

Meet the Staff



Michael Manning
General Manager

Happy Birthday Hatcher Garden



Hatcher Garden got a birthday present from Southland.

Southland Landscape Corporation provided 50 man hours to Hatcher Garden on Saturday, March 1, to assist in preparations for spring.

"This comes at a great time. As any gardener knows, there is so much to be done to get ready for spring. Having of team of professionals come in and lend a hand will give us a big jump on the season. They will help us with planting, pruning and general garden care and maintenance," says Joe Mullinax, Executive Director of Hatcher Garden.

Chip Key, Operations Manager for Southland, says, "We're bringing in 10 or more of our crew foreman to work under the direction of Hatcher's horticulturist, Jeff Hall. We are lending a hand because we want to be good citizens and give back to the community. We were asked by a board member of Hatcher Garden to give their staff some assistance and we thought it was a great idea."

This assistance from Southland comes just in time for our 10th birthday. Hatcher Garden, though started in 1969 as a backyard project of Josephine and Harold Hatcher, became a non-profit public garden in 1998. "Our birthday is a celebration of the community that supports this garden," says Joe Mullinax, Executive Director. "We wouldn't exist without volunteers and donors. We logged over 3,000 volunteer hours last year and donations are our largest source of revenue. We certainly appreciate the helping hands from Southland."

Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve is a 10 acre public garden located at 820 John B. White Sr, Blvd, Spartanburg, SC. Open 365 days a year during daylight hours with no admission fee for families and individuals. The Garden features a series of ponds; walking trails; plantings of annuals, perennials and shrubs; a native woodland of mixed hardwoods; and a diverse population of wildlife. The Garden's tree collection consists of over 1,200 specimens representing over 100 species.

Years with Southland: 2007 - Present

Location: Lexington, SC

From: Lexington, SC

About Michael:

Michael joined Southland through the acquisition of Twin Rivers Lawncare & Landscaping of Lexington, SC in August 2007. He brings more than 20 years of experience in the landscaping industry with him.

Michael was an Account Manager for Twin Rivers prior to the acquisition, at which time he was promoted to General Manager of Midland Operations. Prior to this he was owner/operator of Genesis Plant Care & Creation and Manning Landscape Management for 14 years and also worked with Gregory Landscape Services.

He received the Landscape Lighting Design and Installation of the Year award by Smith Turf and Irrigation in 1999.

Michael attended Lee's McRae College from 1977-1979 and Clemson University from 1980-1982 where he majored in Administrative Management.

In his spare time you can find Michael spending time with his kids Aaron, Alice, Michael Jr., and Issac. He also enjoys spending time with Dee Dee, his wife of 19 years.

Is your property ready for the new season?

With the pollen flying through the air, coating the plants, cars, roads and just about anything else in its path we know it's time to get ready for the summer.

But, wait a second! Is your property ready for the new season? Have you planned out your new flowers or how about the irrigation system.

With last years drought behind us we now have to look forward to the Summer of 2008 and be prepared for whatever Mother Nature brings us.

Southland offers many solutions for your landscaping needs. One of the best solutions for your irrigation system is our new

Rain Master iControl irrigation system. This system can be connected to any existing system or installed on a brand new one. We monitor your irrigation needs from our



computers no matter where we are. If it rains your system will automatically adjust and disperse less water than if we had no rain. The system is guaranteed to save you the problems of a traditional system and save you money on your monthly water bills.

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Now that we've addressed your plants water needs, lets talk about adding some color to your property! Selecting the right annuals is of the utmost importance. This is going to be one



of the first things noticed when people arrive at your property.

Some popular choices for annuals around South Carolina are Begonias, Impatiens, Salvia (pictured to the left), Hibiscus and Wave Petunias. For locations with a great deal of sunlight and limited shade you might want to go with some Salvia. You will also enjoy the vibrant color of Begonias that will draw a great deal of attention to your landscape.

They come in a wide array of colors and are ideal for small areas. All of these flowers will last you through the summer and up until the first frost.

In addition to our annuals and irrigation services Southland has a full service construction division and a well trained and experienced landscape maintenance staff. Our crew foremen are able to offer on site recommendations for your property and are continuously receiving training sessions to keep them up to date on the latest trends in the industry. Don't forget to contact your operations manager or crew foreman to schedule the installation of your Spring/Summer annuals.

Thanks for Your Loyal Service

The employees listed below are celebrating their anniversaries with Southland in March.

Jeronimo Hernandez - 4 Years Spartanburg, SC
Betty Forrester - 3 Years Spartanburg, SC
Steven Leard - 2 Years Charleston, SC
Salomon Baxcajay - 2 Years Spartanburg, SC
Natanael Hernandez - 1 Year Charleston, SC
Sado Garcia - 1 Year Charleston, SC
Daniel Robinson - 1 Year Spartanburg, SC

Happy Birthday Feliz Cumpleaños

Ramiro Estudillo 3/10 - Charleston, SC
Constanti Hernandez 3/11 - Spartanburg, SC
Daniel Robinson 3/19 - Spartanburg, SC
Artemio Lopez 3/20 - Charleston, SC
Cutberto Gonzalez 3/20 - Spartanburg, SC
Tellis Edwards 3/21 - Charleston, SC
Ashley Cooper 3/22 - Columbia, SC
Kenneth Smith 3/31 - Spartanburg, SC

Welcome to the Family

Southland welcomes all of our new clients

Western SC Operations

- The Arbors
- Park 45
- Ivywood Park
- Brookside Point
- Office Depot - Greer, SC
- Reserve at Woodfin Ridge HOA
- Glen Forest Town Homes
- Forest Lakes

Eastern SC Operations

- Beresford Hall HOA - Daniel Island, SC
- Wachovia - All Area Locations
- Boater's World - Daniel Island, SC
- Shaftsbury Woods
- HITT Contracting - Naval Weapons Station - Charleston, SC

- Kiawah Island Community Association - Charleston, SC
- SPAWAR - Sullivan's Island, SC
- Dollar General - Ravenel, SC
- Charleston County Parks (Schroder Middle School, Thompson Hill Playground & St. James/Santee School) - Charleston, SC

Midlands Operations Office

- River Oaks Center - Camden, SC

**Do you know someone
whose landscaping could
use some improvement?
Refer them to Southland
and be rewarded!**

Landscaping Tips of the Month

Lawn Care

- Continue flower maintenance with deadheading, weeding and fertilizing as needed.
- Finish pruning of trees to shape and rise the undercarriages.
- Continue increasing irrigation as temperatures increase.
- Have Liriope, Pampas and Mondo grasses cut back.
- Prune Roses for early spring bloom.
- Overgrown, diseased, or damaged shrubs should be pruned just before new growth begins.
- Discontinue the application of pre-emergent weed control and begin the use of post emergent weed control on shrub beds and lawns as needed.



Southland sponsors Soccer Tournament

On March 1, 2008 area high school soccer teams took the field for the 24th Annual Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club Soccer Classic Tournament at Blackbaud Stadium on Daniel Island.

The tournament raises over \$35,000 annually for area charities and provides multiple scholarships to local students who are attending two-year and four-year colleges.

Southland participated in the Soccer Classic for the fourth time this year and looks forward to sponsoring the event for many years to come. Our company is dedicated to supporting and giving back to the communities that we service.



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SAVE for your Future

401K

It's time to start looking ahead and planning for your future. Southland's 401K plan is now available to all employees upon completion of 90 days of work and 520 hours of service. Contributions to the plan are on a pre-tax basis and you choose how your money is invested. Sign up today to ensure your financial security for your retirement years. If you are interested in participating, please contact David Willis, toll-free at 1-866-469-6899 ext. 214.



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