



2023

# ANNUAL REPORT

WATERFRONT  
BOTANICAL  
GARDENS





# PRESIDENT

I am thrilled and honored to introduce myself as the new President & CEO of Waterfront Botanical Gardens. When I moved back home to Louisville in 2020 after many years living in Chicago and Los Angeles, the Gardens were one of the first places I visited with my family. As a parent, I can't imagine raising small children without a botanical garden nearby. In L.A. I was a regular visitor to Descanso Gardens with my two toddlers, and I was a longtime member of the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Huntington Gardens and Library in Pasadena. I feel strongly that in this age of constant digital distraction and hyper-connectivity, **public gardens are exactly what people need.** They provide an endless supply of fresh air, reflection, exercise, beauty, and so much more. I am a passionate advocate for these important public spaces, and I encourage you to seek opportunities to support the Gardens.



The Koester Family in Warsaw, Poland

Now that I am back in my hometown, it is so gratifying to put my 25+ years of nonprofit management experience to work at WBG. We have a terrific staff, an engaged and committed Board of Directors, and hundreds of fabulous volunteers! I am so looking forward to carrying out our mission as an **urban botanical garden focused on environmental, ecological, and horticultural education for all.** I am proud of the work the Gardens are doing reclaiming a former landfill, promoting the importance of environmental conservation

and sustainable practices, and engaging Jefferson County and beyond in environmental stewardship. The Gardens are also an important part of the tourism corridor along River Road, through NuLu, downtown, and into southern Indiana. Our special events and programs promote cultural exchange, community connection, and **highlight the importance of nature in many aspects of our lives.** We have so many tremendous opportunities!

Our achievements and future plans would not be possible without the support and dedication of our members, donors, and volunteers. Your continued support fuels our efforts and enables us to make a tangible impact on our environment and community. Whether through volunteering, participating in our events, or contributing to our educational projects, **your involvement is the cornerstone of our success.**

Importantly, we are actively fundraising for the Japanese Garden, with many solid strategies in place to secure government, foundation, corporate, and individual funding. At the same time, we are building out our education programs and other activities to ensure operational sustainability into the future. The path ahead is green and bright, which is why **the Gardens' theme for this year is Forever Green.** This idea will be woven into our 2024 programs, events, and approach to Gardens operations. Together, we are cultivating not only an urban botanical garden but a legacy of environmental responsibility and community engagement that will flourish for generations to come.

I look forward to seeing you in the Gardens soon and sharing in the beauty and inspiration it offers.

Philip Koester  
President & CEO

## STAFF

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Thank you for your support and belief in Waterfront Botanical Gardens. Over the past year there have been many changes and we deeply appreciate your enduring dedication to the Gardens' mission. The spring flowers are blooming and **it won't be long before we are surrounded once again by the full spectrum of colors on the Gardens plaza.** I hope you will come by for a stroll.

A sincere thank you to our Board of Directors, donors, volunteers, and of course the Gardens staff for sharing their time and talent. **Nancy Davis, Vice Chair of the Board, is deserving of special recognition** for stepping into the Chair role last year while I supported the Gardens as Interim CEO. Having trusted partners among the board and staff is invaluable.

Waterfront Botanical Gardens is very fortunate to have attracted Philip Koester as our new President & CEO, as well as Donna Krabill as Chief Operating & Programming Officer. Both Phil and Donna bring deep nonprofit and business experience that will benefit the Gardens as we embark on exciting plans for future growth. **I could not be more pleased with our team.** I would like to personally thank Greg Buccola who chaired the CEO selection committee alongside a Board cohort.



Margaret Bell at the 2023 Fascinator Affair

If we have interacted in any setting over the last eight months, you have probably heard me emphasize the reasons we are building a Japanese Garden, as well as the current status of construction. Last year the Gardens realigned our priorities and reassessed our plans. We have decided to split the two-acre Japanese Garden into a multi-part project, **beginning with the Bonsai House and Display Garden.** We currently have 40 bonsai trees, and we will soon need a place to showcase and maintain them. In 2023, we held our first annual Bonsai Weekend that attracted over 2,000 attendees. We recognize the interest this has generated, and know this will be an important revenue-generating opportunity for sustaining the Gardens into the future. We look forward to our second annual Bonsai Weekend in partnership with the Greater Louisville Bonsai Society this August.

Since the 1980s, Japanese companies have invested billions in Kentucky. We are building a Japanese Garden as a cultural landmark, symbolizing the important economic relationship between Kentucky and Japan. As only one of three Japanese Gardens in the United States built by world-renowned Japanese Garden designer Shiro Nakane, **it will attract visitors to Louisville, Kentucky from around the world.** I can think of no better host site for current and prospective Japanese firms considering Kentucky for their home.

All the changes in 2023 have paved the way for exciting developments in 2024. We look forward to sharing those with you throughout the year, and I hope you will participate in the many events and programs that will take place at the Gardens.

*Margaret C. Bell*

## Margaret Bell

Chair, Board of Directors  
Retired, Former Managing  
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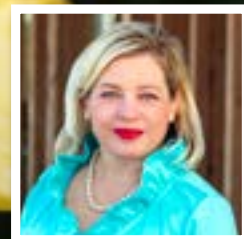
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# The Helen Harrigan Legacy Society



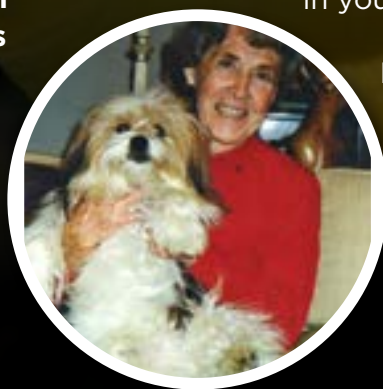
**Lori Kay Scott**  
Director of Development

*If you plant a seed, you can touch the future.*

*If you stop and listen, you can hear the past.*

Flourishing atop the former Ohio Street Dump, the Waterfront Botanical Gardens stands as a testament to the beauty and importance of preserving our natural world. **It is our desire to inspire meaningful connections among people, plants, and nature through horticulture, education and community engagement.** Thanks to the vision of Helen Harrigan to “build a botanical garden and conservatory” in Louisville, her estate provided the means to do just that in 2001.

As we carry out Helen’s legacy over 20 years later, and we work to secure the future of your urban garden, I invite you to explore the transformative impact of planned giving. **The Helen Harrigan Legacy Society recognizes those who demonstrate the highest level of loyalty to the Waterfront Botanical Gardens by making a gift in their will or trust,** as a beneficiary of their retirement account, or through another type of planned gift. By incorporating planned giving into your estate planning, you can contribute to the longevity and vitality of the Gardens,



Helen Harrigan

leaving an enduring mark on the community for generations to come. Since Helen’s bequest, many members of our community have connected with that same vision and have pledged lasting gifts to the Gardens.

All donors who include the Waterfront Botanical Gardens in their estate plans or make a planned gift are eligible to become members of the Helen Harrington Legacy Society. Members receive an invitation to an annual cocktail party, recognition in the Annual Report, and complimentary private tours of the Garden. The Society is the Garden’s way of saying “thank you” for including the Garden in your plans.

By choosing planned giving, you become an integral part of securing the future of the Waterfront Botanical Gardens, and cultivating a legacy that transcends time. In the words of Audrey Hepburn, **“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”**



For more information, or if you have already included us in your estate plans, please contact Lori Kay Scott, Director of Development at **502-609-3580** or **lkscott@waterfrontgardens.org**



# 2023 EVENTS



**Kaleidoscope Family Festival**



**Fascinator Affair**



**Gardens Aglitter**



**Music in the Gardens -  
The Jesse Lees**



**Sprouts Camp**



**Florals with a Citrus Twist**



**Dr. Allan Armitage**



**Gardens Aglitter**





KU - Void Room



SUI - Water Room



FU - Wind Room



CHI - Earth Room



For more information about the Japanese Garden and ways to support this project, please contact Lori Kay Scott, Director of Development at 502-609-3580 or [lkscott@waterfrontgardens.org](mailto:lkscott@waterfrontgardens.org).

## Thank You to Our Crane Community Donors

**The 1,000 Cranes Campaign raised a total of \$234,926.75!**  
The 1,000 Cranes Campaign was inspired by a story in Japanese folklore that says if you fold 1,000 origami cranes (千羽鶴, *senbazuru*) your wish will come true. Donors that committed to a gift of \$1,000 or more

were welcomed into the Crane Community. This campaign will help us fulfill our community's wish of building a world-class botanical garden in Louisville, Kentucky. Thank you again to the Crane Community for your tremendous support!



# *A look inside the future* **Graeser Family Bonsai Garden**

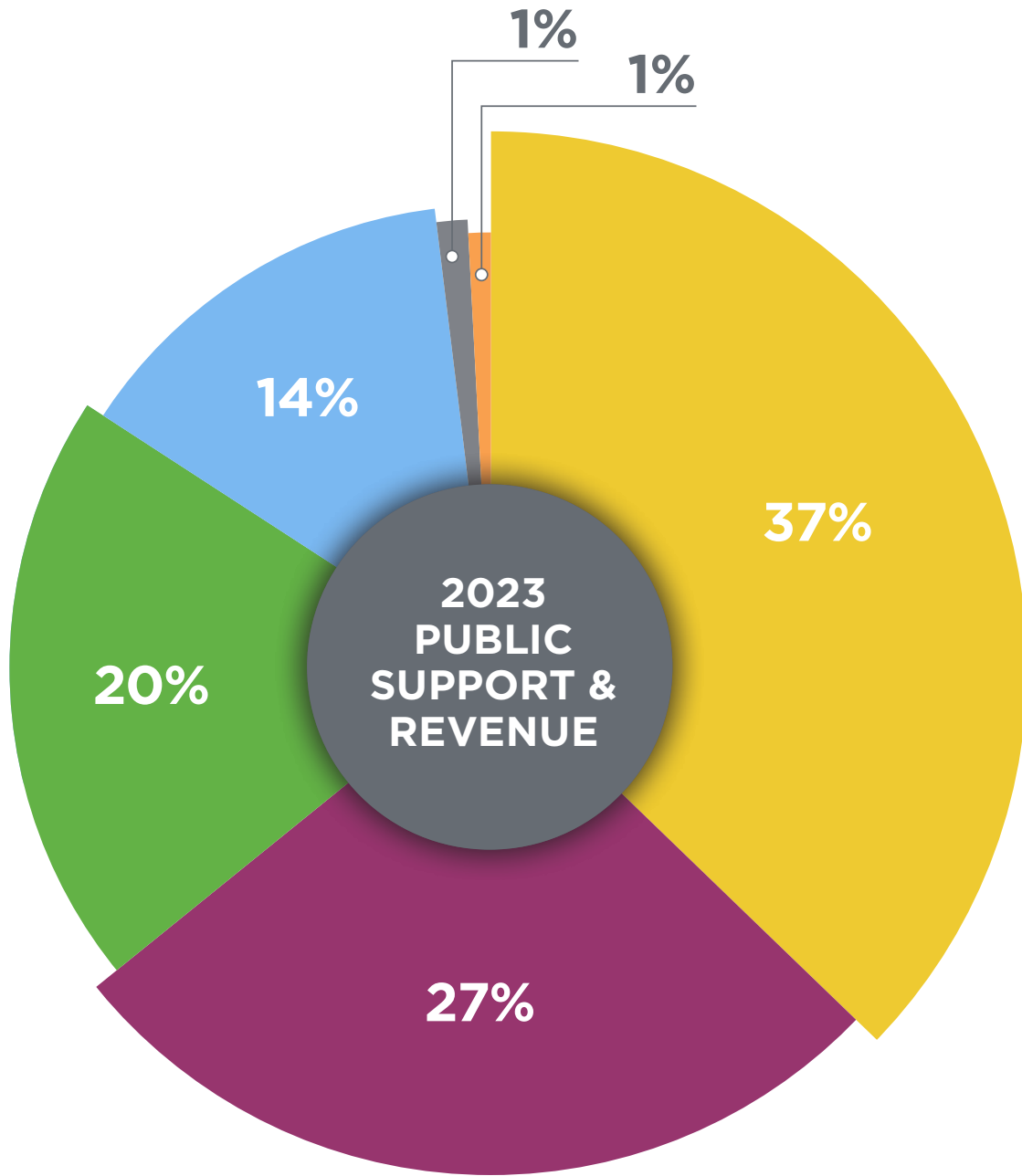
An important feature of the future Japanese Garden is the Graeser Family Bonsai Garden, which will display WBG's growing bonsai collection. The design of the Bonsai Garden will balance the traditional form of the adjacent Japanese Garden with the contemporary design of the larger

Waterfront Botanical Gardens. The renderings shown here depict the Garden's outdoor "rooms" that follow a thematic interpretation of the five great elements through the use of materials, form, and approach to bonsai.



Donate to support the Gardens at  
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or scan the QR code

# 2023 FINANCIALS



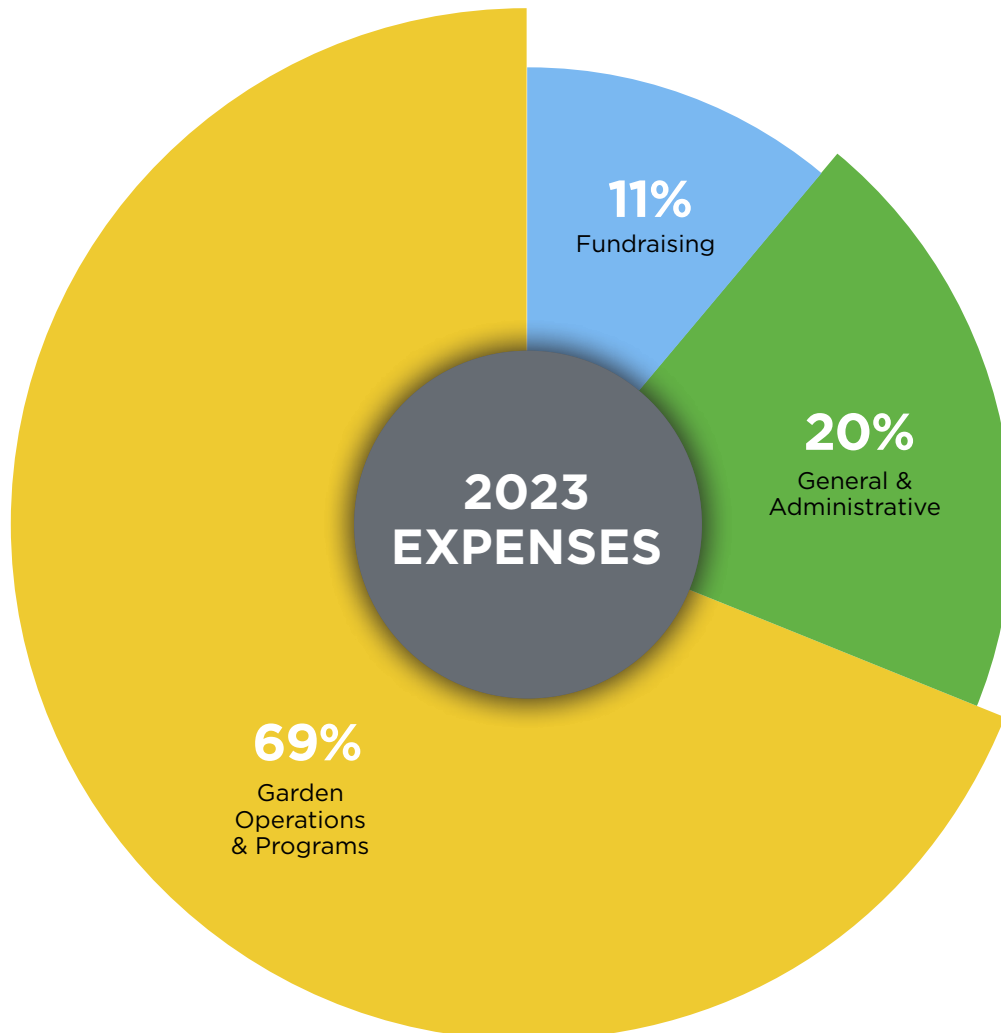
PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE	
Individual	\$1,633,354
Government	1,187,538
Foundations & Corporations	873,402
Earned Income	621,049
Other Income	75,398
In-Kind	49,585
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,440,326</b>

EXPENSES	
Garden Operations & Programs	\$2,073,089
Gardens & Horticulture	1,632,784
Events	233,007
Education	148,084
Membership & Volunteers	59,214
General & Administrative	595,390
Fundraising	323,088
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,991,567</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,448,759</b>



ASSETS	
<i>Current Assets</i>	
Total Cash	\$1,613,896
Total Pledges Receivable	1,866,057
Total Other Current Assets	<u>2,311,524</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>5,791,477</b>
<i>Fixed Assets</i>	
Construction Progress	1,999,197
Buildings & Improvements, net	7,821,090
Land Improvements, net	4,021,815
Land	2,103,199
Equipment, net	80,492
Furniture and Fixtures, net	<u>1,219,128</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>17,244,921</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	<b>1,816,094</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 24,852,492</b>

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accounts Payable	\$111,468
Other	1,892,712
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,004,180</b>
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>425,000</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,429,180</b>
<i>Equity</i>	
Net Assets	20,975,053
Change in Net Assets	<u>1,448,259</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>22,423,313</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 24,852,492</b>



*\*Preliminary numbers - unaudited*





## WBG MEMBERSHIP

Waterfront Botanical Gardens Members receive unrivaled access to events, programs, and time in the Gardens. Benefits of membership include ticket presales, discounted registration fees, exclusive events, and special recognition. As WBG continues to grow, Members play a critical role in supporting the organization while promoting appreciation, understanding, and conservation of plants and nature.



Learn more at  
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## VOLUNTEER IMPACT

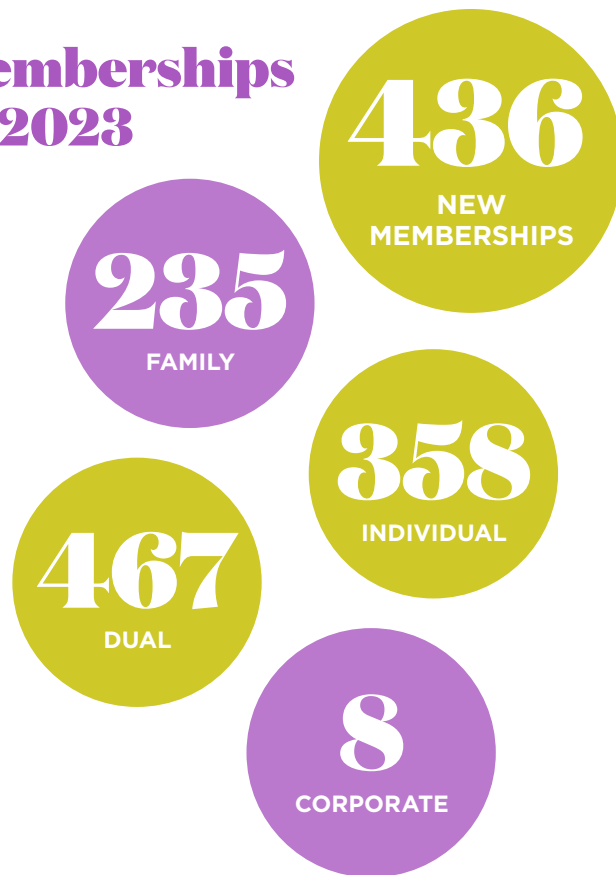
In 2023, Waterfront Botanical Gardens had 293 active volunteers. Volunteers are vital to our success across all departments. Our talented volunteers support the Gardens in many ways, from pulling weeds and mulching with the Horticulture team, to storytime and crafting with our Youth Education department. **Last year, our volunteers collectively worked 5,082 hours, valued at \$161,669.46.** To get involved, visit [waterfrontgardens.org/volunteer](https://waterfrontgardens.org/volunteer)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY	HOURS
Horticulture	1,298
Garden Guiding	1,220
Special Events	788
WBG Board & Executive Committees	750
Youth Education	391
Trainings/Orientations	233
Miscellaneous Support	107
Private Tours	94
Community Outreach	84
Adult Education	81
Office Support	36
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>5,082</b>
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	<b>\$161,669</b>



To get involved, visit  
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## Memberships in 2023



## 2023 DOT WADE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **Trudi Cooke for being named the 2023 Dot Wade Volunteer of the Year!** Trudi exemplifies Dot Wade's passion for service and teaching the community about conservation and stewardship of natural resources through hands-on experiences. We honor you and we thank you!





# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

## VOLUNTEERS

(GG) = Garden Guide

Ann Adams (GG)	Bradley Gaines	Mary Mahoney	Trilba Smith (GG)
Patty Anderson	Nancy Gow	Phyllis Manners (GG)	Lisa Soehn
Tony Aulbach	Janet Graeser	Eleisa Mason	Kala Spangler
Dustin Auxier	Jodie Graham	Sue Massey	Marla Spears
Kristy Bachman (GG)	Susan Grant (GG)	Paul Mattingly	Amber Squires
Mary Ellen Baker	Karen Graves	Mary Mccandless	Janice Staugas
William Barnes	Elizabeth Gross	Hannah McClain	Beth Steinbock
Susan Barton (GG)	Ann Groth (GG)	Merri McDonald (GG)	Marian Swisher
Kathleen Becker	John Groth (GG)	James Mcnally (GG)	Elisabeth Taylor
Abbie Bendock	Donna Gruner (GG)	Thomas Meyer	Preston Terry (GG)
Greg Berning	Valerie Hall	Shannon Meyers	Jerry Thomas (GG)
Chris Bidwell (GG)	Stephanie Hamilton	Denise Mitchell	Susan Thomason (GG)
Mary Bidwell (GG)	Ed Hammerbeck	Michelle Morris	Linda Thompson
Sally Blake	Jack Hammerbeck	Donna Myers (GG)	Mary Thompson
Paula Blankenship	Anita Hammond	Gladys Navarro	Fran Tiller
Monica Blondell (GG)	Mike Hanks (GG)	Donna Nistler	Angela Tracy
Sibyl Bogardus	Erin Harris	Stanley Nistler	Paulette Turner
Megan Bradford (GG)	Valerie Hasso	Kathy Nugent	John Uhl
Ann Brian	Toni Hattier	Emily O'Neal	Shirley Uhl
Barry Bridges (GG)	Barbara Hayes	Eleanor Orrillo	Erika Vannostrand
Shalonda Brown	Kathy He(GG)	Janet Rose Ott (GG)	Linda Vasse
Bill Brundage (GG)	H Hill	David Overstreet	Ariana Velasco
Becky Buckler (GG)	Vickie Hillary	Caitlyn Pardue	Richard Vincent
Judy Buckler (GG)	Robert Hillyer	Sarah Pearrow	Linda Wales
Po'iu Burgo	Tyler Himes	Sharen Peckham	Delia Walker (GG)
Danielle Burns	Jeanne Hines (GG)	Mindy Perry (GG)	Kathleen Wang
Paul Buser	Gene Hoffman	Lynne Phillips	Ann Wathen
Wendy Butler	Morgan Hoover	Caisie Pitman	Marianne Wheat
Dianne Bynum (GG)	Robert Hornung Jr.	Ty Pitney	Allison Whitehouse
Richard Campbell (GG)	Freddie Hoskins (GG)	Callie Potts (GG)	Allison Whitehouse
William Campbell (GG)	Patty Hottell (GG)	Ned Price (GG)	Ruth Whitehouse
Susan Carpenter (GG)	Mu Hsu	Lana Proffitt (GG)	Kevin Wilcox
Cameron Carroll	Lisa Huber	Linda Raisle	Kimberly Wilkerson (GG)
Taylor Carroll	Regan Hughes	Beth Ralston (GG)	Christine Wilson (GG)
Larry Carter	Morgan Hunter	Bryan Reid	Roger Wilson (GG)
Cheri Casey	Riyad Imam	Jeri Reid	Ewa Wlodarczyk
Diane Chappell	Megan Immerzeel-Davis	Sara Reinking (GG)	Eva Woodruff (GG)
Jelisa Chatman (GG)	Robert Ipach	Tom Reinking (GG)	Vincent Woolard
Joyce Clark (GG)	Kaeden Jackson	Susie Reis	Jill Zamiska (GG)
Karen Clayton	Mamie Jemerson	Kelley Renfrow	Barbara Zoller (GG)
Lorna Cloud	Lauren Johnson	Donna Rice (GG)	
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Trudi Cooke (GG)	Snake Jones	Mary Richardson	
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Christian Dospil	Kathy King (GG)	Brian Sajko (GG)	
Christine Dresselhaus	Gary Kingry	Russell Saunders	
Misty Dunn	Maureen Kingry	Lisa Schmid	
Roger Dutschke	Susan Kissel	Brooke Schmidt	
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Mark Gaff (GG)	Miriam Long (GG)	Alice Smith	
	Rebekah Love	Benjamin Smith	
	Lynn Luking (GG)	Cynthia Smith	
	Jennifer Luvisi		

## VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

The Volunteer Committee represents all WBG volunteers, serves as the primary volunteer leadership group, and supports WBG staff in the management and advancement of the volunteer program.

Ann Adams  
Joyce Clark  
Mark Gaff  
Lynn Luking  
Ned Price  
Amanda Schmitt

To learn more, contact  
Molly Young, Membership  
& Volunteer Manager at  
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