



#### HIDDEN LAKE GARDENS

Is owned by Michigan State University and comprises 755 acres with 6 miles of one way paved drives and 5 miles of hiking trails. This includes a 120 acre arboretum, begun in 1962, consisting of plant groups such as crabapples, lilacs, maples, evergreens, and shrubs.

Conifers can be found in: 1) the internationally known Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare Conifers (500+), 2) Evergreen Hill (200+), 3) the Bonsai Exhibit, and 4) Scattered over the grounds.

The Herb & Dorothy Benedict Hosta Hillside is an Official American Hosta Society Display Garden.

The Visitor Center houses a library, exhibits, auditorium, meeting rooms and gift shop.

The Conservatory includes tropical plants, arid plants, and a variety of flowering houseplants.

**CONIFER COLLEGE (CC)** is a **NEW optional** pre-meeting activity sponsored by the Central Region of the ACS and requires a separate registration. You can register for: 1) just Conifer College, if you do not wish to attend the National Meeting, or 2) just the National Meeting. However, we hope you will want to participate in and enjoy both.

**NOTE:** Please follow the registration form instructions carefully so you will not be disappointed. Direct any questions on registration to John Martin at the ACS National Office. Direct any questions on the CC or National Meeting Program to Dennis Groh or Don Wild. Contact information is in the ACS Membership Directory.

#### SHERATON ANN ARBOR HOTEL

Is 25 miles west of Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), off Interstate 94 at State St. (exit 177). Turn east off State St. to Victor's Way and go one block to Boardwalk to reach the ACS Meeting Hotel.

The ACS has reserved a block of rooms at a group rate of \$119 plus taxes / night. That rate is also valid for 3 days before and 3 days after the event if you wish to enjoy the SE Michigan summer weather and attractions. (Note: once you have checked in at the group rate, an early departure will incur an early departure fee of \$119.)

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# ACS 2012

## JULY 12, 13, & 14TH



ANN ARBOR, MI

The American Conifer Society's 30th National Meeting! Come enjoy a MICHIGAN summer. There will be outstanding gardens to admire, plus amazing conifers to acquire. Greet your old friends, and make new ones. Share insights with amateurs, and experts. New this year, there is also an optional pre-meeting Conifer College educational opportunity.



# MEETING SCHEDULE

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

*The ACS Board of Directors Meeting.*

*Private Gardens open as listed in the National Meeting registration confirmation.*

## THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012

*Optional Conifer College 8am - 4:30p; requires separate registration!*

*4PM Obtain Registration Packet for National Meeting. Cash bar opens.*

*5:30PM Buffet Dinner*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*8PM Keynote Presentation (Adrian Bloom)*

*9:15 PM Conifer Sketches*

## FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2012

*Luck 'O the Irish Day in the Irish Hills*

*7AM -8:50AM Breakfast & Business Meeting*

*9AM Buses Depart for Hidden Lake Gardens*

*10AM -2:50PM HLG Activities and Lunch (Details and maps provided on bus)*

*3PM Buses Depart for Hotel*

*4PM Arrival and freshen-up*

*4:50PM -5:50PM Cash Bar, SILENT AUCTION & CAN RAFFLE*

*6PM Banquet*

*7PM Recognitions/Awards*

*7:50 Distribute Plants (i.e. Silent Auction, Can Raffle and other)*

*8PM VERBAL AUCTION*

*10PM Auction Ends (?)*

## SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012

*7AM Hot Breakfast*

*7:50AM Announcements*

*8:50AM Buses Depart for Private Gardens*

*The buses will alternate between the two gardens. One hour will be allowed at each garden. Buses will need to depart promptly to allow adequate time at each garden and arrive at lunch in a reasonable time. Times will be announced.*

*12:50-1PM Arrival for a buffet style lunch under a tent at Gee Farms.*

*2PM-6PM Social Time, Nursery Display Gardens, Gee Arboretum, Propagation Areas and Polyhouses*

*6PM-7PM Dinner*

*7:50PM Buses Depart for Hotel*

*8:50PM Buses Arrive Hotel (END OF OFFICIAL MEETING)*

## SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2012

*Breakfast on your own*

*7:50AM Non ACS sponsored Tailgate Plant Sale*

*Private Gardens open as listed in the National Meeting registration confirmation.*

*Local Attractions (i.e. The Henry Ford, other area nurseries, etc.)*

*Please Travel Home Safely! Enjoy your: newly made friends, expanded knowledge and plant treasures acquired during the 2012 American Conifer Society National Meeting.*

## *MEET OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER:*

*Adrian Bloom is an internationally renowned plantsman, lecturer & author. He has authored or co-authored about 30 books, of which, 6 have Conifers as their primary interest. He is also a long time member of the American Conifer Society.*

*Adrian resides in Bressingham, England. Over the last 30 years, he has developed a 6 acre plot of land*



*known as "Foggy Bottom" next to his home. It is a wonderful, 4 season garden which contains one of the larger conifer collections in the U.K.*

*In 1985, he became one of the youngest horticulturists ever to be awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Victoria Medal of Honour.*

*Adrian's contributions go beyond the U.K. as the Massachusetts Horticultural Society awarded him their George Robert White Medal in 2002.*