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**GREENWOOD GARDENS ELECTS NEW MEMBER  
OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Summit Resident Joins Governing Body**

Short Hills, NJ, April 21, 2026 – Greenwood Gardens, the 28-acre historic public garden located on Old Short Hills Road, is pleased to announce that long-time Summit resident, Christy Hodde, has been elected to its primary governing body, the Board of Trustees. Ms. Hodde, a previous member of Greenwood’s Advisory Board, has also been a member of the garden’s Horticulture Committee since June of 2025.

Ms. Hodde spent nearly forty years leading impactful non-profit organizations in New Jersey before retiring in 2019. Most recently, she served as Executive Director of the New Jersey Crossroads chapter of the American Red Cross where she also was a member of the taskforce charged with re-organizing the state’s three regions into two. In addition, she served as the Red Cross’s New Jersey State Relations Representative. Prior to her tenure at the Red Cross, Ms. Hodde held leadership roles at The Connection (formerly the YWCA) in Summit.

“It is a pleasure to welcome Christy as a member of our Board of Trustees. We are most fortunate to add her wealth of experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to our efforts to steward Greenwood Gardens into the future,” stated Louise Moos, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

An active civic volunteer, Ms. Hodde is a member of the boards of the Northern New Jersey Red Cross and The Summit Garden Club, and formerly of the Junior League of Summit and the Rotary Club of Summit/New Providence. She has stewarded gardens in Summit and Short Hills to become recognized in the Smithsonian Archive of American Gardens. Ms. Hodde holds a B.A. from Drew University.

**ABOUT GREENWOOD GARDENS**

Greenwood Gardens is a non-profit 28-acre historic public garden located at 274 Old Short Hills Road in Short Hills, New Jersey. In 2025, Greenwood Gardens was named one of New Jersey Travel and Tourism’s “One Dozen Must-Stroll Garden State Gardens.” A former private estate owned by the Day and Blanchard families over the last century, today Greenwood is a peaceful haven graced by terraced gardens, stately fountains, pools, statues, grottos, walls accented with Arts and Crafts pottery, woodlands, winding paths, lawns, ponds, and a barnyard. To accomplish its mission of connecting people with nature and the arts in a historic garden oasis, Greenwood offers the visiting public self-guided tours and programs at the nexus of nature, beauty, and history. Greenwood is open for the 2026 season from May 1 through November 8.

Conveniently located between New York City and Philadelphia, Greenwood Gardens is supported by gifts, membership, and volunteers. For further information, visit [www.greenwoodgardens.org](http://www.greenwoodgardens.org) or call 973-258-4026.

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