

Fairfield Museum Board Nominees for 2025-2026

Officers:

Steven F. Schiffman, *President*

Steve is the retired CFO of Devonshire Investors (the private investment arm of Fidelity Investments) and as President of Eight Roads (the international venture capital group of Fidelity). He has over 35 years of corporate experience, including roles at Starwood Hotels, PepsiCo and Ford Motor Co. Steve has served on multiple corporate Boards and chaired a number of Audit & Risk Committees. He is currently on the Board of Advisors of the Int'l Business School at Brandeis University. Steve, his wife D'vorah and son Izzy have lived in Fairfield since 1998, after relocating here from Hong Kong. They own a prominent historic home in the heart of town which they've lovingly restored to period.

Laura Wilson, *Vice President*

Laura is a Senior Executive Producer at Penguin Random House Audio. Before joining PRH Audio, she was the Executive Director of Production at Macmillan Audio, and she has worked in the audiobook industry for the past 20 years. During that time, she's produced numerous Grammy-nominated and Audie Award-winning programs. Laura worked as a talk-show radio producer at WNYC in New York for a number of years before discovering audiobooks. She served on the board of Music Haven in New Haven from 2012-2017. Laura and her family have lived in Fairfield since 1998.

Chris Daley, *Treasurer*

Chris and his family have lived in Fairfield since 1992. He is co-founder of a Fairfield-based private equity investment firm and has been in banking and investing for over 30 years. Chris serves on numerous corporate Boards, as well as the Boards of the Fairfield Beach Club and Fairfield American Little League. He received a BA in Economics from Cornell and an MBA from The Wharton School (University of Pennsylvania).

Susan Bonner, *Secretary*

Susan is owner of The Golden Ribbon, a corporate gift service which she started in 1987. She graduated with a BA from Vassar College and worked for *Redbook Magazine* and J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agency early in her career. She was also Editor in Chief and Publisher of a monthly magazine she started in 1978 called *Profiles Magazine*. Susan sits on the Board of The Near & Far Aid Association and served as its President from 2007-2009. She has served on the Annual Giving Committees for Greens Farms Academy, Deerfield Academy, Williams College and Trinity College, and was a past Board member of the Nature Center in Westport (Earthplace). Susan has lived in Fairfield County her whole life. She is married to Larry Erdmann and they reside in Easton.

Returning Board Nominees for the Class of 2028

Susan Bonner

See above

Chris Daley

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Tom Mindrum

After graduating from Carleton College with a B.A. in economics, Tom pursued a career in consumer package goods marketing and marketing services. He was a co-founder of Catalina Marketing Corporation, a provider of consumer promotions in supermarkets, drug stores and mass merchandisers. Tom also founded and published Soccer Jr., The Soccer Magazine for Kids. He has served on corporate boards for Catalina Marketing, Health Resource Publishing Co. and Triplepoint, Inc., and on non-profit boards for Wakeman Boys & Girls Club, Burroughs Community Center and Students Partnership Worldwide/Restless Development.

Jason Mudd

Jason is currently a Managing Partner of Cindy Raney & Team, a luxury real estate advisory firm that he founded with his wife in 2020. Prior to advising clients on real estate, Jason worked for nearly 20 years in private and consumer banking for Bank of America and J.P. Morgan. From 2015-2017 Jason served on the Fairfield Museum's Finance Committee. He is currently the Vice Chair of the Yale New Haven Bridgeport Hospital Foundation. A graduate of Washington University (St. Louis), Jason and his wife Cindy, share 5 children and have lived together in Fairfield since 2018.

New Board member nominees for the Class of 2028:

John Traynor

John Traynor is President of Cambridge Trust Wealth Management Connecticut. Prior to joining Cambridge Trust in 2022, John served as CIO, EVP of People's United Advisors since 2011 where he directed the overall investment process. Prior to People's he served as Director of

Investment Strategy and Alternative Investments at Hawthorn, a \$22 billion family office in the PNC Financial Services Group.

John earned his B.S. in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance at Villanova University. He is actively involved in the Fairfield community where he serves as Chairman of OARS and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Southport Congregational Church. He is a member of the Patterson Club, Saugatuck Rowing Club, and the University Barge Club.

Monica McGrath

Monica's connection to Fairfield began in 1983 when she attended Fairfield University. Following her graduation, she gained professional experience as a sales representative at Xerox Corporation in Manhattan. In 1997, she and her husband Brian returned to Fairfield, where they raised their four children, taking advantage of all the community had to offer.

Monica has a history of active community engagement, particularly within educational settings. She co-chaired both the Dragon Store at Greens Farms Academy (GFA) and the "Learning to Look" art appreciation program for elementary students. At Fairfield Country Day School (FCDS), she was involved in the parents' association and the school library. Additionally, she served as a religious education instructor at St. Thomas and St. Pius X parishes in Fairfield. Monica has also been a dedicated volunteer with Operation Hope for over two decades. More recently, she continues to support Fairfield University and contributes her time to the Beach and Women's Golf committees at the Country Club of Fairfield.