

Brandesen Named Editor-in-Chief of Country Home Magazine

DES MOINES (September 27, 2007) – **Meredith Corporation (NYSE: MDP)** announced today that **LuAnn Brandesen** has been named Editor-in-Chief of **Country Home** magazine, effective October 8. Brandesen replaces Carol Sheehan who recently announced she is retiring.

Brandesen has spent her entire 18-year journalism career with Meredith, most recently as Editor of **Renovation Style** magazine. She has also served as Editor of **Country Gardens** magazine and Garden Editor of **Country Home** magazine.

A native of Pella (IA), Brandesen began her career in 1987 as a student intern in Meredith's Special Interest Media (SIM) group. She worked on a number of SIM titles before eventually becoming Editor of **Window & Wall Ideas**.

Brandesen holds two master's degrees from the **University of Missouri – Columbia**, one in photojournalism and one in magazine journalism. She also received a bachelor's degree in English from **Calvin College** in Michigan. She currently lives in a 1860s farmhouse outside Ankeny (IA) with her husband and two daughters.

"We are delighted to have a talent like LuAnn ready to take over the reins from Carol," said Meredith Publishing Group President Jack Griffin. "She has an outstanding editorial and academic background, and will create her own vision for **Country Home** that will resonate with readers and advertisers alike."

About Country Home

For 25 years, **Country Home** magazine has redefined the vision of country. **Country Home** speaks to the desire for style with editorial features that blend formal and familiar, classic and casual, to inspire readers to explore their own personal tastes. The magazine presents fresh, actionable ideas that are relevant to all aspects of readers' lifestyles, including home décor, food and entertaining, fashion and well-being, travel and shopping. **Country Home** has over 8 million readers, is published 10 times per year and has a rate base of 1.25 million. The magazine was nominated for a National Magazine Award in photography in both 2005 and 2007.

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