

## View the Future Public Relations/Fundraising Committee



**Joanne Kittel** has been with View the Future for the past 20 years and is now Co-chair. She is a retired psychotherapist and the owner of 27+ acres south of Yachats that has a conservation easement and a public trail through it. She is a Yachats Trail Leader, an advocate for cultural preservation, and a local author. She is strongly committed to preserving and honoring the history of the people who lived on this land for millennia before Euro-Americans arrived. She is an honorary Tribal member with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Joanne is the recipient of the 2023 President's Award from the National Association of State Park Directors.



**Bette Perman** has had a love affair with Yachats for over 40 years. After nursing school, she moved to Oregon with her dog, cat, and VW camper and began her nursing career at Multnomah Hospital - now part of Oregon Health Sciences University. Bette and her wife Barbara Frye, also a nurse in Portland, bought a lot in Yachats in 1995 and built a vacation house. They moved to Yachats full-time after they retired. Joining the board of View the Future has been an opportunity to become part of a team that is dedicated to the preservation and protection of local natural resources, promoting awareness of land conservation and local cultural history.



**Jock Doss** is a board member with View the Future. He and his wife moved to Yachats in 2017 after discovering the area on one of their many trips camping on the Oregon Coast. An ardent conservationist and outdoor enthusiast, Jock worked for the Marin County Office of Education, managing the Walker Creek Ranch Outdoor School and Conference Center. Later he was Facilities Manager for the County of Ventura Human Services Agency. He began volunteering at the Green Bike Coop in Waldport, repairing bikes and e-bikes. When offered a seat on the View the Future board, he leapt at the chance to work with such a diverse and passionate group of individuals focused on the local environment.

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When **Jesse Dolin** is not busy working to raise the bar for the visitor experience in his role as Central Coast Destination Manager with the Oregon Coast Visitors Association, he can be found enjoying the outdoors surrounding his hometown of Yachats, Oregon. An avid outdoorsman, fisherman and forager, Jesse is enthusiastic to support projects and initiatives that help connect people with nature, and in turn, inspire stewardship and care for our natural environment.



**Andrea Scharf** moved to Yachats in 1994. After hearing about plans to log the viewshed ridge south of town, Andrea and a small group of passionate activists formed View the Future in 2004. She is the author of [Saving Big Creek](#), the story of a 30-year campaign to block the construction of a destination resort in the wild area between Yachats and Florence. It was ultimately successful. Andrea has been a teacher, association manager, marketing director, community planner, business owner, and freelance writer. She feels happiest in natural places and has to pinch herself sometimes at her good fortune in ending up right here.



**Leslie Palotas** moved to Lincoln County in 2014 for the community opportunities and outdoor playgrounds. She is a part owner and server at Local Ocean Seafoods and the Community Connector at the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC). Leslie has worked on projects made possible by Community Building Grants from The Ford Family Foundation. She is on the boards of Oregon Coast Community Forest Association and All Are We Water Collective. She enjoys building relationships and networks to foster win-win collaborative actions that improve rural communities for all members.

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**Kelly Perry** is an experienced Environmental Scientist with a history of working in public education, government, and non-profit sectors. Currently, she works for Lincoln County Parks. She loves to talk about birds, dogs, and anything nature-related. Kelly has strong professional skills in environmental awareness, volunteer management, habitat restoration, and public speaking. Kelly believes in View the Future's mission, which aligns with her own: to inspire people to love and protect nature.



**MaryBeth Selby** moved to Yachats four years ago upon retiring to enjoy the nature that Yachats and the state of Oregon offers. She is an avid outdoor adventurer, sailor, and yoga instructor, and has traveled widely to experience the beauty of untouched forests, open oceans, and amazing landscapes.

**Barbara Covell** has been a South Lincoln County resident since 2005. She is a former healthcare executive who specializes in marketing, strategy development, and branding. Since then, Barbara has been a private consultant and cultivated a journalism career contributing to the Newport News Times, the Oregon Coast TODAY, and regional magazines. She is an avid outdoors woman, clocking 25 miles every week walking the coastline. The Yachats Ridge project resonates in the measure of sustainable land and hope for future generations. Barbara is an animal lover and presently has 6 cats and 1 dog in her family.

**Carl Meibergen** worked for over 30 years as a consultant, curriculum coordinator, principal, and teacher. After retiring, he lived in Finland and worked as a native English teacher in a bi-lingual, Finnish/English educational program. In 2018, Carl found his way to Yachats and realized this would be his forever home. Carl currently operates Oregon Coastal Greens, growing and supplying microgreens to customers from Newport to Florence. He photographs the beauty of the Oregon Coast, including aerial views as an FAA-licensed



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drone pilot. He and his partner Lucinda Cross share their lives with 3 fur babies - Bella, Polly, and Seamus.



**Nichole Wutzke Lippincott** is the new Director of the Greater Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce. With a passion for exploring trails and immersing herself in the beauty of nature, she brings a refreshing perspective to the community. Nichole has lived in the Yachats area for 14 years. She and her husband Stephen have a 7-year-old son and a 4-year-old daughter. As the new Chamber Director, Nichole is dedicated to fostering community connections and promoting the unique charm of Yachats.



**Mindy Parsons** and her husband moved to Yachats a decade ago. They have put down deep roots in the town and share a profound passion for its future. After years as a massage therapist, Mindy is now the Director of Tourism for the Yachats Chamber of Commerce, an exciting role that deepens her connection to the Yachats community. She lives with her husband, two children, and a delightful new pup. She finds solace in nature—a connection rooted in her Southeast Alaska origins—where her heart has always been intertwined with the sea. Whether navigating scenic trails with her children or participating in local events, Mindy thrives on the diverse offerings of Yachats.

**Caroline Bauman** has lived in the coastal forest near Yachats since 1985. She has been active in starting and serving on boards of environmental groups since she realized she lived in spotted owl and marbled murrelet habitats. Bauman was active in land trusts and the building of a statewide network of land trusts in the early 2000s. She was the economic developer for Lincoln County, Oregon for 11 years and is now running her family business, an innovation start-up in the field of renewable energy.

