



2011 Board of Trustees Biographical Information

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Carolyn C. Howard, Chair

Ms. Howard, a resident of Jaffrey, is an owner/partner with Howard Interests, an exclusive venture capital and financial investment firm. Though semi-retired, she remains very active. She works as lead director and audit committee chair of a publicly-traded military defense company as well as serving on the board of directors for a digital satellite internet solutions company, also publicly traded. She is very committed to the non-profit sector. Presently, she is 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, such as the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, Monadnock Music and St. Patrick's Outreach.

Stephen Gehlbach, Vice Chair

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, Mass. 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. He also prowls the landscape in search of photographs which he displays as one of the Sharon Gallery's juried artists. Steve's other community Board activities include the Monadnock Conservancy and the Peterborough Players.

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, being currently a partner with the firm of Bowditch & Dewey, LLP. In 1990, Governor Judd Gregg appointed him as presiding justice of the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court, where he continues to serve on a part-time basis. In addition, he has been an adjunct faculty member in the MBA program at Franklin Pierce University since 1998. His professional career includes membership in the American and New Hampshire Bar Associations and before the United States Supreme Court. His law practice concentrates in estate planning and probate administration. He and his wife Cathie are 37-year residents of Peterborough.

Debra Strickland, Treasurer

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 is a co-owner of Sequoya Technologies and loves taking classes at Sharon Arts.

William H. Duerig, Jr.

Bill received his Bachelors Degree in Biology from Franklin Pierce College (University) in 1973. While living in Rindge and working at Heywood Hospital in Gardner, MA, he earned a Registered Medical Technologist Degree from the Northeastern University School of Allied Health. He continued to work at Heywood Hospital as Supervisor of Clinical Chemistry in the laboratory until 1983, at which time he was asked to join his wife Cathy's family business in Greenfield, NH. They moved to Peterborough shortly thereafter. Bill manufactured temperature sensitive indicators for industry and health departments until his retirement in 2010. He has been a pilot for many years and, as a hobby, built an airplane in his barn. He now sells light-sport aircraft out of Jaffrey, NH. Bill and Cathy have two grown daughters, one living in Peterborough and the other in Florida.

George B. Foote, Jr. (served as Board Chair for 1 terms)

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. Having served on a number of non-profit boards, George brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of non-profit governance and management. In addition to his generous contributions of time and funds, George provides the Sharon Arts Center with superior IT support, state-of-the-art systems, and software. He also served as the Chair of our Construction Committee when we built our current school on Route 123 in Sharon.

Jason Hackler

Jason is passionate about the fine arts and is an owner of New Hampshire Antique Co-op and Jason Samuel Fine Art & Antiques, both located in Milford, NH. After earning degrees in History and English, Jason worked as a curatorial intern at Strawberry Banke Museum and Historic Deerfield. He attended the institute program at Winterthur and then joined his family's antique business, New Hampshire Antique Co-op. He also serves on the Advisory Council at the Currier Museum of Art. Jason resides in Peterborough with his wife Rebecca and his five-year-old burgeoning artist, Eliza.

Judson D. Hale, Sr.

Judson 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. As an author, Judson has worked with Harper Collins and had edited a number of books published by Random House. Mr. Hale has been awarded Honorary Doctorate degrees from New England College, Franklin Pierce, and Keene State University.

Harry J. Healer, Jr.

Harry is a 1961 graduate of Harvard College and received his BS in Business Administration from Babson College in 1965. After 14 years at the First National Bank of Boston as an Investment Analyst and then Vice President of the Bank's Venture Capital subsidiary, he resigned in 1980 to cofound The Venture Capital Fund of New England, from which he is mostly retired. He has been involved with 66 small start-up businesses and sat on the Boards of 43 private and 12 public companies. He now serves as a director of just 4 private companies. Over the years, he has served as a Trustee for six nonprofits but currently serves on just three, including Sharon. Additionally, he serves as an advisor or committee member for several other private entities.

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. Terry relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1976 where she was a staff member for The Hunger Project, an international non-profit organization, owning a successful meeting and event planning company for her last fifteen years in California. In 2002, Terry returned to New England and the arts, and has exhibited and sold her watercolors, ceramics and sculpture through the Sharon Arts Center Fine Arts Gallery, NH Institute of Art in Manchester and the Bilancia Gallery in Nashua. In 2007, Terry led the Sharon Arts staff through the process of creating and writing the current Sharon Arts Center vision and mission statements, as well as through the initial steps of the 2010 strategic planning process. She lives with her husband, John David, in Manchester.

David E. Howe (Honorary) (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 and in Iraq and Iran. After a long and successful career with American Thread Company as Vice President, David served as Director of Financial Affairs for the Northfield Mount Hermon School in Northfield, MA. Upon retiring from that position, David worked with a consulting firm he co-founded, Howe and Trowbridge, providing profitable ideas to non-profit institutions. David was one of the key founders of the Giving Monadnock Institute that provides training and professional development for non-profit management and boards. In addition to the Sharon Arts Center's Board of Trustees, David serves on the Boards of the Dublin School, The Mayhew Program, NY Lighthouse, Monadnock Family Services and the Monadnock Community Foundation.

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 two years in the U.S. Navy where he toured the Mediterranean Sea on a destroyer, five years working in magazine publishing in Boston and a sabbatical year in Rome. 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 who have chosen careers in art.

Carol Sanchioni Laughner

Carol has had a career in marketing that spans more than 25 years. She served as marketing and development director at Sharon Arts from 2007-2010. She was corporate marketing director of Helmers Publishing, Inc., in Dublin, NH, and marketing manager for *BYTE* magazine in Peterborough, NH. She also worked for Crooked Mountain Rehabilitation Center in the Social Services department and taught drawing to children at SAC in the early 80's. She was contracted by Sullivan Creative in Newton, MA to do complete project management for the 73rd Annual League of NH Craftsmen's Fair. She holds a BFA in illustration from Parsons The New School of Design in New York City. She does illustrations for children's magazines and for her greeting card business. Carol lives in Greenfield, NH with her husband, Vinoy (also an artist).

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. 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. In 2001, she brought together a committee to design and develop the landscaping for the Center's new school building and, subsequently, its Memorial Garden, which she helps maintain. Nancy is an active member of the Pastel Society of New Hampshire, and both a student and exhibitor at the Sharon Arts Center. She follows her husband, Bob Massey, on the Board. All three of her children have careers in the arts.

Michaele S. Osgood

Miki comes to Sharon Arts in 2011 after a considerable period of time away from the region. During this time she sat on numerous boards among them The Whale Conservancy, the advisory board of the Copley Society and The North Country Chamber Players. She has worked in public relations and fundraising for organizations in both Massachusetts and Florida. Miki has been an interior designer since the 1960's, and a wedding caterer during the early 2000's. Since 2007, Miki has worked for Monadnock Music as their musician and volunteer liaison, as well as special events fundraiser. With a continuous love of art since childhood, and having been an early student at the School, she is looking forward to being a part of the Sharon Arts Board. Miki has two children and three grandchildren and resides in Peterborough.

Barbara Pelkey

Barbara graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Southern New Hampshire University and an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Endicott College in Beverly, MA. She is owner of the Grand Finale Bakery & Café in Jaffrey. She is also a business entrepreneur and acts as a consultant to the Atlas Companies in Jaffrey. She is a United States Figure Skating competitive skater, competing both nationally and internationally. She represented the US in Synchronized Skating, winning gold in Switzerland and silver in Canada. She is a professional skating coach with 20+ years' experience. Barbara is very active with nonprofits in the Monadnock Region. She serves as Incorporator and Finance Committee member for the Jaffrey Civic Center, Board member and Treasurer for Shelter from the Storm and is also a Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary member. She makes her home in Jaffrey with her husband Steve and is mother to a combined family of six daughters.

Laura Redmond

Laura graduated from Wheaton College with a B.A. in American History and Literature. Laura was raised in Jaffrey and returned to Jaffrey with her family in 1999 after 20 years spent living and working in the New York metropolitan area. In 2006, she and her sister, Bonnie Bennett, opened redmondbennettgallery in Dublin, which featured the works of local and regional contemporary artists. Laura is a member of the Monadnock Garden Club, serves on the Board of Directors of Monadnock at Home and is a member of the Crotched Mountain Harvest Dinner Committee.

Thomas S. Strickland II

Tom holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and is the President of Sequoya Technologies Group, an IT management company headquartered in Peterborough. 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.

Erin Sweeney

Erin lives and works in New Hampshire, having completed her MFA in Book Arts and Printmaking at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, where she was awarded the Elizabeth C. Roberts Prize for Graduate Book Arts. She holds a BFA in sculpture from the Maine College of Art. Her current work combines fibers, text and the book form. She is interested in all forms of building, be it conceptual or physical. Making handmade objects, manipulating space and utilizing printmaking in non-traditional ways are all a part of Sweeney's vocabulary. She continues to show nationally, most recently at the Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek, California, Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven, the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, the Hunterdon Art Museum in Clinton, New Jersey, and Donna Seager Gallery in San Rafael, California. Erin is also an instructor, teaching book arts workshops at her Lovely In The Home Press in Peterborough. A member of the NH State Council on the Arts' Artist Roster, she is available for residencies and workshops.

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, handpainted birds and naturalist themes as an art form. They sold their furniture, pottery and carved birds in the original Sharon Arts Center shop for many years. Robert also served on the Board of Directors. Upon their deaths, the Warfields left the Sharon Arts Center a collection of their work which is on permanent display at the school. 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. Penny sang with Chorus pro Musica in Boston for several years and also served on the Board of Trustees helping to set policy for marketing and fundraising. She chaired her employer's annual United Way campaign for over 25 years, raising more than 6 million dollars. Penny lives in Boston, but makes the pilgrimage to New Hampshire for Sharon meetings and events.

Ann Wilkins

Ann Wilkins is a sales and marketing consultant specializing in high tech and retail markets. She is currently actively involved in 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, where she managed a large team of product marketers and buyers responsible for the sales and profitability of a wide variety of product lines. Prior to joining PC Connection, Ann owned an advertising agency in Central Massachusetts for 6 years, after spending many years in the advertising business. She has a bachelor's degree in Communications/Media, with a minor in Business Administration/Marketing. Ann enjoys travel, cooking, gardening, reading, painting and spending time with her very active family.