

# Get To Know Smoky Hills PBS In Your Neighborhood

## Meet our Board Helen

Smoky Hills PBS Board Member (Secretary)

### How long have you been a board member for SHPBS?

1 year

### What is your favorite thing about SHPBS?

It's hard to narrow it down. Year round I enjoy the PBS NewsHour. Right now my favorite show is [All Creatures Great and Small](#). I guess it's the variety of high-quality, educational shows and dramas.

### What is your favorite thing about being involved with the station?

I also write grants primarily for kids books and programming, so my favorite thing is seeing a grant application awarded.

### What is a fun fact about you?

I grew up in a suburb of Chicago, but ended up as a wildlife biologist in central Kansas.

### Who/what inspired you most to get involved with a nonprofit such as Smoky Hills PBS?

My aunt worked in development for the PBS station in Chicago and when I was a kid, she recruited my parents to be on-air auctioneers for their fundraisers. It was neat to see my parents on TV.

### Thinking about the future, where do you hope to see the station in 5 years?

All the transmitters are functioning without problems. More people are realizing that Smoky Hills has great programs that are well worth their time to watch and are convenient to watch on their TV or mobile device, so that they contribute and more businesses see SHPBS has a great investment to support through underwriting. That support leads to the station being able to upgrade its studio, equipment, and increase its staff to do more work in the community.

### What is your favorite program that we air (current or past)?

It's hard to choose. The PBS NewsHour is the most valuable because it's on daily throughout the year and provides in-depth, factual coverage of the most important news and issues. *All Creatures Great and Small*, both the current series and the original that aired during 1978-1990, is probably the most enjoyable. However, I also enjoy NOVA, Nature, American Experience, and *Call the Midwife*.

### Who is your favorite PBS KIDS character?

Big Bird!

### As a child, what was your favorite PBS show?

*Sesame Street*



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