

Martha's Vineyard Museum Staff

Phil Wallis, *Executive Director*
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Dukes County Intelligencer*
Allison Walker, *Development & Administrative Assistant*
Dan Waters, *Development Director*



*The Martha's Vineyard Museum inspires all people
to discover, explore, and strengthen their connections
to this Island and its diverse heritage.*

94th Annual Meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Museum

August 8, 2016 ~ 5:00 pm
Marine Hospital Lawn, Vineyard Haven



Board of Directors 2016

Elizabeth Beim, *Chair*
James B. Richardson, III, *Vice Chair*
Gail Farrish, *Secretary*
Dale Garth, *Treasurer*
Philip S. Wallis, *Executive Director*

Barbara Alleyne, Stever Aubrey, Nat Benjamin,
Robert Blacklow, Marcia Mulford Cini, James T. Curtis,
Skip Finley, Julianna Flanders, Deirdre Frank,
Peter Gearhart, David LeBreton, Phoebe Lewis,
Calvin Linnemann, Mark Alan Lovewell, June Manning,
Christopher Morse, Chris Murphy, Paul Schneider,
Richard Walker, Elizabeth Hawes Weinstock,
Lana Woods, Denys Wortman

Agenda

Call to Order: Elizabeth Beim, Chairman

- Approval of the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Report of the Chairman

Report of the Executive Director: Phil Wallis

Report of the Treasurer: Dale Garth

Questions

Report of the Committee on Directors: Marcia Cini

- Election of Directors
- Vote on Proposed By-Law Changes

Presentation of the 2016 Martha's Vineyard Medal: Phil Wallis

- Len Butler
 - o Introduced by Richard Skidmore
- Robert S. Douglas
 - o Introduced by Nat Benjamin
- Catherine (Kay) Mayhew
 - o Introduced by Anna Carringer

*All are invited to stay and enjoy a reception
following the medal ceremony.*

Martha's Vineyard Medal Recipients

2009:

Ray Ellis
Tom Hale
Della Hardman
John Walter

2010:

David McCullough
Arthur R. Railton
Tobias Jonathan Vanderhoop

2011:

Marian Halperin
Francine Kelly
S. Bailey Norton, Jr.

2012:

The Athearn Family
Geraldine Brooks
Tony Horwitz
Hugh Knipmeyer

2013:

Sheldon Hackney
Olga Hirshhorn
The Murphy Family

2014:

Renee Balter
Dorothy Bangs
Richard Paradise

2015:

Pat Gregory
Patricia Morgan
Cynthia Riggs

Robert S. Douglas

Presented by Nat Benjamin

Capt. Robert S. Douglas is the designer and builder of the topsail Black Dog schooner *Shenandoah*, which he captained for 48 years. He became involved with boats summering and sailing on Martha's Vineyard as a youth. In the early 1960s, he began working at the Harvey Gamage Shipyard in Maine where he designed and built *Shenandoah* to take guests on charters around New England. Bob always wanted people to experience sailing in the wind, on the water, and without 20th century technology. He moved to the Island full time in the late 1960s. Later, as the market for adult passengers declined, he began focusing on kids' cruises. Countless Island school children have had the experience of spending days on *Shenandoah* learning about life at sea.

Catherine (Kay) Mayhew

Presented by Anna Carringer

Catherine (Kay) Mayhew has been involved with the MV Museum since it was the Dukes County Historical Society. She served on the Board and was also Vice President and Secretary. Kay volunteers over 600 hours a year as the Museum's genealogist, helping people find their family history through various sources including the Museum's archives. She has an encyclopedic memory of families on this Island. Kay is the former president of the MV League of Women Voters and currently writes the weekly Tisbury column for the *Martha's Vineyard Times*.

Report of the Committee on Directors 2016

The Committee on Directors presents the following slate for election to the Board of Directors:

Farewell to:

Nat Benjamin
Gail Farrish

Class of 2019:***Candidates up for election for first full term:***

Paul Schneider
Lana Woods

Candidates up for election for second full term:

Skip Finley
David LeBreton

Under the By-Laws of the MV Museum, officers will be elected at the next meeting of the Board of Directors on August 17, 2016.

2016 Board Members Up For First Term Election

Paul Schneider

Paul Schneider is the editor of *Martha's Vineyard Magazine*. He is the author of five works of historical non-fiction and strives to make history meaningful and accessible to the general public. Before turning to book writing, Paul was a journalist specializing in the environmental stories for a wide range of national magazines. He lives year round in West Tisbury with his wife Nina Bramhall. Their son attends the University of Vermont. Paul has served on the board of Vineyard Conservation Society and is currently on the board of Sail MV. In addition to the Museum board, Paul serves on the communications and education committees at the Museum.

Lana Woods

A former corporate finance and marketing executive and a lifelong devotee of the arts, Lana Woods is the founder of the Lana Woods Gallery in New York City. She is the former Vice President of International Acquisitions and Business Development at GE Capital Services and also worked for Coopers and Lybrand and the Bank of New York. Lana holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Florida A&M University and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Lana has visited the Island for over thirty years and bought a house on Hines Point in 2013. She lives here seasonally with her husband Willie and two boys. In addition to the Museum board, Lana serves on the development and finance committees at the Museum.

Martha's Vineyard Medal

As the premier storyteller of the history, arts, and culture of Martha's Vineyard, the Martha's Vineyard Museum created the Martha's Vineyard Medal in 2009. The Medal is awarded to leaders in the community to recognize their outstanding commitment to preserving the history, arts, and culture of Martha's Vineyard. Recipients demonstrate leadership on Martha's Vineyard in at least one of the following areas:

- Historic preservation
- Fine and performing arts
- Literature
- Community activism
- Education

2016 Martha's Vineyard Medal Recipients

Len Butler

Presented by Richard Skidmore

Len Butler was building committee chairman for the Gay Head Lighthouse move. He is a senior site supervisor and founding member of John G. Early Construction where he has worked on countless Vineyard homes since 1972. Len navigated a number of complex problems involving many stakeholders to move the Light hundreds of feet back from the eroding cliffs. He oversaw geological studies and studies of erosion rates, helped solicit bids for moving the Lighthouse, and consulted with Nantucket where a similar group moved the Sankaty Light in 2007. Len was eager to educate the community about the Lighthouse move, especially Island schoolchildren. Moving the Light became Len's day job. He was known as Aquinnah's "steady hand on the tiller," a responsibility that consumed countless hours.