

**Candidates for Election as Trustees  
Monhegan Associates, Inc.  
2022 Annual Meeting**



**Sally Boynton**

I was just 6 months old when I made my first trip to our family cottage in Deadman’s Cove. I have been back almost every year since, with the exception of the 8 years my family lived in Asia, when we would return every 2 years. During those years, Monhegan was our only home in the US. Our family has owned the Alongshore Cottage in Deadman’s Cove since 1948. My husband, Ivor Specterman, and I have been fortunate to own the BS Cottage in the Cove since 1991. Growing up on the Island, I had many entrepreneurial jobs: house cleaning, babysitting, bread baking, mail and meal delivery, artist model, worked on the Monhegan Voice, to mention a few. I was one of the first employed “curators” of the Monhegan Museum giving guided tours. I attended the Monhegan School for the first half of fifth grade, such fun!

Currently I am a member of the MAI Ecology Committee and co-chair of the Lands Committee. I have been a Board member of the Monhegan Memorial Library and chair of nominating committee since 2018. I am currently the vice president. Professionally, I am and have been a practicing attorney for the last 40 years. A recreational Island fisherman even longer. My love for Monhegan, its wildlands, cliffs and trails, is deep. I hope to actively continue contributing to conserve and protect the unique ecosystems and wild land of our Island.



**John Christie**

I’m a member of the fourth generation of the sprawling Barker clan that has occupied a perch above Deadman’s Cove since the 1920’s. The always too-short summer visits to Monhegan left a disproportionate imprint on my soul. I am seeking a second term as an MAI trustee to help build the financial reserves that I believe are necessary to fulfil its awesome purpose: “To preserve for posterity the natural wild beauty...” As humans, we need to invest more in the environments that sustain us.

Professionally, I run operations for a division of Electric AI, which acquired in 2020 the IT Services firm that I co-founded. I also serve on the board of Portland area nonprofit LearningWorks, which creates unique educational environments for students poorly served by traditional classrooms, and for new Mainers. Previously I was an elected member of Cape Elizabeth school board for six years.

When not sneaking off for a project on the Island, I live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine with my wife, Megan McConagha, and two itinerant college students.



**Bill Hidell**

I have been coming to Monhegan for over 20 years. My wife Annie has been coming for over 35 years. We bought the “Cove Cottage” 9 years ago. From the very beginning, I have felt that the land controlled by Monhegan Associates is a treasure to the Monhegan community and all that visit this great island.

My background is business and I have served on conservancy boards in the past. I have served on your Finance Committee, and if allowed to serve as a trustee I would help in any way to preserve this great treasure.



### **Naomi Kordak**

I've been a lifetime summer resident of Monhegan, first arriving in 1986. Much to my good luck, my grandmother Violet Van Houten had our cabin built on Lighthouse Hill in the mid-60s, where my family and friends have made countless memories ever since. In my 36 years, I have worked at many of the island businesses, including the Carina, the Island Inn, the Novelty, the Fish House and the Periwinkle. This has given me the opportunity to get to know many year-round and summer residents, as have the connections made through my family—particularly my brother JP who lived on the island full time for many years. The beauty of the wildlands of Monhegan is nothing like I have ever seen and truly moves me beyond words. As someone who has been given so much by Monhegan, I realize it is my responsibility to give back by protecting its beauty and its unique biodiversity – becoming a trustee for the MAI would give me the opportunity to do that. When I'm not on Monhegan, I live in Portland, ME where I am the Director of Independent Living at a retirement home in the West End.



### **Jesse Partridge**

Monhegan has been the most constant home in my life. As a kid, the magic of Monhegan was endless—building fairy houses in Cathedral Woods, trekking down from White Head at low tide to find Anemone Pool, running around barefoot, hours at the beach. As an adult, the magic is still here, but what has struck me again and again is how lucky and privileged I and my family are to have known this place. Our time on Monhegan goes back five generations, starting with my great-great aunt Jessie (my namesake), a jeweler who introduced the island to her niece, my grandmother, who came here with my father and his sisters, who brought me and my cousins, and now we bring our children. We get to watch, through our kids, the cycle of magic and awe start from the beginning. Of course things have changed—the people, buildings, businesses, but the wild and inspiring landscape—the source of all that magic—has been the same for all of us. I want to give back to the island that has defined me as much as anything else in my life. My professional background is in engineering and urban planning. As the research manager at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the regional planning agency for Greater Boston, I work with data and technology to better understand the challenges facing the region, its people and environment, and to inform decision-making about the future of the region.



### **Tish Miller**

With a lifelong love and connection to Monhegan, our extended Miller family feels blessed to have the good fortune of welcoming our 5<sup>th</sup> generation to the island. As a way of giving back to the island, as previous family members have, I've volunteered at the museum and with Monhegan Associates.

Last year I joined the MAI Ecology Committee and together we moved the lectures online and assisted with implementing the “leave no trace” policy. This year I'm grateful to be co-chair of the Ecology Committee with Candis Kerns. We're busy working on the lecture series line-up and planning for the second-year implementation of the “Leave no trace” policy. Workwise, I co-founded a non-profit arts organization in Chicago, taught at Boston area colleges and most recently have worked in higher education.

It would be my honor to help contribute to the well-being of the island I care so much about as a trustee.