Share Your Memories of Hidden Lake Gardens

As you most likely are now aware, 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of Harry Fee's pledge to donate Hidden Lake Gardens to Michigan State University such that this beautiful preserve in the Irish Hills would continue to grow and develop “with the prime object of its being for the benefit of the public.”

To celebrate Mr. Fee’s most generous gift and his vision to keep Hidden Lake Gardens as a place for “the public to pause and enjoy the views,” we want to learn about your memories of Hidden Lake Gardens over the years and share them with our members and visitors. If you have a favorite memory, ritual, or tradition involving Hidden Lake Gardens, please write it down. If you have a photograph of a favorite tree, flower, trail, event, or view, please send it to us. We will include as many photos and memories as possible in the September 2015 newsletter. Photos and written memories may be submitted electronically to hlg@msu.edu, mailed as hard copy to 6214 Monroe Road, Tipton, MI 49287, or hand delivered to the Visitors Center.

The gardening season is in full tilt now as spring makes way for summer. Many plants at HLG are at their peak ornamental interest – be it flowers, foliage, or fruit. Make plans to visit HLG regularly as the annuals, perennials, and tropical plants fill the beds around the gazebo and the demonstration garden. The hostas are fully leafed-out on Hosta Hillside and will begin a gradual process of flowering from now through the end of summer. The conifers in the Harper Collection, some of which looked a bit bronzed from the cold winter and harsh winds, are now flush with fresh needles of green, yellow, blue, and gray. And the bonsai collection awaits visitors while offering an artistic and serene place to view and enjoy miniature trees.

Of course, we look forward to seeing many families at HLG for Children’s Garden Day on Saturday, August 1. Please see page 3 for more details.

Finally, I hope you will find time this summer to take advantage of the beauty and tranquility that the 755 acres of Hidden Lake Gardens exudes. Summertime always seems to go by so quickly. Make it a point to stop in at HLG for a picnic lunch, a walk on one of our trails, an idea for plants in your home garden, to take a class, or just to experience and enjoy the outdoors of the Irish Hills. We look forward to seeing you here this summer.

Thank You to Our Wonderful Friends and Visitors!

Plant Sale 2015 was a huge success – many thanks to everyone who participated!

• The Planning Committee has met monthly since July 2014. A special thank you to Galen Kenyon, Jill Millett, John Conley, Mal Lenz, and Sandy Barecki.
• 220+ hours were volunteered the week of the sale and at the sale
• Over 6,200 plants from 11 vendors were available
• 216 members attended on Friday, plus 491 visitors on Saturday – that’s a 28% increase over last year!

Final sale numbers are still emerging, but we consider this sale a great success!

If you have feedback or would like to get involved, please contact Julie at conleyj9@msu.edu.
Michigan Gardens Group

On Friday, March 20, 2015, Hidden Lake Gardens hosted a combined meeting of two public garden organizations: the Ohio Gardens Together and the Michigan Gardens Group. The theme of the joint meeting was “plant sales as fundraisers for public gardens.” Staff from Matthaei Botanical Garden and Nichols Arboretum, Toledo Botanical Garden, and Hidden Lake Gardens gave presentations providing a general overview of the successes and challenges of conducting plant sales at their respective organizations. Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park discussed why they stopped offering a plant sale and how they developed a new special fundraising event in its place. Other presentations included public gardens as tourism attractions and tours of Hidden Lake Gardens.

There were 29 attendees (19 from Michigan and 10 from Ohio) representing eleven gardens total which also included professionals from Beal Botanical Gardens, Beech Creek Botanical Gardens and Nature Preserve, Dawes Arboretum, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Henry Ford Estate, Schedel Arboretum and Gardens, and Toledo Zoo.

Both Michigan Gardens Group and Ohio Gardens Together are comprised of members that are employees of botanical gardens and arboreta located in their respective states. The general purpose of each organization 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 collaborative gathering of public garden professionals is believed to be the first of its kind involving the two neighboring states.

Diane Faust, Conservatory Manager, leads Michigan and Ohio public garden professionals on a tour of the recently renovated Tropical Dome.

Gerry Donaldson (far right), Gardens and Grounds Manager, discusses the challenges that deer present to preserving the Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare Conifers with horticulturists (left to right) Doug Conley, Toledo Botanical Garden; Mike Palmer, Matthaei Botanical Garden; and Mike Ecker, Dawes Arboretum.
Children’s Garden Day
at Hidden Lake Gardens
August 1
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fairies & elves along with their parents are invited to participate in hands-on activities, a story walk and crafts inspired by nature.

Fairy Stories by Becca Price at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Mr. Laurence and his Play Money Band perform at 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.

Fairy houses on display by Fat Blossom Farms of Allegan, MI (with the opportunity to play, or create a fairy house of your own at a charge)

Dave’s Dogs hotdog cart will be available or pack a picnic lunch.

Admission $5 per person
($20 max charge per family)
and Free to Friends of HLG

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**Collector Feature Plant**  
*Picea abies ‘Chub’ – ‘Chub’ Norway Spruce*

This new introduction has unique yellow-frosted needles. New growth is tinged with glowing reddish-orange. A cross between ‘Acrocona’ and ‘Gold Drift’, ‘Chub’ features the terminal cones of ‘Acrocona’ and bright color of ‘Gold Drift.’ Densely branched and broadly conical, ‘Chub’ will develop into a small tree that draws the eye. Very rare, the parent plant is in the Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare Conifers.

**Native Feature Plant**  
*Ostrya virginiana – Ironwood or American Hop Hornbeam*

Native to eastern North America, Ironwood has been used for tools and long-bow making. Buds and catkins are food for some native birds. Does best as an edge plant or understory plant. Slow growing and fairly small in stature.

**Native Feature Plant**  
*Quercus alba – White Oak*

Native to eastern North America, White Oak grows somewhat slowly, but can develop into a massive tree. Long lived, White Oaks have been known to reach 450 years of age. New spring leaves emerge red-orange and fall color ranges from red to almost purple. Acorns are not common until the tree reaches 50 years of age.

**Seasonal Color Feature Plant**  
*Syringa reticulata ‘Ivory Silk’ – Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac*

A small tree-form lilac reaching only about 25 feet in height. Fragrant 6 to 12 inch long creamy-white flower clusters are abundant in June. Prefers full sun, but will tolerate light shade.
Hosta Hillside Workday

Members of the Michigan Hosta Society conducted their annual spring Hosta Hillside workday on Saturday, May 30, 2015. These dedicated volunteers enthusiastically weed, prune, cut back spring bulb foliage, gather leaves and twigs, sweep and rake paths, inventory and label specimens, and divide and transplant hostas each spring workday. Without the passion, knowledge, and skill of the MHS members, the Hosta collection at Hidden Lake Gardens would not be the garden treasure that it is today.

The Michigan Hosta Society began developing the Hosta Hillside collection in 1989 by donating plants and establishing an endowment to support the cost of maintaining the hosta garden. In 1992, MHS members Herb and Dorothy Benedict, for whom the Hosta Hillside is named, donated 200 additional plants to the new hosta collection.

In 2002, the Benedict Hosta Hillside was declared an official American Hosta Society Display Garden which, at that time, was one of only two such gardens in the country. Today, more than 1,000 different cultivars of Hosta are on display in Hosta Hillside.

Hostas are herbaceous perennials that can range from six inches to 36 inches in size and prefer to be grown in shaded areas. Hybridized, grown, and selected primarily for their foliage effect, Hosta leaves can range in single color from green to gray to blue to yellow to cream or they can display multiple combinations of these colors on their leaves in a variegated pattern. In addition to the wonderfully colorful leaves, hostas do produce flowers in summer at various times which is an added bonus to these highly ornamental perennials.

Friends of HLG Keep it Clean and Green

Adopt-A-Highway is a Michigan Department of Transportation program designed to assist in keeping the state’s highway roadsides clean and attractive. The Friends of Hidden Lake Gardens have adopted a two-mile stretch of highway M-50 that borders the southern property line of Hidden Lake Gardens. Three times per year, in April, July, and September, members of the Friends volunteer their Saturday morning to collect and dispose of trash and debris along the M-50 corridor that includes Hidden Lake Gardens. Grounds and Gatehouse staff member Jim Chamberlain contributes his personal time to coordinate the Friends participation in Adopt-a-Highway. We thank Jim and all of the Adopt-a-Highway participants for keeping M-50 clean and green. The next work day is Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m.

Jim Chamberlain, center, works with Wayne Strayer and Jill Millett near the Hidden Lake Gardens entrance during the spring Adopt-A-Highway work day.
July 11, 10:30 a.m. – 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.

July 11 – 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.

July 11, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Managing Land on a Large Scale: Lessons Still Being Learned at Hidden Lake Gardens
Presented by The Grand-Raisin Cluster of The Stewardship Network. Please see their website for more information: www.stewardshipnetwork.org/rc

July 11, 10 a.m. – 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.

July 16, 6:30 p.m. – Behind-The-Scenes with Paul – Herb and Dorothy Benedict Hosta Garden
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.

July 18, 12:00 p.m. – Ephemeral Art With Nature
Multimedia artist Lorenzo Cristaudo will lead participants in developing art objects with natural materials. A slide show depicting the works of Andy Goldsworthy and Gary Smith will form the basis of developing art works assembled from natural objects. Following the discussion, participants will be led in creating ephemeral of their own. Individuals are encouraged to bring a means to photograph the works, which will be assembled out of doors on the Hidden Lake Gardens’ grounds.
Cost: $10.00 per person. Ages 8 and up. Ideal for adults.
Registration is required. Approximate class length is 2 hrs.

July 18, 10:30 a.m. – Nature A-Z Preschool – LETTER O ‘O’ … Oceans!!
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.

July 28, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Tecumseh District Library Night at Hidden Lake Gardens
Tecumseh District Library card holders and patrons are invited to attend this exclusive event commemorating the 70th anniversary
of HLG. Come see hosta, conifers, bonsai, and other flowering plants. Stroll through the Conservatory. Learn about Harry Fee, Justin “Chub” Harper, Ralph and Dorothy Benedict, and the history of HLG. Staff and volunteers will lead the tours. Free event for TDL card holders and patrons. To register, call TDL at 517-423-2238 or visit http://www.librarysample.org/tecumseh/eventregistration.asp

August 1 – Children’s Garden Day
See page 3 for details.

August 8 – Second Saturday Sunrise Series
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August 15, 10:30 a.m. – Nature A-Z Preschool – LETTER P ‘P’ … Ponds !!
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August 15, 12:00 p.m. – Nature Art Series – Seed Saving
Multimedia artist Lorenzo Cristaudo will lead participants in developing a system for saving their own heirloom seeds. They will make a pocketed seed catalog for organized storage, discuss what seeds to save, and learn how to prepare them for storage. Individuals are encouraged to bring small photographs of some of their own plants or vegetables they will be saving to label the journal pockets. All materials provided.

Cost: $10.00 per person/ $8 per person for Friends of HLG. Ages 8 and up. Ideal for adults.

Registration is required. Approximate class length is 2 hrs.

August 13, 6:30 p.m. – Behind-The-Scenes with Paul – Elardo Garden
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August 29, 10:30 a.m. – Family Class Series – Herbal Make-and-Take
Exploring Herbs for Use and Delight with Susan Betz! The enjoyment of herbs rests in the many and varied uses they serve in our daily lives. For most people, their first acquaintance begins with the different foods each plant flavors. However, there is a lot more to know beyond this introduction. Susan’s presentation will demonstrate the numerous other ways to enjoy herbs for household and sundry uses. Family Friendly Herbal Make It and Take It Stations – Two included with class purchase.

Additional available for purchase, ranging from $3 – $7 per craft.

Cost: $12 per family / $10 per family for Friends of HLG. Registration is required.

September 5, 12:00 p.m. – Nature Art Series – Plein Air Landscape Sketching
Multimedia artist Lorenzo Cristaudo will lead participants in making a quality journal for landscape sketching with graphite and water color markers. We will then go into the field to make sketches that participants may use on their own to paint or draw a finished work later. All materials provided.

Cost: $20 per person / $18 per person for Friends of HLG. Ages 8 and up. Ideal for adults and all skill levels!

Registration is required. Approximate class length is 2 hours.

September 12 – Second Saturday Sunrise Series
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New Members of Friends of Hidden Lake Gardens,
March 1, 2015 – May 31, 2015

New Members
Jackie Andrews
Ron Andrews
Warwick and Jeannie Armstrong
Bob and Sandra Avery
Gina and Ken Barnaby
Katharine and Otto Baumgart
Jeffery and Dianne Baxter
Jennifer and Jason Bennett
Randolph and Kathryn Black
Robert and Jan Boden
Brecon Village
Ken and Janet Brown
Sadie Brown
Sven and Trish Brown
David Butz
Jan and Bari Campbell
Linda Carmoney
Larry and Sonnie Carnahan
Jacob Casteel
Ann Cebulski
Dennis Christensen
Christin Cifaldi
Betsy Currie
Lynne Dawson
Sheilda and Danny Deaton
Dail DeBruyne
Charles and Julia Elias
Santiago Elizalde
Virginia Emery
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Leroy and Katherine Reiss
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Kelli Ripple
Kori Rochefort
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Diane Savoria
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Brett Schneider
Hildy Scholar
Cindy and Gary Schultz
Kathy and Paul Slovinski
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Angela Turner
Clare Updike
Marie VanErt
Gail and Kevin VanErt
Joni Warner
Ted and Myra Watkins
Vickie Webber
Linda Weinlander
Christine and Oliver Wendt
Sandy Wheaton
Christine Whitehead
Walter Williams
Rachelle Wilson
Penny and Tim Wise
Jordan Wright
Jim and Elaine Yeutter
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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

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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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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 six miles of paved one-way roadways and more than 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.

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ART EXHIBIT

Flowers of Hidden Lake Gardens

May 21, 2015 - July 6, 2015

The floral collection by artist Pat Ducat Bogusz is currently on display at Hidden Lake Gardens. The collection includes drawings and paintings of flowers from the Gardens and a few from other locations.