

## Mount Holyoke College Class of 1964 *After the Middle Ages Comes the Renaissance!* Recent News

### Georgia (Smith) Regnault

As I wrote on the survey and 'bio' for our reunion book, my (our) life changed dramatically in January 2013 when my husband, Peter, was diagnosed with MSA - Multiple System Atrophy - which caused the cells in his small brain to break down gradually. This, in turn, affects his mobility greatly, as well as his speech and swallowing. In one instant, I became a caregiver and chief administrator of



the family. That meant moving immediately, putting our house up for sale, cleaning out of course, and renovating the apartment we moved to. Then began the process of searching for medical care, home care and all the help apparatuses we could find. We have had, however, one tremendous high point in this last year: the marriage of our daughter with my two granddaughters wearing dresses made from my 47-year old wedding dress -- a truly wonderful weekend celebration. The attached photo shows all 14 of us gathered together -- happens only about once every two years, since our two sons live in the USA. Hope you all have a great reunion weekend -- I'll miss you all!  
(Submitted 5/12/14)

### Susie Smith White planning to be at 50th

Reunion will be a fascinating experience for me. I am going with my very close friend and '64 classmate, Maxine Heimoff Turner. We both chose to leave Mt. Holyoke after our sophomore year to marry men we had been dating from before Freshman year. I have had no contact with the class of 1964 since June of 1962 other than the mini reunion in Winchester, MA this past October. It will be fun to see what unfolds May 15-18, 2014. I appreciate all the work and planning that many of you have done to make this reunion happen. (Submitted 5/12/14)

## **Susan Bass Marcus can not attend reunion**

Hope all is well. I won't be at reunion because our oldest grandson is graduating from high school that week and we're there for an important and extended visit. In the meantime, we're doing some pretty serious editing of my adventure novel's second draft and are hoping to publish in some way soon. *(Submitted 5/12/14)*

## **Martha Judd Estroff Receives Presidential Award for Excellence In Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)**



I love teaching. It is an honor to share the wonders of the natural world and the discoveries of science with my students, whose curiosity has been a constant source of inspiration for me. The Presidential Award makes me appreciate what a privilege it has been to spend my life teaching science. The award gives me a chance to connect with other awardees who share my love for teaching science to young children and with the countless other teachers who invite children to wonder every day.

### **St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School**

**DAY SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD SCIENCE TEACHER MARTHA ESTROFF RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL AWARD** [Posted January 9, 2014]

President Obama named 102 mathematics and science teachers as PAEMST recipients representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and

Department of Defense schools throughout the world. The awards are made annually to outstanding Kindergarten to Grade 12 science and mathematics teachers selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process at the state level. Each year, the award alternates between teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 6 and teachers from Grade 7 to Grade 12.

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In his letter to the state-level selection committee in support of Martha's nomination for the Presidential award, Head of School Peter A. Barrett wrote, "Martha Estroff is indeed a gift to the young people she teaches, to the colleagues with whom she works, to the broader learning community of which she is an essential part, and to the profession to which she has dedicated her life."

Winners of this Presidential honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. Recipients will be honored at an awards ceremony later this year. "These teachers are inspiring today's young students to become the next generation of American scientists, mathematicians, and innovators," President Obama said in the statement released by the White House. "Through their passion and dedication, and by sharing their excitement about science, technology, engineering, and math, they are helping us build a promising future for all our children."

Martha has been teaching Nursery School and Lower School science classes at St. Patrick's since 2001. In 2011, she became the fourth recipient of the Day School's Love of Teaching Award in Honor of Mark Humphreys. In support of that recognition, one colleague wrote, "Martha has a connection to students and families that is evident throughout the day as children run to the science lab to share their latest discoveries. She always makes time to share this excitement with them, asking questions, giving her observations, and helping them with the next step—looking up a specimen in a guide book, giving students a container to bring living things back to the classroom, or offering to help them return their discoveries back outside. She always gives students a time to be heard and connect with her."

As another colleague wrote, "Children flock to Martha with ideas and 'treasures,' and she always enthusiastically listens to each one like they have just discovered a new species (the common ant) or unearthed a new scientific law (yes, gravity does make things fall!)." As another put it, "While she would never characterize herself as such, Martha glows with a patient wisdom that is so rare in the fast-paced world that we live in today. It is this patient wisdom that nurtures and fosters curiosity and confidence in her young . . . students as they embark along paths of inquiry in the classroom. Upon a student's discovery, no matter how big or small, Martha's excitement provides a springboard for continued discovery."

Congratulations to Martha as she receives the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching!

READ MORE: [https://recognition.paemst.org/finalist\\_profile/30729](https://recognition.paemst.org/finalist_profile/30729)

*(Submitted 5/12/14)*



## **Katherine (Kathie) Pfeifer Mack**

I have been enjoying a life focused on the performing arts since I retired five years ago. The Washington DC area is great for theater and music! Mostly I do “front of house” or production for events, but occasionally I perform as well, especially 19th-century works with New Old Theater. In fact, my personal costume collection now takes over the guest room! I also like to knit and crochet, especially while listening to audiobooks of long novels. If I had two bodies, I would travel a lot more, but I do manage occasional trips to Denver and San Francisco to visit my children and to south-eastern Pennsylvania to visit relatives. A highlight several years ago was a trip to Britain to spend time with a good friend made during my junior abroad at St. Andrew’s University in Scotland. I’m looking forward to our class’s 50th reunion in May 2014!

*(Submitted 3/20/14)*



## **Marilyn Ursu Bauriedel**

Sunday 13 April 2014 Gee Gee Barden and her husband Bill visited my husband and me at our home in Palo Alto. They live in the greater Los Angeles area. This is the first time Gee Gee and I have seen each other since graduation from MHC! We’ve been corresponding via email and phone recently. What a great time we had, going out to dinner and sharing photos of family and events in our lives!

Gee Gee and I will both be at Reunion

with our husbands and are eager to reconnect with other classmates. I’m attaching a photo of Gee Gee and me taken in my living room.

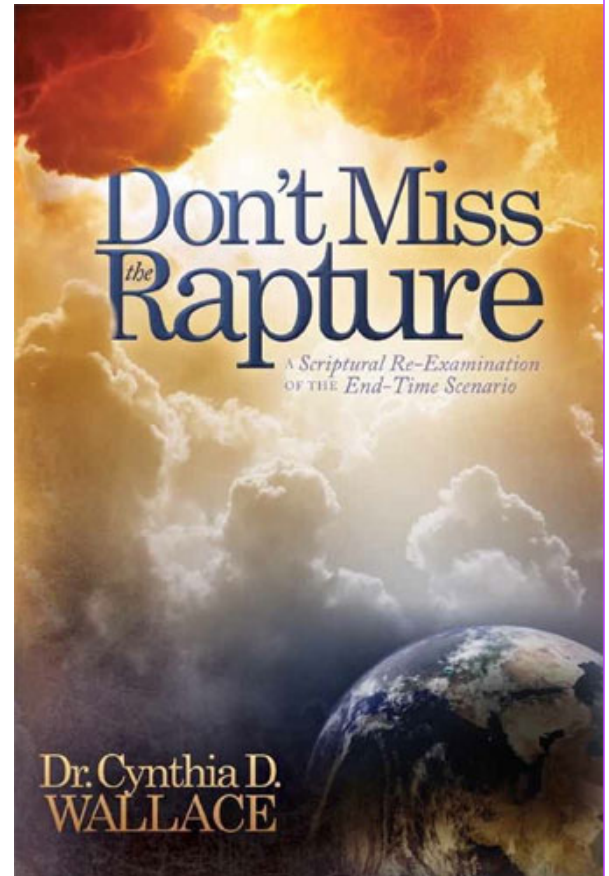
*(Submitted 4/15/14)*



## OK. Here's some New Year's resolution news from Cindy Wallace

OK. Here's some New Year's resolution news:

In October I went through open heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and am almost better than new, although struggling with a nagging cough. I do still live in Switzerland (for over 20 years now), but have been spending lengthy periods of time with my parents on Lake Champlain, after sharing the final weeks of my sister's life, lost to cancer in 2007. Following my precious papa promotion to heaven in 2012, at 97, I have stayed on to care for my mum (99 in June) - a very different pace and pattern for me. I am nonetheless beginning to find a little time for writing (how could we survive without our laptops?) - my third non-law book after 5 on international economic law. Rather refreshing. This is what retirement is all about, no? The 3 new books are on Christian & Jewish topics. My favourite is on the Rapture of the Church and the "end of the Age", which has fascinated me all my life. The second is on the international legal foundations of Israel and the Jewish People. The third, in progress, is on 'true' worship. Nothing has changed my life more than what I share in this last book. (If interested, check out my web site at "DrCDWallace.com".) It would be fun to see you at our 50th, but all depends on my mom. Blessings, Cindy Wallace. (cdwallace@bluewin.ch). (Submitted 3/20/14)



## Valerie Fleming Lewis writes of retirement

This is my first post in 50 years to MHC. After a 45 year career in higher education from which I retired as Connecticut Commissioner of Higher Education five years ago, I am happily settled with my husband of nearly 50 years on the ocean within walking distance of our sailboat berth and easy travel to our two children and two grandchildren. Able still to work in the volunteer world and do a bit of dancing, I count myself extraordinarily fortunate. t(Submitted 3/20/14)



## Nancy Chambers Goff reports on California gatherings

Mary Dee Beall organized an invigorating Sunday walk along the Bay Ridge Trail followed by lunch at the Presidio Cafe in San Francisco. Also attending were Marilyn Ursu Bauriedel and husband Bill, Betsy Callaway, Maxime Heimoff Turner and Keith Weber, myself, and Bob Frank (Mary Dee's husband). Gail Simons Humphreys and husband Steve and I enjoyed a beach walk in Santa Barbara. Attached pictures are not terrific but do catch the special settings. *(Submitted 1/24/14)*



Steve, Gail, and Nancy

## Mary Dee Beall reports on FebruMary at Oakland Museum of California

Betsy Callaway and Jeane Stewart Samuelson hosted a Feb. 7th visit to the Oakland Museum of California, with Edie Prentice Mendez and Mary Dee Beall tagging along. Following a viewing of the museum's special exhibit on the San Francisco Bay (incorporating natural science and history), the classmates took Mary Lyon to a FebruMary luncheon in the museum cafe. This small group will have 100% attendance at our May reunion, with ride-sharing plans being hatched on the spot. *(Submitted 2/8/14)*



Bill, Mary Dee, Bob, Nancy, Keith, Maxine, Marilyn and Betsy



Jeane Stewart Samuelson, Edie Prentice Mendez, Betsy Callaway, and Mary Dee Beall

## **Update from Ellen Rice**

Ellen Rice reports that other than a 7-month temp job at the local Air Force Base, she has been unemployed so long that it looks a lot like retirement. Not idleness, though! In addition to her usual neighborhood and dance-group volunteering, she agreed to be the operations person on the board of the local community development corporation 2 years ago. Half-time job, full-time stress, no-time compensation! But three abandoned houses got rehabbed. Since then Ellen's gone through the local Neighborhood Leadership Institute, edited a murder mystery set in a Tibetan monastery, spent a week teaching at a folkdance camp, and traveled in Europe (Ireland, France, Spain) for a month. (Trip writeup available. Among others, she visited Ferren, a rockclimbing MIT grad student whom other MHC Outing Clubbers might remember.) She says her 1928 house and yard still have a lot of unrealized potential... *(Submitted July 20, 2013)*

## **Update from Winifred Hesson McCormick**

My daughter, Janice Gangsei just had a book published (one of 3 she wrote). The book was similar to Goosebumps. It is called "Welcome to Weirdsville: Happy Land" by I.M. Strange (her pen name). In the book, the publishers thank Janice Gangsei, and she dedicated the book to her son- "For Sven. Happy 11th birthday, buddy". Her agent is Sarah Davies at the Greenhouse Literary Agency. Her book was published by Little Brown Books for Young Readers in the UK, and I bought it through AmazonUK. It was recommended as a summer read for youngsters in the UK.

My son, Greg and my daughter-in-law Monica Fiorenza had their third child May 30th - a little girl named Celia Apollonia McCormick. Greg is an ophthalmologist with a specialty in cornea at Ophthalmic Consultants of Vermont & Vermont Laser Vision in S. Burlington, Vt. His wife is a pediatrician at Timberlane Pediatrics in S. Burlington, Vt. Greg and Monica have 2 other children, Fiona Amata McCormick, age 4. and Mattea Fiorenza McCormick, age 2.

I am retired from special education and teaching English as a second language to a Bosnian grandmother at Barre's Adult Basic Education Center. I also belong to a teacher's sorority Delta Kappa Gamma and sing in the choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Barre. Recently, I was elected president of my condominium association. I've also gone on senior trips to Michigan and Aqonquit, Maine. Keeping very busy with volunteer work and grandchildren. *(Submitted July 29, 2013)*

## Update from Catherine Higgs Milton

Glad to be back in the Palo Alto area where I have reconnected with friends from my days of working at Stanford. Am especially glad to say one of those friends is a terrific man (who many years ago went to Middlebury College and then moved our West years ago) and he and I are now living together. This is after being widowed 10 years ago. Must say we are having wonderful time together and are going to hike the coast to coast trail in England this Sept. I am also chair of the board of the Firelight Foundation which focuses on helping early stage organizations in sub-Saharan Africa and on the board of Global Citizen Year which helps students find a great gap year experience before college. Stanford has set

up an endowed fellowship in my honor for students doing innovative service. My two sons are doing well ---so after some very hard years life is full and good. Looking forward to seeing you at reunion. *PHOTO: Katherine Milton and Michael Closson (Submitted July 15, 2013)*



## Update from Alison Pedicord Schleifer

This has been an exciting year for us so far. We spent a week in January in Carmel, CA visiting our second child, traveled to Tokyo where my husband was presenting an intensive seminar on Alexis de Tocqueville's Democracy in America, his specialty, at Waseda University. We spent three and a half weeks in Tokyo in international faculty housing. It was our second trip to Japan and we loved every minute.

Then in April, while visiting daughter Kate, her husband and our two grandsons, Blaz, age 8, and Niko, age 5, we decided to move to Pittsburgh, PA, where she is the Head of the Senior School at Shady Side Academy in Fox Chapel, a suburb of Pittsburgh. Between the 17th of April and June 15th, we sorted through the things accumulated in 42 years in the same house, bought a condo in Pittsburgh and had all of our things moved there. Our new address there, as of October 1st, will be 300 Fox Chapel Road, Apt. 312, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. It is difficult leaving New Haven, CT after 49 years there, but we are excited about a total change of milieu and our grandsons are thrilled that we will be able to participate in their lives. We will spend the rest of the summer up in Quebec Province at our lakeside cottage rental. *(Submitted July 16, 2013)*



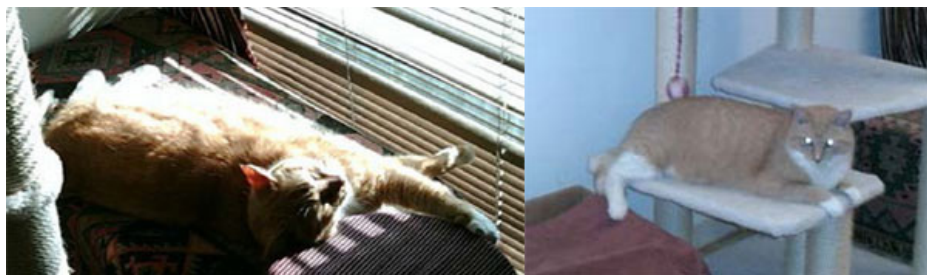
## Wendy Lycan Jackson and others - Pictures from Oxford Mini

Pictures from Oxford Mini organized by Wendy Lycan Jackson, Vicki Diez-Canseco, and Edie Mendez Prentice. [CLICK HERE](#)

*(Submitted August 6, 2013)*

### Update from Lenora Castles Bryant

Got a cat named Oscar, and he and I moved to a beach rental apt with two rooms and a beautiful tree in front. He insists on going out at night, but if I awaken in the middle of the night I go and retrieve him from his likely place, and he marches back solemnly behind me, past the 100-lb female Lab's door, to our home, where I struggle with the key while he impatiently awaits.



*(Submitted July 15, 2013)*

### Update from Betsy Beatty Gable

Just to let you know that our sixth grandchild, Madeline Beatty Blake, was born May 28, 2013, to daughter, Katharine, and husband, George, joining sister Phoebe, aged 5. Pre-eclampsia created need for an early delivery, with Madeline weighing in at 2.5 pounds. Thanks to Mass General Hospital's excellent care, she is growing rapidly, now almost 5 pounds, and is just beautiful!! She'll be homeward bound shortly. Hope you are enduring this hot summer all right. We have neighbors who normally live most of the time in Texas, but have come up here to Rockport for relief. Not much!! *(Submitted August 3, 2013)*



## **Update from Lily Klebanoff Blake -- Oxford Mini- Reunion**

I just got back from a few weeks in Europe, starting with a fabulous mini-reunion in Oxford organized by Ellan Odiorne Derow, time in London, a visit to Brussels with some time with Mary Lee Warren trying to put together some internships for Bridges and other MHC students, and capped by a visit with my son in Paris.

In addition to Lily, Jean Vnenchak, and Ellan, Ellen Manfredonia Nutter and husband Dave, Wendy Lycan Jackson, Barbara Anderson Ratigan and husband John, Edith Prentice Mendez, and Mary Lee Warren also attended the full Oxford mini.

Other classmates attended parts. Mary Wegner Mayer and husband Gay attended the opening tea and tour of the Lady Margaret College gardens. (Gay happened to be in Oxford for a Williams event). Other alums, friends of Ellan, Virginia Ross and Susannah Harris-Wilson were at the garden tour and Susannah was at the post garden tour dinner as well.

Susannah is class of 1961 and is such a good friend of Ellan's that the Thursday dinner was held at Suzannah's Oxford home. Vicki Diez-Canseco, Barbara Field Collins, and the head of the MHC Club of England also attended that dinner. Ellan did a nice job of reaching out to area alums. *(Submitted July 11, 2013)*

## **Lily Klebanoff Blake, Mary Jane Higgins and Priscilla Huston - Jean Vnenchak fall and recovery**

Following the mini, Jean Vnenchak had a bit of an adventure in London, where she shattered her kneecap and broke a bone in her shoulder. After surgery and some time to recover, Jean was able to fly back to Boston, accompanied by a nurse to help her maneuver with her hip to ankle cast. Subsequently, she learned from her orthopedist in Boston that the surgery was not done as well as it could have been, so she was scheduled for another surgery on her kneecap. Mary Jane Higgins with the help of Jean's husband Richard Gurner kept us informed as Jean did remarkably well. She was back on campus with many of us for meetings the beginning of October. Jean has been incredibly brave and good-humored about all of this. *(Submitted July 2013)*

## Update from Betsy Wadt Mulcare on classmate visits

Susie Gaynor Day and her husband, John, came East from Portland, OR, in September to visit their daughter, Aly and family, in Brooklyn. They spent several days with Bob and me seeing the Greenwich area, sailing, and spending a delightful evening at Debbie Newcomb Nightingale's with her husband, Bill.

Anne Greer Garonzik and Liz Peale Allen joined us at Debbie's. We regaled ourselves with stories past, current and future, including intentions to attend our 50th. It was wonderful.

*(Submitted 10/27/13)*



*Susie Gaynor Day, Anne Greer Garonzik, Debbie Newcomb Nightingale, Betsy Wadt Mulcare, Liz Peale Allen.*



## **Suzanne Selby Grenager updates us on her “crazy, often challenging summer”.**

The crazy, often challenging summer of 2013 saw our daughter, Nora, a horse vet in VA, giving birth way early to her first child, our first granddaughter, while we were still in Nova Scotia. The baby is named after my mother Sally Selby, a loyal MHC ('38) alum, like her mother Helen Barnes '09 before her. In August, our son Teg Grenager sold Adap.tv, the cutting edge company he cofounded and developed over the last several years, to AOL in a deal that knocked our socks off. On a far more modest note, I'm having fun collaborating with a dedicated bunch of classmates to organize our 50th reunion at Barnard, where I transferred after two years at MHC. And in a few weeks, I'm excited to be facilitating a deep conversation among “Women of Spirit and Faith” at their annual gathering, “Alchemy,” in San Francisco. Please visit me at [suzanne-grenager.com](http://suzanne-grenager.com), where I write intensely honest blog posts about the joys and sorrows of a life lived with eyes wide open. Thanks! *(Submitted 10/27/13)*

## **Karen Linnea Anderson-Gillis on building her retirement home**

Hi, I am Karen Linnea Anderson-Gillis (birth name without the -Gillis). I live in Miami, FL in the winter but for the past 5 summers I have been in Hartville, WY building my retirement home. I currently plan to be able to move here around 2019, but since I am very slow building, I may not make that date. My house is basically a dome with 18 inches of insulation, with three attached rooms. I love it - the building that is, I have done about 65% myself, with help from my sons and some kids I hired whenever the stuff is too heavy for me. The dome has a cupola on top providing a third floor room. I can see the mountains in the west and Nebraska in the east from up there. It is really cool. I now know about chop saws, impact wrenches, nail guns, generators, and lots of other tools as well as joists, beams, fascia, and soffits. Next year I will have to learn about solar shingles and wind generators so I can have electricity. My house will be open for visitors once I have a composting toilet and water - come and see in a few years. *t(Submitted 10/27/13)*



*Karen's Hartville Dome.*

## **Bobbie Craig Jameson/ attends Lil Menzi Barry's Daughter's Wedding**

Craig and I were able to attend the wedding of Lil Menzi Barry's daughter, Yacine, to Herman Wu, in August. A 12-course Chinese wedding feast in NYC's Chinatown provided lots of time for chatting with our tablemates, a very interesting group of 5 lawyers, a doctor, a computer tech, and me. Although I am now an administrative assistant, I was the uncommon woman at the table, having not been a career woman but a stay-at-home mom for 30 years. It was a lovely wedding, with good company, good food and guests from all over the world. Both Lil and the bride were beautiful, the groom was delightful, and Lil's son was every bit as charming as the rest of the family. It was a wonderful evening!

*(Submitted 11/1/13)*

## **Laraine Masters Glidden updates us on her life and classmate visits**

Although I officially retired in 2012, I have continued to work part-time supervising student research in psychology at St. Mary's College of Maryland. However, not teaching structured classes has freed up travel time even during the academic semester (Husband Bill--Bowdoin, '62--retired in May 2013 from his job as a banking lawyer). We have just returned from San Francisco to visit our daughter who moved there in summer 2013 for work. We stayed part of the time with Leslie Raissman Wellbaum, and had dinner with 1964 classmates Florence (now Chaney) Chang Li, and Jeannie Kinney Small---a preface to reunion. Jeannie is still working full-time teaching science in an elementary school, and loves the school and the students. A week earlier Kay Briden ('63) visited us from Minnesota as did Joan Singer Madison (MHC '64, but transferred to Barnard for her last 2 years) and her husband, Stu. Another mini-reunion. MHC contacts continue to enrich our lives, and we are looking forward in early November to a 70th birthday party in NYC for Barbara Rosen, held jointly as a retirement celebration for her wife, Pat Martone.

*(Submitted 10/27/13)*

## Luncheon Gathering of MHC '64 in Boston Area

Here is a photo of a delightful group of '64 women who recently gathered for lunch and MHC-oriented conversations in the Boston area.

The luncheon was organized and hosted by Marilyn Brainard Hofmann and Nancy Albrecht August.

*(Submitted 10/15/13)*



*1st Row L to R:*

*Kate Paranya Ogle, Pat Downs Ramsay, Eliazbeth Jones Harris,  
Carole Bleyfus-Richardot Enright, Nancy Chambers Goff*

*2nd Row L to R:*

*Joan Mead Eaton, Susan (Susie) Smith White, Priscilla Morse  
Huston, Jenot (Jensie) Warner Shipley, Karen Anderson Chalfen,  
Ann Heckel Oppenheimer, Barbara Flesch Resnek, Mary Jane  
(Gigi) Higgins*

*3rd Row L to R:*

*Jean Vnenchak, Vicki Diaz-Canseco, Mary Victor Jones Giersch,  
Nancy Albrecht August, Marilyn Brainard Hofmann, Pat Slod-  
den Fleischauer, Gail Welch Hansen*

*Missing from photo: Ellen Williamson Rockefeller*



## **Kitty Eppston Rabinow shares wonderful news**

I have received a significant honor. Three of my large wall pieces--all abstracts--have been placed into the Permanent Collection of the Federal Reserve Board in Washington D.C.

I shall quote from the 2011 Acquisitions Catalog to give you a glimpse of why I am so excited and honored by the selection of my work....

Together, recent additions to the Federal Reserve Board's permanent collection offer a rich experience for employees and visitors alike. Yet, many people may not be familiar with the forces that moved photography from a purely technical 'craft' to an art form, nor with its concurrent and reciprocal influence on painting....

The Collection contains work by the early masters of photography---Stieglitz, K?sebier, Steichen, and Clarence White.

In response to hard economic times shared by so many Americans, photography during the 1930s took a turn into social documentary.

Photographers from this group in the Collection include Walker Evans, Jack Delano, Esther Bubley, Berenice Abbott and Aaron Siskind.

Other photographers featured in the Collection made their mark on American art and image-making generally. Many succeeded in the world of photojournalism... others applied their unique visual approaches to New York City.... In 1963, the sale of color film surpassed that of black-and-white film for the first time.

Increasingly artists used color photography to capture contemporary life. The Collection includes examples of works from Margaret Bourke-White , Alfred Eisenstaedt, Steve Alterman, Chan Chao, Larry Merrill, and Lee Friedlander among several others who created exemplary works.

Recent additions to the Board's Collection ... include well-known names alongside regional artists whose work is achieving wider recognition....

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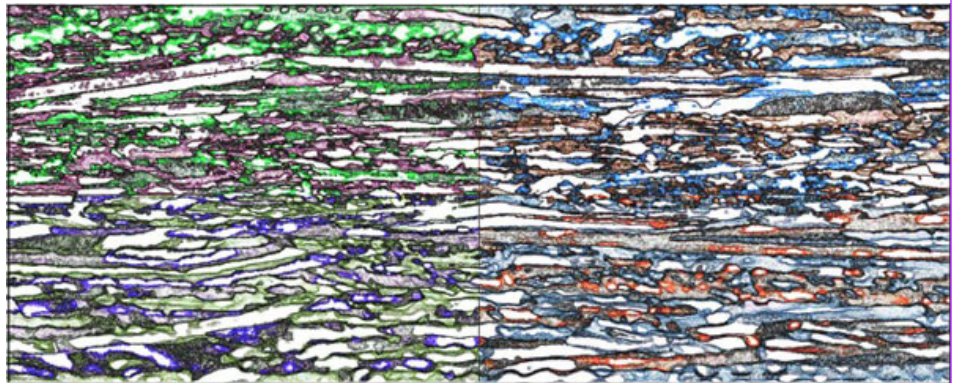
In the Federal Reserve's collection are examples of pure abstraction as well as realistic images. Abstract artists in the Collection include Ellsworth Kelly, James Hilleary, Barbara Takenaga and Beatriz Milhaze. There are also significant works by Adolph Gottlieb, Wayne Thiebaud, Alexander Calder and Robert Rauschenberg. The list of exemplary artists goes on and on. My breath stops when I consider that my work will be joining that esteemed group in the Permanent Collection.

Quotes are from Acquisitions 2009-2011, written by Stephen Bennett Phillips, Fine Arts Program Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

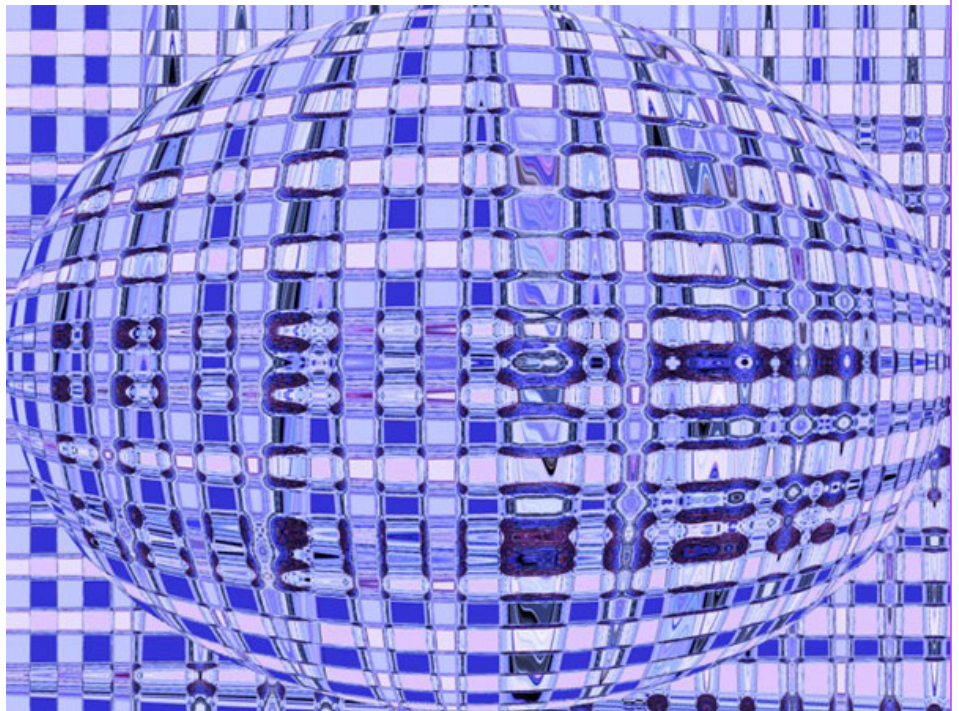
So---thank you to all of you who collect and/or have been supportive of my work. Your encouragement helps generate my creativity and sustain my passion!

Here are two examples of the type of work that Kitty does. For a fuller look at Kitty's work see: [kathryn-rabinowphotography.net/](http://kathryn-rabinowphotography.net/)

*(Submitted 9/4/13)*



Aspen Shale



Burgh Island Blues

## Barbara Flesh Resnek meets with members of our 2014 Bridges Class in Boston

June 22 was a beautiful day in Boston, and I shared it with Rudo Mudzi and Mitse Mwanza, two members of the Mount Holyoke Class of 2014, which is our partner in "Bridges," a joint project connecting the Class of 1964 with the Class of 2014. We started at the Boston Commons, took a swan boat ride in the Public Gardens, and on our way from the State House we stopped at the

Old Granary Burying Ground where we met two other members of the Class of 2014, Nhat Nguyen and Phuong Pham. Adding to the MHC group was Corinne Espinoza, a Francis Perkins Scholar (2007), who was giving two men a tour of Boston. One of these men used Nhat's camera to take this photo. And we are all in front of Ben Franklin. Rudo, Mtise and I finished our walk by the Harbor and ate a delicious dinner overlooking the water opposite the New Federal Court House in South Boston.

*(Submitted 7/8/13)*



Corinne Espinoza, Mtise Mwanza, Barbara Flesch Resnek, Rudo Mudzi, Nhat Nguyen, Phuong Pham



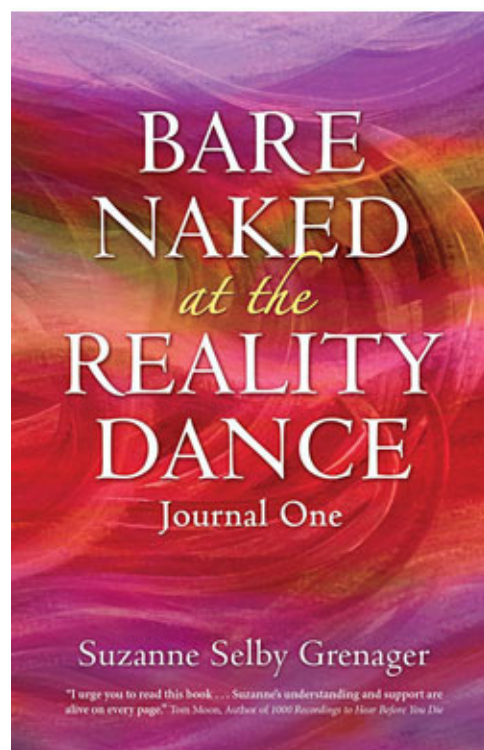
**Suzanne Selby Grenager, author of “Bare Naked at the Reality Dance,” invites you to visit her website, check out her wild & woolly blog, and be in touch!**

In 2012, I screwed up my courage and published my first book, *Bare Naked at the Reality Dance*. It's the intimate, achingly honest story of what it takes to wake up and fall in love with ourselves, so we can make the difference we're born and dying to make. It's my journey, of course, but, in some ways, it may also be yours. And for the last two years, I've continued sharing stories and inspiration online via a blog: <http://suzannegrenager.com/blog-home>.

Part of my book is set in the India, where I lived and taught right after college. Another section revisits the Kripalu Center, where I trained to be an early Kripalu Yoga teacher and faced my worst fears, slowly growing more comfortable in my skin. Though the details are different, Amazon reviews suggest that by baring my soul, I may just touch yours. I dearly hope so.

But please see for yourself by visiting my website, where you can download sections of the book for free and listen to me read some of my favorite bits out loud. While you're there, I'd be honored if you'd check out my blog and consider subscribing. It would mean a lot to me, and for you it means only a brief email now and then when I publish a post. In any event, I'd be thrilled to hear from you, about you, via my site [suzannegrenager.com](http://suzannegrenager.com) or at [sgrenager@aol.com](mailto:sgrenager@aol.com).

*(Submitted 5/24/13)*



## **Christa Smith Sammons is writing a memoir**

2010 was a big year for me: I became a grandma for the first time and then I retired from the Beinecke Library at Yale. Since then, I've been writing a memoir. I had good help from MHC library archivist Patricia Albright, and later sent off a copy of my college reminiscences to her for the collection. Christa Sammons christa.sammons@gmail.com Note: Christa would like to hear from classmates

*(Submitted 5/21/13)*

## **Hope Justman second China Tour**

In March 2013 Hope Justman led a second tour along China's 2,000 year-old Road to Shu. Mary Dee Beall and Ann Heckel Oppenheimer were enthusiastic participants, reporting that Hope is an incredible guide and her itinerary (cities and towns that warmly greeted western visitors, and easy-to-moderate hikes on the Old Road) was fabulous. Watch for photos to be uploaded under "2013 Tour" at this website: [www.chinasgreatroads.com](http://www.chinasgreatroads.com)

*(Submitted 5/21/13)*

**Caroline Webster Bernard has settled into life in CT**, busy with part time library job, singing, skiing, golf, enjoying seeing nearby grand twins (10yrs). Trips to Colorado (skiing) and Utah (to see old friends, the Colorado river and Canyonlands) and Florida (to celebrate to 70 years). Often to Wash DC visiting 2nd daughter who works at the Library of Congress. I expect the coming year will be spent gathering and putting together material for our 50th Yearbook. Looking forward to May 2014!!

*(Submitted 5/21/13)*

## **Bridges project draws us closer to 2014 and MHC**

Our ever-expanding "Bridges" project continues to draw us closer to the Class of 2014 and the college. A Bridges event on April 25th during the recent class agents meeting on campus combined the career accounts of Gail Simons Humphrey, Betsy Wadt Mulcare and Nancy Chambers Goff, with great and gooey desserts and time for warmth, mingling and chatting for the students at the busy end-of-term and us. The astonishing success of Bridges has reminded us and the college leadership that the alumnae -- especially from the Class of 1964 -- are an enormous available resource. Mary Lee Warren [mlwarren6@aol.com](mailto:mlwarren6@aol.com)

*(Submitted 5/21/13)*

## **Pam Lucey Driscoll's daughter had a baby**

Pam Lucey Driscoll's daughter had a baby, Amelia Grace, right during "Nemo", and she enjoyed happy Grandma duty in New Haven. The rest of the saga was getting around New Haven streets with three foot snow drifts, and then helping Mom, Dad and baby get home - All CT highways closed by Governor, streets and driveways unplowed, no electricity . Happy ending to story - everyone was doing fine at three months!!

*(Submitted 5/21/13)*



## **Lisa Lansing has a grandchild**

At long last I have a grandchild, Fernando Ruiz Gwirtzman, who lives (alas) in Brasilia with his parents, my son Dan and his beautiful wife Karina. She was born in Sao Paolo; they met in New York where they both were yoga and wholistic health practitioners and teachers. Fernando (aka Fefe) was born 2/1/2012.

Otherwise Doc and I still live in the northwest corner of CT. Doc's parents are still alive at 97 and 94. Doc's aunt, 93, lives with them. Mildly perilous situation but everyone's cheerful! Talk about being the sandwich generation!

*(Submitted 5/21/13)*

## **Ellen Williamson Rockefeller spent 2 weeks birding in Ecuador**

*(Submitted 5/21/13)*





## **Susan Bass Marcus and husband Stephen recently traveled to Ecuador and Peru**

Hello, here a just a few of things I've been doing:

- Travel with Stephen Marcus, my husband to Ecuador and Peru. Highlights included seven nights cruising and landing at the Galapagos Islands and a day at Machu Picchu.
- I'm 7/8ths through the first draft of a fantasy novel I'm writing
- Also working on my Spanish, Italian, and French comme d'habitude.
- Still sculpting puppets.

Susan Bass Marcus  
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Expertise in museum education,  
Puppet fabrication & workshops

*(Submitted 5/21/13)*

## **Update from Carol Carter Stevens**

Finally getting organized enough after my September move a few miles to the south to let you know of my new address and email. I'd be delighted if you would share this info with the College, as I was unsuccessful in doing it on MHC Connect. My husband is now fully retired, and I am going to be able to get more involved with researching the family genealogy. I got together with **Sue Davis, Elizabeth Gable and Alison Pedicord Schleifer** this past summer, as we have been doing for a decade or so. Looking forward to the 50th, Carol.

*(Submitted 4/18/13)*

## **Joyce Davenport inducted into the U.S. Squash Hall of Fame.**

We thank the Alumnae Office for informing us that Joyce was inducted on October 8, 2012 at the U.S. Open Squash Championships at Drexel. One of the highlights of our campus mini-reunion last October was a tour of the new athletic facilities. When we were shown the four Olympic standard squash courts, several classmates commented that we had a world class squash player in our class who had to get up early on Sunday mornings to go to Amherst to practice since there were no courts on our college campus at that time. That player was, of course, Joyce.

The lack of courts on campus did not deter Joyce. As The Daily Squash Report described: "Joyce Davenport began playing in the early 1960s under the tutelage of Cynwyd Club coach Norm Bramall. She won the national singles in 1965 and 1969. She won the national doubles in 1969, 79, 80, 81, 82, 87, 89, 90, 95 and the national mixed doubles in 1980, 81, 84, 89, 92, 93. She played number one on two Wolfe-Noel Cup teams. She has won more than thirty more national age group titles in singles and doubles."

The article from the Inquirer has a wonderful picture of Joyce at her induction. In addition to describing her many career accomplishments, the reporter writes that: "Joyce Davenport has enjoyed squash so much that she continues to compete in tournaments at the age of 70. .... An all-around athlete, Davenport is a talented tennis player who competed in 1969 at Wimbledon and at the U.S. Open."

Much more fascinating information can be found by a simple web search of - Joyce Davenport US Squash.

We send our congratulations to Joyce on this lifetime achievement!

*(Submitted 4/3/13)*

## Junior Show or J-Show Reception for our Bridges Class, February 23.

Mary Lee Warren writes: Saturday morning, the Class of 1964 held a reception in the Kendade atrium for our Bridge class to support them on their J-Show weekend. The atrium serves as a very comfortable space for an informal get-together.

Mary Ann Lytle Anthony and Jean Vnenchak (accompanied by Richard Gurner) drove out from the Cape and Lexington respectively to join in the festivities. Dana Whyte, the original “grandmother” from the Class of 1960 and someone who has supported our efforts from the beginning, popped in and felt at home. Mary Ann’s real granddaughter (a Sophomore with a new and very attractive MoHo Chop haircut) was also there and I think felt especially comfortable at her grandmother’s side.

The 2014 Class Board attended along with other members of the J-Show cast and several other students who dropped in -- all in all about 30 of us. We chatted about the show, the Bridges project, internships, the workload, what has and has not changed since our day, and lots more. It was a time of real warmth and mutual appreciation. It is not hard to understand why we are interested in the students, curriculum, and campus today, but it remains absolutely amazing that 2014ers express the same interest in knowing more about us.

The 2014 Class Board ordered coffee/tea and bagels/cream cheese from Panera and these were supplemented by Jean’s gluten-free goodies and some home baked items that I brought on the plane from D.C. We had plenty to eat and the leftovers were taken to Chapin for the J-Show cast’s indulgence later in the day.

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*Mary Lee Warren and Aleksandra Smith 2014 in Kendade*



*Jenna Caputo, President; Rudo Mudzi, Treasurer; Umema Aimen, Secretary; Nhat Nguyen, one of two Social Chairs (The other one, Alyssa Simari, was unavailable that morning); Stephanie Slysz, Vice President.*



*Brittney Anthony and her Grandmother, Mary Ann Lytle Anthony.*



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Mary Lee also attended the Friday evening J-Show performance, and provided this account of the evening: The show was opened with the cast, joined by the audience (Chapin Auditorium was about 1/4 to 1/3 full), singing the Alma Mater (words on the screen as an aid), and then closed with the singing of the Anti-Alma Mater ("O, Mt. Holyoke we pay thee tuition..."). The set piece was Camp MoHo -- MoHo being the current student nomenclature for the college. Students, i.e., the cast, sat around the campfire telling ghost stories, which were played out as skits or vignettes of less-than-loved aspects of MHC life. Mary Lyon and Emily Dickinson made appearances after having been roused from the grave either because of a toxic spill from the chemistry labs or the around-campus miasma of beer, box wine, and urine. Mary Lyon and Emily were not surprisingly befuddled by references to Facebook, YouTube and the like by the students.

Some of the targets of the skits included: "that girl" -- the one who raises her hand the first moments of the first day of class and says how much she has enjoyed reading all entries on the class syllabus; the unfeeling infirmary where just scheduling an appointment was close to impossible; the Career Development Center (the CDC, which to them spelled "Can't Do Crap") and one of its own videos, which seemed geared to a below preschool level; the end of day library closing and the students being tossed out into the night; the annoying habit of some students to leave "personal items in public space" and the more annoying functionaries who took their job of policing these infractions with too much seriousness; a website (that has now been abandoned) called the Confessional where a student could anonymously post a personal problem and then other students would pile on with mostly mean and acrid responses; the proliferation of A Capella groups on campus; the back-breaking class workload; and lots more. As noted, some familiar old gripes and some new themes. The audience fully enjoyed the show ? except for a few hecklers in the balcony.

I was able to congratulate the cast many of whom were Class Board members and one of the show's writers at the reception Saturday morning and ask some follow-up questions about some references that had completely eluded me. By the way, Julia, one of the writers, said that their greatest challenge had been to ready the production when their director quit just before rehearsals began, resulting with the writers and others trying to fill in. The 2014ers were preparing for a full onslaught of rowdy Seniors on Saturday night as this practice has seemingly become the new "tradition" on campus.

*(Submitted 4/1/13)*

## Milk and Cookies event with class of 2014, November 27, 2012.

Lily Klebanoff Blake writes: "as part of the 1964-2014 Bridging 50 Years of Tradition ("Bridges") project, along with President Pasquerella, we were invited to join 2014ers for M&Cs (Milk and Cookies) festivities on November 27th. Mary Lee Warren and I were the only two members of our class at the M&C's event on campus. Dana Whyte '60, who started all of this, was also there. Moreover, Lynn was there and told some stories about life at MHC when she was a student. We had a fabulous time."

Mary Lee continues - "They laughed at our stories about life on campus in the 60's. Each time we are together the warmth of this special connection we have with the college increases"

President Pasquerella gave her reflections on the event as part of her December 2012 MHC Moments:

"In late November, I joined the class of '64 for M&Cs with their granddaughter class, enjoying conversation until late into the night with these sisters across the years. The pressures in students' lives are many, and each student there had chosen to set aside the call of studying, work, and friends for a few extra hours to indulge in the gift of this relationship.

By all external markers, today's students live in a profoundly different world than those who graduated in 1964, yet they draw from the wisdom of those who have gone before with rapt attention and focus. Students asked questions about how the class of '64 decorated their rooms, what activities they engaged in, and the traditions they value the most. Alumnae offered advice on how to reach out to alumnae mentors, and affirmed how the liberal arts education students are receiving will help them negotiate a rapidly changing world."

Mary Lee Warren, our coordinator Bridges Project. From class of 2014: Jenna Caputo, president; Monica Son, treasurer; Sanaa Sayani, social chair; Jessie Orozoco, social chair; and Maritza Torres, secretary. And our president, Lily Klebanoff Blake.

Lily comments: To give you a flavor of the broad diversity of the interests of the class of 2014, four of the class officers will be spending the spring semester studying abroad: Monica in Singapore; Sanaa and Jessie in Italy; and Maritza in Samoa. In our days, who could have even imagined studying abroad in either Singapore or Samoa?



**(Submitted 2/25/13)**

**New York City Mini-Reunion  
Holiday Concert at Saint Bartholomew's Church  
December 7, 2012.**

A unique experience to hear over 150 students (singers, hand bell ringers, and orchestra members) from Mount Holyoke perform holiday music in a beautiful setting and watch their candle-lit procession down the aisle. The concert starts at 8 pm and tickets are \$50. Classmates will have an opportunity to gather for dinner prior to the concert. Also being planned is a special visit to the Frick Museum, followed by lunch on Saturday, December 8, 2012.

Contact: If you're interested in attending Vespers and joining classmates for dinner prior to the concert, please contact Lily Klebanoff Blake. Additional information, including how to purchase advance tickets, is posted in the Mini-Reunion section.

*(Submitted 10/25/12)*



## **Martha Kate (McCrumm) Thomas (1942-2012)**

May 25, 2012

**Martha (McCrumm) Thomas** died peacefully on Friday, May 25th, 2012 after a valiant fight against Ovarian Cancer.

Martha attended both Mount Holyoke (Freshman and Sophomore years) and Swarthmore and was a respected financial advisor in Boulder, CO. To the end, her love of life, adventure and friends never wavered. In her nearly seventy years she lived many lifetimes of adventures.

All those who knew her were inspired by her spirit, her smile and her love and appreciation of life. Martha is survived by her beloved Peruvian Paso horse, La Pinta Alegre; her brother, Tom McCrumm [tom@southfacefarm.com](mailto:tom@southfacefarm.com) and his family; her "like a" daughter Jamie Sladky [jamie.sladky@raymondjames.com](mailto:jamie.sladky@raymondjames.com) and Jamie's husband; and those lucky enough to have

shared moments with her they will carry forever. Her full obituary originally from the Daily Camera can be found [here](#). For more information and pictures, visit the In Memoriam Section.

*(Submitted 10/19/12)*



## Susan E. Davis's pro-choice novel

Susan Elizabeth Davis's pro-choice novel, *Love Means Second Chances*, was published in July 2011 by Bread and Roses Collaborative. Although Sue has written hundreds of nonfiction articles and four nonfiction books, two of which were about reproductive rights, this is her debut novel. For more about it, visit the "Goods and Services" section of this website and check out Sue's website at [www.lovemmeanssecondchances.com](http://www.lovemmeanssecondchances.com). For a little more background about Sue, plus her request for help and contact information, continue reading here.

"I've been a reproductive rights activist since I marched in the first demonstration for legal abortion in New York City in March 1970. Since then, I helped found two reproductive rights organizations in NYC, one in 1977 and one in 1989. Currently I volunteer with Haven; we provide dinner and a place to sleep for women and escorts who come from out of state for second-trimester abortions.

"In 1979 I could see that those who oppose legal abortion were getting more and more media attention - a la Jerry Falwell's so-called "Moral Majority" - so I decided to write a pro-choice novel. Why fiction? Because a story about conflict within a family can often illuminate a political issue better than dozens of essays. It took me 32 years, three drafts, and self-publication to accomplish that!

"Now I need to publicize my book, which is particularly timely given the prominence of reproductive rights in this election. And that's where you can help me. Please be in touch if you know of any bookstores or book groups, high school or college classes, libraries or other places where people are interested in reading or discussing books."

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*(Submitted 10/15/12)*





## Several classmates visited with Sarah Allen Mowitt and Barbara Scott Nelson this summer

In July, your co-scribes, Jean and Priscilla, along with Nancy Chambers Goff, Susan Nicholson, Betsy Beatty Gable, Vicki Diez-Canseco, and Nancy Albrecht August visited Sarah Allen Mowitt and Barbara Scott Nelson in Rockport MA. In addition to the usual good food and wide-ranging conversations, we had spectacular displays by Mother Nature: first an amazing electrical storm and eventually a dazzling sunset. We also visited a Gloucester gallery where we saw Sarah's pottery and Vicki's mixed media artwork, which imaginatively combines painting and photography.

*(Submitted 10/9/12)*



ABOVE: Vicki Diez-Canseco, Sarah Allen Mowitt, Nancy Chambers Goff, Jean Vnenchak, Betsy Beatty Gable, Nancy Albrecht August, and Barbara Scott Nelson eating dinner at the Madfish Grille.

RIGHT TOP: Sarah Allen Mowitt and Barbara Scott Nelson

RIGHT #2: Susan Nicholson and Jean Vnenchak

RIGHT #3: Sarah Allen Mowitt, Vicki Diez-Canseco, Nancy Chambers Goff, Jean Vnenchak, Betsy Beatty Gable, and Barbara Scott Nelson tour Rocky Neck in Gloucester.

RIGHT BOTTOM: Betsy Beatty Gable, Vicki Diez-Canseco, Barbara Scott Nelson, Sarah Allen Mowitt, Jean Vnenchak, Nancy Chambers Goff, and Priscilla Huston at a Rocky Neck Gallery.



## **Meg Cormeny O'Brien returned to the Boston area for a few weeks in July.**

I visited with family and friends, including Ann Oppenheimer and my grandsons at Camp Becket in the Berkshires. Saw Eustace Theodore, Carol's husband at Camp Becket with their grandsons. I enjoyed the Boston MFA, Gardner, and DeCordova museums.

Then I drove to Philadelphia to spend some time with MHC roommate Katrina (Hellebush) and Joe Looby. Katrina had invited me to come see the Barnes Foundation art collection and its new building on the Parkway in Philadelphia. We had a wonderful day at the newly refurbished Rodin Museum, viewed 360 degree Philadelphia vistas from the 43rd floor of the Comcast building where one of Katrina's daughters-in-law works, toured the Barnes Foundation collection, and enjoyed eating the mid-summer bounty of Katrina's gardens. She has vegetable, herb and flower gardens. It was a joy to be with her and Joe.

I went on to the Brandywine Museum, home to the Wyeth collections, and Andrew Wyeth's studio which is newly opened to the public. Katrina sent a postcard to Gigi Higgins about our visit. So Gigi gave me a shout. Great to hear from her!

*(Submitted 10/10/12)*

## **Death of Anne J. Carlisle**

We were surprised and saddened to hear of the death of **Anne J. Carlisle** on August 1, 2012. Anne lived in Arlington MA and was very active in our class as well as the Boston area. She served as Reunion Gift Chair, class agent, booklet chair (20th reunion), and as a member of the MHC Club of Boston. **Carolyn Goodyear Pantazelos, Lenore Wadzinski Yousef and Mary Wegner Mayer** remember Anne as laid back with a wry dry sense of humor and very active: a Red Sox fan, taking classes including scuba diving and violin, reading avidly, and enjoyed kayaking at her lake house. **Marilyn Donovan Timbers** shared an interesting memory of Anne as a "dedicated and devoted fire captain" when they were in Abbey. Anne is survived by her beloved sister Miriam Carlisle of Lexington VA. A Boston Globe obituary was published August 12, 2012.

*(Submitted 9/18/12)*

## **Mary Ann Lytle Anthony's granddaughter on campus for "Women's Academy for International Leadership Development" (WAILD)**

My youngest granddaughter, Cassidy Anthony (16) is spending the next month at Mount Holyoke as a participant in the inaugural session of the "Women's Academy for International Leadership Development" (WAILD). She was awarded one of five \$5000 scholarships available to daughters and granddaughters of alums! She will spend four intensive weeks focusing on leadership and professional and personal success, starting with preparation for admission to highly selective colleges in the USA, in a college course format. The Academy will take the students to other college campuses, such as Harvard, MIT, and George Washington University in D.C., as well as visiting the United Nations. The program includes international students from China and other countries, and will prepare the students for college interviews, essays, and admission applications. Cassidy's sister Brittney is a rising sophomore at MHC, and they both hope that Cassidy will be admitted to the Class of 2017.

*(Submitted 7/23/12)*

## **An update from Peggy Wormuth**

I retired as a teacher of students with autism back in 2003. My daughter-in-law had twins, and I ostensibly retired to help her. I love teaching, and knew I could go back as a substitute at any time. I cast around for a second career for a few years but finally gave up. My grandchildren, then aged 5, moved away to Minneapolis, and now I simply teach about 2 to 3 days a week at my old school (I've no wish to substitute any place else) when I am in town. My husband and I have a small house in Florida which we love, and we spend January through April down there. In Florida I volunteer at a church run preschool/daycare center, and find that that satisfies my need to nurture and play silly games!

*(Submitted 7/3/12)*

## **Rings and Roses Impressions by Jean Vnenchak and Lily Klebanoff Blake**

**By Jean Vnenchak:**

When Lily informed us that the 2014 class officers had invited members of their grandmother class to attend the Rings and Roses Ceremony, my reaction was - what Rings and Roses ceremony?? I immediately went to the Internet and found a description on the Traditions section of the college website: <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/classboards/traditions.html>

Rings and Roses Ceremony: The ring and rose ceremony is a special event held in the spring semester to acknowledge the 'half way mark' of a student's MHC career. Sophomores who ordered class rings receive them this night and the class celebrates each other with semi-formal presentations and a dessert reception. All Sophomores are invited to attend.

I was very curious to see what this new tradition entailed; I was delighted to learn that the class of 2014 had reached out to us and was very happy that my husband, Richard, was willing and eager to spend his birthday at Mount Holyoke.

Lily and Mary Lee, who is heading the Granddaughter project for our class, did an outstanding job of arranging meetings with pioneers of the project who live in the area, with leadership in the Center for Global Initiatives, and with the current and future officers of 2014. We also had impromptu talks with members of the class of 1965 who just happened to be on campus for a mini reunion that included a 60s dance with their granddaughter class of 2015. They had started their outreach to 2015ers the day they arrived on campus!

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## **Impressions:**

I was surprised at how moving this simple ceremony turned out to be for me.

As I looked at and interacted with the Sophomores assembled in the large meeting room of Willets, I saw: great promise, youth, energy, and unjaded enthusiasm balanced against concerns about exams and projects to be completed before they really were at the halfway point of their Mount Holyoke experience, concerns for summer jobs/internships, and concerns for how to make successes of their lives after leaving college.

I was intrigued by how different the rings presented to the sophomores were from our 1964 rings. Instead of a stone, there was a seal embossed on the ring, and the rings were smaller and more delicate than ours. Mary Lee and I both had our 1964 rings, which the students seemed to think were lovely. I wondered when the change from stones to seals occurred. I went back to the Internet and found: a picture of the current ring and the history of Mount Holyoke jewelry, including the early Tiffany pin at: <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/courses/rschwartz/hatlas/traditions/jewelry.htm>

When I talked with 2014ers about what they would like to get from us 1964ers, I frequently heard - we'd love to see pictures of and hear stories about your time on campus. They also wanted to hear how our lives evolved after leaving Mount Holyoke.

This got me thinking - what was the 50-year class when we were graduating? Yikes, it was 1914!! That was - at the start of World War I, before women got the right to vote, before so many things we take for granted ever existed. I wonder if the students looking back to 1964 sense as big a historical and cultural gap with our era.

I echo Mary Lee's comments and delight in the fact that many of the students of 2014 really do want to establish bonds with the women of our class, and that they are very willing to work with us to make it happen.

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**By Lily Klebanoff Blake:**

2014 students, as a group at the recent Rings and Roses ceremony and in individual conversations, were eager, enthusiastic, and vocal in their interest to have a 1964/2014 connection. At the Rings and Roses ceremony students spontaneously (and loudly) applauded when it was mentioned that three from the “grandmother” class were in attendance. Individually, they wanted to learn more about what Holyoke was like when we were there and what we did after graduation. In one poignant encounter, a student grabbed my hand and softly whispered that she wanted a “grandmother.”

In small group conversations with international students, they spoke of their special needs for connecting with others as their own homes and families are so far away.

On behalf of the international students and international internship placements of MHC students, the leadership at the Center for Global Initiatives appeared very interested and indeed complimented that we had sought them out to explore possible ways of connecting our Class with and through the Center. (Added 6/8/12)

Pictures from April 2012 Rings and Roses Ceremony



*Mary Lee Warren, Lily Klebanoff Blake, Donna Van Handle: Dean of International Students, Jean Vnenchak and Jale Okay: Director of International Experiential Learning before Rings and Roses Ceremony*



*From Left to Right 2014 students Treasurer Ivy Shiyun Zou, Secretary Jasmine Wong, Social Chair Lexi Myers (also VP-elect), Social Chair Jackelyn Guevara, Vice President Jenna Caputo (also President-elect), and President Chelsea Counsell with three 1964 alums Lily, Mary Lee and Jean*



*Bonnie Barrett Stretch '61, who coordinated Granddaughter/grandmother project for her class between Mary Lee and Lily*



*Preparing Rings and Roses: Chelsea Counsell, Class President. Jackelyn Guevera, Social Chair, and Lexi Meyers, Social Chair and Vice President-elect.*



*Chelsea Counsell, President Class of 2014, Chairing Rings and Roses Ceremony*



## Intro to 2014 Project from *Mary Lee Warren*

This will serve to introduce the so-called “grandmother/granddaughter project” that will activate a special relationship between the Class of 1964 and the Class of 2014.

This type of project, pioneered by the Class of 1960, pairs the graduating class with the 50th year reunion class. The project has taken different forms with successive classes and need not follow any particular design for our class. From recent visits to the campus, one astonishing sentiment is clear, namely, the MHC Class of 2014 is passionately enthusiastic about developing such a relationship with our Class.

This project can serve two purposes: i) offering opportunities for us to provide moral support and informal counsel to the students leading up to their graduation (and thereafter, if we/they choose); and ii) offering our class further means of connecting to the college. Individual participation in the project - on both sides - is intended to be purely voluntary and to be at whatever level, extent, or commitment as might feel appropriate at any time.

The 1964/2014 project is at a formative stage and all ideas, suggestions are solicited, but we need to begin forging means and methods of connecting sooner rather than later. Some examples of how 1964 might proceed include:

- collecting profiles of classmates who are thinking of participating (might list major at MHC, career path followed, geographic location today and/or through the years, challenges of balancing professional and personal lives, areas of interest today, and more) and making these available in a restricted access way to 2014 students who are interested in making a one-time, several time, or continuing connection;
- asking our classmates who live within 100 miles of the campus to attend Class of 2014 events to signal 1964’s interest in their efforts and progress;
- participating in a panel on campus during the September Mini-Reunion to present a kaleidoscope of our on-campus and after-MHC life stories (this is a special request from the 2014 Class Board);
- focusing particular attention on the greatly increased number of international students at MHC who miss the geographically closer family network of their American classmates;
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- finding ways to use our international interests, travel, work and/or living in foreign lands to work with the new Center for Global Initiatives and the Class of 2014; and
- so much more...

Connections to students in the Class of 2014 might develop as one-on-one on a continuing basis or might be a one-time offer of experience or insights in a particular field, graduate study, city, country, or what we took from MHC that has had lasting effect, etc. Such connections could be helpful as 2014 students plan for Intercession, summer internships, or after graduation. The way the connections proceed, once established, would be a individual matter. We, as a Class working with the 2014 Class Board, need to provide a means of making this connection -via the net, at on-campus activities, in our states/cities/communities and foreign lands.

What is needed now is a signal of interest from our Class and it would be helpful to learn who personally would like to participate (with no commitment regarding to what form or extent that participation might take later on). Please email Mary Lee Warren who is coordinating the start-up of the project with your interest and ideas. One other thing, it is generally agreed that we might like to consider calling this project something other than the "Grandmother/ granddaughter project." Please email your suggestion(s) for a better identifier.

*(Added 6/8/12)*

## **Alice Ulman Dustin on the Silks**

Previously, Alice's Spring '12 Quarterly item included a description of her studies at circus school. Silks was one of several studies she mentioned. Your co-scribe, Jean Vnenchak, did not know what that meant but fortunately Alice has a new video, "Inch-worm," which explains it all. It's 5-1/2 fascinating minutes of metamorphosis, truly confirming - you are only as old as you feel [or can move]. I recommend you treat yourself to the full video. It ends differently from the way it starts. Enjoy!

View Video: <https://youtu.be/jcyI9yufHRs>

*(Added 6/27/12)*

## **An Update from Marjorie Long Longenbaugh**

Dwayne and I lived in a tiny house in Colorado for years and years. We sold it and moved to a larger house over the state line in Farmington, NM. The new house seemed to have endless empty cabinets but in six years we filled them up! When we sold that house and moved to Albuquerque it was back to a small house. We had what we termed a pre-estate sale to shed all the possessions that would not fit in the new house. Having a small house helps to prevent accumulation - new stuff just won't fit! Rather extreme but we have never missed all the stuff we sold. I did take an anti-clutter class that also helped. I believe the anti-clutter class prompted me to go through files and produce at least seven large black garden trash bags of shredded paper for recycling. See the TRAVEL section on this website for more about Marj and Dwayne's travels.

*(Added 6/8/12)*



## An Update from Lily Klebanoff Blake

**Lily Klebanoff Blake** visited **Lil Menzi Barry** in Lausanne, Switzerland in January. While there, they toured along one side of Lake Geneva, looking at the vineyards and mountains, and had an elegant tea at the Hotel du Lac; yes, the same hotel as in the novel. Seeing Switzerland through Lil's eyes, who has lived there for so many years, was a very special experience.

Lil Menzi Barry visited New York in March and met Mary Pugh Clark, Mary Sinclair Rothenberg and Lily Klebanoff Blake for a fun lunch at a Turkish restaurant. It was a wonderful opportunity for friends to catch-up.

*(Added 6/8/12)*



*Lil Menzi Barry and Lily Klebanoff Blake in Hotel Du Lac in Vevey, Switzerland*

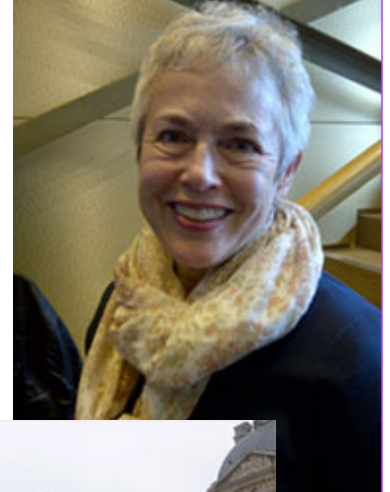


*Mary Pugh Clark, Lily Klebanoff Blake, Lil Menzi Barry, and Mary Sinclair Rothenberg in New York City*

## An Update from Susan Bass Marcus

We've spent a lot of time traveling this year, which is a benefit of retirement. In addition to visiting our adult children and their families, one in Fla. and the other in Wisc., we spent a week in Cuba (Havana, Santa Clara, Trinidad, and more) on a people-to-people exchange; and a culturally-rewarding week in Paris with our son and his sweet family. There we shared a 3br apt that looked out on Notre Dame Cathedral from Quai Montebello. Close to the croissants and baguettes of Eric Kayser, too.

*(Submitted 5/27/12)*



## An Update from Edie Mendez

In early February, Priscilla Morse Huston, Nancy Chambers Goff, Edie Prentice Mendez, Sarah Allen Mowitt and Lenore Wadzinski Yousef adventured to the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge to see the migrating whooping cranes. More details on and pictures from their wonderful trip are posted in our travel section. Click to View.

*(Submitted 5/4/12)*



Sarah, Edie, Priscilla, Nancy and Lenore in Houston



Whooping Cranes in Texas



## An Update from Mary Pugh Clark

Having retired in 2006 after teaching high school history for 38 years, Mary feels that in 2011 her life gelled. Her photograph of the sidewalk graffiti “Become Your Dream” coupled with her shoes was selected to be shown at and to be the invitation for a photography show celebrating Women’s History Month in Jersey City. Three other photos taken in Egypt (2010) and Vietnam (2011) were also included in the show. Remarkably, in August a little pale pink ranch house with a finished basement became a dream come true for Mary and her 14-year old cat Dante. Enjoying the light, space and serenity of her new place, Mary has begun a book of photos taken around her home. The tentative title is “Tasty Pink House Treats”.

As things keep evolving Mary is taking another photo course and has expanded her book project. She is combining photos shot around her home that give her pleasure with shots of things that keep her grounded when she treks around New York City. Mary hopes her viewers will feel how the images work to bring her calm and focus and be inspired to see in similar ways. Hearing a man rant on the subway about images, imagination, magic, and the magi, Mary has a new working title for the project: “Comfort and Joy”.

*(Submitted 3/20/12)*

Here are some of Mary’s photos.





## Some Recent News about **Kitty Rabinow**:

When Kitty Rabinow began playing with a digital camera, she knew immediately that she was having fun and then came to the realization that with her camera and computer she was able to expose something unexpected within everyday images. Follow the references below and let Kitty help you envision everyday things in new beautiful and fascinating ways.

In February and March 2012, Kitty had exhibits in Houston TX at the Jung Center and the Peel Gallery.

### **The Jung Center (Top and Middle)**

SEEING WITH THE SOUL: FOREVER JUNG was the title of her display at The Jung Center during the month of February 2012. Go to [www.guidrynews.com](http://www.guidrynews.com) to hear an interview between Kitty and Guidry News in which she mentions MHC and Mary Lyon. Here are a couple of selections from the exhibit that were on display but please go to [kathrynabinowphotography.net](http://kathrynabinowphotography.net) to learn a little more about Kitty's fascination and talent with photography and to take a look at her Albums, especially the one labeled GALLERY SHOW 2008-9.



### **The Peel Gallery (At bottom)**

A small exhibit of Kitty Rabinow's photographic work was displayed at the Peel Gallery during Fotofest 2012. Kitty gave a brief talk about why she does what she does in the realm of photography on March 15th. The title of the gallery talk was: Concrete Sequential or Abstract Random: Seeing Through the Lens of a Camera. For a peek at some of Kitty's photos, go to [www.kathrynabinowphotography.net](http://www.kathrynabinowphotography.net)



*(Submitted 3/8/12)*

## An update from **Marj Long Longenbaugh**

In November 2006 we went to the Big Island and rented a vacation home for three months. Lots of visits from friends and family but as we prepared to return home we realized we weren't quite through with Hawaii. We leased a condo in Hilo on the rainy side of the Big Island and spent a year moving between our mile high, arid home in Albuquerque and our sea level, damp condo in Hilo.

Dwayne and I are enthusiastic birdwatchers and that has inspired most of our travels. In 2008 we went to India for birds and tigers. We saw four tigers - three of them from elephant-back - as well as innumerable birds, the Taj Mahal and an amazingly colorful country.

For the last three years we have spent two or three weeks in Brazil for birds and jaguars. We traveled in the Southern Amazon and the Pantanal. The Pantanal is an amazing wetland roughly the size of France which floods during the rainy season and teems with wildlife as the receding water concentrates them during the dry season.

Last year we went to Africa for the first time; Tanzania, more specifically, to experience the wildebeest migration in the Serengeti. Truly an amazing experience! We stayed in a Serengeti tented camp in May right in the middle of hundreds of thousands of wildebeests along with their accompanying zebras and predators. One morning I was awakened at 3AM by the sound of wildebeests right outside the tent - so close I could hear them pulling up grass and chewing.

This year the big trip is Panama - again for birds but we have added butterflies and photography to our quests. Dwayne has started a photo card business, which allows him to share his photographs in about 8 local outlets including our natural food co-op and the Nature Store at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

*(Submitted 2/24/12)*

## An update from Alice Ullman Dustin

Following my dreams has taken a few turns and twists these past years. After a low key career in the teaching field, I taught French for many years, almost always part-time at every level from nursery school, elementary, middle, high school, college and adult lessons, private, public, city and suburbs. I branched out to teaching English to speakers of other languages and to substitute teaching both in the inner city and the suburbs. Then in 1999 I began to paint (oils) and sell in galleries which I am still doing today. The economy has slumped since my beginning, but it hasn't stopped my interest or production! It only means that the basement/studio fills faster and faster with my "private collection"! On the side, I had practiced judo for maybe 10 years or so, culminating in my first [and only] two competitions at age 59, (I came in third in a field of 4 and then third in a field of 3.) Reluctantly, but prudently I gave that up for safety sake for circus arts that I now study at our local circus school (Philadelphia School of Circus Arts) where I have been practicing for almost 7 years now. I've performed in our student shows and in one "professional" production in the Philadelphia Fringe Festival as an audience plant. (I've never had more fun!) It was surprising to me (but not to my children) that I enjoy the performance aspect to this "sport". At circus school I study aerials: trapeze, silks, corde lisse (rope), and Chinese pole and Chinese acrobatics. On the side I'm practicing juggling and did learn to ride a unicycle on my own at age 50 (though I haven't practiced in a good 10 years...) If you are interested in seeing my artwork (it's for sale!!) please check my website: [www.alicedustin.com](http://www.alicedustin.com) and to see my aerial stunts you can check youtube under my name and even see my 30 second flying trapeze lesson if you look me up under a dustin flying trapeze.

Also my work "Stripes from Above with Red Checks" will be part of the exhibit "Beyond the Ordinary Still Life", which will be at the Artists' House Gallery, 57 North Second Street, Philadelphia, PA from Feb. 29 through Apr. 1. I plan to be at the Friday night reception, March 2. (Submitted 2/24/12)



Apple and Hydrangea



Three Bathing Beauties



Red Checked table Cloth



## **Note from Ellen Nutter**

Hope has just left today after the weekend here in Asheville. We spent one day hiking in the mountains (complete with drenching thunderstorm. You already know that Hope was totally cheerful throughout.) Sunday we spent touring Asheville on the tourist trolley. Today we walked in Riverside Cemetery to see Thomas Wolfe's grave. I hope Hope had as good a time as Dave and I did.

Dave and I spent several weeks in May in N. England going to his 50th reunion at Tufts, and visiting friends, including Sarah. She is such a gracious hostess, in her lovely house with a view of the coast. Rockport is delightful, and we were able to spend time with Barbara Nelson, who has a house in nearby Gloucester. I am so sorry that Barbara could not come of the trip with us, but it was great to see her. A real highlight was going to the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, where there is a real Chinese house, complete with furniture. It was lived in by several generations of a merchant family, up to and including the communist period. One memorable thing was a loudspeaker installed in the main room, so that communist instructions, exhortations, etc. would be broadcast right to every family. The closest thing we saw to it was the guild house in Chongching, but this gives you a better idea of how individual families actually lived. (Well-to-do families)

I have become active at the N. Carolina Center for Creative Retirement, working on a strategic plan, and volunteering as a facilitator for their weekend program called Paths to a Creative Retirement. The College for Seniors fall semester starts in Sept, and I plan to take Islam, Religion and Politics, and probably a few others - difficult to choose. My sister was here for a month, including the first night Hope was here. We are now bereft of guests.

*(Added 8/15/11)*

## **Libby Bradbury Pethick Writes:**

Patricia Napper Knudsen and I are trying to get together once a year. In the summer of 2010, she visited us during the hottest week of the summer, so hot that our excursions were confined to expeditions to the mall. This September, Larry and I visited Patricia and her husband Knud at their home near Copenhagen, where the weather was more cooperative. We met their two newest grandchildren and became reacquainted with the three older ones, did some sightseeing, ate wonderful meals and talked nonstop. I am so grateful for our friendship that started almost 50 years ago, continues today and includes our husbands and families.

*(Added 10/26/11)*

**Nancy Goff,  
Catherine Milton,  
Mary Dee Beall,  
and Marilyn Bau-  
riedel** spent the day

in Nappa visiting the  
Sterling Winery and  
The Olive Oil Factory.

It was a deliciously  
good day to be in Napa  
Valley. It was so convivial, and the wine tour was deluxe! We loved every minute and  
all the good company!

*(Added 12-8-11)*



On a perfect July day, Sarah [Sally] Allen Mowitt, Priscilla Morse Huston, Nancy Chambers Goff, Susan Nicholson, Vicki Diez-Canseco, Marion Foster, Betsy Beatty Gable, and your scribe for this column, Jean Vnenchak gathered at Barbara Scott Nelson's cottage near Gloucester. Conversation was not lacking during walks along the shore. We were so interested in finding out who we are at this age and stage of life experience, with a lot more to discover. Our wide ranging discussions included our amazement that we were approaching our 50th reunion along with reminiscences about what we had thought of those who celebrated their 50th at our graduation. Sue gave us a better understanding of issues in the Middle East when she talked of her recent experiences in Lebanon.

(Added 10-6-11)



ABOVE: Barbara Scott Nelson preparing Swordfish Kebabs

RIGHT TOP: Barbara Scott Nelson and Jean Vnenchak

LEFT TOP: Priscilla Morse Huston, Sarah Allen Mowitt, Jean Vnenchak, and Nancy Chambers Goff



RIGHT MIDDLE: Betsy Beatty Gable and Susan Nicholson

RIGHT BOTTOM: Vicki Diez-Canseco and Priscilla Morse Huston



LEFT BOTTOM: Charlotte, Sarah Allen Mowitt, Nancy Chambers Goff and Marion Foster





**Betsy Beatty Gable** writes that she and her husband and **Sue Davis, Carol Carter Stevens, Alison Pedicord Schleifer**, and their husbands gathered in Rockport, MA for the town's annual garden tour, plus a lot of good food and catching up. Sue has self-published her novel, "Love Means Second Chances", Carol and husband, Bruce, are in the process of selling their RI home, Alison and husband, Jim, are enjoying a well-deserved vacation in Canada, and Betsy and Bruce are thinking seriously about retirement in the not-too-distant future.

*(Added 10-17-11)*

**Nancy Chambers Goff** writes that in June, she and **Ellan Odiorne Darrow** had a day touring Oxford where Ellan has lived for the past 32 years. Ellan is contemplating a walk on Hadrian's Wall to celebrate her 70th birthday. Ellan added: I've just returned from 4 1/2 days at the Port Eliot Festival in Cornwall. Started as an alternative literary festival, it now features authors, music, cooking, film and more and is held on the grounds of the Earl of St. German's country house. The highpoints for me were hearing Edmund de Waal discuss his work in progress and Kate Winslett read a children's story.

*(Added 10-17-11)*

**Mary Ann Lytle Anthony** has sent us an update about her granddaughter, Brittney:

"Brittney was accepted to Mount Holyoke and will be a member of the class of 2015! She received a "legacy" scholarship grant because of her family connections to the college and a Mary Lyon scholarship grant. She and I are thrilled! She has been to an orientation weekend, stayed overnight and shadowed a student through a day of classes. She came home with the requisite sweatshirt and Mount Holyoke grand parent mugs for Bob and me.

"Her younger sister (15) is now talking about applying to Amherst College, her grandfather's alma mater. My husband is beside himself at the thought, since neither of our sons could be persuaded to apply to Amherst when they were looking at colleges. Cassidy certainly know how to please her Grampa!"

*(Added 6-21-11)*

**Susan Schuck Hirst** writes: after working in Oak Ridge, Tennessee for 20 years as a middle school guidance counselor, my husband, Eric, and I moved to Bellingham, Washington 9 years ago to be near our daughters and our grandchildren. I teach HIV/AIDS classes for the local Red Cross. I have twice been to Ghana, Africa, to teach about AIDS and help build and support an orphanage in the small coastal town of Axim.

In February of this year I joined a group that went to Haiti. It included my daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons, aged 8 and 10. We hiked 8 hot and dusty miles into the mountains (up 3000 feet) to camp at a school that serves over 400 children in a high mountainous area. Some students walk barefoot 2 hours each way to reach the school. We provided dental services, worked on the building and grounds, and lined up financial support for uniforms and school fees to enable more students to attend. I found the people warm and generous and the poverty in Haiti incredibly sad!

We are enjoying our life in Bellingham, close to the ocean, mountains and, especially, our families.

I'm sending a couple of pictures from Ghana - in one I am working with science teachers, in the other holding a sleeping boy who is one of the children in the children's home we sponsor there.

*(Added: 6/1/2011)*

