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Pittsburgh Botanic Garden Hires Four New Employees

Pittsburgh, PA., March 24, 2015—The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden has hired four new staff members: Megan DeBertrand, events manager; Amanda Joy, education manager; Susan Myers, curator; and Catherine Greninger, guest services associate.



Megan DeBertrand is assisting brides, event planners and others who wish to rent new event spaces at the garden. She is also planning and coordinating various events at and in support of the garden. She was formerly with the University of Pittsburgh where she served as a research project manager and event coordinator for the Department of Psychiatry. She holds degrees in psychology and creative writing from Carnegie Mellon University.

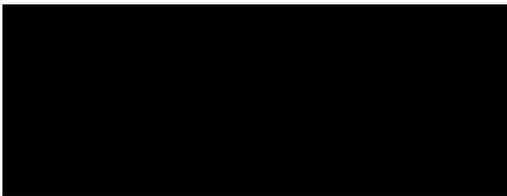


Amanda Joy is developing, implementing, and evaluating interpretive programming for adult visitors, school groups, summer camp participants, scouts, teachers, families and community outreach groups.

Ms. Joy holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Ithaca College, a master's degree in environmental interpretation from The State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and a master's degree in biology education from Syracuse University. She served as an educator in schools, nature centers, and the zoo near her hometown of Syracuse, New York. She has nearly three years of experience in public garden education and spent a year as a volunteer science teacher in a small village in Guyana, South America.



As curator, **Susan Myers** is responsible for documenting the garden's living plant collections. She earned degrees in botany and education and recently worked on a local farm growing new farmers and gardeners in addition to fresh produce for local food pantries. She also brings to the garden her interest in keeping bees and chickens.



Catherine Greninger is responsible for daily admissions operations, scheduling volunteers and greeting and assisting visitors. She recently graduated from Chatham University with a degree in arts management and a minor in museum studies. She has seven years of management and guest service experience in the hospitality industry.

About the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is transforming 460 acres of abandoned mining land into what will be the fifth largest botanic garden in the U.S. The first 60 acres are open to the public. Located just 10 miles west of Pittsburgh, PA, the garden will include 18 distinct gardens, five diverse woodland experiences, a visitor's center, an amphitheater for outdoor concerts and performances, a celebration center to accommodate weddings and corporate events and a center for botanic research. For more information please visit pittsburghbotanicgarden.org.

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