

**Candidates for Election as Trustees  
Monhegan Associates, Inc.  
2021 Annual Meeting**



**Marlene Arvan**

It's hard to believe that it's been three years since I was elected as a Trustee to the Monhegan Associates. It feels like it's been the blink of an eye. I still work incredibly hard in my garden (as you can see from my picture). It gives me great pleasure to make so many people happy as well as curious about what we are growing. There have been many conversations from the road about the plants that we have and then, of course, people open up to what they are growing in their own gardens. While I am there I feed the pheasants and it makes me smile when I see them march into the yard in the morning and announce their presence. Last summer, we were on Monhegan for more than three months in a row and you would be able to tell the time from their visits.

My husband still plays music with our friends and it is so heartwarming to see the people who stop on Blackhead Road and sit on the bench and listen for a little while (or a long while) on their way back to town. He also produced the CD "Monhegan Time" with many tunes & environmental sounds from various musicians on the island. 100% of the profits are donated to the Monhegan Church.

Lastly, I was honored to be chosen by the Trustees to be the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. We met many times during the Winter and have put up this slate of candidates for your acceptance. Nothing makes me happier than to be on Monhegan. It will be my privilege to continue to serve as a Trustee.



**James Galvin**

I first came to Monhegan with my wife Norma Kaplis about 50 years ago. Except for a year living in England, we have continued to visit regularly. We stayed in the apartment above Sherm Stanley's workshop for many years, and purchased our house on the island in 1999. My training is in medical physics, and I spent many years as a faculty member in departments of radiation oncology at three different medical schools. I am now retired and spend as much time as I can photographing flowers and birds on Monhegan. I have shown and sold my macrophotography images of flowers for several seasons.

We came to Monhegan this year in June and I am writing this on the island in February. This has given me an important perspective on the Monhegan ecosystem, which just now is mostly in a state of sleep ready to spring back with full renewal come May. Of course, this does not apply to either the weather or the hardy souls who live year-round on the island. The weather does not rest and instead kicks up with fierce winds and big seas.

Monhegan Associates is a tremendous resource for Monhegan Island. The wildlands form an ideal landing place for migrating birds, and the rocky coast attracts many shore birds. These are also the things that attract many

tourists. Walking the trails is a joy any time of the year. Monhegan Associates is dedicated to protecting this treasure for all the groups living here for varying amounts of time and for visitors staying just a few nights or making the trip over-and-back in a single day. I am pleased to run for a trustee position for Monhegan Associates.



### **Candis Cousins Kerns**

In 2007, my Horn Hill neighbor, Sue Bolman, put her arm around me and said, "It's time to get a job in town." And with that, Sue introduced me to the board of the Monhegan Memorial Library. I served as vice-president, president and secretary over the next 13 years and currently serve as the poetry reader on the book selection committee.

In the summer of 2019, I began my term as an MAI trustee. Over the past three years, I have come to better understand some of the complexities of safeguarding the natural preserve we know as the wildlands. What it means to preserve and protect the wildlands is a question that is often before the board, leading to spirited discussions and creative group problem-solving.

During my term as trustee, I have served as co-chair of the MAI Ecology Committee with Nan Nelson. We have set up an on-line lecture series for the summer of 2021 which includes a video walk through the Monhegan woods with a forest expert. The lecture series also includes a talk on seaweed and aquaculture as well as a presentation of biological and natural history discoveries on nearby Allen Island.

Being a MAI trustee has allowed me to be part of a working group committed to conserving this gift of land for all who use it and love it.



### **Nan Nelson**

I have served as a Trustee for the past three years and am interested in continuing my work on behalf of MAI. I am currently co-chair of the Ecology Committee, where I have spearheaded the summer speaker series and co-authored the Leave No Trace policy. I have also served on the Nominating Committee. I am committed to protecting the wildlands and am looking for ways that the community and MAI can collaborate for the island's natural well-being.

I have been coming to the island annually since 1954 as a member of a multi-generational, summer family. In the past couple of years, I have enjoyed (and sweated) overseeing the ongoing renovation of Three Chimneys/Halcyon/Dollhouse as well as puttering in the garden.

In my onshore life, I am a retired teacher. Now I spend my time tutoring, co-chairing a committee that oversees a historic house garden, taking art classes, and slowly restoring my 1756 house.