Meet Our New Managing Director, Paul Pfeifer

We are pleased to announce that Paul Pfeifer has accepted the position of Managing Director at Hidden Lake Gardens, effective September 8, 2014. Paul comes to us from Kent State University where he was the Managing Director of the Draime Estate Gardens and directed all aspects of the gardens, grounds, and greenhouse management including new garden design, existing garden enhancement, and plant propagation.

Over his career Paul has worked at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Gwinn Estate, The Arnold Arboretum and Studebaker Nurseries.

Paul received his BS degree in Public Horticulture from Purdue University and his Master of Public Administration degree in Nonprofit Management from Kent State University.

We are very excited to have Paul join our team.

Summertime is the Perfect Time to Slow Down…

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”
—John Lubbock

Do you feel worn out by the long, long winter and the crazy pace of spring? Each season in nature has its own particular brilliance – and challenges. This winter, although breathtakingly beautiful, tried the patience of even the most passionate winter-lover. This spring felt like standing on a curve at Michigan International Speedway – fast and furious and gone in mere seconds.

Now the lazy days of summer invite us to slow down and catch our breath… or a sunrise… or a passing cloud or butterfly.

Hidden Lake Gardens offers a magnificent place for respite and relief. With over 755 acres, it is easy to slide into a slower pace. Hiking the trails, strolling amongst the gardens or in the Conservatory, sitting by the lake watching the fish… there are lots of opportunities to catch your breath. Experts in mental and physical health extol the virtues of taking a time-out. In our era of ever-increasing demands and competition for our attention, place and time to decelerate are ever more important for sanity.

This summer we are offering a variety of classes and activities if you’d like to be more engaged. Our preschool classes continue to be popular, offered on the first Wednesday and third Saturday. Explore less-known areas of the Gardens with staff and docents every first Saturday. Start the day with a sunrise on the second Saturday. Learn a little and use your imagination to create a garden-themed project with our Family Series. This summer we also have classes on succulents, children’s yoga, and finding your flow in nature. Every Saturday we offer information and activities on nature topics from 1–3 p.m. – “drop in” and see what we are doing or ask a question!

If you’d like to see Hidden Lake Gardens alive with activity, join us for Children’s Garden Day on August 9, The Art of Bonsai on September 28, or Fall Foliage Festival on October 4. Read on for more information or visit our website, www.hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu.

Nature offers endless opportunities for us to take a deep breath – breathing in the smells and sounds and sights of summer. With each breath we catch a whisper persuading us to slow down and relax, releasing the tension in our shoulders and in our minds. Hidden Lake Gardens provides a hospitable place to practice idleness. You just might be surprised how much you can accomplish by resting in nature.

—Julie Conley, Education Coordinator
July 26, 10 a.m. — Family Class Series – Pet Rock Friends and Family
Families are invited to join us for a saunter around the grounds looking at different types of rocks and landforms that make Hidden Lake Gardens special. As we go along we will identify rocks that can make “pets.” If you can't find one you like, there will be some available for you. Who wouldn’t like a pet you don't have to feed or water, clean up after, and who never makes noise? 3 “pets” for family unit. If you would like more they will be $3 a piece. Registration is required.
Cost: $14 per family / $12 per family for Friends of HLG.

August 2, 10 a.m. — Off the Beaten Path
Get off the pavement and learn more about the fascinating property that comprises Hidden Lake Gardens. Hikes will be led by knowledgeable staff and volunteers. This hike will occur on rugged, uneven terrain and may be slightly strenuous. Participants are encouraged to be strong hikers and to wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Registration is required.
Cost: $3 per person / $2 per person for Friends of HLG

August 9, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. — Children’s Garden Day
See next page for details.

August 16, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. — Join the Flow of Nature: Basking in the Fullness of Life
“Basking in the Fullness of Life” is the second in a series of seasonal retreat days at Hidden Lake Gardens. In the summer we celebrate nature’s splendor at its fullest and most abundant – fully alive! As in the flow of the seasons, we also can receive with gratitude the gifts of a life in full bloom and lavish abundance. Join us for a day of basking in beautiful Hidden Lake Garden’s fullness this summer. We will enjoy nature walks, yoga and movement for all levels of ability; quiet, meditative contemplation and reflection; and artistic expression. Registration is required.

“I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite – only a sense of existence.” – H.D. Thoreau

Instructors: Loretta Pickford and Nancy Kitchens
Cost $95 per person / $90 for members.$120/$110 after August 1. Save $25! Register early to get the early registration discount. Limited scholarships are available; contact Julie Conley for more information.

August 23, 2 p.m. — Children’s Yoga
People of all ages benefit from yoga! Rhonda Carrier will lead a class geared especially for children aged 5 – 8, with special emphasis on nature with poses inspired by plants and animals. Adults must attend with children. Registration is required.
Cost: $10 per child / $8 per child for Friends of HLG

August 30, 10–11:30 a.m. — Family Class Series – Flavor, Fun, and Fragrance: A Basket of Herbal Goodies
Families are invited to explore the important role herbs play in our lives. Sue Betz of Fresh Start Herbs will present a primer of favorite family herbs for use and delight. There will be treats to taste and samples to take home. Price includes one take home herbal blend; make it and take herb crafts will be available for purchase. Registration is required.
Cost: $10 per family / $8 per family for Friends of HLG.

**Upcoming Events**
For more info, go to http://hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu/events

NATURE A-Z PRESCHOOL SERIES

Aug. 6 or 16 – Letter H is for HUMAN BODY
Sept. 3 or 20 – Letter I is for INSECTS
Oct. 1 or 18 – LEAVES (Special Event)
Nov. 5 or 15 – TURKEYS (Special Event)
Dec. 3 or 20 – NATURE’S GIFTS (Special Event)

Little ones 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. Class is open to pre-school and home-schooled children aged 3 – 7 years old. The same class will be offered on Wednesday and Saturday. Classes start at 10 a.m.

Registration is required.
Cost: $8 per person / $6 per person for Friends of HLG

SATURDAY “DROP IN” PROGRAMS
1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Come chat with a garden ambassador in HLG’s raised beds area and look a little deeper into each month’s topic.

INSECTS: every Saturday in July
HERBS: every Saturday in August
HARVEST: every Saturday in September

Cost: Free with admission, no registration required.
Hidden Lake Gardens presents

CHILDREN’S GARDEN DAY

Saturday, August 9th from 11am - 3pm

Children & their families are invited to discover

what lives in the water!

Come learn about plants and animals
on land and in the water.

- Participate in hands-on crafts and activities
- Visit Paul McCormack and his critters at 1pm and 3pm
- Enjoy Mister Lawrence & his Play Money Band at 12pm and 2pm
- Look for The Michigan Stiltwalker strolling around and entertaining
- Take a “Story Walk” around the Gardens

Dave’s Dogs Hotdog Cart available or pack a picnic lunch!

6214 W. Monroe (M-50)
Tipton, MI 49287
(517) 431-2060

Admission $5 per person/Free for HLG Members
Visit us at www.hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu

Can you help?
- Volunteers are needed for Children’s Garden Day
- Water toys are needed to borrow for Children’s Garden Day
  (water play table, water toys, mister, etc.)
- Contact Julie at (517) 431-2060 or conleyj9@msu.edu
Randy Skinner Recognized by NOAA for Weather Reporting

This spring, longtime Hidden Lake Gardens maintenance staff member Randy Skinner was given the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration award for twenty-five years of reporting weather conditions to the National Weather Service. This follows his 2008 Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award from MSU for overall excellence in job performance, supportive attitude, and contributions to the unit or University that lead to improved efficiency or effectiveness, and valuable service to the University.

Randy has been on staff for forty-two years, tending to just about everything over the years. You may catch him keeping equipment in good repair, tending to mechanical components of the buildings, and providing all-around maintenance and upkeep for the whole property. His influence impacts the community beyond the boundaries of Hidden Lake Gardens, as evidenced by this award. We are glad that Randy is being honored for his years of hard work and dedication. Congratulations, Randy, and thank you!

A Big “Thank You” to the Grounds Crew!

The grounds crew, from left: Randy S., Tammi P., Carolyn K., Brian S., Gerry D., Wayne S., Carolyn G., Jim C., Clayton K., Larry K., Mark G., Chris M. Not pictured: John W., Jack W.

The winter of 2013–2014 has been entered into the record books. We’re still dealing with the effects of record-setting snowfall and cold temperatures on our trees, shrubs, and landscape plants. The grounds at Hidden Lake Gardens have been coaxed back into beauty by the skill and the dedication of the Grounds Crew, led by Gerry Donaldson. This talented group of people has endured crazy weather, administrative changes, and lots of winter damage. They continue to keep their spirits up and the grounds looking great. Thank you, Grounds Crew! Hidden Lake Gardens continues to be a beautiful place, thanks to your diligent efforts.
2014 Plant Sale was a Blooming Success!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2014 Plant Sale. Our volunteers donated over 300 hours – we couldn’t do it without you!

Thank you to our suppliers:
- Gee Farms
- Heritage Gardens
- Native Landscapes
- Ogden Station Daylilies
- Prielipp Farm and Greenhouse
- Rosewind Gardens
- Summershade Nursery
- Uloth Farms and Greenhouse
- Wild Type
- ... and HLG’s home-grown stock

If you have ideas on how to improve the sale for 2015, now is the perfect time to share your thoughts as planning has already begun. Please contact Julie Conley at 517-431-2060.

NEW! Featured Plants for Sale at HLG

Plants that have been propagated from HLG stock and specially selected by members of the grounds crew are now available for purchase, located outside the Gift Shop entrance. Quantities are limited.

**Sherwood Frost American Arborvitae,**
*Thuja occidentalis* ‘Sherwood Frost’
Uniquely colorful arborvitae that only grows to about five feet tall by three and one-half feet wide in ten years. The green and white frosted foliage is an outstanding accent, or makes an easily controllable hedge.

**Tempelhof Compact Hinoki Cypress,**
*Chamaecyparis obtusa* ‘Tempelhof’
Golden-yellow outer foliage contrasts with deeper green inner foliage. Deer and rabbit resistant. Tolerant of full sun or light shade. Very hardy. Reaches 8 to 12 feet tall and 4 to 6 feet wide in ten years.

**Umbraculifera Arborvitae, aka Umbrella Arborvitae,**
*Thuja occidentalis* ‘Umbraculifera’
A dwarf American arborvitae reaching only 3 feet by 3 feet in ten years. Delightful deep green foliage sometimes has tinges of plum color in winter. Excellent in the landscape and for use as bonsai.

**Golden Candles White Pine,**
*Pinus strobus* ‘Golden Candles’
Dramatic yellow candles (new growth) in spring gently soften to light green by summer’s end. A colorful bushy native eastern white pine that will grow into a broadly pyramidal tree.

**Featured Native Plant!**

**American Mountain-Ash,** *Sorbus Americana*
A small native tree used as an ornamental. Large flower clusters are followed by bright orange fruit that appeals to native birds. Good fall color of orange to red foliage.
Bonsai Show and
Art Inspired by Bonsai
Sunday, September 28, 2014

ART INSPIRED BY BONSAI: 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.
A special exhibit organized by the Lenawee Artists’ Lounge, these pieces represent or have been inspired by bonsai in the Hidden Lake Gardens’ Bonsai Collection. This display, September through October, will be located on the upper level of the Visitor Center. An informal art reception, 1 - 3 p.m., will provide an opportunity for guests to meet the artists.

BONSAI SHOW: 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. (lower level of Visitor Center)
Open to all bonsai enthusiasts who would like to exhibit and to all visitors who will enjoy seeing an extraordinary display of miniature trees. (To reserve exhibit space, submit form below)

BONSAI BAZAAR: 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. (lawn adjacent to main parking lot)
A variety of vendors will be present offering bonsai, plants with bonsai potential, pots, tools and related items. (To reserve selling space on the lawn, vendors must register and make a $25 refundable deposit. Call the Gardens to receive vendor registration forms and detailed vending information.)

ASK THE ARTISTS: 12:30 - 2 P.M. (Visitor Center Auditorium)
Advice and answers to your bonsai questions will be available from a panel of experienced growers.

INTRO TO BONSAI: 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. (Visitor Center Auditorium)
Lecture covering basic information on how to get started in growing miniature trees.

PLEASE NOTE:
• Hidden Lake Gardens’ Bonsai Display Courtyard will be open to the public with access through the Conservatory Building.
• Picnic areas are available on the grounds. A hot dog vendor will also be present the day of this event.
• Entry fee to Hidden Lake Gardens will be $3 per person on this date.
• Hidden Lake Gardens makes no endorsement or guarantee regarding quality, survivability or usefulness of items offered for sale by vendors.

QUESTIONS: 517-431-2060

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION
To reserve exhibit space for your bonsai, clip off and return this form with your deposit check* ($10 payable to Hidden Lake Gardens) to Hidden Lake Gardens, 6214 W. Monroe (M-50), Tipton, MI 49287.

Name ________________________________________________ Phone number ____________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________________________________

Email address ____________________________________ Approx. display width needed (in ft.) _____ Bonsai for display (approx. number) _____

Note: 3 tree limit per exhibitor (very small bonsai an exception)
* Deposits will be refunded at 4 pm to exhibitors whose bonsai remain on display for the duration of the exhibit, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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

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**Method of Payment**

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Mail completed form to:

Hidden Lake Gardens  
6214 Monroe Road (M-50)  
Tipton, MI 49287
Hidden Lake Gardens is located in southeastern Michigan, near Tipton. It is approximately eight miles west of Tecumseh on M-50.

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 display gardens 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.

http://www.visitlenawee.com/
http://www.irishhills.com/
http://www.downtowntecumseh.com/
http://adriancity.com/

Project “BLOOM where you are planted” brings Lenawee County 4-H’ers and handicapped students together to explore and experience the wonders of nature. The students maintain the Raised Bed gardens and learn about nature-related topics for eight weeks every summer. One of the favorite events is fishing – the only group allowed to fish in the Hidden Lake!

On display now: Photos of rare and unusual plants of Michigan by Robert Smith in the Gift Shop’s art gallery.

The floodplains of the River Raisin and Bean Creek systems are particularly rich conservation areas. In Lenawee County, they are home to many wildflowers, including some of the species featured in this exhibit.