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Cheekwood Welcomes New Board Trustees

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Cheekwood Estate & Gardens welcomes several new Board Trustees whose initial three-year term began January 1, 2026. The Board Officers for 2026-27 are **Matthew Kisber**, Chair; **Neil Krugman**, Vice Chair; **Cameron Wells**, Treasurer and **Vicki McCluggage**, Secretary.

Officers:

Matthew Kisber, Chair, is a co-founder of Silicon Ranch Corporation and served as CEO of the company until becoming Chairman in July 2019. Matt brings a unique background to Silicon Ranch, having been a business owner and having served eight years as Tennessee Commissioner of Economic Development. Matt is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and served 10 terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives. In the private sector, Matt grew up in his family's department store business in Jackson, Tennessee. Matt has also served as Chairman of the Tennessee Business Roundtable and is a founding board member and former Chairman of the Tennessee Advanced Energy Business Council.

Neil Krugman, Vice Chair, is a native of Lexington, KY, grew up in Durham, NC and has lived in Nashville for close to 40 years. He's a graduate of Yale University and the University of North Carolina Law School. He spent his legal career in Nashville as a health care lawyer primarily with the firm of Waller Lansden, from which he retired in 2023. He is a Trustee of the Sandra Schatten Foundation, a private foundation which supports museums, parks, historic sites, along with literacy and the arts in the Nashville area. He has served on the Cheekwood Board of Trustees since 2022 and has also served as President of the Board of Directors of the Centennial Park Conservancy, Nashville Ballet and serves on the Boards of Directors of the Nashville Symphony Association, the Nashville Public Library Foundation, the Frist Art Museum, the Civic Design Center and Equal Chance for Education.

Cameron Wells, Treasurer, is the Division President of Tennessee for SouthState Bank Corporation. Since being named to this position in April 2025, Wells has helped lead a newly formed Loan Production Office in Nashville for SouthState as the bank entered the Tennessee market. He was previously with BB&T/Truist Bank for 22 years where he was

the Market President in Nashville since 2017. Passionate about being engaged in the Nashville community, Wells has served on the Cheekwood Board of Trustees since 2022, and the Antiques & Garden Show of Nashville benefiting Cheekwood and ECON Charities. Wells is also an active member of the Economic Club of Nashville and is formerly the Board President at Hillwood Country Club in Nashville.

Vicki McCluggage, Secretary, is a California native who moved to Nashville in 2013 with her husband Kerry. A graduate of the University of Southern California, she enjoyed a successful career in international television programming sales with CBS and LORIMAR. As a volunteer she held positions on the Board of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, The Pasadena Showcase for the Arts, The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, and was very committed to the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism Board at USC, receiving several Alumni Awards from USC for her dedicated service and fundraising.

New Board Trustees include:

Richard Bovender, Private Investor & Fine Artist

Steve Cates, Chief Manager/ CK Development

Josh Derryberry, Middle Tennessee Market President, Truist

Amanda Fend, Senior Director, Recruiting & Outreach, Owen Graduate School, Vanderbilt University

Hank Ingram, Business Development Manager, Ingram Industries

Ed Lanquist, Shareholder & Patent Attorney, Baker Donelson

Trish Munro, Community Volunteer & Philanthropist

Russell Riebeling, Commercial Real Estate, Forty24 Partners

Karl Sprules, Chief Operating Officer, Alliance Bernstein

Charles Webb, Chief Financial Officer, Florida Cancer Specialists

Maia Woodhouse, IP Litigation Partner, Adams & Reese LLP

Perry Davis, 2026 Cheekwood Board Intern, Young Leaders Council Board Intern

To read more about Cheekwood's leadership and board of trustees, visit <https://cheekwood.org/about/leadership-board-of-trustees/>

About Cheekwood Estate & Gardens

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 18th to mid-20th 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, named the Most Beautiful Garden in Tennessee in 2025 by HGTV, in 2024 and 2025 received a Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award, and in 2021 was named 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. Visit cheekwood.org for current hours and to purchase advance tickets required for admission.

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