

## Gardens on Spring Creek & Butterfly Pavilion are bringing Butterflies to Fort Collins



### Senior Leadership

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#### **Patrick Tennyson, President and CEO, Butterfly Pavilion**

Patrick has been with the Butterfly Pavilion since June of 1999 and has served as the organization's President and CEO since 2010. Patrick has a Masters in Nonprofit Management from Regis University. He has a B.S. in Biology (Zoology Emphasis) and a minor in Chemistry from Metropolitan State College. Patrick has spent over sixteen years in professional management and organizational leadership. Nine years of which, has been devoted to overseeing the direction of both the Education Department as well as operations as Deputy CEO at the Butterfly Pavilion. Patrick has been involved in environmental education since 1989. Early in his career he spent over five years as an Interpretive Naturalist and six years in youth and adult education program development. He has an advanced knowledge of Freshwater Aquatic Entomology, and participated in a one-month biodiversity study abroad. He is actively involved with a number of environmental conservation awareness groups. He served on the board as of Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE) for over eight years, including a two-year term as Board President. Patrick recently participated in the development of the Broomfield Sustainability Plan as a member of the Broomfield Sustainability Task Force. He presently is serving his second four-year term on the Broomfield Open Space's Advisory Council.

#### **Mary Ann Colley, VP of Science and Conservation, Butterfly Pavilion**

Mary Ann Colley has been with the Butterfly Pavilion since May of 2002 and began her work at the Butterfly Pavilion as a zookeeper of the Curatorial department and worked her way up to VP of Science and Conservation. Mary Ann grew up in south Texas and received a Bachelor of Science in Bioenvironmental Sciences and Entomology from Texas A&M University, College Station and in 2010 received her Master's degree in Education - Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment from Regis University, Denver, CO. Mary Ann's master's thesis focused on the effectiveness of audio tours in educational facilities. Mary Ann has had the privilege of consulting with N.A.S.A. on three space shuttle missions for life science experiments with butterflies and spiders. Mary Ann is a member of the Sonoran Arthropod Studies Institute, High Country Lepidopterist Society, Xerces Society and Association of Zoos & Aquariums. Mary Ann has a passion for invertebrates, especially insects, invertebrate research and conservation and environmental education.

#### **Michelle Provaznik, Executive Director, Gardens on Spring Creek**

Michelle is the Executive Director of the Gardens on Spring Creek, the community botanic garden of Fort Collins, Colorado. Michelle leads The Gardens in its commitment to improving the lives of people and promoting environmental stewardship through horticulture by creating a world-class botanic garden that is community oriented, educational, experiential and sustainable. Prior to becoming the Executive



Director, Michelle was President of the Friends of the Gardens on Spring Creek, the non-profit partner of The Gardens.

Michelle joined the Gardens on Spring Creek in February of 2008. Since then, she has been faced with a challenging economy, but with a dedicated staff and group of volunteers, Michelle has been able to execute many of the key plans for The Gardens, and is now overseeing a \$6 million capital campaign to complete the Gardens Master Plan.

Her love for botanic beauty has been flourishing for years; Michelle owned her own horticultural maintenance company prior to joining the Gardens on Spring Creek. Michelle has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and International Business from St. Louis University and an Associate's Degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, California. Michelle has worked for non-profits, Federal and local governments, and small businesses.

