthy plants from harsh environments. We will learn how plants respond to their environment and how we can translate that into success in our own gardens, even with less than glamorous soil.



Kelly D. Norris

You may have recently read his article in Fine Gardening on designing with chartreuse plants. Kelly is the youngest person to receive the Iowa State Horticultural Society's Presidential Citation, Award of Merit and Honor Award in the organization's 150 year history, awards the exemplify service and contributions to horticulture in Iowa. At age 14 he talked his parents into buying a nursery. A decade later, he manages Rainbow Iris Farm, a seven-acre nursery owned by his family.

Kelly holds a bachelor's and master's degree in horticulture from Iowa State University. In his M.S. program he studied *Dirca*, a genus of rare shrubs commonly known as leatherwoods. He is the award-winning author of three books including the **Iowa Gardener's Travel Guide**, the first travel guide to Iowa's public gardens and nurseries, an as-yet-unpublished work about the lives of passionate gardeners and **Cultivating the Rainbow: A Guide to Bearded Irises for Beginners and Enthusiasts** due out May 2012 from Timber Press. As a speaker he has garnered national acclaim for his high-energy, zealous presentations, leading many to name him as one of the rising stars of American horticulture. You can find more information about Kelly on facebook or on his website at <http://www.kellydnorris.com>.

Please join us at 2 pm on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the University of Nebraska Student Union. The admission is free for UNL Garden Friends members and \$5 for nonmember.



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## From The President

Kay Logan-Peters

UNL Garden Friends have lots of news to share with our loyal members. First things first. We are very excited to host Kelly D. Norris as our speaker this year. Kelly is a rising star in the garden writers/lecturers arena. Kelly will be presenting a lecture, *Life on the Edge: Tough Plants for Tough Places*. This lecture will focus on garden-worthy plants that thrive in our tough climate. Kelly will discuss his recent plant exploration adventures in Nebraska and South Dakota, and will specifically address plants suited to our unpredictable growing conditions. Kelly receives rave reviews as a speaker and we are very excited to host this lecture. Kelly hails from Ames, Iowa, where he earned his BS and MS in horticulture, and from Bedford, Iowa, where, in addition to writing and lecturing, he serves as Farm Manager for his family's business, Rainbow Iris Farm.

On a more serious note, many of you know that UNL Garden Friends has hosted the Spring Affair Preview Party for over 20 years. This event has served as our organization's major fundraiser, with the proceeds supporting landscaping projects on both the downtown and east campuses. Unfortunately, this long standing tradition has come to an end. The Board of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, which is now the sole organizer of the Spring Affair plant sale, indicated that they wanted us to host a less formal event without a dinner and at a lower cost. UNL Garden Friends investigated various options and determined that financially this would not be in our best interests, as it would nearly eliminate our profits. After negotiating with NSA for several months, their Board of Directors elected to take over the Preview Party. We are sorry to

see this annual rite of spring end, at least for the UNL Garden Friends, but would like to wish the NSA our best as they take the Preview Party in a new direction. As members, please feel free to contact any of the UNL Garden Friends Board members for more information about this transition or with ideas for future fundraisers.

Our other work continues. We are currently in the midst of our membership renewal drive—don't forget to renew your membership! We are considering new fundraising events and have several fun ideas in the works. We continue to host our Member's Only Secret Garden Tours, including a visit last September to Sue and Dan Wurm's fantastic garden (see related story in this issue). And we will continue to host a speaker each spring in conjunction with our annual meeting. Most importantly, our work continues in support of the UNL Botanical Garden and Arboretum. We look forward to funding many more projects in future years.



Your 2012 Garden Friends membership is due. You will be receiving a 2012 membership letter in the mail. Or you can use the form on the back of this newsletter. 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 your support.



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