
Every member is entitled to vote for GardenComm national directors, regardless of region.

Regional Director Nominee

Region 3 (Representing Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin & West Virginia)

Name: Pam Bennett

Company: Ohio State University Extension

Location: Springfield, Ohio

Professional Biography: Pam is an Associate Professor with The Ohio State University and serves as the State Master Gardener Volunteer Program Director and Horticulture Educator for OSU Extension in Clark County.



Pam specializes in herbaceous ornamental plant trials and presents programs on annuals and perennials as well as other landscape topics locally, statewide, and nationally. Pam has also lectured in South Korea, China, Greece, and Turkey. She was scheduled to speak in Italy but then Covid 19 hit! She is a Clark County Park District Commissioner, and a Board member of the Hartman Rock Garden and The Abilities Connection. She is the Past-President of the Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden.

Pam is the co-author of an award-winning book, Garden-pedia, An A-to- Z Guide to Gardening Terms, writes a weekly gardening column for eight counties receiving the Cox Publishing brands, authored the bi-monthly Ask the Expert Column for Ohio Gardening magazine and has written for gardening magazines as well as trade publications.

National Director Nominee

Region 6 (Representing North: AK, ID, MT, OR, WA & WY and South: AZ, CA, HI, NV, UT)

Name: Erica Grivas

Company: Seattle Times, Real Simple, New York Post, Chicago Parent, Seattle Greenlaker

Location: Seattle, Washington

Why do you wish to serve as a GardenComm director? What strengths and experience do you bring to the Board of Directors? I'm excited about expanding and strengthening Region 6 membership - creating connection opportunities and building a strong, vibrant community. I'd like to arrange meetups, create a Facebook group or other virtual networking forum, and increase outreach to new and former members. My experience includes a diverse professional background building networks of sources and colleagues while working for print, online, and television media on both coasts. As for strength, I can lift a 3-cubic-foot bag of soil conditioner over my head. (Almost.)



Professional Biography: I escaped tabloid reporting at the New York Post and "Inside Edition" by studying landscape design at and becoming a publicist for The New York Botanical Garden's Education program - the largest of its kind in the world. Since then I have been a professional gardener, worked at Seattle's Ravenna Gardens, and

written lifestyle and garden features for news blogs like Seattle Greenlaker and publications including the Seattle Times, Real Simple, Connecticut Home and Gardens and Flower Gardens magazines. I'm passionate about showing people how gardening can save the world, both individually and collectively.