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**HERMANN, RUSNACK JOIN MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

(ST. LOUIS): Robert R. Hermann, Jr., of Hermann Companies Inc., and Marsha J. Rusnack, former president of the Missouri Botanical Garden Members Board and current trustee of the Saint Louis Art Museum, have been elected to the Missouri Botanical Garden Board of Trustees effective Aug. 1.

Robert Hermann is chairman and chief executive officer of Hermann Companies Inc. The company produces plastic packaging for the retail food service and food processor industries, as well as institutional and supermarket films for meat, produce, cheese, pizzas, and microwavable packaging for bakeries and delis. Hermann is a graduate of Princeton University and his corporate board involvement includes First National Bank of St. Louis and Central Bancompany, Inc of Missouri. He is also active in community leadership, serving on the boards of the Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis Children's Hospital, Municipal Theatre Association of St. Louis, Community School and the endowment committee for St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Hermann is a resident of Ladue. He and his wife, Signa Merrill Hermann, have three children.

Marsha J. Rusnack and her husband, Bill, moved to St. Louis from California in 1998. Upon their arrival, she immediately became active in the St. Louis community through the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Saint Louis Art Museum. Rusnack's work has expanded to assist 27

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organizations and causes, particularly those devoted to education and the arts.

Rusnack has chaired or co-chaired numerous Garden events, including the Wing Ding Gala for the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in 2004. She is a member of the patron committee for the Variety Club's annual Dinner with the Stars and was awarded the organization's Woman of the Year Award in 2009. Rusnack is the former chairman of the Albert Einstein Society and former gala committee member at the Saint Louis Science Center; member of the Saint Louis Zoo Friends Board; member of the nominating committee and award selection committee for the Arts and Education Council; and board member and former gala co-chair for Dance St. Louis.

Rusnack has a Bachelor of Science degree in foods and nutrition from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She and her husband have two children.

"We are honored to have both Mr. Hermann and Ms. Rusnack as members of our board," said Garden President Dr. Peter Raven. "As they have shown their commitment to the Missouri Botanical Garden and the St. Louis community, I look forward to working with them."

The Missouri Botanical Garden is the oldest continually operating botanical garden in the nation, celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2009. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*.

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The Missouri Botanical Garden's mission is "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life." Today, 150 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display. *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, just south of I-44 at Vandeventer-Kingshighway (exit #287B). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Dec. 25. Grounds open at 7 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. Admission is \$8; free children ages 12 and under and Garden members. St. Louis City and County residents are \$4 and free every Wednesday and Saturday until noon (exception: special admission rate events). Park for free on site and two blocks west at the Shaw-Vandeventer intersection. The Garden is easily accessible by taking the MetroLink commuter rail line to the Central West End station and picking up a Metro bus (www.metrostlouis.org). For general information, log on to www.mobot.org or call the 24-hour recording at (314) 577-9400 or 1-800-642-8842. For membership information, call (314) 577-5118 during weekday business hours. For volunteer opportunities, call (314)-577-5187 or visit www.mobot.org/volunteer. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a tobacco-free environment.

(Note: A section of the I-64/U.S. 40 highway is under construction through 2009. Before traveling, check www.thenewi64.org for updates or visit www.GetAroundStL.com for other helpful information.)