

Instructor Bios



Barbara Brocker has developed the art of the bell tree as a solo instrument and has published over 30 arrangements for bell trees plus the “Bell Tree Keyboard Manual.” For the last twenty years, she has been promoting the use of bell trees through teaching and performing at local, regional, national and international festivals. She is a past board member of Area 10 and served as Oregon Chair. She founded the handbell program in Sunriver, Oregon where she continues to ring in the 5-octave choir plus teach bell tree lessons.



Phyllis Tincher has been solo ringing since 1997 and has directed adult and youth handbell choirs since 1993. Currently she directs Southminster Bells at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho, and a women’s handbell group at her church, Crossroads Community Church, Nampa, ID. In addition, Phyllis performs solo concerts throughout the area as Ring Praise Music Ministry, Inc., telling the saving story of Jesus Christ. She has served as guest conductor at festivals and taught many classes at handbell conferences and workshops. Phyllis served as Area 10 Chair 2000-2002 and editor of the *Campanologist* 2004-2018.



Diane Barnes has been ringing bells since 1980 and directing adult and youth handbell choirs for 30+ years. She currently directs the Grace Notes at Ascension Lutheran Church and the Rogue Ringers a Community Handbell Choir, both are in Medford, Oregon. Diane currently serves Area 10 as the Events Chair and served in the positions of State Chair, and Area Chair from 2008 to 2016 prior to her current position on the Area Board. Diane is dedicated to mentoring ringers from all over helping them to become better handbell musician and furthering the artistry of handbells.



Ellie Hodder is a well-known teacher and clinician. Ellie is passionate about learning and spreading that good news. If we can learn—and we all can—then we are capable of creating great music. Ellie has served as a clinician for many events children and youth, adults and seniors along the west coast where she is known for her skills as a “teaching director”.

Ellie

serves as Director of Music Ministries at Murray Hills Christian Church in Beaverton, Oregon. She founded Pacific Ringers (www.pacificringers.org), a non-auditioned community choir for musicians with a passion for the instrument, the Pacific Northwest Handbell Directors and Musicians Forum which meets each Fall for a day of learning and ringing, the Pacific Northwest Youth Handbell Festival and Coppers Classic, the nation’s premier event founded specifically to celebrate coppers level musicians (www.coppersclassic.com). She is currently Membership Chair for Area 10 of Handbell Musicians of America. Ellie lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband, Benn.