

Martha's Vineyard Museum Staff

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*The Martha's Vineyard Museum preserves and interprets
collections that engage and connect the public to the
Island's history, art, and culture.*

92nd Annual Meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Museum

August 11, 2014 ~ 5:00 pm
Federated Church, Edgartown



Board of Directors 2014

Elizabeth Beim, *Chair*

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June Manning, Christopher Morse,
Elizabeth Hawes Weinstock, Denys Wortman

Report of the Committee on Directors 2014

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

Class of 2017:

Up for election to first full term:

Elizabeth Beim
Julianna Flanders
Chris Murphy

Up for election for second full term:

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

Under the By-Laws of the MV Museum, the new officers will be elected at the next meeting of the Board of Directors on August 22, 2014.

The Museum has enjoyed a long partnership with the MV Film Society presenting vintage, classic, and documentary films relating to exhibitions and programming. As a fellow 501c3 organization, MVFS, under Richard's leadership and encouragement, has long been a true collaborator with many Island organizations and causes. Richard has demonstrated that he cares deeply about Vineyard history and culture, knows how to celebrate it, and wants to share it with others.

Renee Balter

Presented by Skip Finley

Renee Balter discovered “home” when she came to the Island for the first time in 1954. It took a few years to get here, but in 1981, she and her husband Bruce bought a guesthouse (Titticut Follies) in Oak Bluffs. Built in 1870, it is one of the historic properties listed on the 1978 inventory conducted by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Over the years, Renee has been a major contributor to the town of Oak Bluffs. She helped jump start the Oak Bluffs Association in 1990. In 1998, she joined with the MV Commission to help reinstate the Oak Bluffs Historical Commission and was chosen to serve as chairman. During her term, the commission produced the Historic Walking Tour of Oak Bluffs and was able to complete a study that led to the creation of the Cottage City Historic District. She served on this district commission for more than a decade.

Renee is one of the founding members of the MV Center for the Visual Arts, which purchased the defunct Oak Bluffs firehouse in 1996 helping to create a community center in what is now known as the Arts District. As an artist, Renee captures the spirit and importance of the Victorian architecture of Oak Bluffs. Her work reflects the love she has for her town, its history, and its people.

2014 Martha's Vineyard Medal Recipients

Dorothy Bangs (posthumously)

Presented by Denys Wortman

A Vineyard resident for 67 years, Dorothy Kenney was recruited as a vocal music teacher for the Island public schools in 1946. She retired from teaching in 1990 and is likely the single most important influence on the harmonies heard across the Island. In 1949, she married Stuart Bangs, a well-known grocery merchant and postal worker in Vineyard Haven. A year later, they built a house on the corner of Lagoon Pond Road and Skiff Avenue where they raised three sons. From the day she heard that the Museum was thinking of buying the neighboring Marine Hospital, Dorothy was an enthusiastic supporter. Sadly, Dorothy Bangs died in April 2013 at the age of 88.

In 2005, Dorothy was recognized by Hospice of Martha's Vineyard with the annual *Spirit of the Vineyard* award. She was a long time volunteer at Windemere, the Tisbury Senior Center, and MV Hospital. Through song and conversation, she could light up a room. In addition to active participation in the First Baptist Church, Dorothy was a leader of the annual Daffodil Days fundraiser supporting the American Cancer Society for over 30 years. As a cancer survivor herself, she was devoted to the cause and to bringing spring to all Vineyarders.

Richard Paradise

Presented by Jennifer Smith Turner

Richard Paradise has been the prime mover behind the Martha's Vineyard Film Society (MVFS) since 1999. As its founding Executive Director, Richard has grown the Society into a 1,900-member organization with an audience of more than 30,000 annually. The MVFS' nomadic life of showing films at the Grange, the Katherine Cornell Theatre, and numerous other places was dramatically changed when it opened the state-of-the-art MV Film Center in 2012 at Tisbury Marketplace.

Agenda

Call to Order: Elizabeth Beim, Chairman

- Approval of the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Report of the Chairman

Report of the Executive Director: David Nathans

Report of the Treasurer: Dale Garth

Questions

Report of the Committee on Directors: Marcia Cini

- Election of Directors

Presentation of the 2014 Martha's Vineyard Medal:
Jim Richardson

- Dorothy Bangs (posthumously)
 - o Introduced by Denys Wortman
- Richard Paradise
 - o Introduced by Jennifer Smith Turner
- Renee Balter
 - o Introduced by Skip Finley

All are invited back to the Museum for a reception following the medal ceremony.

2014 Board Members Up For Election

Elizabeth Beim

Elizabeth Beim is the former Development and Public Affairs Officer for Museum of the American Indian-Heys Foundation. Following this, she worked in Development at the Americas Society and later became Senior Director on Cultural Affairs. Her extensive charitable work has included serving as Board Director for Planned Parenthood of New York City, Board Director for the New York City Outward Bound Center, Committee and Advisory Board member for the Robert S. Peabody Museum, and founding Director/President of Pestalozzi World. Elizabeth and her husband David reside in New York City and Vineyard Haven.

Marcia Mulford Cini

Marcia Mulford Cini, a Vineyard resident for over two decades, leads an active civil law practice. She has served two terms on the MV 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 Masters of Arts in Preservation Studies and Juris Doctor degrees from Boston University. Marcia lives in Vineyard Haven with her husband Bill.

Julianna Flanders

Julianna Flanders, a resident of Chilmark, leads an active role in the Island community. Julie is the principal broker for Flanders Up-Island Real Estate and the owner of the Captain Flanders House Bed & Breakfast. She has held leadership roles with MV Savings Bank, YMCA of MV, Chilmark Community Church, MV Horse Council, Chilmark Parks and Recreation Committee, and Chilmark Parent Teacher Organization. Julie is also a lifetime member of the MV Agricultural Society. She is a proud mother of an 11-year-old daughter.

James T. Curtis

James Curtis attended Phillips Andover Academy, Vassar College, and the Boston University School of Law. As a member of the Massachusetts Bar for 24 years, he has pursued a broad

career path with a particular interest in the arts. He worked at Sotheby's Auction House, and owned and operated *An American Space*, a gallery of vintage and contemporary American photography on Madison Avenue in New York City. Jamie lives in New York City, where he is a residential real estate broker. He is a seasonal resident of Chilmark, and has two children.

Chris Murphy

Chris Murphy, son of the late artist Stan Murphy, is a semi-retired commercial fisherman and occasional decoy carver. Chris has volunteered on many Chilmark committees and as an EMT and fireman. He joined the MV Commission in 2005, and served as Vice Chairman and Chair. He is currently a member of the Chilmark Zoning Board of Appeals, and also serves on the Board of the Farm Institute. Since 2009, Chris has been the volunteer skipper of the Museum's catboat *Vanity*. He has greatly contributed to the Museum and guest curated a Vineyard decoy exhibit. Chris lives in Chilmark with his wife Barbara.

James B. Richardson, III

Jim Richardson grew up in Longmeadow, MA and received his PhD in Anthropology from the University of Illinois. His research focuses on maritime adaptation and climate change in Peru and Martha's Vineyard. He is Curator Emeritus of Anthropology at the Carnegie Museum and Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh. He oversaw the development of the Inuit, Egypt, and American Indian Halls at Carnegie Museum and was interim director. Jim summers on East Chop with his wife Judy.

Elizabeth Hawes Weinstock

Betsy Weinstock is an author of biography, journalism and creative nonfiction writing under her maiden name, Elizabeth Hawes. Her family has ties to the Vineyard going back over 35 years. Betsy served on the summer board of the Chilmark Community Center for many years and ran their Thursday night lecture series for nearly two decades. Betsy sees the Museum's mission of preserving the Island's history as a distinctly high calling. "It's all about stories," she says. "Everything is." Betsy and her husband Davis live in New York City and Chilmark.