



The Mission of Goodell Gardens & Homestead is to create beautiful gardens and natural spaces where people visit to enjoy, gather, learn, and refresh.

As an important part of the Goodell Gardens & Homestead circle of supporters, donors, and program participants, I wanted to share with you that our Executive Director Amber Wellington, will be leaving Goodell Gardens & Homestead as of April 21, 2025. After seven years in leadership and fourteen years as an employee, she has decided to pursue a new professional opportunity. During her time with Goodell Gardens & Homestead, she has helped grow programs, expand impact, and conserve our 80-acre parcel which was left to us by Carrie and Margaret Goodell.

While we are sad to see Amber depart, I will work alongside Anita Sundean, our *Visitor Services and Office Manager* to provide direction for the Gardens in the Interim, as we deliver our many programs and services this season. Anita is in her fifth year as our *Visitor Services and Office Manager* and is very familiar with our operations and programs as well as our volunteers and community members. Each of our Staff members and Board members have agreed to take on additional responsibilities in order to make this season a productive and enjoyable summer at Goodell Gardens & Homestead. We will work with Amber during the next few weeks to ensure a seamless transition.

The Board of Directors is dedicated to the continuation of our mission to create beautiful gardens and natural spaces where people visit to enjoy, gather, learn, and refresh.

- **Enjoy** the beauty of both manicured gardens and natural spaces.
- **Gather** for events and celebrations both large and small.
- **Learn** about plants, land stewardship, and their importance to humanity and the ecosystem.
- **Refresh** your mind, body, and spirit.

We will be initiating a search for a new Executive Director in the coming weeks. Please mark your calendar for our first session in the Music Series when we will honor Amber Wellington with a celebration on June 6, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support of Goodell Gardens & Homestead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Marian S. Beckman".

Dr. Marian S. Beckman  
President  
Board of Directors  
Goodell Gardens & Homestead