Our Green Lake Story: Paul & Gerry Mottram



My [Gerry] church affiliation is American Baptist and I hardly remember a time when Green Lake has not been a part of my life. Participated at home and on the site many years. We may be states away but our hearts know no distance! I have been a longtime program participant and volunteer (23 years), longtime promoter and also a resident artist.

My story began when I was in high school. After being mentally prepared to love it, I was given the opportunity to attend the youth conference, taking a train alone from Montana to Green Lake. I was too afraid to take such an adventure alone, turning it down.

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Later I drove high school youth to a conference. Entering the gate I began to cry. It was such an emotional experience. Continued the emotional experience as I went from building to building, the grounds and the lake! I continued to drive youth from Montana to youth conferences taking a mother's vacation! Green Lake was always presented as Heaven on Earth. It was and continues to be! All three of our children attended those conferences.

My husband Paul and I have set up Green Lake promotional material every year in our church and at regional and area conventions.



Ken Giacoletto and Ben Mott have been excellent leaders. We have and always will appreciate their leadership. We were a part of a banking community. In all the local, state and regional conventions we attended, never has there been the quality of presentation that Mary Disterhaft presents in Food Service. She is so above a 10! Her training of youth was something to experience! We would love to come to her retirement party!! They will never be able to replace her with her quality!

We love the beauty of a place set aside for fellowship. We love the learning, relaxing, playing, sharing and worshipping. There is no distance when you are there. With God or with others.

God bless you all for keeping on!