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**EVERHART MUSEUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESIGNS,
BOARD APPOINTS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Scranton, PA - The Board of Trustees of the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announced today that Executive Director Aurore Giguet has resigned to relocate to the Pacific Northwest. Deborah Pann, current Director of Resources, has been appointed Interim Executive Director.

Board Chair Don Frederickson, Esq. thanked Ms. Giguet for her service and dedication: “Throughout her tenure, Ms. Giguet has provided the Everhart with exemplary leadership; her passion inspired growth and excitement at the Museum. The Museum staff and the Board will greatly miss her. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.”

Ms. Giguet has served as the Executive Director of the Museum since 2016. She said: “I’d like to be remembered as having a positive impact on the Museum and in turn the community, which I found to be incredibly welcoming and supportive. Working with the fantastic staff, board, donors, and volunteers we were able to bring new life to this amazing institution. The museum is now ready for a new chapter to be written.” She has accepted the Executive Director position at Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks & Minerals in Hillsboro, Oregon.

The Board of Trustees has begun the search for a new Executive Director. Mrs. Pann accepted the appointment to serve as Interim Executive Director, a role she has played during previous leadership transitions.

Mr. Frederickson said: “The appointment of Mrs. Pann, with her vast institutional knowledge and long-standing commitment to the Museum, will ensure stability for the Everhart as we begin the search for a new executive director.” He added, “the entire board and staff of the Museum are committed to continuing to honor our mission and legacy as we work to expand outreach in the community and our positive impact.”

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The Everhart Museum is currently closed due to COVID-19. When restrictions are lifted we will adjust our hours of operations under the recommendation of Governor Wolf and the CDC. For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email general.information@everhartmuseum.org.

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About the Everhart Museum: Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art, is the largest general Museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum is dedicated to the collection, care, and display of a diverse array of objects and specimens, including natural history, science, and fine arts. Through its exhibitions and programs, the Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the Museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the Museum, visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.