

Meet Our New Provisionals

Please welcome our new provisionals, to be introduced at our June 6th Annual Meeting, STC, 10:30 Social Hour and Receiving Line, 11:45 Luncheon/Program.

Catherine Mueller
SGC Membership Chair



Mary Alhadeff: Mary is a lifelong Bellevue/Medina resident, a new empty nester with four kids off to college and is married to husband David.

Mary is an avid gardener with a lot of things going on in her garden at all times including a chicken coop with chickens grazing throughout her property. She is especially keen on growing herbs and medicinals in addition to many vegetables in her effort to eat clean. She is a tremendous chef and has worked for years as a consultant in the food industry, still consulting off and on to this day.

Mary is the creative talent behind the interior and landscape designs at apartment rentals she and her husband own. She loves gourmet cooking, sewing, constant creative art projects and interior design projects.

She has older parents and an aunt who live together, and Mary helps them out with their various appointments and errands. She likely has a good story or two on this trio!

She is inclusive, gracious, kind, and a good listener.



Bambi Goodhew: Bambi was raised in London & France; her parents were Seattleites. She and her husband Nigel lived in Seattle for eight years before moving the family to London where she worked at Colefax and Fowler design firm and then ran her own design company in London.

She has renovated homes and gardens throughout her life, is hands on and loves the process as well as digging in the dirt. Ten years ago, they purchased a rundown home in the NE spending eight years transforming both inside and out. She learned a huge amount about plant material on the east coast and is very much looking forward to learning about our PNW flora and fauna.

Two years ago they moved to Washington Park where she has been transforming the home and gardens of their new family home. They have three daughters and grandkids locally so are here to stay.

She is an ultimate entertainer of the best kind, unpretentious and joyful, making a celebration seem effortless.

They spend summers at their home in France and both love to travel.

Words used by all her references: gracious, devoted to family/friends, creative, delightful, charming, stylish, and fun.

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Betsy Hendry: A born and raised Seattleite, Betsy and her husband Rob call Seattle their home. They have raised two daughters and are about to be empty nesters this coming fall. She is one of four sisters (one is Katie McReynolds of the SGC), and one well behaved black lab named Pepper.

Betsy spent many years working at Hewlett-Packard in Portland as a commodity specialist and promoted as a supply chain analyst for the commercial side of HP. Prior to that, she worked as a product lead in Branding at Nordstrom Corporate. She met her husband in Oregon where they started their family. Upon moving to Seattle, she became one of the founding members of Seattle Metro's National Charity League (NCL).

Betsy loves dahlias and has been learning to divide them and pings Katie, her sis, on gardening tips/tricks. Being an outdoor lover Betsy skis, plays pickleball and swims, along with her other passions of hiking and visiting national parks.

She is described as very friendly, funny, positive, reliable, enthusiastic, and committed to excellence and 'Just Perfect for the SGC'.



Mary 'Shannon' Hoffer: Shannon is a long time Seattleite living in Broadmoor where she raised her two daughters. She is now an empty nester and enjoying all that life brings her way.

In 2022 she took on a huge two-year project decommissioning a very large pool in her backyard using our own SGC member Carol Eland as her designer and project manager. Shannon's vision was to turn that space into an extensive garden which has since come to fruition. Her garden is stunning.

Gardening is Shannon's passion, and she is a collector of rare and wonderful plants which are a joy for those who appreciate a rare find.

Shannon has been a member of the Washington Park Arboretum and President of the Arboretum Unit #1 Garden Club for the past 14 years.

Shannon is described as unfailingly kind, gracious, joyful and cheerful.



Diana Stroble: Diana and her husband Peter raised their family of three children in Seattle and are soon to become empty nesters and branch out from child rearing duties.

Diana was a very involved parent at her kids' schools including a role as lead volunteer in Bush Admissions for many years. In addition, she organized the Wolf Pack Lacrosse girls league, which is quite the feat - finding fields, coaches, referees, times scheduled with other leagues throughout the season. Working with 100s of girls in various age groups along with parents, she had to be super flexible!

Diana loves to play tennis at the STC, is a big skier, hiker, and all-around good athlete. FUN FACT: Diana played hockey at Harvard!

She is an excellent cook and her husband Peter still mentions the first dinner she prepared for him when they lived in NYC. She spends time volunteering at St Francis House and Lifelong. She wants to learn more about gardening and conservation is looking forward to being a SGC member.

Words used about Diana include curious, enthusiastic, positive, hardworking, take-charge attitude, patience, community builder and a great organizer.