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### **Pittsburgh Botanic Garden Names New Interim President**



**Pittsburgh, PA, August 1, 2016**—Keith Kaiser has been selected as Interim President of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, effective August 1, 2016.

Keith spent the past 27 years at Fellows Riverside Gardens, a 12-acre public display garden in Youngstown, Ohio. Prior to that, he worked at Kingwood Center Gardens and Cleveland Botanical Garden.

Keith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture from The Ohio State University. He participates in the American Public Gardens Association, recently serving as chair for the Small Gardens Section and host of the Small Gardens Professional Development Symposium.

Keith is responsible for leading the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden through its next phase of growth and development. In accepting the position, Keith says, “The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is an exciting young garden that has completed so much in the short period of time it has been open. I look forward to expanding the role of public horticulture in the greater western Pennsylvania community.”

An additional management change includes the departure of Christine Koebley, Interim President and COO, who joined the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh as Director of Finance. Of her time at the Garden she says, “It has truly been a privilege to work with our amazing staff, board, vendors, volunteers and all of the stakeholders responsible for developing the Garden. I look forward to staying involved in the Garden’s progress by volunteering and continuing to support its mission.”

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, located 10 miles from downtown Pittsburgh, offers an outdoor experience unlike any in the region. Acres of forest that were farmed, logged and mined are coming back to life with gorgeous gardens, inviting trails, forested slopes and open meadows. The 60-acre Woodlands includes an environmental award-winning lotus pond, stunning dogwood meadow, fun exploration stations for families and three miles of peaceful trails. A beautifully restored 1870s barn is available to celebrate special occasions. For more information please visit [pittsburghbotanicgarden.org](http://pittsburghbotanicgarden.org).

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