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Huntsville Botanical Garden Announces Planned CEO Retirement

Paula Steigerwald's plan to retire in August 2019, will leave an impactful 17-Year Tenure Marked by Growth and Achievement

Huntsville, AL--(March 11, 2019)—The Huntsville Botanical Garden Board of Directors has announced that CEO Paula Steigerwald has announced her retirement effective August 30, 2019. Steigerwald has served as CEO since joining the garden in 2002. During her tenure, the garden has undergone transformation and growth.

“The past 17 years have been marvelous, and we have achieved great things at the Garden,” said Paula Steigerwald, CEO Huntsville Botanical Garden. “It is my hope that the things we have achieved will be just the beginning of great things yet to come for the garden.

“Paula has done an amazing job as CEO of the garden. She provided the leadership, vision, enthusiasm, imagination, and diplomacy to transform this organization into one of the state’s top tourist attractions and a resource we are proud to have in our community,” said Huntsville Botanical Garden Board Chair, Penny Billings. “I would like to thank Paula for her service and wish her nothing but the best as she moves into this new phase of life.”

Under Steigerwald’s leadership, the garden has added The Children’s Garden and Nature Center, the Teledyne Terrace, the Parking Garden and Column Gateway Garden Entrance, and the most recent addition, the Eloise McDonald Propst Guest Center, that opened in 2017. The Garden was named the Attraction of the Year for the State of Alabama (2008), the Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit of the Year (2008), and the #3 tourism attraction which charge admission in the State (2017 and 2018).

A search committee has been named, and a national search will begin immediately to fill the role. Interested candidates can submit their resumes at hsvbgceosearch@gmail.com.

HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Huntsville Botanical Garden, located at 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue in Huntsville, AL, is open year-round and features the nation’s largest open-air butterfly house, a picture-perfect aquatic garden, spectacular nature trails, numerous specialty gardens – including an interactive children’s garden – and a variety of plant collections. This beautiful 112-acre Garden is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization run by 70 full-time equivalent employees and over 3,300 active volunteers. With five distinct festivals each year – Beaks and Barks, Huntsville Blooms, Summer Butterfly House, Fall Scarecrow Trail, and Galaxy of Lights – you’ll soon see why we say, “There’s always something growing on at Huntsville Botanical Garden!” For more information and a schedule of events, visit www.hsvbg.org.

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