



# Mount Holyoke College Class of 1968



## **Welcome to the Mount Holyoke College Class of 1968**

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## **Class News: August 2020**

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## When Olive Oil Was Gold

While we await the start of the postponed 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, we can learn about another contest—the Panathenaic Games—held in ancient Greece every four years in honor of

Athena and featuring athletic and musical competitions.

[Listen](#) to Susan Matheson, the Molly and Walter Bareiss Curator of Ancient Art, discuss this [amphora](#), which is more than two feet (65 cm) tall and shown here in front and reverse views, and its significance to the ancient Panathenaic Games. The oil it contained was highly valued.

*Yale University Art Gallery*

## Class News: July 2020

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## On Behalf Of Gwyn Sewall

I never did learn where my next destination following in your footsteps would be. I know it wasn't Utah where I have been since March 12. We came to Utah for a ski week and visit with Joanna and family until Marshall and Tucker's 4th birthday on April 1. The ski slopes had to close as did the boys' preschool and Richard and I have been the nanny grandparents and general staff ever since. Joanna is gone 11 or 12 hours a workday and Sean is gone 3-4 days a week so we are quite the busy householders during the week. The one thing we don't do is go anywhere. Joanna and Sean do all shopping and errands. Our biking with the boys has fortunately expanded to some of the neighborhood roads instead of circles in the driveway.

The logistics of coming for three weeks in winter and still being here in July have demanded as much organization as any term paper as well as a dose of humble pie talking a friend through my house, office, bedrooms etc. to get a minimum to keep my "other" life going. I'd advise anyone who might be stranded on a desert island to make sure it was one where Amazon delivers.

While other grandparents bemoan not seeing grandchildren for months, we have quite the opportunity in spades. I've had my share of recycled parenting and can say that there is nothing like twins

We are missing our Maine summer terribly and have no time frame as yet when we can return home. Fortunately, in spite of mornings when I look longingly at the bed I'm making and think "how nice it will be to get to bedtime again" and long for a morning cup of tea without someone in my lap, I am healthy, have great friends in Maine who are picking up my slack and realize there are very real hardships that others are surviving. Everyday does have its joyous moments.

I hope you are well and your own quarantine story is of managing this extraordinary time.

### **She Continues:**

One can't help but see it as a humorous interlude. We've been upgraded to a 9' inflatable pool with temperatures that get into the 70's. Who could miss Maine?

Actually, I am going home for 4 weeks. Richard is too uncomfortable with the idea of traveling to go as well. I suspect running this show without me will be an eye-opener, even though we've only been here four months, and Sean and Joanna have been surviving for 4 years.

Both Sara, Richard's niece and her children, who have lived and summered with us over the years, and Jacob, Erin and grandchildren Elena and Egan, will be at the lake. Elena, at 16, is still planning to do a jr. yr. in Spain. We haven't been very excited about it because of the corona virus. I do want to see her before she's gone for a year.

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Joanna sees no comfortable solution besides us for the fall so I also will need to organize for an extended visit – with more preparation than heretofore. We just hope it's not signing up for the whole school year.

I'll look forward to a website of experiences for '68. We were so disappointed to be the first class whose graduation was rained out of the amphitheater, and here is 2020 sent home at spring break for a virtual graduation. One always can get a slice of humble pie if she moans "Woe is I."

Stay well, enjoy the clean closets and chance to reread (read?) War and Peace.

A July Message from Martha Cutts (pdf)

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## Class News: April 2020

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### "Before They Cut The Ivy" by Tatiana Androsov

**Nailed it!** Reviewed in the United States on April 6, 2020 Tatiana has captured the essence of the late 60s at Mount Holyoke as well as at several neighboring men's colleges. The reader feels all the angst, loneliness, friendships and successes of the uncommon women of MHC. Brilliantly written.

**Buy this book!!** Reviewed in the United States on April 19, 2020 This book was really a fun read!!! It gives great insight to what it was like for women during the changing times of all women's ivy league schools...Looking forward to reading more by this author.

In this interview Tatiana Androsov talks about her book, (<https://youtu.be/wGn4eNspUbQ>). "Before They Cut The Ivy." Enjoy these reviews, as posted on her Amazon page.

Interview of Tatiana Androsov (<https://youtu.be/5DCv5tv7FOA>), author of book, Mangoes and

Blood. Available on Amazon and Kindle. Tatiana worked for the U. N. and attended Mount Holyoke College.

## 2020 April Letter

Dear Classmates,

When I wrote to you on behalf of the Class of 1968 officers in Feb, I had no idea I'd be thinking about you with such worry a mere two months later. I hope you are well. I hope your family and friends are well, too, and that you will all stay well until we're safely on the other side of this pandemic. I know I speak again for all class officers.

While we're on lock-down, some of us are learning new computer skills like Zoom to enable us to maintain some semblance of social life. Consider having a virtual mini-reunion with classmates, one or several, to add joy to your day. Many email addresses are available from the Alumnae Directory at the MHC Alumni Association website. Go to [directory.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](http://directory.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu). If you haven't registered yet, do it so others can find you. Take a screen shot of the "gathering" and send it to Susan Iverson at [siverson@mindspring.com](mailto:siverson@mindspring.com), and we'll all be able to see it on our class website ([mhc1968.com](http://mhc1968.com)). (Each computer and device has a different way of taking a screen shot, but most aren't hard to find.)

We've been lucky. Sure, we had rain at our graduation but we had a ceremony. We had a fabulous 50th Reunion, live and in person with real hugs. On top of it all, most of us are retired and more-or-less used to hanging around the house. We can get through this.

To those doing essential jobs, thank you and stay safe! To those who are sick, you have the best wishes of your MHC sisters, including prayers from many.

Nancie Fimbel  
Class President 2018-2023  
on behalf of the class officers

## **Class News: February 2020**

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### 2020 Annual Letter

Dear Classmates,

Your class officers have many good things to report this year. But even this annual letter has word limitations. For a full picture of the activities of our class, please check our class website at [www.mhc1968.com](http://www.mhc1968.com) often. It is updated frequently and also has historical entries and reference material. Class Scribe Eloise Killeffer ([ehpk1@att.net](mailto:ehpk1@att.net).) posts longer messages over the 400 words allotted for us in The Quarterly Notes on the website, too.

**Website Update ([www.mhc1968.com](http://www.mhc1968.com))**

Due to the excellent work of Cornelia Davis, we now have an online Art Gallery to show off our class members' creative talent. Eight classmates have contributed so far. To add a photo of your art work, please send one jpg with your name, title of artwork, medium, size, and date of creation to Cornelia at [cambia716davis@yahoo.com](mailto:cambia716davis@yahoo.com). We are planning to have a physical Art Show at our 2023 Reunion somehow.

We also have a section of the website for authors to tell us about their publications. It's currently incomplete. Please send additions (old publications or new) for the website to Eloise at [ehpk1@att.net](mailto:ehpk1@att.net) with the usual bibliographic info.

Hearty thanks to those who organized or attended a mini-reunion and let the class know about it! Pictures and descriptions are at our website, and they show how much we value the friendships made 55 years ago. Send info and pictures to Susan Iverson at [siverson@mindspring.com](mailto:siverson@mindspring.com).

### **Keeping Connections with the Class of 2018**

This fall the Class of '68 made a Connections gift of \$2018 to our sister class, in fulfillment of a tradition for the 50th Reunion Class to give the graduating class the amount of their year in dollars. The money is to be used for scholarships to assist new grads to attend their 2nd reunion this May.

This "tradition" blindsided us, but thanks to the 53 people who had paid their dues, we were able to make the gift. Now, of course, we would like to restock our treasury, and we are asking the 351 who have not paid your dues to consider doing so. Dues are \$50 for 5 years. Send a check to Class Treasurer Stephanie Whalen Cosgrove at her new address: 56 Spruce Ridge Dr., Brentwood, NH 03833. If you are not sure if you have paid, check the list on the website at [www.mhc1968.com](http://www.mhc1968.com).

Stephanie suggests another reason to pay your dues. MHC informed all Class Treasurers that new banking regulations require account activity or the account will automatically be frozen. Our Class has squeaked by so far, but our account is currently pretty quiet. Dues are tax deductible and cover class letters, website management, and scholarships for Reunion attendance. Please

help us stay unrestricted-and solvent.

## 2020 and Beyond

Thank you to the 112 class members who already have given or pledged to the Mount Holyoke Fund this fiscal year. You have given \$123,000, putting us almost three quarters of the way toward our modest post-Reunion goal of \$175,000. Special thanks go to Mobby Brown Larson for a generous gift of the proceeds of an annuity to the Mount Holyoke Fund and to Co-Head Class Agents Ellen Jacobson Petrino and Linda Gross for their good work.

While our participation is higher (33% vs. goal of 55%) than this same time last year, we still need 76 classmates to go the [mtholyoke.edu](http://mtholyoke.edu) website or send in the mailer and make a gift before the end of June. Those who don't act today will receive notice of a new March4MHC Challenge happening March 4th to 5th to promote participation, so important in demonstrating alumnae support when MHC applies for grants. If applicable, consider a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to reduce your adjusted gross income and/or gifting an appreciated stock now while the stock market continues strong.

Special thanks in the "Other Gifts to the College" category go to Christine Balko Slywotzky and Shelley Weiner Sheinkopf for large endowment gifts this year and to the seven others who have contributed directly to the College. On a personal note, let me say it's crazy fun to watch your money at work! Mount Holyoke couldn't have pleased me more with the decisions made about what has become the Fimbel Maker and Innovation Lab. Also of note is Diane Hashim Glynn who is featured in a recent planned giving mailing about specifying MHC as a beneficiary in her will. Momentum is already building for our 55th Class Reunion in May 2023! And here's a good reason to come: The Alumnae Association, understanding alumnae feedback, has lowered registration fees for reunion classes and added more flexibility to weekend packages. Together with reunion scholarship funds set aside from our dues, our next reunion will be more accessible for many. Sue Graham Simpson and Nancy Huttemeyer Davis, our Vice Presidents and Class Reunion Co-chairs, plan to meet on campus this summer to outline a preliminary planning schedule in preparation for our 55th Reunion. In the meantime, they appreciate all our classmates who have already agreed to help:

- Gayle Gunderson Richardson and Chris Anderson Salmon are heading up the Program Committee, for which Carolyn Dorais and Jan Andrews Owens have shared many great ideas.
- Linda Graham McElroy will be putting together a Hospitality Team to welcome us.
- Holly Vincent Bean and Mobby Brown Larson will lead the Class Memorial Service, an important and meaningful part of every reunion.
- Meq Boyd Meyer is our liaison with the Class of 2018. our 50-year Connection Class

who will be celebrating their 5th Reunion on campus as we are celebrating our 55th.

- Thanks as well to Suzanne Lenz Janney, Jamie Gardner Vernon, Susan Clark Iverson, Carol Foy Graham, Betsey Huebenthal Johnson, and Debbie Dunn Rottenberg who have also volunteered to help.

Many more of us are welcome to join this group of enthusiastic volunteers. In particular, help is needed in these areas: Reunion Book, Class Dinners, Memorabilia Room and Class Costume. Please contact Sue [agssgs@cox.net](mailto:agssgs@cox.net) and/or Nancy [ndavis2@cox.net](mailto:ndavis2@cox.net) with your thoughts, suggestions and offers of help.

Can't resist: May the year 2020 give you clarity of vision!

Warm Regards,  
Nancie Fimbel for all the 1968 Class Officers

## Other Volunteer Activities You Can Do for MHC

The **MHC Archives and Special Collections** welcomes donations from alumnae to enhance its collection and preserve our memories. The first step in making a donation is to contact the staff at [archives@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:archives@mtholyoke.edu).

Archives and Special Collections collects the papers and other records of individuals, institutions and organizations associated with Mount Holyoke along with rare books. These materials are maintained as primary resources for teaching and research conducted by students, faculty and other users.

The Manuscript Collections document the social history of the United States and other countries primarily as seen through the eyes of women. The collections also document the social history of Mount Holyoke College through the letters, diaries, photographs, scrapbooks, and other materials.

Interested in transcribing historic materials? Visit [transcribe.mtholyoke.edu](https://transcribe.mtholyoke.edu) to learn more about this exciting project or to become a digital volunteer. Transcribers work from home on their own flexible schedule, and anyone (alumna, spouse, friend!) is welcome to request an account to join this community.



## In Memoriam

### In Memoriam: Elizabeth Richardson Rogers

With sadness we report the death of our classmate, Elizabeth Richardson Rogers died on Feb. 19, 2020. [Click here to read more.](#)

**UPDATE: Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the service could not be scheduled. When it is once again possible to have social gatherings, the date, time and place will be announced here.**

A Memorial Service for **Mary Louise Thorn Howson** will be held on May 16, 2020, at 11 AM, in the First Congregational Church, 164 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut; 203.744.6177. All questions should be directed to Nan Jackson Thomas '68: [nancyjthomas@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjthomas@gmail.com)

## Class News: January 2020

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The following story was featured in a recent **Alumni Association** newsletter.

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*When Diane Hashim Glynn '68 read a recent Mount Holyoke publication from the Office of Advancement, she was so inspired that she penned her own story to share with other alumnae.*

I have credited Mount Holyoke, all my life, with my success and happiness. From the beginning of my career, I didn't question my ability to figure things out, to survive - and to thrive.

I was in the first class of February Freshmen. I remember my interview: I had just read Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness" and I was very excited about it. My paperback copy was filled with notes in the margins. I suspect my enthusiasm for it helped secure my acceptance to Mount Holyoke.

My favorite classes were in philosophy, sociology and a beginning course in education that I took because everyone was talking about how great the professor was, John Fraser. I loved an interdisciplinary course on the study of time. I was the only sociology major in that class - everyone else was a physics major. When I ran into that professor years later and he remembered my paper, imagine how thrilled I was.

Since I loved books, I decided to begin a career in book publishing, which I did for 15 years. I quickly rose to leadership positions. My last position was as vice president, director of advertising, publicity, promotion and public relations. I served as president or chair of several trade associations and even founded one of them. I was on the board of the American Book Awards.

I wrote a book with my husband that took me as a guest to The Phil Donahue Show and Good Morning America - twice each - and The Mike Douglas Show, plus countless other radio and television shows. It was a great experience for a book publicist and handy when it came to coaching authors about promoting their books.

Eventually I quit my corporate executive job and opened my own public relations company for 30 years - to the day, it turned out! What gives someone the confidence to leave a very well paying job to launch their own business? To hire staff, acquire clients and pay health insurance, worker's comp, office space rent, corporate taxes, employee taxes? Somehow you have to believe in yourself.

And I credit Mount Holyoke for that. I absorbed every lesson from my professors and our president that we were "uncommon women." I believed I could figure out how to do things. I believed that I would succeed. I like people and I love helping them fulfill their dreams. It is my vocation and my mission. But being nice doesn't mean people can walk over you or that you can

be taken advantage of. People who mistake my niceness for weakness learn otherwise very quickly.

And I am not unique. I believe most of us who graduate from Mount Holyoke also have this experience. We are nice. We are strong. We are often very independent and we are also team players. We are uncommon women.

Would I have had this life without Mount Holyoke? I don't believe so. I am so very grateful that Mount Holyoke saw something in that shy young woman and gave her a place in that February class.

Of course Mount Holyoke is in my will. I would not have had this life without Mount Holyoke College.

By Diane Hashim Glynn '68

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