

98th Annual Meeting of the
Martha's Vineyard Museum

July 26, 2021 ~ 5:00 pm
MV Museum Campus, Vineyard Haven



Board of Directors 2021

Cathy Weiss, *Chair*

Paul Schneider, *Vice-Chair*

David Grain, *Secretary*

Meredith Degen, *Treasurer*

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Heather Seger, *Executive Director*

Barbara Alleyne, Stever Aubrey, Nat Benjamin, Robert Blacklow,
Jeb Blatt, Jonathan Blum, Marcia Mulford Cini, Gordon
Cromwell, David R. Foster, Deidre Frank, Dale Garth, Peter
Gearhart, S. Fain Hackney, Fred Jackson, David Lewis, Calvin
Linnemann, June Manning, Christopher Morse, Jim Newman, Phil
Regan, James B. Richardson, III, Alison Shaw, Shelley Stewart,
Elizabeth Hawes Weinstock, Lana Woods, Denys Wortman

Agenda

Call to Order: Cathy Weiss, Chairperson

- Approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Report of the Chairperson

Report of the Executive Director: Heather Seger

Report of the Treasurer: Meredith Degen

Questions

Report of the Governance Committee: Cathy Weiss

- Election of Directors to First Term:
 - o Jill Cowan-Davis, Elizabeth Pickman, Kahina Van Dyke
- Election of Directors to Second Term:
 - o Marcia Mulford Cini, Meredith Degen, Fred Jackson, David Lewis, Elizabeth Hawes Weinstock

Presentation of the 2021 Martha's Vineyard Medal: Heather Seger

- Richard L. Burt
 - o Introduced by James B. Richardson III
- Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. (posthumously)
 - Presented to Vickee Jordan Adams
 - o Introduced by Charlayne Hunter-Gault
- Nancy Vietor
 - o Introduced by Matthew Stackpole

All are invited to a reception following the completion of the medal ceremony.

Report of the Governance Committee 2021

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

Class of 2024:

Candidates up for election for first full term:

Jill Cowan-Davis
Elizabeth Pickman
Kahina Van Dyke

Candidates up for election for second full term:

Marcia Mulford Cini
Meredith Degen
Fred Jackson
David Lewis
Elizabeth Hawes Weinstock

Farewell and with thanks to:

Barbara Alleyne
Stever Aubrey
Deidre Frank
Peter Gearhart
S. Fain Hackney
Jim Newman
James B. Richardson, III

Under the By-Laws of the MV Museum, officers will be elected at the next meeting of the Board of Directors on August 25, 2021.

2021 Board Members Up For First Term Election

Jill Cowan-Davis

Jill Cowan-Davis graduated from Wellesley College in 1988 and then launched her business career with the management consulting firm Jewell Jackson McCabe Associates in New York City. While there, she worked under founder Jewell Jackson McCabe and was introduced to The National Coalition of 100 Black Women. She remained in New York and worked in the development and special events fields for New General Hospital and various other businesses over the next decade. Cowan-Davis has served on many boards including The San Francisco Boys and Girls Clubs, The Children's Creativity Museum of San Francisco, The San Francisco YMCA, Pacific Primary Preschool, and Slide Ranch. She is currently on the boards of the Museum of African Diaspora, National Summer Search Board, San Francisco University High School, and the American Conservatory Theatre. She and her husband Stephen own a home in East Chop. She is a member of the East Chop Beach and Tennis Clubs as well as the Vineyard Golf Club. In the off-season they reside in San Francisco with their three children.

Elizabeth Pickman

In 1982, Elizabeth Pickman co-founded Policy Studies Associates in Washington, DC, an organization dedicated to evaluating initiatives that improve public schools and developing and scaling out-of-school services for at-risk children. Since her retirement, she serves as a trustee of Publicolor in New York City where she chairs its program committee and serves on its governance and nominating committee. Pickman is a member of the program committee of the Partnership for After School Education in New York. On the Vineyard, she serves on the Advisory Board of MVYouth and volunteers at the Aquinnah Cultural Center. She holds a Bachelors of Arts from Smith College and a Master's in Education from Harvard Graduate School. Pickman lives in both Aquinnah and New York City with her husband Jim. They have two adult sons who live in California.

Kahina Van Dyke

Kahina Van Dyke has more than twenty years of experience in banking and technology. She is the Global Head of Digital Channels and Data Analytics at Standard Chartered. Her past roles include senior management at Facebook, MasterCard, and Citibank. Most recently, she was SVP of Business and Corporate Development at the blockchain company Ripple. Van Dyke has been an independent board director of Progressive Insurance and a former Board Observer of MoneyGram International. She was named #1 Global Woman in Fintech in 2019 by the Financial Technology Report and has received multiple awards for services to technology and finance. Van Dyke is based in Singapore with her family and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from Rockefeller College, University at Albany. In 2018, she and her husband bought the Narragansett House in Oak Bluffs and renovated it. They operate it for six months every year as an inn welcoming visitors to the Island.

2021 Board Members Up For Second Term Election

Marcia Mulford Cini

Marcia Mulford Cini led an active civil law practice with offices in Edgartown and Vineyard Haven, specializing in real estate, zoning, affordable housing, historic property preservation and nonprofit organizations for over two decades. She has served two terms on the Martha's Vineyard Commission, spent a decade on the West Tisbury Historic District Commission, and has been a selectmen's appointee to the Tisbury Community Preservation Committee since its inception. She holds a Master's in Preservation Studies and Juris Doctor degrees from Boston University. Cini splits her time between West Palm Beach, FL and Vineyard Haven with her husband Bill.

Meredith Degen

Meredith Degen has come to the Vineyard her whole life. During childhood, she stayed on East Chop with her grandmother, Gladys Dowley Lewis. As an adult, she and her family have stayed in Lower Makonikey at the home of her parents, Jack and Phoebe Lewis. Degen and her husband, Tom recently moved into their home in Vineyard Haven and summer there. After graduating from college with a degree in Economics, she was employed by a regional investment firm in Texas, and following that was an underwriting manager with Chubb Insurance in Texas and Wisconsin. Since the birth of her four children, Degen has concentrated on volunteer work. Currently, she is a regular volunteer at One City Early Learning Center and Wright Middle School. She works one-on-one with preschoolers and middle school students. She also volunteers with Madison's Attic Angel Association, running activities for seniors and participating in major fundraising events.

Fred Jackson

Born and raised in northern New Jersey, Fred Jackson attended the University of Chicago. While in college, Jackson founded and sold two companies in the electrical supply industry before creating and selling a financial services company named ChecKlear Co. Jackson joined the marketing department of IBM in 1977. His roles included managing field sales, marketing, and corporate finance while also serving as CEO of RDN Corporation, an IBM internal investment holding company. When he moved to Florida, he continued in his role with IBM as Business Development Executive for the Software Group with responsibilities for software mergers, acquisitions and strategic alliances worldwide. After retiring, he launched the consulting firm of BeecherJackson. Jackson is a founding sponsor of The Institute for the Study of the African American Child (ISAAC). He has served on the board of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Internet Coast Advisory Council, United Way, One Community One Goal Career Academies, and the Regional Business Alliance. He and his wife Yvonne split their time between Coral Gables, FL and Oak Bluffs.

David Lewis

David Lewis holds a Master's in History Museum Studies from the State University of New York, and has served as a museum educator, researcher, curator, and exhibit designer for numerous museum projects. He is a recognized expert in American firefighting history, and is frequently requested as a speaker, guest researcher, and historian. He has worked on countless firefighting history books, and consulted and/or curated dozens of firefighting history exhibits at museums across the United States. Lewis was first appointed Curator of the Aurora Regional Fire Museum in 1989 and has played an active role in the ongoing preservation and restoration of Aurora's old Central Fire Station ever since. He is active in Aurora's downtown community, and was a founding member of Cultural Creatives, an organization that planned and implemented the Aurora ArtWalks. Currently he serves on the board of directors for the Aurora Cultural Creatives and the Aurora Public Library Foundation. His family has a long history on Martha's Vineyard summering in East Chop.

Elizabeth Hawes Weinstock

Betsy Weinstock is an author of biography, journalism, and creative nonfiction. She writes under her maiden name, Elizabeth Hawes. Weinstock and her family have ties to the Vineyard going back more than 35 years. They've owned a home in Chilmark since 1990. She has served on the summer board of the Chilmark Community Center for many years, and for nearly two decades, she ran the Center's Thursday night lecture series. Speaking as an author, Weinstock sees the Martha's Vineyard Museum's mission of preserving the Island's history as a distinctly high calling. "It's all about stories," she says. "Everything is." Weinstock is married to her husband Davis with whom she has three children. They reside in New York City and Chilmark.

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

2021 Martha's Vineyard Medal Recipients

Richard L. Burt

Presented by James B. Richardson III

Dick Burt is a life-long West Tisbury resident and archaeologist. Mr. Burt's interest in the archeology of the Vineyard began when he was a young boy living on Arrowhead Farm at Indian Hill. In high school, Mr. Burt's teacher, Gale Huntington, recognized his curiosity and encouraged him to begin collecting. He learned the skill of identifying and dating the Island's artifacts through this process. Mr. Burt was so proficient at finding arrowhead sites that he played a role in William A. Ritchie's exploration of the Island that resulted in his 1969 book, *The Archeology of Martha's Vineyard*. He has worked on many collaborative research projects with fellow Islanders and archaeologists. Today Mr. Burt's research focuses on historic archeology. He spends his time exploring the Island for settlements that date back to the 17th century.

Vernon E. Jordan (posthumously)

Presented by Charlayne Hunter-Gault to Vickee Jordan-Adams

Vernon Jordan was a Civil Rights activist, lawyer, and a Chilmark seasonal resident. After graduating from DePauw University as the only Black student in his class, he went on to Howard University receiving his Juris Doctor. In 1961, he helped organize the integration of the University of Georgia. He served as the Georgia field secretary for the NAACP, director of the Voter Education Project for the Southern Regional Council, head of the United Negro College Fund, and as a delegate to President Lyndon Johnson's White House Conference on Civil Rights. In 1971, Jordan was appointed president and CEO of the National Urban League. After a 1980 assassination attempt, he joined Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld serving as legal counsel. In addition to his national impact, he was also a notable presence on the Island every summer. In 2013, he presented the MV Medal to historian and friend Sheldon Hackney. In 2016, the MV Public Charter School named a new science wing for him.

Nancy Vietor

Presented by Matthew Stackpole

Nancy Vietor is a longtime Edgartown resident and partner in Carnegie Blair Designs. A painter and avid gardener, she has worked on many projects, including leading the charge on fundraising for the Cooke House Legacy Garden. To date, she has raised over \$750,000 to enable the Museum to re-imagine the house and gardens in Edgartown. In addition to her work with the Museum, Vietor was one of the founding members of Sail MV. She was their first high school racing teacher and later served on the board staying involved for over twenty years. Her commitment to Sail MV was fueled by her belief in the importance of teaching Island kids to sail. Her dedication to the Island continues even off-Island. When Mystic Seaport was redoing the *Charles W. Morgan*, Vietor advocated for naming the captain's quarters after the Vineyard where eleven of its captains came from. She is a staunch advocate for Island history.

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

2016:

Len Butler, Robert S. Douglas, Catherine Mayhew

2017:

Kate Hancock, James B. Richardson, III, S. Christopher Scott

2018:

Ann Smith, Rose Styron, Denys Wortman

2019:

Chilmark Chocolates, Elaine Cawley Weintraub, Lynne & Allen
Whiting

2020:

Steve Bernier, Skip Finley, Juliana Germani

Martha's Vineyard Museum Staff

Heather Seger, *Executive Director*

Anna Barber, *Curator of Exhibitions & Programs*

Savannah Berryman-Moore, *Programming & Events Coordinator*

Carol Carroll, *Director of Finance & Administration*

Ann DuCharme, *Museum Teacher*

Katy Fuller, *Director of Operations & Business Development*

Graca Gomes, *Housekeeper*

Annie Howell, *Administrative Assistant*

Khalid Jackson, *Visitor Services Coordinator*

Leolani Kaeka, *Visitor Services Associate*

Vitoria Krasa, *Visitor Services Associate*

Linsey Lee, *Oral History Curator*

Kate Logue, *Exhibitions Assistant*

Betsey Mayhew, *Finance Administrator*

Norah Messier, *Education Manager*

Laura Noonan, *Digital Services Associate*

Dawna Phaneuf, *Housekeeper Extraordinaire*

Tom Phaneuf, *Housekeeper*

Adam Smith, *Facilities Manager*

Bonnie Stacy, *Chief Curator*

A. Bowdoin Van Riper, *Research Librarian*

& *Editor of the MVM Quarterly*



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