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Museum of Northwest Art

Gretchen McCauley is a retired K-12 school administrator. She graduated from Washington State University (BA), Columbia University's Teachers College (MA) and earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership (EdD) from Seattle University. She spent 37 years working as an educator in various Washington state school districts, as well as nine years overseas for the Department of Defense School System in Turkey, the Netherlands, Germany, and Italy. In addition to her work in school systems, Gretchen also served on the La Conner School District Board of Directors for 15 years.

For the third time in the last 25 years, Gretchen is currently a MoNA Trustee. She has twice been President of the Board, as well as serving on numerous museum standing and fundraising event committees. Between terms as a trustee, Gretchen continued to volunteer at MoNA.

Gretchen grew up in La Conner at a time when the art of the Pacific Northwest received national publicity via a 1953 Life magazine article, "Mystic Painters of the Northwest". In 1981, when her mother was asked to join the founding Board of Trustees of what was then the Valley Museum of Northwest Art, now MoNA, Gretchen took a more personal interest in the museum. Thus, began what became her second career as a MoNA volunteer and supporter.

Quote:

Watching MoNA evolve from its founding to present day, has been a joy. It is satisfying to look back over the years and see how far the museum has come from its humble beginnings. We can all look forward to a bright future for our museum.