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## A few of our Speakers

**Dr A. Junker, Ph.D.** “Religious Art in a Post-Modern Era”. Dr Junker is Faculty Associate in Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts at the Pacific School of Religion, in Berkeley, California. Her ongoing research probes the salient intersections among the fields of art history, eco-criticism, decolonial studies and contemporary Indigenous aesthetics.

**Sue Ballotti** - Labyrinth and Nativities: Pilgrimage in Place. Sue Ballotti is spiritual director at Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Southern Ca. She is on the executive board for the Center and volunteers with the annual Nativity Exhibit as a docent, and as part of the Exhibit team. She is a Veriditas trained Labyrinth facilitator and leads groups in walks at the Center and has presented several Labyrinth workshops or retreats.

## Patti Rokus (a.k.a. -The Rock Lady)

Author/song writer and performer/Artist and a “recovering corporate product manager” with Nike, and Microsoft (Pacific Northwest based corporations.)

## Westward Leading!

Our theme!

Most meals and snacks included! Transportation during the event included! PNW Gift packs - included! Ornament - INCLUDED!

You are bound for great adventure -go westward!

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## Hotel Accommodation

### Radisson Red

One of the newest, coolest and affordable hotels in all of Portland. \$159 (not including tax). Located in the theater arts district directly across from our convention at Historic First Christian Church.

### Nativities/Nativities/Nativities

Auction items (Upwards of 100 or more!. White elephants (bring one to share), Holly Zenger's rare Polish collection (one pictured below). The Allen Collection, unique vendors, large displays at the Grotto and some at local church (we're going to give you a list of walkable and drivable). Shopping at the Christmas Cottage and the Grotto.



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# Friends of the Creche Convention 2021

**Portland, Oregon  
November 5-6, 2021  
Pre-Assembly 11/4  
Post- Assembly 11/7**





# The Grotto: Our Lady of Sorrows National Shrine.

Proclaimed by nearly all of the Pacific Northwest as our “most holy places”. 62 Acres in the city limits of pristine beauty, featuring views of the gorge, Mt St. Helen, Mt Hood (if the clouds cooperate), Upper gardens, gift shop, Madonna and child collection...but wait, there is more! Much more!



## Portland Weather

You should dress for every season and NOT carry an umbrella! That's a no-no among the locals. November is our rainy season - but RARELY is it intense.

## Side Trips?

Great local transit (named #1 in the U.S.A.), vineyards, shopping, sightseeing, food options galore! Reasonable transit times and options with plenty of Portland weird thrown in for fun.



## Pre-Assembly Outing to Lincoln City, Oregon

It just wouldn't be right to come all this way and not see the ocean, have lunch with Lutherans, see nativities from our local collections), shop at a VERY popular store on the coast (Christmas Cottage)! We've got that covered!

## Post- Assembly Outing - Multnomah Falls!

Oregon's #1 Tourist attraction. (And possible speaker - Your Host with a bonus side trip.)

## But Wait...there is still more

Virtual member museums. Want to help out. Let Neil Allen know - [neilwallen@frontier.com](mailto:neilwallen@frontier.com).

503-707-6689

## To Register visit

[www.friendsofthecreche.org](http://www.friendsofthecreche.org). You will also get a copy when you pay your 2021 dues Or, get a copy of your registration in the **March issue of Creche Herald**.



## EVEN MORE

Awards, meeting with old and new friends, learn about our latest ideas and directions, talk to our leadership one-on-one! Find out what's happening on the global level.

See where Lewis and Clark first experienced the grand scale of the PNW.

Taste the salmon. Oregon is noted for its great fish, dinning, impressive food and spirits...not to mention it's one of the most polite places you'll ever visit.

FOTC Conventions are 100% fun.