

Membership Welcome

Martha Manske, VP

This month's new-member biography features **Val Johnstone**. Val has been enjoying many of our activities since joining us this summer. Below is the interesting story of her life in her own words.

"I was born and raised in England and went to an Agricultural College for a two-year degree. I worked on farms for a while before coming to the US in 1964. Fast forward to 1978 and I was living in Eugene, Oregon, where I decided to return to school to study to be a Speech/Language Pathologist.

As a single parent it took me a while, but I graduated with a master's degree in 1986 from the University of Oregon. I worked in Portland Public Schools until I retired early (due to family health reasons) in 2003. Working with children and seeing the improvement speech therapy made in them was very satisfying. It was just about enough to overcome the drawback of the endless meetings and paperwork that the school district requires these days!

Since retirement I lived in Port Townsend, WA, for 17 years, a delightful little Victorian seaside town. I returned to Portland in 2021 and now live in a cozy apartment with a 3 x 20-foot garden strip which is enough to satisfy my gardening cravings!"

Welcome, Val. We're happy to have you.

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