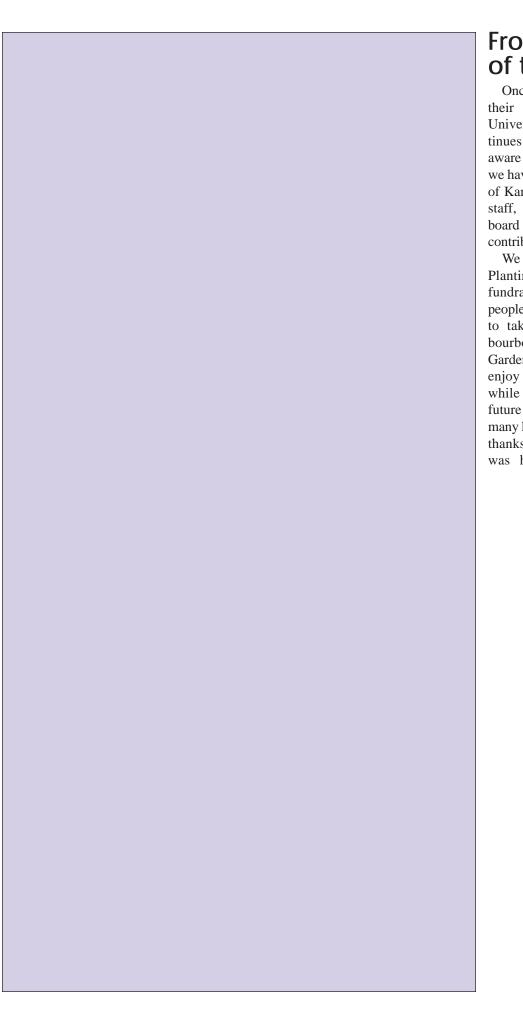


## From the Director of the Gardens

A few improvements were made to the Gardens this past fall which we hope you'll enjoy visiting this spring. In the conservatory garden, we expanded the Iris marsh by adding a water feature that includes a blue heron sculpture, bubbling rock and water loving plants. Two new benches were installed nearby along the main walkway. In the



## From the President of the Friends

Once again I want to thank everyone for their support of our Kansas State University Gardens. That support continues to grow as more people become aware of the gem of a display garden that we have here in Manhattan on the grounds of Kansas State University! Our donors, staff, students, volunteers, and Friends' board take great pride in all the ways they contribute to make this place grow.

We had a very successful "Third Annual Planting a Seed to Grow the Gardens" fundraiser in October. Some fortunate people left the evening with a fabulous trip to take or a really nice collection of bourbons, all while supporting the Gardens! Others were equally fortunate to enjoy a beautiful evening with friends while learning more about the Gardens' future plans and projects. More recently, many homes and businesses looked festive thanks to our annual poinsettia sale that was held on three different days in

