

# Hill-Stead MUSEUM

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### **DIRECTOR OF HILL-STEAD MUSEUM ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE**

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**FARMINGTON, CT:** Linda Steigleder, Director of Hill-Stead Museum, will leave her position at the end of December, 2007 to move to Highlands, North Carolina, where she will be Director of The Fine Art Center/Bascom-Louise Gallery. The announcement was made by B. Dane Dudley, President of the Board of Governors of Hill-Stead Museum, at its November board meeting.

During her tenure, Steigleder has provided Hill-Stead with steady advancement and stability. She has enhanced the broad recognition of Hill-Stead and its collection as an important regional museum and architecturally significant historical homestead. Under her leadership, the museum has undertaken master planning and restoration of eight out of the ten buildings on campus and dramatically expanded its programming and outreach.

“Obviously it is with mixed feelings that we receive Linda's decision to leave the Hill-Stead family for a new opportunity,” said Mr. Dudley. “We are excited for her, but we will miss her leadership, hard work and dedication. Linda has represented and embodied the spirit of Hill-Stead with grace and intelligence for nine years—a long run in the non-profit world. She leaves us at a time when the museum is in excellent shape financially and operationally, and we are extremely grateful for our committed employees and energetic and generous volunteers.”

“Taking leave of Farmington and the Hill-Stead Community is not easy,” commented Steigleder, “but there is cause for celebration. The successes we've had since 1999 are significant and the result of a collective effort.”

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Hill-Stead's Board of Governors and Trustees have announced that the museum's Director of Education and Curatorial Services, **Cindy Cormier**, and its Director of Development and Communications, **Marie Dalton-Meyer**, will serve as Interim Co-Directors while a search for a permanent director is conducted.