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Facilitators

Pamela Cruz is Director, National Historic Preservation Center for Girls Scouts of the U.S.A. at their National Headquarters in New York City. She has extensive global experience in assessment, organization, preservation and management of asset collections, creating systems for tracking and storage. Prior to arrival at GSUSA in July 2008, Pamela was Vice President, Archival Services for Miramax Films for eight years and Antiques Manager at Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation for 13 years. During her years at Miramax, she was responsible for the inception of the Miramax Archives Department, created archive databases, handled taxonomy and nomenclature and systems for Miramax and Dimension Films as well as the personal archives of the co-chairmen of the company. She worked with an array of film asset collections in Italy, France, Mexico and Romania as well as in the U.S. and on various exhibits for Museums and other venues. At Polo she managed the inventory of high-end antiques and decorative arts used for Polo stores, wholesale showrooms, advertising shoots and special events, as well as cataloguing Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lauren's personal collection. During her tenure there she was instrumental in bringing the collection digital and implementing tracking and loan systems and worked with architects and designers to assist them in using assets for various projects.

Jeanne Cuddy, a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts has an educational background and holds three major certifications in the hospitality industry. During this time, she enjoyed being a Girl Scout volunteer with her three daughters. In 1990, Jeanne was invited to join the professional staff for her council in Palm Beach Florida. In 1995, Jeanne wrote a grant for Girl Scout and Women in History which allowed her to launch the first History Committee for her council. In 2000, she became an Instructor of Trainer's, and has implemented the Train-the-Trainer program for her council. Jeanne is the staff partner for the council's history committee. Volunteers work with Jeanne on all aspects of Girl Scout history: girl program, fund development, marketing, the council's history collection, adult workshops, living histories, uniform and photo preservation, community collaborations, and council exhibits. She designed an archives room for her council in 2002. Jeanne was instrumental in obtaining the funding for all of the furnishings for the archives room and exhibiting areas. Jeanne has enjoyed working with the NHPC, developing and conducting workshops for participants at the Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor, New York for the past twelve years.

Recently, Jeanne contributed support and recommendations in the areas of council history, adult development and adult recognition, for council re-alignment. Today, the Girl Scouts of Palm Glades and the Girl Scouts of Broward County have officially formed the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida Council, where both history committees have begun merging their council histories. Jeanne's interest in women's history and Girl Scout history earned her an invitation to publish an article for the National Women's History Project: "*Girl Scout History is Women's History*". Jeanne recently established a Girl Scout Scholarship Fund for Senior Girl Scouts who are committed and active in community service.

Sandra Gregersen, a Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida volunteer, is a designated Master Trainer with experience in designing and delivering workshops for GSSEF. She served as president of the GSPGC Girl Scout & Women in History Committee for two years and worked on the Council Re-alignment Committee (2008). Recently she designed and participated in the March 2009 “*Women Mean Business*” exhibit for the Palm Beach Women’s Chamber of Commerce. (An exhibit which highlighted successful women who were Girl Scouts on the local and national level.) She also helped design, stage, and narrate the April, 2009 *GSSEF Vintage Historical Girl Scout Uniform Show* for the council’s annual luncheon and silent auction. Presently she is working on a project: “*Honoring Juliette’s Legacy*” for the council’s annual Adult Luncheon. Sandra attended the 2007 history workshop at the EMCC.

Specializing in both facilitation and curriculum development with a flair for creative and interactive in-person, web-based or blended training, Sandra delivers vanguard programs aimed at associates with diverse backgrounds. Providing individualized support along the way, she relates her experience in HR, sales and communication technologies to aid clients in realizing and attaining their objectives. As a Senior Manager in Organizational Development for a global enterprise, Sandra enabled her corporate clients in strategically optimizing human capital, morale, culture and structure through large-scale training and smaller group-based enrichment initiatives.

Yevgeniya Gribov has been working at the National Historic Preservation Center for the past 13 years. She holds a degree in Library Science from St. Petersburg Academy of Library Science, Russia. After graduating from college, she established and managed a library in the first private high school of St. Petersburg and also worked as a docent in the Museum of Peter the Great, the founder of the city. On “second mother-land”, her passion for history and experience in guiding tours emerged in managing Girl Scout national archives and being a tour guide for visitors of the National Headquarters.

Lynda Swift has worn a variety of Girl Scout “hats” throughout her 29 active years in the organization. After enjoying 10 years as a girl member in two different councils, she has volunteered in three councils as an adult, leading troops, chairing committees and events. Her background as an educator led her to become a Master Trainer. Over the past 12 years she has developed and delivered a number of enrichment classes, primarily in the area of History and/or Art. She served as President of the Council’s Women’s History Committee for 6 years, and President of the Archives Committee for 5 years. She currently sits on the Barbara Ann Turner Scholarship Fund Committee. In 2008 she was honored to receive the Thanks Badge II. Recently Lynda designed and participated in the Palm Beach Women’s Chamber of Commerce March 2009 exhibit “*Women Mean Business*”—an exhibit using successful women who were Girl Scouts on the local and national level. She helped organize and wrote the script for the April 2009 GSSEF Girl Scout Vintage Historical Uniform Show for the Council’s annual luncheon and silent auction. Her current project “*Honoring Juliette’s Legacy*” will be presented at the council’s annual Adult Luncheon on October 31, 2009 to be held at the Palm Beach Convention Center.

On a personal level, Lynda is an Elementary Art Teacher, and was elected “Teacher of the Year” for her school in 2005, and again in 2009. She illustrated and published a history book, “*I is for Indiantown*” in 2008 that involved 100 2nd grade students. In 2009 she received a United Way Grant to carry out a series of framed art involving students and members of the community.

Noraleen A. Young, CA, runs her own archives consulting firm, Past to Present. Noraleen received her B.A. in American History/American Studies in 1983 from the University of Michigan. She received a Master in Library Science from Michigan in 1984, concentrating in special libraries and archives. In 1992, she completed her M.A. in Public History at Indiana University at Indianapolis with a thesis on the history of Girl Scouts in Central Indiana. From 1984 to 1991, Noraleen was a Reference Librarian at the Indiana State Library, Indiana Division where she provided reference services, worked in manuscripts and developed exhibits and programs. In 1991, she began her own consulting business and works for several clients including Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity and St. Vincent Hospital. Noraleen has a particular interest in women’s organizations and the important role of non-profit groups and their contributions to society over the years. She recently served as guest curator for the Indiana State Museum Girl Scout exhibit that ran from October 2008 to March 2009. Noraleen has been a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists since 1995.