

## Board of Trustees Biographical Information

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**George B. Foote, President.** George is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate and the owner of a computer consulting firm, and also is a long-established summer resident of Dublin, NH. He has served on a number of non-profit boards, and previously as the Chair of our Construction Committee when we built our current school on Route 123 in Sharon.

**Carolyn C. Howard, Vice President.** Carolyn, a resident of Jaffrey, is an owner/partner with Howard Interests, an exclusive venture capital and financial investment firm. She is very committed to the non-profit sector, and is currently President of the Jaffrey Civic Center, a member of the Giving Monadnock Advisory Council and lends her time to a variety of other non-profits in the Monadnock Region.

**Honorable L. Phillips Runyon, III, Secretary.** Justice Runyon received a BS in business administration from Washington and Lee University in 1969 and went on to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1972. Since then he has had a successful law career as a partner in what is currently known as Bowditch & Dewey, LLP (formerly Brighton, Runyon & Callahan, P.A.). His professional career includes the American Bar Association, New Hampshire Bar Association and United States Supreme Court, and also includes concentration in estate planning and probate administration. He currently resides in Peterborough with his wife, Cathie.

**David E. Howe, Treasurer (served as Board Chair for 3 terms).** David graduated from Harvard University with a BA and MBA from the Harvard Business School. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in Iraq and Iran, and has had a long and successful career in business and industry. In addition to the Sharon Arts Center's Board of Trustees, David serves on the Boards of the Dublin School, The Mayhew Program, Lighthouse International, and Historic Harrisville. He formerly served on the Boards of Yankee Publishing, Monadnock United Way, MIS, Monadnock Family Services, Monadnock Community Foundation, Giving Monadnock, Groton School, The Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music, and the Beech Hill Rescue.

**Deborah E. Babson.** Deborah graduated from Mt. Holyoke College with her BA in studio art (painting) and attended University of Pennsylvania's Masters in Architecture program. She continued on to Boston University to receive her MA in American Studies and Historic Preservation. Deborah has worked as a consultant in the field of hp-Adaptive Use Design for over 20 years. Since moving to Jaffrey in 1981, Deborah has taken many classes at Sharon Arts and well understands (and appreciates) its value to the community it serves. She has served on numerous Boards and Foundations in New Hampshire and the greater Boston area and brings her passion for art and education as well as professional experience to Sharon.

**Charles Christ.** Charlie obtained a BS in Engineering from Kettering University in Flint, MI and a MBS from Harvard Business School. His affiliation with Sharon Arts began as a frequent customer at both our Fine Art and Fine Craft Galleries, and he later joined the board in 2002. Charlie currently serves on the Board of Directors for three publicly traded companies: Agilysys (Cleveland, OH), Maxtor (Milipitas, CA) and Dot Hill Systems (Carlsbad, CA). He is also Chair of the Board of a privately held company, Message Secure (Lowell, MA) and serves on the Advisory Board of Equallogic in Nashua, NH.

**Stephen Gehlbach.** Steve is an educational product of Harvard College, Case-Western Reserve School of Medicine and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Public Health. Although he was trained as a pediatrician and taught the subject in several medical schools, most of his career has been spent teaching epidemiology and public health. He recently moved to Jaffrey from Amherst, MA after retiring from the position of dean of the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts. At present he works part-time teaching and researching at the UMass medical school in Worcester and prowling the landscape in search of photographs which he displays as one of the Gallery's juried artists. Steve also serves on committees for the Monadnock Conservancy and the Amos Fortune Forum in Jaffrey.

**Judson D. Hale, Sr.** Jud graduated from Dartmouth College in 1955 and served with the Third Armored Division as a Tank Commander from 1955-1957. He is the present Editor in Chief of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, and serves as Chair of the Board for Yankee Publishing, Inc. As an author, Jud has worked with Harper Collins and has edited a number of books published by Random House. He has been awarded Honorary Doctorate degrees from New England College, Franklin Pierce, and Keene State University.

**Harry J. Healer, Jr.** Harry graduated from Harvard College in 1961, and Babson College in 1965. He was an investment analyst at the First National Bank of Boston for 3 years, and went on to serve as Vice President of the Bank's Venture Capital subsidiary for over ten years. After resigning from the Bank in 1980, he co-founded The Venture Capital Fund of New England, staying there until his recent "almost" retirement. He's made investments in 62 start-up businesses and has served on the Boards of 39 private and 12 public companies (he continues to serve as director for 4 private companies). He's been a Trustee for 6 nonprofits - Sharon Arts Center is one of 3 that he continues to serve on.

**Terry Heinzmann.** Terry received her BFA from Tufts University and her Associates Degree of Art from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston) in 1970. After a 30-year career in business in the San Francisco Bay area, the last fifteen years of which were managing her meeting and event planning company, Terry returned to New England and the arts. She has sold and exhibited her work (watercolor, ceramics, and sculpture) at the Sharon Arts Center, NH Institute of Art and the Bilancia Gallery in Nashua. Terry serves on the NH Institute of Art board and volunteers her time as a tutor of English through Literacy Volunteers of America. She led the Sharon Arts staff through the initial steps of the strategic planning process, and serves on the Exhibition Gallery Curatorial Committee.

**Michael B. King.** Michael, a graduate of Dartmouth College (1957), enjoyed a 36-year tenure at Brooks School in North Andover, MA where he created the Art Department and was the Director of the Robert Lehman Art Center. At the school, Michael taught Art Studio, Photography, Film and Art History courses. He also spent five years working in magazine publishing in Boston. Since retiring to Dublin, NH, Michael organizes the popular fall film series at the Town Library, as well as remaining a mentor to his students, many of whom have chosen careers in art.

**Nancy Massey.** Nancy graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.S.R.N. in 1953. She served in the Appalachia area of Kentucky, and later established a visiting nursing service in rural Vermont. Nancy's interest in landscape architecture led her to take courses at Radcliffe and inspired her work in landscape design in the Worcester, MA area. Since 1987, Nancy has served as the Head of the Art Gallery for the First Church's annual fair in Jaffrey, NH. She served on the Board of the Monadnock Area Psychotherapy and Spirituality Services, Inc. from 1991 to 1997, and is currently a member of the Monadnock Garden Club. Sharon Arts benefited from her "green thumb" when she designed the memorial garden at the Sharon Arts School. Nancy is both a student and exhibitor at Sharon Arts Center and is a member of the Pastel Society of New Hampshire.

***Elizabeth Morison, Honorary Trustee.*** Betty is a long-standing donor and supporter of Sharon Arts, and served on the Sharon Arts Board as Chairman from 1983-87

***Governor Walter Peterson.*** Governor Peterson began his career as a real estate entrepreneur and a semi-pro basketball player. He served as Governor of NH from 1969 to 1972. He became Majority Leader in his second term and was later elected Speaker of the House. Governor Peterson served as President of Franklin Pierce College in Rindge from 1975 to 1995, as interim President of UNH in 1996, and was named interim Commissioner of the NH Community Technical College system in 1998. He served as the Peterborough Town Moderator for over 20 years. Walter and his wife Dorothy have lived in Peterborough since 1953.

***Debra Strickland.*** After completing her engineering degree at the University of Oklahoma, Debra worked in the energy industry for many years. She then returned to OU for graduate math studies, completing her Ph.D. in the field of Graph Theory. After moving to Peterborough, Debra joined Franklin Pierce College (now University). Her initial focus was math instruction, and she later served eight years as the Coordinator of Learning Assistance before happily returning to teaching mathematics. Debra sits on the Board of Sequoya Technologies, volunteers with Hospice, practices her kazoo, and studies wheel-thrown ceramics. Deb was recently elected to the Board in October.

***Tom Strickland.*** Tom holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and is the president of Sequoya Technologies Group, an IT management company headquartered in Peterborough, NH. His 30-year professional career has had a technology focus, beginning with a research project at Oklahoma Gas & Electric during his junior year of college. Since moving from Oklahoma to New Hampshire in 1997, Tom has enjoyed a wide range of community involvements including the Board of the Red Cross and a variety of business and technology committees for local towns. Tom has been a longtime supporter of the wonderful arts and music of the Monadnock region, and enjoys amateur photography and woodworking in his spare time. Tom was recently elected to the Board in October.

***Penny Warfield.*** Penny has a special connection with the Sharon Arts Center, stretching back a generation to her parents, Robert and Virginia Warfield. They were leaders in developing woodcarved, hand-painted birds and naturalist themes as an art form. Penny graduated from Concord Academy in Concord, MA and attended Oberlin Conservatory and UNH. She has been a concert pianist, an organist, a choir director and an opera singer. She chaired her employer's annual United Way campaign for over 25 years, raising more than 6 million dollars.

***Ann L. Wilkins.*** Ann L. Wilkins is a sales and marketing consultant specializing in both the high tech and consumer goods markets. She is currently guiding businesses in the software, internet and toy/games sectors. Prior to her consulting career, Ann was the Director of Peripheral Products at PC Connection Inc., a computer reseller and Fortune 1000 company. Ann owned a small advertising agency in Central Massachusetts for over 6 years, after spending many years in both advertising and sales. She has a bachelor's degree in Communications/Media, with a minor in Business Administration/Marketing. In addition to the Sharon Arts Center, Ann sits on the board of "The Giving Planet", a program of complimentary enrichment workshops for youth in developing countries and within the United States. She enjoys travel, cooking, gardening, skiing, golf, reading, painting, and spending time with her very active family.