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New Director of Horticulture Named *Wisconsin's change of seasons a lure for the job*

APPLETON--**Natalia Bjorklund** will join the staff of the Memorial Park Arboretum & Gardens as the new **Director of Horticulture**. This new position is responsible for installing, enhancing and maintaining the gardens, designing and implementing seasonal plant displays, and managing and interpreting the Arboretum's plant collections. Bjorklund will also assist with the Arboretum's educational programs, speak in the community regarding various gardening topics, supervise our summer garden interns as well as work with the volunteers who help maintain our gardens.

Bjorklund is a native of Greeley, Nebraska, where she was raised on the family farm. She was interested in Wisconsin's changing seasons as inspiration for incorporating plants in an ever-changing landscape. "Gardening in the Upper Midwest can be a challenge, but the challenge is part of the fun!" Bjorklund said. "I look forward to growing with Memorial Park Arboretum & Gardens, and helping develop this community resource."

Bjorklund holds a Master of Science Degree in Public Horticulture from the University of Tennessee and a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from the University of Nebraska. Her experience includes positions at Powell Gardens in Kingsville, Missouri, Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring, New York, and two years as the Woody Garden Curator for the University of Tennessee Gardens. She also was a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the University's horticulture program during that time. Bjorklund begins her new position on February 13th.

Memorial Park Arboretum & Gardens is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization with 32.5 acres located within Appleton Memorial Park. The mission of the Arboretum is to build an understanding of the assortment of plants grown in Wisconsin and their role in the environment. For more information, please visit www.memorialparkarb.org or call (920) 993-1900.

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