

Falmouth Historical Society
Board Members, 2020

Mary Pat Barry. Retired in 2006, after 30 year career in Federal Service, Washington, DC. Held a wide variety of positions at several agencies with experience including: management reviews; evaluations; grant review; drafting laws, policy, regulations and procedures; strategic and succession planning; performance measurement; budget policy and formulation, facilitation; and program manager for IG Training Institute. Volunteering including: VP and Membership Chair, MA Friends of Libraries; Falmouth Genealogical Society (Past Pres.); Master Gardeners, Falmouth Library Support Fund; Falmouth Reads; and Friends of Falmouth Library (Past VP). B.A. Liberal Arts (Fine Arts) magna cum laude from Old Dominion University. Alpha Chi and Psi Chi National Honor Societies. Masters Financial Management, American University.

David Brassard: Retired in 2010 after 39 years at Babson Capital Management, the institutional investment subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. David specialized in commercial real estate focusing on commercial mortgage originations, real estate capital markets and portfolio and risk management. David began his career at MassMutual in the General Accounting group performing a wide variety of financial and accounting roles. David holds an undergraduate degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration.

Patricia Dottore: Retired public school educator. Volunteer Coordinator for the Museums on the Green. Classroom teacher of English and social studies for over 20 years, elementary school principal in both New Jersey and New York, and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools. Lives in West Falmouth. Also involved with the Falmouth Service Center, the West Falmouth Library, and the Cape Cod Foundation.

John Furfey: For the past 15 years, John has been working at the Marine Biological Laboratory Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Library, currently as the Scholarly Communications Librarian. Born and raised in Falmouth, he is a graduate of Falmouth High School and Colgate University, later obtaining a Library and Information Science degree at Simmons College. With two young children in the Falmouth schools, John is interested in assisting the Historical Society with providing meaningful programming and resources to support our local education system.

Tamsen George: After spending 32 years in non-profit administration and the historic restoration of three sites, Tamsen retired, moving from Sandwich to Falmouth in 2004. She was former Executive Director of Shirley-Eustis House Organization in Boston, MA and former Head of Public Programs at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Tamsen was Board President for the Historical Society from January 2012 to January 2014, and became Board President again in 2017. She currently serves as a docent at Falmouth Museums on the Green, has created exhibits, developed/wrote A Visit with the Night Watchman and volunteers in the collections storage area. She has served on the Martin House Farm Committee (Swansea, MA), the Board of Governors of Historic Winslow House (Marshfield, MA). She is a former member of the Falmouth Historical Commission.

Bob Haskell: A freelance writer, editor, photographer and media relations consultant with nearly 50 years of experience as a civilian and military journalist. He is a former reporter, columnist and sports editor with the Bangor (Maine) Daily News and a 37-year veteran of the Maine National Guard. He washed ashore in Falmouth in 2008 after retiring from his 13-year public affairs position as an award-winning correspondent and supervisor at the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Va. He continues to write historical articles for the monthly magazine published by the National Guard Association of the US in Washington, DC. He wrote a biweekly column for The Falmouth Enterprise for four years. He has served for one year on the Falmouth Chorale's board of directors and for two years on the Church of the Messiah's vestry. Bob received a B.S. in Education from the University of Maine at Orono, where he became editor of the student newspaper, and is a graduate of the U.S. Armed Force's Defense Information School.

Megan Kehoe: Assistant Branch Manager of Cape Cod Five in Falmouth. Graduate of Falmouth High and Cape Cod Community College. She is involved with several local nonprofits, including Falmouth Village Association, Cape Cod Child Development, Housing Assistance Corp and Junior Achievement. Married with two children, she is interested in assisting the Historical Society reach out to a younger demographic.

Karen Rinaldo: Local artist residing and working in Falmouth since 1972. Studied at Worcester Art Museum and Cape Cod Conservatory. Active with multiple nonprofits in Falmouth, including Falmouth Fireworks Committee, Christmas Parade Committee, and Falmouth Alliance Preservation Board. Created first historically accurate painting of "The First Thanksgiving, 1621"

Barbara Sillery: A former antique dealer, Barbara currently serves on both the Collections and Antiques Sale Committees. She is an award-winning television producer, writer, director, lecturer and author of five books, and has been the storyteller in the Barn during the Night Watchman event for the past several years. She is on the Board of the Cape Cod Writers Center. Barbara is a graduate of Marywood University in Scranton, PA with a B.A. in Theater & Speech.

Ann Nagel Stone: Semi-retired occupational therapist, currently working at JML Care Center in Falmouth. Previously worked at hospitals and healthcare facilities on the Cape and in northern New England. Has a BA in sociology from Bates College in Maine and MSOT from Sargent College, Boston University. Has been a resident of Falmouth since 1982 with husband Tom and raised two children here. Has volunteered primarily at MOG as a guide on the walking tours and has assisted with several special events. She has been a deacon at the First Congregational Church and sings in the choir. She currently serves as a Co-chair of their Capital Campaign. She is on the board of the Upper Cape Chaplaincy, is an elected member of the Falmouth Democratic Town Committee, a member of the Falmouth Gun Safety Coalition, and a member of Falmouth Newcomers.

Danielle Velesig: Middle School Social Studies teacher at the Lawrence School in Falmouth. Liaison teacher for the Inspired By Nature program with the Falmouth Historical Society. Former teacher and administrator at Rising Tide Charter Public School (RTCPS) in Plymouth, MA. Former school coordinator for National History Day program at RTCPS. Co-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee at Lawrence School. Danielle, husband David and two children have been Falmouth residents since 2007.

Thomas von Zabern: Born, Wuppertal-Elberfeld, Germany, 1961. Emigrated to the U.S. in 1969, living first in suburban New York, then New Hampshire, Cambridge MA as of 1991 and Falmouth starting June 1 of 2018. Tom's background is in classical music as well as home restoration design and real estate brokerage. The Cambridge years were spent forensically reconstructing architectural elements of pre-1930 housing stock that had suffered neglect and ill-advised alterations during Cambridge's rent control years, and developing renovation plans to sympathetically update the function of these homes while safeguarding their historic nature. This is the approach Tom and his husband Billy are using in the restoration of Palmer House Inn which they bought in 2018 and continue to operate as a Bed and Breakfast. In addition to serving on the Museums on the Green Board, Tom is a member of the Falmouth Village Association Board.

Olivia Masih White: A retired educator, originally from India, and past President of the Falmouth Newcomers Club, Olivia has an active volunteer history and currently serves on boards of the Cape Cod Council of Churches, Church Women United of Cape Cod, Falmouth League of Women Voters, Falmouth Foundation Advisory board and First Congregational Church of Falmouth Council. She received an M.A. in Religious Education from Southern Methodist University Dallas TX and M.S. and Ph.D. in Biology-Genetics from the University of North Texas in Denton TX where she taught for 20 years.

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