

Martha's Vineyard Museum Staff

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

95th Annual Meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Museum

August 14, 2017 ~ 5:00 pm
Marine Hospital Lawn, Vineyard Haven



Board of Directors 2017

Stever Aubrey, *Chair*
Marcia Cini, III, *Vice Chair*
Juliana Flanders, *Secretary*
Dale Garth, *Treasurer*
Philip S. Wallis, *Executive Director*

Barbara Alleyne, Robert Blacklow Skip Finley,
Deirdre Frank, Peter Gearhart, David LeBreton,
Phoebe Lewis, Calvin Linnemann, Mark Alan Lovewell,
June Manning, Christopher Morse, Chris Murphy,
Paul Schneider, Richard Walker,
Lana Woods, Denys Wortman

Agenda

Call to Order: Stever Aubrey, Chairman

- Approval of the 2015 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: David LeBreton

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

Presentation of the 2017 Martha's Vineyard Medal: Phil Wallis

- Kate Hancock
 - o Introduced by Ann Smith
- James B. Richardson III
 - o Introduced by Bonnie Stacy
- Christopher Scott
 - o Introduced by Robert Cox

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

Martha's Vineyard Medal Recipients

2009:

Ray Ellis, Della Hardman
Tom Hall, John Walter

2010:

David McCullough
Arthur R. Railton
Tobias Jonathan Vanderhoop

2011:

Marian Halperin
Francine Kelly
S. Bailey Norton, Jr.

2012:

The Athearn Family, Tony Horwitz
Geraldine Brooks, Hugh Knipmeyer

2013:

Sheldon Hackney
Olga Hirshhorn
The Murphy Family

2014:

Renee Balter
Dorothy Bangs
Richard Paradise

2015:

Pat Gregory
Patricia Morgan
Cynthia Riggs

2016:

Len Butler
Robert Douglas
Catherine (Kay) Mayhew

Report of the Committee on Directors 2017

James B. Richardson, III

Presented by Bonnie Stacy

James B. Richardson, III is the Curator Emeritus of Anthropology at Carnegie Museum of Natural History and Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh. He has participated in or directed prehistoric and historic archaeological investigations around the world including many on Martha's Vineyard and focused on maritime adaptation and climate change. Jim served as interim director of Carnegie Museum and has served on the Board of the Heinz History Center and the Peabody Museum. He has been associated with the Martha's Vineyard Museum since the 1940's and worked with Gale Huntington as a teenager. His family has been coming to the Vineyard since the 1840's and his family built the Lawton cottage, the first wooden cottage in the campgrounds. Jim has served on the Museum Board and as Chair of the Collections Committee for a number of years while summering in East Chop. He is currently involved on the Museum's project planning committee for its move to Vineyard Haven and on the exhibit design committee for the new museum.

S. Christopher Scott

Presented by Robert Cox

Christopher Scott is the retired Executive Director of the MV Preservation Trust, a position he held for 25 years. He has more than 35 years of professional experience in the funding, design and implementation of major preservation projects. He was affiliated with the MA Dept. of Environmental Management for 10 years where he restored 20 public parks. He also participated in the restoration of Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Chris served on the MV Bass and Bluefish Derby Committee and the Edgartown Library Building Committee. He is a former board member of the VNA, and is Treasurer of the MV Scottish Society. Although newly retired, Chris is still actively involved in the Preservation Trust's plans to renovate the former Carnegie Library and turn it into a visitor and heritage center.

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

Farewell and thanks to:

Marcia Mulford Cini
James T. Curtis
James B. Richardson, III
Elizabeth Hawes Weinstock

Class of 2020:

Candidates up for election for first full term:

Nat Benjamin
Jeb Blatt
David Foster
John McDonald
Philip Regan
Juliana Rogers
Cathy Weiss

Candidates up for election for second full term:

Elizabeth Beim
Juliana Flanders
Chris Murphy

Under the By-Laws of the MV Museum, officers will be elected at the next meeting of the Board of Directors on August 16, 2017.

2017 Board Members Up For First Term Election

Nat Benjamin

Nat Benjamin is the founder and co-owner of Gannon and Benjamin Marine Railway in Vineyard Haven. He came to the island in 1972 with his wife, Pam, and young daughter, Jessica, looking to settle down and work at a boatyard after various sailing expeditions to locations such as Spain, Morocco, and islands in the Caribbean. In 1968, Benjamin was hired to sail a nearly forty-foot schooner from Malta to Newport, RI, a journey that took over one year to complete.

In 2014, Benjamin sailed his fifty-foot, auxiliary schooner to Haiti to deliver books, craft materials, clothes, games and other supplies to a local orphanage; a journey Benjamin documented in his two-part booklet, *Passage to Haiti*. This story earned him the Charles H. Vilas Literary Prize member award from the Cruising Club of America in March of 2017. Today, Benjamin resides in Vineyard Haven with his wife, Pam.

Jeb Blatt

Jeb Blatt is the Senior Vice President at Jack Morton Worldwide where he works with Fortune 100 companies such as CVS, TJ Maxx, Walmart and The American Heart Association to name a few. Additionally, he works with pro-bono organizations such as the Martha's Vineyard Museum. Additionally, Jeb is a visiting Faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University's Brandcenter. He has also been a guest speaker at a variety of conferences. Jeb and his wife Elena have three daughters, live in Weston and Edgartown, and are members of the Edgartown and Chappaquiddick Beach Clubs.

David Foster

David Foster has been a Harvard faculty member in biology since 1983 and the Director of the Harvard Forest since 1990. Foster graduated from Connecticut College in 1977 with a focus in Botany and Religious Studies and then continued on to the University of Minnesota to earn his M.S. and Ph.D. in Ecology. He is the author of six books including his most recent, *A Meeting*

of Land and Sea: Nature and the Future of Martha's Vineyard (2017) that explores the island's history, ecology, and conservation.

Foster serves on various boards for foundations and organizations and is also a research associate at the Polly Hill Arboretum, the Principal Investigator at the Harvard Forest Long Term Ecological Research Program, as well as the Chairman and President at the Highstead Foundation. Foster splits his time on his properties in Cambridge and West Tisbury with his wife, Marianne Jorgensen, and their two children.

John McDonald

John McDonald is a partner and cofounder at Beacon Hill Capital which he started in 1986. Since 1987, BHC has been focused on the institutional tax credit investment and has helped corporations invest over \$10 billion in the Affordable Housing Tax Credit industry. John and his wife Melissa McCullough have just built a house in Vineyard Haven and are currently building another house in Aquinnah. John has been coming to the Vineyard for over 40 years. In his semi-retirement, he enjoys sailing and has previously sailed to the Vineyard from Haiti.

Philip Regan

Philip Regan received his bachelor of architecture from the University of Miami in 1988. When he returned to the island, he began a three-year internship that blossomed into a lifelong career and in 2004; Phil was named Managing Principal of Hutker Architects' Martha's Vineyard office where he continues to work today. Phil has served on the board of Sherriff's Meadow Foundation since 2011 and is a founding member of the Cottage City Historic District Commission and has been the commissioner since 2003. Phil is passionate about island sports and was the lead design consultant and fundraiser on both the Shark Tank and Penn field. Phil and his wife reside in Oak Bluffs with their three children.

Juliana Rogers

Juliana Rogers has a BS in applied mathematics from the University of the City of New York at Richmond College and a MS in applied mathematics from Long Island University. Juliana began her career as a math teacher from 1971-1985 before becoming the department chair in 1985, a position that she held until 1992 when she founded and co-directed the Robert F. Wagner Secondary School for the Arts and Technology. From 2000-2005 she was the principal of Brooklyn College Academy in New York. Currently she is on the Martha's Vineyard Museum special events committee and is co-chair of the wreath committee at the Federated Church.

Cathy Weiss

Cathy Weiss began her career in government there she was the assistant to New York Mayor, Edward Koch and then for the Philadelphia Mayor W. Wilson Goode. After her stint in government, Cathy joined the William Penn Foundation, where she stayed until 1999 and held a variety of positions. From there she served as the Program Officer for the Rockefeller Family Fund between 1999-2002 before becoming the first non-family Executive Director of the Claneil Foundation between 2002 and 2008. During her time there she established the *Philadelphia Kindergarten Initiative* where she introduced a school-based curriculum based on healthy food and nutrition. The program was subsequently picked up by the department of Agriculture and taught in schools across Pennsylvania. Most recently, Cathy was the Executive Director of the Stoneleigh Foundation between 2010 and 2014 where she oversaw all aspects of the foundation what was committed to improving the life outcomes of young people impacted by violence as well as those in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Cathy holds a BA with Honors from the University of Wisconsin.

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

2017 Martha's Vineyard Medal Recipients

Kate Hancock

Kate Hancock has been active in the Martha's Vineyard arts scene for decades. She currently serves as Gallery Manager at Featherstone Center for the Arts. She has served as a theater stage manager and production supervisor for over 35 years, many of them at the Vineyard Playhouse and MVRHS, and has starred in a number of shows. Kate has written scripts and lyrics for dozens of plays and musicals for children. She has also written several pieces for adult audiences including two plays, and composed the lyrics for *Lighthouse Point*, a book by East Chop resident Rick Herrick that became a play. Kate is the author of *Windswept*, a novel that tells the story of a farmer on Chappaquiddick.

Kate was a fourth and fifth grade teacher for sixteen years and has taken her love of education to the Martha's Vineyard Museum. She can turn a primary source document on Grey's Raid during the American Revolution into a riveting piece of dramatic storytelling, inspiring third graders to create murals, puppet shows, and illustrated story books. Few people know that Kate is also a time traveler from the late 1700's. When asked, she will don her own colonial mob cap, blouse, and calico skirt and serve as Temple Cook to an enthralled audience of Island school children. Kate is also a docent in the Museum Conversations Outreach Program, which presents and curates programs for a number of Island senior centers monthly.