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**BLOEDEL RESERVE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

The Board of Trustees of The Bloedel Reserve has appointed Ed Moydell as the new Executive Director. Moydell has served as Associate Director of The Reserve since May 2009.

Ed Moydell was previously Associate Director of the Center for Public Horticulture at the University of Delaware. The development of the Public Horticulture Center was his thesis as a Fellow in the Longwood Graduate Program. He worked for the University of Delaware and at Longwood Gardens for five years as Education Planning Specialist and then as Associate Director. A native of Oklahoma, he graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in Public Horticulture, which included training at Hanover University and Herrenhauser Gardens in Germany.

"I am honored to be appointed the next Executive Director of the Bloedel Reserve at this exciting time," said Moydell. "There is much to be excited about... our rich history, recent progress and restoration efforts, and infinite potential on the horizon. Together with the thoughtful leadership of the Board and the dedicated, outstanding staff, we will accomplish so much to preserve these world class gardens, more actively involve the community, and ensure a vibrant and sustainable future for this extraordinary place."

Moydell recently secured a \$20,000 grant from the Seattle Garden Club, which will be used to restore the landscape and improve accessibility in the Reserve's Japanese Garden.

New officers of the Board of Trustees are: Paul Kundtz, President; Alison Andrews, Vice President; Andy Maron, Secretary; and Stephen Davis, Treasurer. Debbi Brainerd will continue to serve on the Board as Past President.

Paul Kundtz is an attorney with the Seattle firm of Riddell Williams, and a founding member of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and former president of the Seattle Aquarium

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Society. Alison Andrews is a long-standing member of the Seattle Garden Club and the Bloedel Reserve's Board, and was a personal friend of the Bloedel family. Andy Maron is an attorney with Short, Cressman & Burgess of Seattle, and a former Bainbridge Island City Councilperson. Stephen Davis is a trustee of the Bainbridge Island Community Foundation. Debbi Brainerd is the founder of IslandWood. With the exception of Andrews, who resides in the Highlands, all are residents of Bainbridge Island.

The newest member of the Board is Gene Johanson, who recently retired from his position as the Director of Information Technology at the Frank Russell Company. His wife, Carol, has been a docent at Bloedel Reserve for nine years. The award-winning garden at one of their homes on Bainbridge Island has been featured in many books, articles and garden tours. Johanson joins four board members elected during the past year: Robert Skotheim of Bainbridge Island, former president of the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, and former president Whitman College; Alan Black of Bainbridge Island and Seattle, President of Pioneer Square Properties; Kathy McKenzie of Bainbridge Island, a board member of the Bainbridge Schools Foundation; and Stacie Crooks, Seattle, owner of Crooks Garden Design.

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