



Meet Joan Merrill

In high school, I was voted the first girl student body president, which was a great honor. After a short time at College of Puget Sound, I married my high school sweetheart. For 47 years, we raced cars, had horses, built hot rods and rode a Harley while raising 2 sons. After early retirement, we decided to leave the rains of Oregon for sunny Tucson.

My career was as a purchasing agent for 3 manufacturing facilities in Portland. I purchased everything from office supplies to machinery. It was a fun job spending someone else's money and researching parts for a 1918 compressor. This was before computers, so it was very challenging to keep the facilities operating with such antiquated equipment.

After my husband died, I decided it was time for more intellectual and less physical activities and took up bridge. Bridge has been a major part of my life since. I was on the Unit Board for 7 years and am currently on the Adobe Board. Adair and I hit the bridge tournaments for 9 years, 3 sessions a day, until her back could no longer endure the hours of sitting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and playing in person again. So for now I will continue to spoil my Mini Aussie, Libby, and paint.