Hidden Lake Gardens Celebrates its 70th Anniversary in 2015

Upon my arrival at Hidden Lake Gardens last September, among the many interesting things I discovered in the Managing Director’s office was a historical research paper written by former Coordinator of Education, Tina Podboy Laughner. It appears that the paper was written in the same year – 1995 – that Hidden Lake Gardens commemorated its 50th anniversary.

Within the text of her research paper, Ms. Laughner notes that Harry Fee was intent on entrusting MSU with his Irish Hills garden “with the prime object of its being for the benefit of the public.” Today, twenty years later, we’re now celebrating the 70th anniversary of Mr. Fee’s gift of 226 acres of scenic Irish Hills land to Michigan State University and ultimately to the public.

Throughout 2015, Hidden Lake Gardens will conduct a series of activities, programs, and events to commemorate its 70th anniversary. Our first celebration is dedicated to the Friends of Hidden Lake Gardens membership with a sneak preview of the Spring Bulb Show. On Friday, March 13, 2015, from 5pm to 7:30pm, the Conservatory will be open only to Friends of HLG for a private peek at the amaryllis, daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips – just to name a few – that Diane Faust and the conservatory staff and volunteers have been forcing into bloom since last fall. Although this advance showing is limited to our Friends membership, the Spring Bulb Show will fully open to the public the next day from Saturday, March 14, through Sunday, March 29, during our regular visiting hours of 9am to 4pm.

I have quickly – and quite easily – discovered that every day is a beautiful day at Hidden Lake Gardens, and I’m happy to host a new program intended to highlight various aspects of that beauty. Join me for “Behind the Scenes with Paul,” an in-depth look at our collections and displays. See pages 6–7 for dates and topics.

As we wish winter away and await the arrival of a new season, I invite you to come to Hidden Lake Gardens to see its 70th episode of spring as annuals, bulbs, perennials, shrubs, and trees arise to new glories. And please keep a close watch on Hidden Lake Gardens throughout 2015 for more announcements of 70th anniversary celebrations.

“Selected Landscapes” Art Exhibit

Martin and Sharon Scott have generously agreed to exhibit several paintings from their personal collection through the beginning of May. “Selected Landscapes” is part of a collection that includes nearly 1,600 paintings, reflecting 54 years of gathering images that they liked. They photograph and catalog each piece, and Martin even repairs the canvas and the frames, if needed. This collection represents a surprising diversity of style and techniques and we are grateful that they have shared it with Hidden Lake Gardens’ visitors.
Nancy Taylor Smith
March 30, 1930 – January 19, 2015

With great sadness we acknowledge the passing of longtime HLG volunteer Nancy Smith on Jan. 19, 2015. Nancy served as archivist at the Gardens for many years.

She was a retired teacher from the Milan Area School District and a resident of Tecumseh, where she served the community in many different aspects including the original District Library Board, the last few years of which she was treasurer, the Tecumseh Board of Review and its Planning Commission.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service for Nancy was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Britton; burial of cremains was at Brookside Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church (9950 Ridge Hwy., Britton MI 49229) or University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center (1000 Wall St, Ann Arbor, MI 48105).

Trees Matter!
National Arbor Day in Michigan is April 24, 2015

Did you know? Trees can add value to your home, help cool your home and neighborhood, break the cold winds to lower your heating costs, and provide food for wildlife.

• Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property’s value.

• Trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent and can save 20–50 percent in energy used for heating.

• The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams.

• In laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension.

Check our website for Arbor Day events at Hidden Lake Gardens:
hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu

Michigan Gardens Group
March 20, 2015

On Friday, March 20, 2015, Hidden Lake Gardens will host a joint meeting of the Ohio Gardens Together and the Michigan Gardens Group. Both organizations are comprised of members that are employees of botanical gardens and arboreta located in their respective states. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a networking forum for public garden professionals, to exchange ideas in providing successful programs, to identify potential collaboration of projects and sharing of resources, and to promote public gardens as educational and recreational destinations. This combined encounter of public garden professionals will be the first of its kind involving the two neighboring states.
Conifer Propagation Seminar
March 7, 2015

One of the lesser-known specialties of Hidden Lake Gardens is our propagation program. We continue to share what we know about preserving and sharing the rare plants of the Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare Conifers. This year’s seminar is full, so watch for it next year!

Side graft of Picea orientalis ‘Tom Thumb’

Rootstock waiting for grafting

Top graft of Picea abies ‘Merrill Broom’ before wrapping and sealing

Easter Eggs-travaganza!
March 28, 10am – 12pm

Bring the little ones to celebrate Easter and the beginning of spring with a celebration at Hidden Lake Gardens. Children can decorate eggs, make crafts, and hunt for eggs in the Conservatory or in the Gardens (weather permitting).

Registration is required. Space is very limited so register early!!
Spring Bulb Show
at Hidden Lake Gardens

March 14th thru March 29th
Open daily from 9am-4pm

6214 Monroe Road (M-50)
Tipton, MI 49287

Tired of winter, step into spring... enjoy our spectacular showing of daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, grape hyacinths and amaryllis inside the Conservatory at Hidden Lake Gardens.

Admission is $3 per person/ Free to Friends of HLG

For more information please call us at (517) 431-2060 or visit our website at www.hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu
Plants, Plants, and More Plants!
HLG has them, and you’re going to want them...

Featured Plants for Sale
for Spring Planting

Hidden Lake Gardens propagates and grows many unique plants from the Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare Conifers. Colors range from bright steel blue to emerald green to bright gold, and sizes from dwarf, growing only one to six inches per year, to intermediate, growing six to twelve inches per year, to large, averaging over twelve inches per year. Some are weeping forms, both upright and groundcover types, some form narrow upright, fastigate statements, and others are pyramidal. All are colorful and interesting.

Please see our featured plants for sale on display at the Visitor Center starting in early April as well as at the Plant Sale in May.

2015 Plant Sale
May 8 – Members only
May 9 – Public

Mark Your Calendar and Get Involved!

Mother’s Day Weekend: Sale for members only on Friday evening, open to the public on Saturday. Categories will reflect our collections: Annuals, Conifers, Hosta and Companions, Woodies, and Natives.

New for 2015 – Fairy Gardens!

Volunteers are currently ordering plants, planning the promotion and the day of the sale. Call Julie for more information on helping to plan the event (517-431-2060 or conleyj9@msu.edu)

National Public Gardens Day
May 8, 2015

Hidden Lake Gardens will offer FREE admission on this date – please come!

National Public Gardens Day is an annual celebration of the nation’s public gardens to raise awareness of the important role botanical gardens and arboreta play in promoting environmental stewardship, plant and water conservation, green spaces, and education in communities nationwide.

National Public Gardens Day takes place annually on the Friday before Mother’s Day, the unofficial start of spring and a time when the environment is top of mind for most of the public. Visit www.nationalpublicgardensday.org for more information.
March 14, April 11, June 13 – Second Saturday Sunrise Series
Start your day off with sunrise and breakfast treats at Hidden Lake Gardens. Share 755 acres with only the woodland creatures for a few hours as the day begins. Bring your running shoes, paints, or supplies for your favorite way to spend the early hours. Arrive fifteen minutes before sunrise. Class will be hosted by HLG staff.
Cost: $10 per person / $8 per person for Friends of HLG
Registration is required. Limited to seven people.
(Arrival times: March 7:30am, April 6:45am, June 5:45am)

March 14, 10:30am – Nature Hike – Families Welcome!
Enjoy a family-friendly hike on Hidden Lake Garden's many rolling and wooded trails. Hikers will experience the natural beauty of different trails by experienced leaders. Hikers should wear hiking shoes, long pants, and be able to walk for 2 hours at an easy pace.
Cost: $5 per person / $3 per person for Friends of HLG
Registration is required.

March 14, 10:30am – European Dish Gardens
Create a beautiful dish garden with spring bulbs and live plants to brighten your home or to give to a friend. Pam Meinke will lead the class in welcoming spring back into our lives.
Cost: $34 per person / $30 per person for Friends of HLG
Registration is required.

March 19, 6:30pm – Behind-The-Scenes with Paul: Bulb Show
Explore behind the scenes with HLG’s Managing Director, Paul Pfeifer. This is an opportunity to enjoy a behind-the-scenes perspective on different areas of HLG’s collections. Bring your questions and learn a few tips and secrets.
Cost: $5 per person / free for Friends of HLG
Registration is required. Approximate class length is 90 minutes.

March 21, 10:30am – Family Class Series: Propagation for Kids
Learn the science and art behind propagation - with kid-friendly plants and techniques. Price includes one set of plants, but multiple family members are welcome to participate.
Cost: $30 per family / $27 per family for Friends of HLG
Registration is required.

March 28, 10am–12pm – Easter Eggs-travangza
Bring the little ones to celebrate Easter and the beginning of Spring with a celebration at Hidden Lake Gardens. Children can decorate eggs, make crafts, and hunt for eggs in the Conservatory and in the Gardens (weather permitting). Please bring 6 hard-boiled eggs to color.
Cost: $12 per child / $10 per child for Friends of HLG
Registration is required. Space is very limited.

April 11, June 13 – Second Saturday Sunrise Series
Start your day off with sunrise and breakfast treats at Hidden Lake Gardens. Share 755 acres with only the woodland creatures for a few hours as the day begins. Bring your running shoes, paints, or supplies for your favorite way to spend the early hours. Arrive fifteen minutes before sunrise. Class will be hosted by HLG staff.
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Registration is required. Limited to seven people.
(Arrival times: April 6:45am, June 5:45am)

April 11, 10am–12pm – Adopt-A-Highway
Show your pride for Hidden Lake Gardens by helping us clean up our entryway! Michigan Department of Transportation’s Adopt-A-Highway program helps care for 6,400 miles of roads and have collected over a million bags of trash. Participants must be over the age of 12.

April 11, 10:30am – Designing Jewelry from Nature
Nature offers beauty and is unique. Cornelia Wende will show participants how to use its beauty to make distinct jewelry without disturbing nature, or needing diamonds or other high price materials, and how to combine silver and natural material. Explore easy design opportunities with a goal of each student creating a unique piece of jewelry. Price includes one piece of jewelry, may be adjusted depending on piece selected by participants. Additional pieces can be purchased and made. Participants are encouraged to bring a special stone, fossil, or shell to incorporate, if desired.
Cost: $40 per person / $35 per person for Friends of HLG
Registration is required. Approximate class length is 2 hrs.

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hiking shoes, long pants, and be able to walk for 2 hours at an easy pace.  
Cost: $5 per person / $3 per person for Friends of HLG  
Registration is required.

April 16, 6:30pm – Behind-The-Scenes with Paul:  
Harper Collection  
Explore behind the scenes with HLG’s Managing Director, Paul Pfeifer. This is an opportunity to enjoy a behind-the-scenes perspective on different areas of HLG’s collections. Bring your questions and learn a few tips and secrets.  
Cost: $5 per person / free for Friends of HLG  
Registration is required. Approximate class length is 90 minutes.

April 18, 10:30am – Nature A-Z Preschool – LETTER L  
‘L’ … Ladybugs!!  
Little ones from ages 3 – 7 are invited to explore the natural world through songs and crafts. Topics will center on items in nature that start with the letter of the month. Adults must attend with children. Dress to be outside for a short time.  
Class is open to pre-school and home-schooled children aged 3 – 7 yrs old.  
Cost: $8 per person / $6 per person for Friends of HLG.  
Registration is required.

April 24 and 25 – Arbor Day Events  
More information on the way!

April 26, 12pm–1:30pm – Bringing Native (Plants) Home  
Instructor: Cheryl English, Advanced Master Gardener  
Cost: $ 15 per person / $ 13 per person for Friends of HLG  
Registration is required.

April 26, 2pm–3:30pm – It *IS* Easy to be Green  
Instructor: Cheryl English, Advanced Master Gardener  
Cost: $ 15 per person / $ 13 per person for Friends of HLG  
Registration is required.

May 16, 10:30am – Nature A-Z Preschool – LETTER M  
‘M’ … Mammals!!  
Little ones from ages 3 – 7 are invited to explore the natural world through songs and crafts. Topics will center on items in nature that start with the letter of the month. Adults must attend with children. Dress to be outside for a short time.  
Class is open to pre-school and home-schooled children aged 3 – 7 yrs old.  
Cost: $8 per person / $6 per person for Friends of HLG.  
Registration is required.

May 16, May 23, May 31 – 10:30am–12pm – Wildflower Walk  
Walk through the wildflowers that adorn the natural areas of Hidden Lake Gardens. Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to hike, rain or shine. Tours led by HLG staff and volunteers.  
Cost: $5 per person / $3 per person for Friends of HLG  
Registration is required.
New Members
Craig and Sue Burcken
Grace and Tim Foxworthy
Theresh, Kevin and Chloe Bolton
Matthew and Monica McCullough
Judith Walz
Kris Pursell
Deana and Ryan Richardson
Bethany and Louis Posa
Judith and Mark Holcomb
Erin Doherty
Chuck Smith
Bob and Sandra Avery
Tony Wachocki
Melissa Byrne

Mark and Janet Monroe
Rick and Pat Drabant
Helmut and Dorothee Reusche
Brian and Kristin Schick
Clara Michaluk
Julie Ries
Joan and Randy Jackson
Chris and Jean O’Donnell
Clifford and Martha Walker
Michele Scott
Cynthia Seppa
Celina Stanaway
Richard and Cindy Niedenmier
Wes and Susan Biddle
Ron Oblender
Lynn and Nancy Elston
Autumn and David Kalin
Sylvia Kay
Friedel and Ursula Helms
Kay Firster
Clarice and Stephen Rink
Joseph and Lucile Satterelli
Don and Kathy Deniston
Robert and Julie Pardee
David Witucki
Don Monta
Nancy Stanley
Donald and Nancy Stawowy
Connie and Mickey Kress
Harry and Karin Douthit
Bree and Jean Storey
Jean and David Kaisler
Kenneth Buxton
Carol Stuut
Jo-Ann Lauderdale
Deborah Lawson
Julie and Dino Piccinini
Rhonda Carrier
Bob Kapke
Judith Walz
Kris Pursell
Jim and Lorraine Koepfle
Dan Brown

Renewing Members
Sue-Ellen Smith
Annette Gidner
Charlene Stachnik
Judy and Wallace Howard
John and Donna Welter
John and Susan Gruel
Dave and Lisa Mikesell
Denny and Sarah White
Laura and Gary Gallup
Patricia and Jorge Garcia
Ronald and Polly Wrublewski
Karen and Alan Wolfe
Aaron and Jennifer Enzer
Jennifer Fairfield
Bill Davis
Susie Deis
Kurt and Brenda Reinhart
Shannon and Steve Owskinski
John Catenacci
Welton and Christine Moore
Grant and Joan Harvey
David and Therese Scharphorn
Sallie and Sue Schiel
Charles and Lucille Lietzau
Jack Noppe
Dave and Carol Petsch
Jim Koepfle
Gregg Perez
Roger and Donna Gaede
Jan and Truus VanderHoff
Judith Muszkiewicz
Daniel and Tammy Doman
Allen and Renata Snyder
Shawn Pollack
Susan Bloye
Susan Lovell
Mervin and Nancy Maynard
Kelly and William MacArthur
Bill and Shirley Meyers
Carol and Wade Peacock
Amanda and Patrick Walz
Gary and Jackie Veitoe
Rusty and Beckee Nighbert
Joseph and Joan Weaver
Charles and Sharon McLaughlin
Rob and Mary Woodard
Donald and Harriet Wild
Joel and Teresa Nuber
Jack and Jeannine Wikle
Dale and Karen Cook
Bob and Rita Neustifter
Jerry and Vicki Hughey
Carole and Joseph Badgley
Janet Meddaugh
Dorothy Lincoln
Maan Baki
Sybil Kolon
Patsy and Tom Scales

Welcome to our new members!
Thank you to our returning friends!
Friends of Hidden Lake Gardens

Our members keep the Gardens flourishing! When you become a “Friend” of Hidden Lake Gardens, you support the financing of new displays and plant collections, the renovation of existing ones, and the labeling of the specimens. Your support also helps us to educate visitors of all ages and maintain our facilities.

Enjoy the many benefits of membership:

• Free Admission
• Member Discounts: 10 to 20 percent off courses, workshops, and lectures; 10 percent off gift shop purchases
• Members-Only Plant Sale Preview
• Reciprocal Gardens Program: Free admission and discounts at 300 gardens across the country through the American Horticultural Society (search by zip code by visiting www.ahs.org/gardening-programs/rap)

Membership Categories

Single: one person — $35 annually
Dual: two adults living at same address — $45 annually
Family: two adults and their children under 18 — $50 annually
Grandparents: two grandparents and their grandchildren under 18 — $50 annually
Family & Friends: two adults and their children under 18, PLUS free admission for up to six accompanying guests — $65 annually
Grandparents & Friends: two adults and their grandchildren under 18, PLUS free admission for up to six accompanying guests — $65 annually

Those who support the Gardens at higher levels receive all benefits, as well as invitations to Special Supporter Events:

Sponsor: $100 • Contributor: $250 • Benefactor: $500 • Leadership: $1000

For more information, please call our office at (517) 431-2060

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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☐ Family & Friends — $65
☐ Grandparents & Friends — $65
☐ Sponsor — $100
☐ Contributor — $250
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☐ Leadership — $1000

Name 1:____________________________________ Name 2:____________________________________
Address:____________________________________ City, State, Zip______________________________
Phone:_____________________________________
E-mail address:______________________________

☐ This is a gift membership, given by:

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Gerry Donaldson, Grounds Foreman
Diane Faust, Conservatory Manager
Paul Pfeifer, Managing Director
Cheryl Roe, Administrator and Gift Shop Manager
Randy Skinner, Maintenance and Equipment Coordinator

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Hidden Lake Gardens
Open Year-round:
April – October, 9 AM – 7 PM
November – March, 9 AM – 4 PM

Hidden Lake Gardens is a 755-acre botanical garden and arboretum owned by Michigan State University. Tucked away in the Irish Hills region of southeastern Michigan, it’s a scenic and serene destination for family outings, picnics, trailwalking, bicycling, sightseeing, and more.

The Gardens’ picturesque landscapes beckon nature lovers, photographers, and gardeners of all ages. Its five miles of paved one-way roadways and ten miles of marked hiking trails provide access to woodland areas, meadows, and glacial kettleholes.

Notable collections include the renowned Justin C. (Chub) Harper Dwarf and Rare Conifer Collection with more than 500 specimens, the Ralph H. (Herb) and Dorothy Benedict Hosta Hillside, and the Elsie MacCready Memorial Bonsai Collection.

The Gardens offers guided tours, classes, and special events, including our ever-popular plant sale that takes place each year on the second weekend in May.

While you’re in the area, discover more of Lenawee County and the Irish Hills. Visit historic Tecumseh, Brooklyn, and Adrian for food, shopping, art, antiques, and fun.

www.visitlenawee.com
www.irishhills.com
www.downtowntecumseh.com
adriancity.com

Wanted:
Enthusiastic Hikers

With five miles of hiking trails and 50,000 visitors per year, there are ample opportunities for exercising and socializing while exploring the scenes of Hidden Lake Gardens. If you are interested in joining fellow hikers on a regular basis and exploring the natural beauty of Hidden Lake Gardens, please contact Julie Conley, Education Coordinator, 517-431-2060 or conleyj9@msu.edu. No experience required.

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