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Patricia Bearden named Rippavilla Executive Director

SPRING HILL, Tenn. – Rippavilla, Inc., today announced its governing board’s appointment of Patricia Bearden as Rippavilla’s new Executive Director, effective Aug, 1, 2019.

“Pat brings a wealth of leadership experience to Rippavilla. She has a strong commitment to Rippavilla’s strategic direction and its emphasis on preservation and community engagement,” said Corrine Tomlinson, governing board president. “Pat is highly respected as a leader in the Maury County/Spring Hill community and has a passion for Rippavilla’s history. She has extensive financial and management experience and has been active in many nonprofits.”

Mrs. Bearden and her husband, Greg Bearden, are Spring Hill residents, and are realtors with Keller Williams Realty. Pat has a Masters in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University. Pat’s previous experience includes the position of Chief Financial Officer and Vice President/Trust Officer with First Farmers and Merchants Bank. Her previous volunteer experiences include Board Director and Treasurer with The King’s Daughters’ School, board member of Leadership Maury, Past President with Leadership Maury Alumni, former Treasurer and Board Member of Maury County Animal Shelter, President and Treasurer of Columbia Breakfast Rotary Club. Currently, she serves on the Maury County Chamber and Economic Alliance Board and chairs the Women in Business Committee of the Alliance. She serves as Treasurer of the Annie White Circle of The King’s Daughters and Sons.



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Rippavilla Plantation, located in the heart of Spring Hill, Tennessee, features a stunning 1850s Greek Revival mansion, built by Nathaniel and Susan Cheairs. It is complete with original family antiques, heirlooms and Civil War artifacts. The grounds, which span 98 acres, include an original 1856 barn, family and slave cemeteries, Freedman’s Bureau school house, original enslaved people’s quarters, the Battlefield of Spring Hill (precursor to the famous Battle of Franklin) and a gift shop. Rippavilla Plantation is open daily for guided tours, field trips and family outings, and is the venue for many popular events.

Rippavilla Plantation, listed on the National Register for Historic Places, is currently maintained and operated by Rippavilla, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Proceeds from events such as Swanky Plank, Rusty Rake and Rippin Run benefit the operation and restoration of the historic mansion and its outbuildings.