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Green Bay Botanical Garden Appoints New Board Members

(GREEN BAY, WI) (January 19, 2023) – Green Bay Botanical Garden recently appointed four community leaders join its board of directors.

“The strength of any nonprofit is connected to its Board of Directors,” says Susan Garot, President & CEO. “Developing a strong, diverse, and engaged board that is very much connected to the organization’s mission, and includes members that can lend their expertise to specific projects is every nonprofit’s goal.”

Here are the new members joining the Garden’s Board:



Gail Carels is a retired primary care physician and comes to the board with a passion for promoting community health for all with green gardening practices. She desires to “improve awareness of climate change and its effect on health and wellness and promote healthy gardening methods.”



Keith Pamperin is a retired planner with Brown County Housing Authority. This self-professed ‘all-around nice guy’ will work to “support the Garden as the local treasure that it is, and promote participation and accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities.



Kim Schanock is retired from Green Bay Area Public Schools and continues to work as a part-time substitute teacher. Schanock has already joined the Garden's Education Task Force and is helping create the curriculum and interpretive signage program for the new Bell Children's Garden, which opens this May.



Steve Taylor is a retired financial planner with Northwestern Mutual Life. He helped advise the Garden's retirement plan in its early years, and wants to help the Board become more visible within Green Bay and its surrounding communities.

“We're eager to welcome these four wonderful additions to our Board of Directors, especially as we look ahead to the grand opening of the Bell Children's Garden next spring and beyond,” says Garot.

Jonie Paye, LoisGrace Golde, and Michael Raymaker are stepping down from the Board after completing their terms.

Paye served 9 years as a director, including chairing the board for two years from 2016 to 2018. She recently served as chair of the 25th Anniversary Task Force in 2021 and is entering her second year as chair of the Garden's Membership Committee. As committee chair, Paye will stay on as a board advisor. Golde completed a three-year term and served on the Finance Committee while Raymaker completed two three-year terms, was Board Chair from 2013 to 2014, and served on the Garden's Finance and Endowment committees.

Returning for her final three-year term is Laura Nelson, M.D., and returning for their second three-year terms are Murphy O'Hearn and Nicole Polarek.

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About Green Bay Botanical Garden

Green Bay Botanical Garden connects people with plants by providing year-round educational and recreational experiences for everyone in an environment that engages, inspires, and refreshes. First opened in 1996 and now featuring 47-acres of display gardens and natural areas, the Garden touches the lives of more than 150,000 visitors annually on average from northeast Wisconsin and beyond. For more information about other happenings, visit [GBBG.org](https://www.gbbg.org) or call 920.490.9457.

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