



Historic Rosedale Press Release

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Historic Rosedale Appoints New Executive Director

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The Board of Directors of the Historic Rosedale Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Deanna Witte-Walker as Executive Director, effective May 5, 2025. Witte-Walker is a recent transplant to North Carolina from Long Island, New York, where she worked in various roles at local history museums, including as Executive Director at Southold Historical Museum for over six years. She holds a B.A. in Elementary Education from Adelphi University and an M.A. in Museum Studies from the City University of New York. Witte-Walker was active in the Long Island Museum Association and the New England Museum Association. She has experience with marketing, budgeting, fund-raising, organizing volunteers, and developing strategic plans for small historical organizations.

Witte-Walker stated, "I look forward to leading Historic Rosedale as we enter the second half of this decade, a decade which is already proved historically significant. I anticipate the future of Historic Rosedale will involve solidifying the many successful initiatives already in place, as well as expanding our profile and reach." Historic Rosedale has not had an executive director since 2022. Witte-Walker expressed, "I am impressed by the dedication of the board, staff, and volunteers. Numerous individuals have been working hard to keep things running smoothly. It is a great team to be part of."

Board President Janet Levy spearheaded the search committee to find an Executive Director. Levy stated, "The Board of Directors of Historic Rosedale is thrilled to welcome Deanna Witte-Walker as the new Executive Director of our site. We look forward to her leadership in supporting our mission and expanding our contributions to Charlotte's cultural life. I am personally grateful to the board members who participated in the search process and to those who made special donations to fund this position."

Now is the perfect time to visit Historic Rosedale which is located at 3427 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. Visitors will want to tour the 1815 building which has been beautifully restored to demonstrate mid-19th century life, including the narrative of both the free and enslaved families who lived and labored on the grounds. The nearly nine acres encompass extensive gardens as well as a recreated blacksmith shop.

The Gardens and Grounds of Historic Rosedale are open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and select Saturdays from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Grounds admission fee is \$5.00. Guided house tours are offered at 11:30am and 1pm. The fee is \$15 for adults, \$13 for Seniors, Students, and

Military/Veterans (includes grounds admission). Children under 5 are free. Private group house and garden tours can also be arranged.

The Mission of Historic Rosedale Foundation is threefold: to educate, to preserve and to continue to build a more diverse and inclusive platform for interpretation. We shall: 1) Present an authentic view of five generations of the Frew, Caldwell and Davidson families, and the enslaved and free African Americans that lived and worked on the land; 2) Preserve and interpret the 1815 historic house and the surrounding buildings emphasizing the important role these white and black families held in Charlotte, NC; 3) Provide and maintain a peaceful green space with Treasure Trees, garden borders, native and heirloom plants within a highly developed urban corridor.

For more information about this or other Historic Rosedale events, please visit www.historicrosedale.org or call 704-335-0325.