

Hall of Fame Recipient 2024 Judith Leppert

If you've come into the GFO Library over the last couple decades, the odds are good that you've met this year's Hall of Fame recipient. Judith Leppert is a well-known and familiar face around the GFO. She became a member in 2007, a Life Member in 2013, and has been volunteering her time here in various capacities ever since.

Those who cross paths with Judith appreciate her readiness to share knowledge and to offer help. Her experience as a high school teacher and graduate school educator shines through in her role as "Research Assistant Extraordinaire," pointing patrons in the right direction and encouraging them in their research. She is often the first to jump in and cover absences. To help ensure that our growing collections remain organized and accessible to patrons, she has probably moved every book in the library at least three or four times! She has helped host many in-person events, often baking goodies and coming in early to brew coffee for attendees. As the Tours Coordinator, she introduced many people to the library and shared her knowledge of its holdings. She currently serves on the Books Sales Team and the Library Committee, checking donations against our current holdings and researching prices for the books we sell.

In addition to her presence at the library itself, Judith has offered crucial support to the GFO in some more behind-the-scenes ways. She served for a few years as a Director at Large on the Board. As the GFO's Good Will Ambassador, she has sent cheery notes to members who were ill and notes of condolences to GFO members who suffered losses in their families. She wrote obituaries for the *Bulletin* for many years. Among her other writings for the *Bulletin* and the *Insider* are biographies of her parents, articles on the First Families of Multnomah County, and book reviews.

Judith's contributions extend beyond the GFO to our Portland-area neighbors and the larger genealogical community. She has represented the GFO at several different community events. She is always a marvelous ambassador, never missing an opportunity to tell others about our organization and all we have to offer.

Thank you, Judith, for your past, present, and future dedication and enthusiasm in all your roles supporting the GFO!