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**CHEEKWOOD WELCOMES NEW BOARD OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Cheekwood welcomed new officers and trustees to its Board, effective January 1, 2022. Trustees serve a three-year term, with the opportunity to serve two consecutive terms.

**New Officers:**

**Barry Stowe, Chair**, a business executive and native Nashvillian, spent his career in insurance and asset management, primarily in New York City and Hong Kong. Barry is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd. and acts as a senior advisor to McKinsey & Company. He has served on several boards, is former chairman of the board of Save The Children (Asia), was a trustee of The Harpeth Hall School and The Hong Kong International School and was honored as Alumnus of the Year in 2009 from his alma mater Lipscomb University.

**Ronald Roberts, Vice Chair**, is a managing partner for Finn's Nashville Office and leads its client retention program. He is a member of DVL Seigenthaler's crisis communications team and is certified in crisis communications management via the Institute for Crisis Management. He also specializes in media training, message development, media relations and strategic planning and has expertise in corporate communication and conflict resolution. He has also provided counsel and direction for clients in the development and implementation of DEI and DEI-related programs. Ronald has been inducted to the Middle Tennessee State University, College of Mass Communication's Wall of Fame, and was recognized as a 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee Distinguished Member.

**Katie Crumbo, Secretary**, is a nurse practitioner. She worked in HIV vaccine research for 20 years and currently works in COVID-19 vaccine research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Katie has served on the Cheekwood Outreach Committee since 2018 and joined the board in 2020. She has also served on the board of trustees for several local organizations, including The University School of Nashville and The Women's Fund at the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

**Josh Trusley, Treasurer**, is a partner at Ernst & Young, where he leads audit engagements for public and private companies, assists companies with capital raising activities, M&A, and leads consulting engagements related to the deployment of new technologies. Josh has served on the Cheekwood Finance Committee since 2020, and his wife, Brooke, serves on the Outreach and IDEA Committee. He was recognized as one of Nashville Business Journal's 40 under 40 in 2018.

**New Board Trustees:**

- Kate Burke, Chief Operating Officer and Head of Private Wealth, Alliance Bernstein
- Katherine Goodall Crosthwaite, former Board Director and Corporate Secretary, Continental American Insurance Group

- David K. Curtis, CEO, Graham Healthcare Group
- Jay DeMarcus, Owner & CEO, Red Street Records
- Matthew Kisber, Co-founder & Chairman, Silicon Ranch
- Neil Krugman, Partner, Waller Lansden Dortch and Davis, LLP
- Hal Lawton, President & CEO, Tractor Supply
- Cameron Wells, Market President, Truist Financial Corporation

**New Advisory Board Trustees:**

- Peggy Kinnard, Liaison for Swan Ball, Community Volunteer
- Chris Simonsen, Liaison for Economic Club of Nashville (ECON), Broker, Fridrich and Clark Realty
- Steve Sirls, Liaison for Antiques & Garden Show of Nashville, Community Volunteer

To read more about Cheekwood’s leadership and Board of Trustees, visit [cheekwood.org/about/leadership/](https://cheekwood.org/about/leadership/).

**About Cheekwood**

With its intact and picturesque vistas, Cheekwood is distinguished as one of the leading Country Place Era estates in the nation. Formerly the family home of Mabel and Leslie Cheek, the 1930s estate, with its 30,000-square-foot Mansion and 55-acres of gardens, today serves the public as a botanical garden, arboretum, and art museum with furnished period rooms and galleries devoted to American art from the 18<sup>th</sup> to mid-20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The property includes 13 distinct gardens including the Blevins Japanese Garden and the Bracken Foundation Children’s Garden, as well as a 1.5-mile woodland trail featuring outdoor monumental sculpture. Each year, Cheekwood hosts seasonal festivals including Cheekwood in Bloom, Summertime at Cheekwood, Cheekwood Harvest and Holiday LIGHTS. Cheekwood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and nationally as a Level II Arboretum. It is a three-time voted USA Today Top 10 Botanical Garden and in 2021 was recognized by Fodors as one of the 12 Most Beautiful Gardens in the American South. Cheekwood is located eight miles southwest of downtown Nashville at 1200 Forrest Park Drive. It is open Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with extended days and hours of operation depending on the season. Check [cheekwood.org](https://cheekwood.org) for current hours and to purchase advance tickets required for admission.

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