

Get To Know Smoky Hills PBS In Your Neighborhood

Meet our Board

Mary Ann

Smoky Hills PBS Board Member



How long have you been a board member for SHPBS?

I've been on the board for a very long time. It was back after I helped with some of the art auctions. I was on the air telling about the works.

What is your favorite thing about SHPBS?

I love watching the *Traveling Kansas* shows and *Antiques Roadshow*. All the little special towns in western KS are important to me because I used to live in Bison and Otis. I also really like the library activity outreach program where they show a PBS KIDS show, do an activity, and take home a book. That actually inspired a painting I did.

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

The friends I have met by being on the board are special treasures. I like being a part of our success. We have quite a history ...just ask Randall.

What is a fun fact about you?

I quilt and I paint.

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

I was volunteering at the Volunteer Connection and we always took the art pieces to Smoky Hills PBS for the art auction they had, so I was aware of them. I also watched channel 2 a lot.

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

In a new building and producing more of our own shows. It would be great to have a visiting center where we could offer tours to High Schoolers, especially those in forensics or drama. I would love if we could show more musical programs of talents of western Kansas and maybe even book reviews.

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

Doctors on Call

What is a memorable moment you have had while being on the board?

My most memorable moment was when I helped get Kathleen Whitley and Rod Willis to come on board. Fantastic people from the educational world, both from Garden City.

As a child, what was your favorite PBS show? We didn't have TV in Grand Island Nebraska back in the 40's. Remember, I am the (old) one who helps the board have diversity.. Ha!