

DEBBY GARMAN

Debby Garman was born and raised in Illinois and moved to much more beautiful and less flat Oregon after college years in Minnesota.

Garman began a long career in bookselling and publishing soon after moving to Portland. Favorite jobs included work as a road sales rep exploring California and the Northwest states for two prestigious publishing companies. She was Executive Director for the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association and Public Relations and Publicity Manager for Timber Press for a number of years. Volunteer board service led to stints in nonprofit arts administration for a number of regional arts organizations, including eight years in executive leadership with the Portland Revels.

Garman's skills include project and program management, grant writing and volunteer management. She retired in 2015, looked around after that too-busy career and saw a world in climate and environmental crisis.

A longtime gardener and a beekeeper, she felt the best way to invest in hope was to take action in the ways she could. She founded 350 Washington County in 2016, is active in County leadership with the OLCV and Democratic party, joined the MCAT Steering Committee in 2020, and hopes that some difference may be made. She looks forward to graduating as a Master Recycler in October 2023. She invites all of you to hop into climate action as you can, as well.

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