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Shelburne Inn Now Operated by Adrift Hotels

Long-time owners David Campiche and his wife, Laurie Anderson, hand over management to Adrift Hotels, Inc. in a collaborative handoff of the Shelburne Inn in Seaview, Washington. After operating the historic hotel for 40 years, Campiche and Anderson hand the keys to locals Tiffany Turner, who is the CEO and co-owner of Adrift Hotels, and Brady Turner, her husband and Adrift Hotels co-owner.

"We feel that in some ways this new adventure is a coming together of where everything began for us," says Tiffany Turner. "Brady and I grew up on the peninsula and had our wedding reception at the Shelburne."

The Shelburne first opened its doors in 1896 and has operated continuously for the last 121 years. The intimate establishment featured 15 guest rooms and was called the Shelburne Hotel. Charles Beaver, the first owner, named it after the illustrious Shelbourne Hotel in Dublin, Ireland. In 1977 Campiche and Anderson purchased the property and became its longest owners.

"We are delighted to pass the torch to Tiffany and Brady Turner, who have their own connection to the Shelburne. They recognize, as we have, that the Shelburne is not just a building; that it has a life of its own, a past and a future. They understand the importance of preservation while creating a thriving business that will continue into the next century," says Anderson.

When it reopens this spring, it will be under its original name, Shelburne Hotel, and it will sport a new fine dining restaurant along with a traditional pub. The restaurant will use a monthly

seasonal menu highlighting local, natural food. Guests can relax in the pub with simple, traditional pub grub with a global twist, local brews, classic cocktails and games for patrons to enjoy. The hotel's original 15 guest rooms remain, with updates to make them feel fresh yet familiar.

Turner says, "The Shelburne Hotel will be a place that will retain its rich history, but is alive with new possibilities. It will be warm and welcoming to guests, and comfortable and friendly for locals who are looking for a neighborhood haunt."

Adrift Hotels also manages several other boutique hotels and restaurants on the Washington and Oregon Coasts. The Shelburne Hotel is now taking reservations.

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Semiahmoo Resort Names New Director of Sales

With over two decades of experience in the hospitality industry, Teresa Winfield brings her bright personality and extensive skillset to Semiahmoo Resort, Golf and Spa as its newly-appointed associate director of sales. The resort is located in Blaine, Washington, and functions as both a getaway for families and a destination for events and meetings.

Winfield, a Washington native, began her career in the hospitality industry 25 years ago after graduating from Shoreline Community College with her associate of arts degree. Before joining Semiahmoo, she served as the global sales director for Benchmark Hospitality International for six years, where she oversaw the West

Coast market. She has also held several other senior sales positions throughout the Seattle area, including MTM Luxury Lodging in Kirkland, Willows Lodge in Woodinville and The Edgewater in Seattle. This diverse background and valuable experience makes her a sure fit for the Northwest resort.

"I am thrilled to be joining the new and talented team—it's evident the group of leaders at Semiahmoo value creativity, innovation and teamwork," says Winfield.

At the resort, Winfield is responsible for leading Semiahmoo's sales team, along with booking large-scale experiential meetings that utilize the wide variety of retreat, food and beverage offerings throughout the 300-acre property.

"Teresa's positive attitude and energy are infectious—her enthusiasm for Semiahmoo, paired with her extensive leadership skills, makes her the ideal addition to our team," says Nicole Newton, general manager.

Newton adds, "She comes to the resort at an exciting time: we're reinvigorating our leadership and sales team with key personnel and a fresh approach. The goal at Semiahmoo is to



and consistently exceptional guest experiences."

Located minutes from the Canadian border and by the sea in Blaine, Washington, Semiahmoo is a smart choice for meeting and event planners seeking a distinctive location. The resort comprises 35,000 square feet of banqueting and meeting space, including a 7,200-square-foot activities hall and 13 additional meeting rooms. These spaces can accommodate groups of five to 400. Semiahmoo also offers options for guests' downtime in the forms of two golf courses, a spa, acres of seashore and three restaurants.

"I look forward to building lasting relationships with the local community, while contributing fresh, forward-thinking ideas to ensure that all guests have a one-of-a-kind experience at the resort," says Winfield.

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Visit Spokane Announces New Director of Sales

Visit Spokane in Spokane, Washington, recently announced its decision to add Ruth Fitzgerald to the organization's sales team, to fill the position of director of sales. In her new role, Fitzgerald not only oversees the local sales force, but also supports the sales effort in Illinois, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC.

"We are very excited to have Ruth fill this role within our sales team, she will be a great addition," says Rob Enriquez, vice president of sales and marketing for Visit Spokane.

Totaling over 25 years, Fitzgerald has had a long and successful career in the hospitality sales industry. She has