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## Memphis Botanic Garden Welcomes New Director of Horticulture

The Memphis Botanic Garden (MBG) today announced the hiring of its new *Director of Horticulture* – Daniel Grose. Grose, along with his wife and three young sons, is a resident of Eads, Tennessee, and has been the owner/operator of Set Apart Landscaping since 2009. Grose is a graduate of Evangelical Christian School (ECS) and attended the University of Memphis.

Grose will begin his tenure as *Director of Horticulture* on May 1, 2022, at which time our current Director of Horticulture, Rick Pudwell, will transition to *Director of Horticulture – Emeritus* until his retirement in September. Rick has been the Garden’s horticultural leader for the past 27 years.

“We are thrilled to welcome Daniel to our team and look forward to his passion for landscape design and horticulture, especially as it pertains to native plants and ecologically minded landscapes that he will bring to our Garden,” said Michael D. Allen, MBG Executive Director. “Over the past few years, even through the pandemic, we have invested in the modernization of our Garden’s buildings and grounds, strengthened our financial position, and begun to reinvest in our horticulture operations. Daniel’s arrival will allow us to take our gardens and grounds to new heights, building upon Rick Pudwell’s efforts,” said Allen.

*The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 225,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.*