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Pittsburgh Botanic Garden Announces Staff Changes, Additions

Pittsburgh, PA, June 1, 2016—The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden announces the following staff changes and additions.

Christine Koebley has assumed the position of Interim President following the retirement of former Garden President, Greg Nace. Christine has over 20 years of finance and operational leadership experience. In her prior roles in nonprofit and startup organizations, she built teams that met strategic goals and improved organizational processes. She was formerly employed by KidsVoice, where she served as Director of Finance, and before that served in operational and finance roles with BodyMedia and Regear Life Sciences Inc. Christine has served in many community organizations for decades, and is the President-Elect for the Executive Women’s Council of Greater Pittsburgh. Christine holds a bachelor of science in business administration from Duquesne University. She can be reached at ckoebley@pittsburghbotanicgarden.org, 412-444-4464 x224.

Melissa Ferraro has been hired as Director of Development. Melissa has worked in the Greater Pittsburgh non-profit community for over 16 years creating a reputation of ethical and innovative leadership at every phase. Most recently, she used her skills to increase fundraising revenue from individuals, groups, foundations, corporations and events. Her past roles have been at Sisters Place and the Center for Victims. Melissa is a member of the board of directors at The Pearl Club, and a founding member and consultant for the Matt Arch Foundation. She received her bachelor of arts in behavioral science and master of arts in organizational leadership from Point Park University. She can be reached at mferraro@pittsburghbotanicgarden.org, 412-444-4464 x223.

Susan Beck Myers has assumed the position of Manager of Horticulture and Plant Collections. Susan was curator of plant collections before accepting additional responsibility as manager. She earned degrees in botany and education and worked on a local farm growing new farmers and gardeners in addition to fresh produce for local food pantries. Susan also brings her interest in beekeeping and chicken keeping to her position at the Garden. She can be reached at smyers@pittsburghbotanicgarden.org, 412-444-4464 x236.

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. Our 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.

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