



## Greater Portland Flute Society Board Members 2024-2025

Positions and Appointments - <https://gpfs.org/the-board>

**Adrian Dee, Membership Director, Historian/Archivist. Appointments - First Tuesdays Online, Zoom Facilitator:** Member of the Newport Symphony twenty-five years, composer, professional flutist and active chamber performer in the Portland area, and on the Board of GPFS for several years.

**Karen Duggan, Incoming Commercial Membership Officer** - pending membership vote on 4/13/24. Retired Early Intervention Specialist. Volunteered with the Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington for over 13 years holding many different leadership positions. Current member of the Rose City Flute Choir. Loves to sing and play flute with her family. Joined the board in 2024.

**Judy Fischbach, Member-at-Large. Appointments – First Tuesdays, Development.** Flutist with interests in music education, teaching, composition and performing. She has been taking music classes at PSU. She is interested in Alexander Technique and the help it brings to flute players of all ages. She has worked as a software developer for many years. Joining the GPFS board in 2023.

**Gabriela Gimenes, Member-at-Large** - Flutist and teacher who holds a Doctor of Musical Arts, Master of Music, and Bachelor of Music. She is an artist for Sopro Novo Project at Yamaha Musical do Brasil, performs with Choro da Alegria and Peter Ziza Flute & Guitar Duo, volunteers with the Global Missions Project and is the current Chair of Youth Engagement for the National Flute Association. Joined the board in 2024.

**Deborah Johnson, Outgoing Commercial Membership Officer:** Thirty plus years in executive administration. Performs with and serves on the board of the Lake Oswego Millennium Concert Band. Performs with local flute ensembles. Joined the GPFS Board in 2006.

**Donna Maebori, Member-at-Large. Appointments – Floating Duties:** Flutist, Guild Certified Feldenkrais Teacher®, and lifetime physical therapist until retirement. She studied yoga and Feldenkrais, both of which she used extensively in her specialization treatment of persistent pain as well as balance and dizziness and continues to use in flute performance. She enjoys playing for herself and with others. Joined the GPFS board in 2023.

**Tony Merrill, Treasurer. Appointments – Development Committee:** Real Estate Professional and Asset Manager of Merrill Management Company. Oversees the family real estate and non-real estate investments. Joined the GPFS board in 2022.

**Barbara J. Nicoletti, Ed.D., President, and Publication Editor. Appointments – Development, Co-Publicity/Communications, First Tuesdays, Greater Corvallis/Albany**

**Region Advisory:** Thirty plus years in applied research/program evaluation for human service organizations. Music educator and flutist with Nicoletti-Weiss flute and guitar duo and a new flute trio. Joined the GPFS Board in 2020.

**Sandy Duffy Norman, Member-at-Large. Appointments - Flute Academy, Youth Engagement, Study Grants, Masterclasses, Development, Hospitality, Salem Region Advisory:** Professional flutist and private flute teacher - Sunridge Studios in Salem. Prior band director general music Silver Falls School District, Adjunct Flute Instructor /Western Oregon University, flutist with RoseWynde Flute and Harp and Northwest Winds Woodwind Quintet. Joined GPFS board in 1998.

**Amy Norton, Web Administrator. Appointments – Zoom Facilitator:** Twenty plus years working as a technology professional. Amateur flutist who is always looking for more duet partners. Joined the GPFS Board in 2021.

**Rebecca Olson Towers, Secretary. Appointments - Vancouver Region Advisory -** Performs with the Oregon Chamber Players and the Sunnyside Symphony. Wind coach with the Junior Symphony of Vancouver. Flute instructor Teaches at Music World in Southwest Washington. Joined GPFS board in 2005.

**Alicia Rasmussen, Member-at-Large. Appointments - Floating Duties:** Co-Owner of Hear No Evil Home and Car Audio in Salem Oregon. Performs with Salem Orchestra, Salem Symphonic Winds, Ventus Wind Quintet, Festival Chorale Oregon and Various Theatre Groups. Previously performed with Western Oregon Metropole Orchestra and Salem Philharmonia. Joined the GPFS board in 2021.

**Dr. Emily Stanek, Vice-President, Publicity & Social Media Officer. Appointments - Flute Academy, Middle and High School Competitions, Salem Region Advisory:** Artist Associate at Willamette University, flute instructor Corban University and Chemeketa Community College, freelancer with orchestras including the Oregon Symphony, Eugene Symphony, Eugene Opera, and Corvallis Symphony. Joined the GPFS board in 2014.

**Cheryl Thompson-Merrill, Member-at-Large. Appointments - Librarian, Flute Loans, Hospitality and Development:** J.D. from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark. Studied music at the UO. Enjoys playing flute in community groups and theater. Served as a publicity coordinator for the Voices for the Performing Arts. Flutist with the Portland Wind Symphony and Secretary of the PWS board. Joined the GPFS board in 2017.

**Robert Wakeley, Member-at-Large. Appointments – Low Flutes, Eugene Region Advisory, Floating Duties:** Freelance flutist and teacher based in Portland, 2nd flute/piccolo of the Eugene Concert Choir and Orchestra and acting 3rd flute/piccolo of the Rogue Valley Symphony. Performs regularly as a substitute with the Vancouver and Helena Symphonies. Joined the GPFS board in 2023.

Note – Every board member is appointed to the planning and implementation of the annual fall event and the annual spring Flute Fair.