

When the mind is still, the beauty of the self is reflected in it. ~ B.K.S. Lyengar

President's Letter 🥏

Pat Kennelly, SBA President

At our 2022 Annual Meeting, I presented "The Way Forward," introducing strategic initiatives that form the framework for the organization's priorities. I am pleased to provide an update.

Dredging

Four Directors of the Stockbridge Bowl Association (SBA) as well as the Chair of the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission and the Town Administrator have formed a task force dedicated to moving the dredging project forward as quickly as possible.

We meet with the engineering firm every few weeks to ensure that we are completing all the tasks necessary to take the project out to bid. The SBA has contributed its Community Preservation Act funding to finish the engineering work.

When the final costs are established, the SBA will partner with the Town to raise additional funds to complete the project. We would expect the dredging to occur in the summer of 2026.

Harvesting

With the support of the Town Selectmen, the SBA has begun the process of applying for a more robust harvesting permit to double the amount of acreage that we are allowed to cut. We will conduct aquatic plant surveys to identify additional harvesting plots as well as areas being strangled by Eurasian watermilfoil. Our goal is to have the expanded permit for the 2024 season.

Water Chestnuts

We are in the second year of our partnership with The Town to hand pull invasive water chestnuts in the Bowl, with the goal of eradicating them in the future. Last season we removed almost 1,300 plants.

Matching Grants for Homeowner Associations

We have begun our pilot program of offering financial assistance in the form of a matching grant of up to \$5,000 to lakefront Homeowner Associations who wish to hand harvest aquatic vegetation from their communal swimming and boating areas.

Stewardship of Bullard Woods

We continue our program of removing invasive plants from Bullard Woods. We have been awarded grants of \$11,885 from the State of Massachusetts and \$11,500 from the Town of Stockbridge's Community Preservation Act funds.

We are grateful for both! We are also pursuing programs to protect our Old Growth trees as well as our Hemlocks.

I look forward to working with the SBA Board, our SBA members, the Town and its Committees and Commissions, and all the residents of Stockbridge to continue to preserve and protect the Stockbridge Bowl!

Report from the Lake Committee 💨



Harbormaster: By the time you read this, the 300-foot markers will be out. Make sure you keep boat speeds at 6-mph or less within the markers and no more than 40-mph outside. In addition, there is a 6-mph limit from sunset until 10 am.

If you are swimming outside the markers, be sure to have a boat with you and a swimmer's football. The docks at Bullard Woods and Kwuniikwat Island are in and okay to use.

The zebra mussel inspection station has been open at the boat ramp since Memorial Day weekend. If your boat and/or trailer need washing, please come to the ramp and get them cleaned.

We are not only after zebra mussels but any invasive that might be there. If you have any guests bringing a kayak or other boat from areas that might have invasives, please ask them to get their boats washed.

Nothing else has changed, but remember to keep your boating safe.

Call, text or email me if you have questions or need help with something on the lake: GaryK1sxa@gmail.com or 413.441.6244 phone or text.



Meditating Bird

Photo by Kevin (Moose) Foran

Harvester Report 💨

Michael Nathan, Chair, Harvester Task Force, SBA Representative to Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission

During the summer of 2022, we were fortunate to be able to use the "Green" harvester, though it is much older, slower, more difficult to maneuver, and in the past, prone to constant breakdowns. The newer, nimbler "Blue" harvester was still in the repair shop waiting for a new motor because the original motor had been deemed unusable after the harvester flipped over.

Though I was concerned about driving the Green older harvester for the reasons mentioned above, I was pleasantly surprised. It did not break down. Yes, it is slow. However, because it can hold 30-40% more milfoil and lilies than the smaller harvester, it has an advantage. I did not have to go back to have it unloaded until I had completed a "path" filled with lilies when going around the island and down the outlet. The larger part of the Bowl, north of the Island, was harvested by a highway department staff member. In mid-September the harvester went out in order to clear (within the allowable area) a path so the Josh Billings participants would have a more enjoyable experience.

Now that we're approaching the summer of 2023, the Blue harvester is fixed and ready to go on the Bowl. Stu Yurman, Pieter Voorhees, and I will be joining forces with the highway dept. We will set up a schedule and map out areas to be harvested. We have met with Hugh Page, Highway Superintendent, and hopefully the harvester will be on the Bowl in early June.



Battle Against Invasives: Water Chestnuts

The following excerpt comes from the New York Invasive Species website: https://nyis.info/invasive_species/water-chestnut/

"If a shoreline property owner in New York or the Northeast complains to you about their water chestnut problem, don't think they are talking about Chinese takeout. The European water chestnut (Trapa natans), an invasive aquatic plant released inadvertently into waters of the Northeast in the late 1800s, is slowly but inexorably spreading throughout New York State, clogging waterways, lakes and ponds and altering aquatic habitats.

It must be pointed out that this plant species is not the same as the water chestnut which can be purchased in cans at the supermarket. The fruits of *T. natans*, however, are used as a source of food in Asia and have been utilized for their medicinal (and claimed) magical properties.

T. natans is native to Europe, Asia and Africa. In its native habitat, the plant is kept in check by native insect parasites. These insects are not present in North America and the plant, once released into the wild, is free to reproduce rapidly. T. natans colonizes areas of freshwater lakes and ponds and slow-moving streams and rivers where it forms dense mats of floating vegetation, causing problems for boaters and swimmers and negatively impacting aquatic ecosystem functioning."

Happy Trails and Tails



Kevin (Moose) Foran, Chair, Property and Trails

"The woods are alive . . ." Perhaps those lyrics should say we come alive in the woods and need to preserve them. A few improvements have been made, but thanks to a relatively mild winter, there was no substantial tree damage.

The new oak tree planted last year honoring the pandemic first responders, medical personnel, support staff, and essential workers are thriving and in good company with the second tree planted honoring the Land Stewards of Stockbridge's environmentally caring community.

A new Kiosk has been installed at the trailhead and will become a platform for a new fun map, educational ecologic information and uplifting news.

Kwuniikwat Island recently received a facelift thanks to 15 Berkshire Country Day School students, including leadership, all volunteering their time with an assortment of improvement projects, including erecting a flagpole honoring the Town of Stockbridge and Mohican tribal flags.

It was quite the cleanup event, and their service was appreciated. I was reminded of my fleeting youthful years and prayed that my mind would be able to sustain the curiosity and wonder of a child's even if my bones creaked a little (or a lot). We will repeat a similar event come the fall in Bullard Woods.

Native Habitat Restoration will be in Bullard beginning another round of invasive plant eradication, and signs will be posted as the work proceeds. An early assessment by a leading professional indicates that the Hemlock stand in Bullard is in poor to fair condition. Underway, in the research phase, is a remedial plan for treatment and replacement with new disease/ insect resistant varieties indigenous to the geography.



Oak trees honoring the pandemic first responders, medical personnel, support staff, and essential workers, as well as the Land Stewards of Stockbridge's environmentally caring community. Photos by Joan Cohen



New Kiosk

Photo by Joan Cohen

Of all the paths you take in life, some lead to the lake. ~ Unknown

Berkshire Country Day Brings High Energy to Kwuniikwat Island



Press Release May 30, 2023

Berkshire Country Day School students partnered with the Stockbridge Bowl Association on Tuesday to spend a morning cleaning up the picnic site on Kwuniikwat Island, a three-acre island near the south end of Stockbridge Bowl, which is owned and maintained by the SBA and named by the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe.

Students were picked up by pontoon boat by the Stockbridge Harbormaster and ferried out to the island. On the island, they cut back shrubs, raked leaves, stacked wood, and rebuilt a fire circle. "BCD has a long history of community service, and we look forward to doing more with the Stockbridge Bowl Association," said Head of School, Mary Warner, who accompanied students on the trip. "It's a privilege to have this opportunity to honor the history of this island and spend time outdoors in this beautiful location."

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Blowing in the Wind



Photos by Susan Benner, Berkshire Country Day School

Bound for Home

The SBA's 75th Anniversary



Joan Cohen, Editor

In case you missed our posters, mailers, and bookmarks, or simply weren't around, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the SBA last summer with three successful events that took place after the 2022 newsletter was published:

- A one-hour program at the Stockbridge Library in conjunction with an ongoing exhibit of photos, maps, and objects "Celebrating Stockbridge Bowl over the Years"
- A party at the Stockbridge Town Beach that included music, kids' games, decorating a canoe, a boat parade, and a pontoon boat ride to Kwuniikwat Island.
- A tour of Bullard Woods with the expert on Old Growth Forests, Bob Leverett, and a tree planting ceremony in honor of our medical professionals, first responders, essential workers, and the Stockbridge agencies and individuals who steward our land.



Pat Kennelly has a ball at the SBA picnic



Drummer protegees of performer



Auditioning for the RSO at the SBA Picnic

Photos by William Loutrel

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission 🧼



Roxanne McCaffrey, Chairman, Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission

The Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission (SBSC) and the Stockbridge Bowl Association (SBA) continue to work collaboratively to address issues as they arise regarding preservation of Lake Mahkeenac (Stockbridge Bowl).

The SBSC and Town administration greatly appreciate the support from the SBA in the continuing water chestnut remediation. The initiative proposed by the SBA to attempt increased weed harvesting is heartily approved by the SBSC and with the SBA's generous support, Elizabeth Goodman, Esq. will be generating an alternative Notice of Intent to achieve this goal for future years. We should all keep our fingers crossed!

Recent focus of the SBSC has centered on developing education and awareness programs to share best practices, supply environmental resources for local residents and inform the public about concerns regarding Stockbridge Bowl and its watershed.

The Town continues to contract with GZA engineering to oversee, analyze water sampling test results and provide limnological expertise to assist the SBSC in decision-making for the preservation of Lake Mahkeenac and its watershed.

We have developed a comprehensive watershedbased Lake Management Plan (WMP) to identify all areas of concern and define and prioritize various preservation actions to be undertaken. This plan is a living document to be reviewed annually by the SBSC (or more frequently should the need arise) and updated appropriately. The dredging project is a high priority item in the WMP and is moving forward with regular status update meetings; we look forward to getting this project accomplished as soon as possible.

As chair of the SBSC, I would like to thank the Stockbridge Bowl Association for its continued commitment to Lake Mahkeenac and our environment.

Not a Member? Come Join Us Anyway!

Annual Meeting | Stockbridge Bowl Association



Saturday, August 5, 2023

11:00 am: Coffee and Snacks, Program Location: The Mount, 2 Plunkett Street Lenox, MA 01240

Set of eight notecards Photos by local residents

Proceeds to benefit the Stockbridge Bowl Association

The Stockbridge Bowl Association (SBA) was formed on August 30, 1946. Its original mission was to protect the natural beauty of Stockbridge Bowl and to set standards for conservation. Today, SBA pursues the same objectives as at its founding, seeking to restore, protect, and preserve the ecological, economic, recreational and aesthetic value of Stockbridge Bowl and the SBA properties, Bullard Woods and Kwuniikwat Island. We are an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization.

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\$20.

Notecards are also available for sale at the Annual Meeting



Neighborhood News 💨



Beachwood

Beachwood continues to welcome new neighbors while retaining its strong sense of community and links to its past. The Grove remains the grand lake access as well as the hub of social gatherings. This includes pot luck dinners, kids' activities, community meetings, Sunday morning yoga, and "Groovin' in The Grove," featuring musical performances by Beachwood residents. Also, the women's luncheon and monthly book club meetings help to rekindle old relationships and forge new friendships.

The Beachwood beach will be getting a big boost from the services of Aquatic Roots, with financial support from the SBA. Hand pulling of the invasive non-native aquatic plants will be completed by June. This will help restore the recreational use of this great resource. Both long-time residents and newcomers alike contribute to the vibrant and close-knit atmosphere that makes Beachwood such a special place. — Stuart Yurman



Welcome to summer 2023! Camp Mah-Kee-Nac is a place where lifelong memories are made amidst the scenic beauty of Stockbridge Bowl. With a philosophy rooted in fostering personal growth, character development, and community building, Mah-Kee-Nac enters its 95th summer offering an unparalleled summer experience. Campers can immerse themselves in a variety of exciting water activities in addition to a plethora of team and individual sports, adventure, media and creative arts programming. From swimming and sailing to paddleboarding and kayaking, the lake becomes a hub of laughter, adventure, and skill-building. We look forward to another extraordinary summer on the Bowl! — Jamie Chadwin, Owner/Director



Foggy Morning Sunrise

Photo by Bruce Cohen



Companionable Paddlers

Photo by Heidi Miller

Lake Drive

The Lake Drive Association (LDA) is comprised of homes and land along Lake Drive, Konkapot and Lake Drive Extension. Homes along our roads continue to be renovated or replaced with new construction. We're happy to welcome new neighbors and watch existing residents invest in their properties, despite the rumble of large trucks and sounds of construction. Ironically, the pandemic has introduced the Berkshires to those fleeing cities, some of whom have decided to spend more time in this beautiful country.

The Lake Drive Association, led inclusively and successfully for 4 years by Laura Beasley, will be electing a new president along with other officers and directors this summer at our annual meeting. Laura is stepping down from her presidency to facilitate launching her new business but will remain on the board. We thank Laura for her scrupulous care for our roads and the many other matters to which she has attended with dedication and effectiveness. — Mark Greenberg, Director, Lake Drive Association; Don Chabon is the Lake Drive representative to the SBA

Laurel Hill Association

The Laurel Hill Association (LHA), America's old village improvement association, celebrates it's 170th birthday in 2023 and continues to advance its mission of preserving and enhancing the quality of life and the environment in Stockbridge.

Achievements in 2022 included new and updated signage on several of our trails, new memorial benches at Laurel Hill Park, significant trail maintenance on the Lower Bowker's Woods trail, and restoration of the marble Butler Bench atop Laurel Hill. LHA continued its tradition of sponsoring flowers at the post office in downtown Stockbridge. (More information on LHA's properties is online at https://laurelhillassociation.org/trails-and-properties/.)

For Laurel Hill Day 2022, we joined the national celebration of Frederic Law Olmstead's 100th Birthday, with events for children (including a very popular scavenger hunt) and adults. Keynote speaker Dede Petri, president of the National Association of Olmstead Properties, noted the alignment between Olmstead's commitment to "parks for the people" and Laurel Hill's parallel commitment in Stockbridge. — Lee Bolman

On the docket for 2023:

- 1. Major upgrades to the Mary Flynn Trail (along the Housatonic River just south of downtown Stockbridge) with a \$20,000 CPC grant from the Town of Stockbridge, trail maintenance (the trails took a beating this winter), and work on Laura's Tower.
- 2. Fall talk: "Laurel Hill: the First Billion Years." Williams College Professor Rónadh Cox will offer an evening of insights into the geology and geomorphology of the region on October 28, 4 pm, at the Stockbridge Library.
- 3. Laurel Hill Day, August 26, 2023 (program to be announced, but expect the scavenger hunt to return).
- 4. Continued beautification efforts, including plantings at the Post Office, the Jonathan Edwards Monument, and Roeder Park in Glendale.

Mahkeenac Boating Club

The Mahkeenac Boating Club is scheduled to begin its 133rd season on the Bowl on June 17. Once a bit of Spring maintenance to the front porch area is complete, we shall begin our lake front activities of sailing, swimming, rowing, and simply relaxing on the dock. As has been reported in previous editions, very little changes from year to year at the club. Newborns continue generations of family involvement, and our trophy boards are updated. But happily, that's about it. I am, however, very pleased to report that we have seen a distinct and increasing trend in women skippers taking line honors in both weekly and annual sailing events!

We continue to discourage modern technology within the club, leaving laptops at the office so as to better enjoy simple and fleeting moments of peace by the lake. Save for our safety boat, we prefer the guiet of wind- and human-powered craft to the din, waves and pollution created by most powerboats. Above all, the club's membership remains grateful for and committed to the lake's health, beauty and continued wellbeing. — Will Laidlaw, President; James Brooke is the Boating Club representative to the SBA

Mahkeenac Heights

Mahkeenac Heights would like to reintroduce you to our community on high. In recent years, we have had significant turnover that has changed the demographics and dynamics of the community. If you come up the hill, you will see cottages that have been rebuilt on their footprint or refurbished, repainted, and relandscaped. You will walk or drive along wider and better maintained town and private roads. You will follow custom-made road signs (everything from road names to speed limits to "Caution: Children at Play").



Brigadoon

Photo by Kevin (Moose) Foran



Hana Glidina

Photo by Kevin (Moose) Foran



"A sailor is an artist whose medium is the wind ... " ~ Webb Chiles

Photo by Kevin (Moose) Foran

Stay close to the serenity of a lake to meet your own peace of mind. ~ Unknown

Indeed, for the first time in decades, we have babies and young children living here, with more to come. The new generation of owners has also upped our technology and we are all using it to build a better community. Importantly, we see the Town Beach as our lake front. If our neighbors are not home, chances are we can find them at the beach—swimming, paddling, reading, or in conversation. We all care deeply about conditions at the Town Beach and thrill to each new improvement. — *Amy L. Sales*

Mahkeenac Shores

It has been a relatively quiet winter at the Shores. Mary Lou and Russ Glazer have been our full-time residents over the winter, with others coming to enjoy off-season weekends or winter holidays. Construction seems to have come to a halt at #20 with a mostly completed exterior. Our swim float has been replaced, but the geese laid claim to it immediately. Ugh! We're looking forward to a beautiful summer here at the Shores.

— William Loutrel



SBA-Funded Kayak Racks at Town Beach

Photo by William Loutre

Mahkeenac Terrace

Mahkeenac Terrace residents continue to enjoy the beauty of the Bowl and the great gifts of the environment we live in. Sadly this winter we mourned the passing of our long term neighbor, Bill Bakke. We will toast to his memory this summer while enjoying another gorgeous summer on the Bowl, listening to beautiful music drifting in from Tanglewood, hearing cheers from campers at Camp Mah-Kee-Nac, and watching for the majestic bald eagles perched on our trees.

Our Association is led by our President, Matt Deres, Vice President, Louis Korman, Treasurer, Cindy Chu and Secretary, Peter Kaim. Residents are busy with spring cleanup in preparation for a great Berkshires summer ahead.

This year we welcome two new families to the Terrace, the Van Gundys and the Bertelsens. We completed the rebuild of the stairs to our association docks and cleanup of our North Beach properties, giving Terrace residents ample opportunity to enjoy the great benefits the Bowl has to offer.

Our community is committed to the restoration of the Bowl and the environs to ecologic health to benefit the current and future generations. We are all so lucky to be able to live in such a special place. — *David Brause and Matt Deres*

White Pines

After spending last fall and winter installing a new bridge and paving the main roads, the community is ready for summer. There are 68 units at White Pines over a 96-acre area. Committees have been meeting, and there are plans to improve the amenities at our beach and possibly convert a space into a community room.

Last summer there was a dedicated group of residents that worked to clear the White Pines beach of plants, which made swimming more

In Memoriam: William Bakke

William (Bill) Bakke was a cherished friend and neighbor to the residents of the Mahkeenac Terrace community. He served as the association treasurer for many years and drove a number of improvements that benefited everyone.

Bill was an attorney, a history scholar, and an alumnus, educator, and CFO of Hopkins School. He was also a 30-plus year board member of CrossPoint Federal Credit Union.



Winter Fun

Photo by David Brause

enjoyable. The past year has seen some more new residents coming in. Our social action committee is planning events to meet the new neighbors and reconnect with existing ones. Activities planned include a picnic, dinner, winetastings, happy hours, and lectures. In all, things at White Pines are good, and we appreciate our community. — *Maureen Spollen*

No Peace from Geese



Joan Cohen, Editor

Does anyone know where I can get a trained goose-hunting dog? I don't care how much it costs. I've already incurred heavy losses in the goose deterrent market. I know there are many highly educated people in the Berkshires, but apparently the geese are highly educated too. I feel as though I'm engaged in a battle of wits with a large population of degree-holding geese.

I could swear they're laughing at me. Do I need to go into therapy? Put a stationary owl sculpture on your lawn, and they deliberately bump its shoulder as they pass. Sparkly, iridescent ribbon flapping in the breeze is just an amusement to their goslings, mere party favors. Glittering pinwheels strategically scattered across the grass—it's a slalom.

Try battery-powered spinners in a row? Sure, the geese are trapped at the water's edge, but so are you. No matter how frustrated you get, don't shout at them. Geese don't like to be shouted at, and your neighbors won't like the shouting either. The geese will just swim to your floating dock and use that as their restroom. If your neighbors do that, you need to move.

I used to have Golden Retrievers. If I saw geese, I'd open my back door so my dogs could run out and bark at them. The geese honked a lot and headed into the shallows, but they quickly learned what everyone knows about Goldens—they're sweet and harmless. I have a new dog now, a rescue that's mostly hound. I'm sure she could scare away the geese, but if I let her out, she'll be in the next county in five minutes. I have a GPS on her collar. At least, Goldens come trotting back to you.

By the way, the geese are second homeowners. I don't want to add to local divisiveness, but, hey, they fly away in the winter. Real second homeowners pay taxes. Does anyone know if putting in an Astroturf lawn is a violation of Stockbridge zoning laws?





Second homeowners arrive for the season

Photo by Andy Gold



Do you hunt geese?

Photo by Heidi Miller



A lake so vibrant in color that it looks like a fine art painting. ~ Stefanie Payne



Photos by Andy Gold

To learn more about the Stockbridge Bowl Association (SBA), Stockbridge Bowl, **Bullard Woods**, and Kwuniikwat Island. be sure to visit our website: https://thesba.org/

New SBA Board Members as of June 2023



Phyllis (Patti) Klein, Chair, Governance Committee

New board members and officers are elected by the SBA membership at the Annual Meeting, at which the slate approved by the SBA board is presented to the membership. Biographies of Board Members are at the end of this article.

At the Annual Meeting on August 6, 2022, four new Individual Directors were elected: Mahkeenac Shores resident Russell Glazer to a 3-year term in the Class of 2026 (from which he resigned in early 2023); Lorraine Abraham, former Mahkeenac Heights representative, to a 2-year term in the Class of 2025; Sally Lebwohl, resident of Mahkeenac Shores, also to a 2-year term, and Laura Walton of Richmond, to a one-year term in the Class of 2024.

The SBA membership also reelected three Organization Directors to the Class of 2025, all of whom have served on the board for many years: Beachwood, Canyon Ranch, Kripalu, and Lake Drive Association. These organizations, which have long had a commitment to the Bowl, appoint their own representatives in accordance with the SBA By-Laws.



Autumn Colors by the Bowl

Photo by Andy Gold

SBA officers are usually elected to two-year terms. In 2022, Pat Kennelly was elected to a full 2-year term. Patti Klein, after many years as Vice-President and on the Board, announced her retirement from that position and from the Board. Ira Golub was elected as Vice-President to complete the remaining one year of Patti's term. Clerk Matthew Mandel was reelected to a two-year term (expiring in 2024).

Emeritus Directors Gary Kleinerman, Cris Raymond, and Peggy Reiser were elected by the Board to new 3-year terms; in addition, Richard Seltzer and Patti Klein were elected as Emeriti.

We also welcomed several new Organization Representatives: Dr. Amy Sales for Mahkeenac Heights, Don Chabon for Lake Drive Association, and Maureen Spollen for White Pines.

In the spring of 2023, Russell Glazer notified the Board that for personal reasons, he was retiring from the Board effective immediately. In accordance with SBA By-Laws, when there is an Individual Director vacancy, the board may elect someone to complete that term (in this case, May until the August 2023 Annual Meeting); to remain on the Board, that person needs to be elected in due course at the Annual Meeting.

We were most fortunate that Matthew Winter, who has been a resident on the west side of the Bowl, was interested in joining the board; he was elected at the June 2023 board meeting.

In addition, during this year, Chuck Cardillo was appointed to the SBA Board as the ex-officio Town member from the Stockbridge Select Board.

This year, as in the past, the energy with which our volunteer Board provides the "people power" for the many projects undertaken by the SBA remains strong -- including support (financial and otherwise) to the Town in its various lakerelated projects, including funding for the Invasive Species/Zebra Mussel boat wash at the Stockbridge Bowl Boat Ramp on Rte. 183, as well as stewardship of Bullard Woods and Kwuniikwat Island, the SBA-owned properties on the lake.

We seek Board members who can assist our organization in a variety of ways, attend our mainly spring-fall monthly meetings, become an officer, or chair or serve on at least one of our committees. Now more than ever, with the many challenges we face in keeping our lake and properties safe and healthy, the personal commitment of time by board members, and the willingness of our member organizations to support our activities, is essential for a volunteer not-forprofit organization like the SBA.

We encourage anyone interested to join our committees and help us with whatever task is at hand, including organizing our Annual Meeting each summer. We are grateful to Mark Mills, a Stockbridge resident and non-SBA member, for accepting our invitation to join the SBA's Nominating Committee. An experienced broadcast journalist, he is an alternate member of the Stockbridge Zoning Board of Appeals and is a trustee of the Stockbridge Affordable Housing Trust.

If you want to contribute your time in any way, please contact us through the SBA website (thesba@sba.org) and see our notice on the following page, describing areas of experience that would be especially helpful. We always appreciate helping hands and new ideas.

Governance, Biographies

We welcome our new board members:

Sally Lebwohl, Individual Director: Sally Lebwohl has been swimming in Stockbridge Bowl at Mahkeenac Shores every summer since 1963. "My husband, David, and I built a year-round home here about 4 years ago and have been full-time Massachusetts residents ever since. It is important to me to be involved in preserving this lake as a place of pleasure and habitat for living things. The lake is a source of visual inspiration for me too as I returned to painting 15 years ago."

Laura Walton, Individual Director: Laura Walton grew up and worked in the Berkshires most of her life. She has had her own business for the past 40 years designing and maintaining flower gardens. She competed in the Josh Billings for 30 years.

Matt Winter, Individual Director: Matt Winter retired in 2018 as President of The Allstate Corporation, after a lengthy career in insurance and financial services (a natural career choice given his undergraduate degree in Natural Resource Management!). Matt and his wife, Jane Lehman, have been full-time residents on the Bowl since the summer of 2020, but have been second homeowners in West Stockbridge since 2001, so they are not new to the Berkshires. Living on the Bowl has been a dream of theirs for many years, and they bought their property months before Matt retired, and immediately began designing and building their new home. They love the lake - not just for boating, fishing and kayaking - but for the magical moments during sunrise and sunset when you can literally feel your shoulders relax, your breath slow down and your blood pressure drop 20 points!

Dr. Amy L. Sales, Mahkeenac Heights Representative: Recently retired from Brandeis University, Amy is a social researcher and organization consultant. Her current professional work focuses on leadership and organization development, strategic planning, and program innovation. She serves on the board of the Network for Jewish Human Service Agencies and on the leadership team of The Berkshire Minyan. Amy knows Stockbridge Bowl from her childhood in Western Massachusetts and has been a homeowner and summer resident in Mahkeenac Heights for the past 26 years. She is a swimmer, hiker, and bicyclist and is much concerned with environmental issues. It is her love of and concern for the Bowl that motivated her to join the SBA board as the representative from Mahkeenac Heights Association.

Don Chabon, Lake Drive Association representative: "My membership on the SBA Board serves my interest in strengthening cooperation between the SBA and town and state agencies - for the specific benefit of our Great Pond and its watershed areas. I thank the Lake Drive Association Board for appointing me to this position. I believe that my family's long term second-homeowner history; my 30-year full-time Lake residency; and my considerable activity in Town government provides a useful perspective to pursue the stated cooperation."

Maureen Spollen, White Pines representative: Maureen Spollen is the Consulting Director currently working for a global technology consulting organization focusing on Microsoft solutions. She has more than 25 years of experience in the analysis, design, and implementation of complex solutions to meet an organization's financial needs. Maureen volunteered to represent White Pines "because I love the lake, have been following the cleanup activities for a few years and would like to collaborate with other community members."

Tom Leahy, Tanglewood/BSO representative: Tom, Grounds Manager at Tanglewood, has also been a certified golf course superintendent for 29 years. He grew up in Oneonta, NY, and now lives in Richmond. Tom has said, "It has been my pleasure to be part of the SBA. The members share the concern of the lake and surrounding ecosystems, as does Tanglewood and the Boston Symphony Orchestra."

For the complete list of SBA Board Members, see back cover of newsletter.



Creative way to beat the Tanglewood traffic

Photo from The Stockbridge Library Archives A Gift from Sally Lebwohl

Volunteers are always welcome at the SBA!!

We always appreciate helping hands and new ideas. All are welcome, but we are also particularly interested in volunteers with the following skill sets:

- Public Relations
- Direct Marketing
- Grant Writing
- Fundraising
- Volunteer Coordination

Capital Campaign 💨

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Save Stockbridge Bowl Campaign to protect the lake for our use now and for future generations. The Stockbridge Bowl Association will continue to direct its efforts to the challenges of maintaining the viability of this treasured lake. If your name has been inadvertently omitted from this list, is misspelled, is in an incorrect category, here, or in the membership list that follows, please let us know by contacting the SBA at P.O. Box 118, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

The Derfner Foundation, Jay Lieberman, Trustee The Jane and Jack Fitzpatrick Trust

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Charles Cooney and Peggy Reiser Caren Osten Gerszberg and Richard Gerszberg Nathan Hayward, III Lauren Komack (late) Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health

\$25,000 - \$49,999

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