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*Peter Pollack designed the new planter installation at the entrance to Burlington Office Center.*



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## Oxford Dedicates Landscape Project to the Late Peter Pollack

Following the December 20, 2010 passing of the highly-admired landscape architect Peter Pollack, Oxford Companies has decided to dedicate the landscape project at the Burlington Office Center in Pollack's memory. The landscaped area at 315 E. Eisenhower was one of the last projects Pollack completed before he passed away at the age of 71 and will be marked with a commemorative plaque.

Jeff Hauptman, President of Oxford Companies, offered some insight into the character of the man who was described by many as passionate, talented, and accomplished.

*“Peter Pollack was the human embodiment of the Lorax. I have never met a kinder, more gentle person in my life. He loved nature, people, and life. He is sorely missed.”*

Pollack was the owner of Pollack Design Associates, located at 220 S. Main in Ann Arbor. He will be remembered for his professional work as well as his public services. His projects include work on the former Pfizer campus as well as the

Fuller boulevard. Pollack also spent twenty years as a professor teaching for the School of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Michigan. His public service includes serving as a board member of the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce and the Kerrytown Council.



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## BUSINESS PROFILE



### Japanese Martial Arts Center “Ancient Knowledge and Attitudes for the Modern Warrior”

Nicklaus Suino Sensei, shown here with one of his youth students, Charlotte Hauptman, opened his new dojo at 3853 Research Park Drive in March. Previously, he was director of ITAMA Dojo in East Lansing from 1993 until 2003. In 2006, he returned to Ann Arbor to open the Japanese Martial Arts Center (JMAC), a traditional dojo offering world class instruction in jujitsu, judo, and iaido (swordsmanship). His move to an Oxford property brought more visibility and more space. In May, JMAC started offering youth martial arts classes emphasizing physical fitness, cooperation, self-defense, focus, discipline and fun. To learn more about adult and youth classes, visit [japanesemartialartscenter.com](http://japanesemartialartscenter.com).

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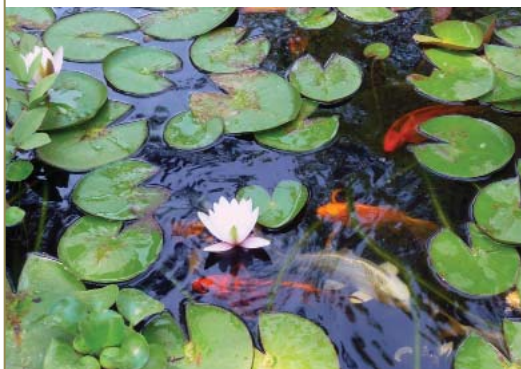
## STAFF PROFILE

**Tonya Leonard**  
*AR-AP  
Specialist*



Tonya joined Oxford in 2007 and currently serves as the Accounts Receivable – Accounts Payable Specialist. Her attention to detail, ability to process large amounts of information quickly and accurately, and her exceptional care of all the people involved has made Tonya an important asset to Oxford.

While not at work, Tonya’s interests include an extensive koi garden where she derives great pleasure in tending the 30 koi residing in her backyard. The series of ponds and waterfalls, hand-cultivated by Tonya and her husband, include many varieties of koi—black & white, orange, red, and blue to name a few. The koi are the keen interest of the neighboring blue heron that patrols the area. Tonya appreciates the tranquil setting and the relaxing sounds of cascading water.



## GUEST COLUMN

*Why You Should*  
**THINK  
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by Ingrid Ault,  
Think Local First



When I meet people and tell them I am the executive director of Think Local First, I often get a response along the lines of ‘yea, I’ve heard about that. Tell me more.’

We are part of a network of non-profit organizations that promote the benefits of supporting local independently owned businesses. According to a yearly survey, the local movement has seen an increase in awareness. People are choosing to support these businesses for many reasons.

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