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Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon welcomes four new trustees to its board of directors

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On Saturday, May 13, the Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon board of directors elected four new members to its ranks: Susan Henshaw Jones, Martha McMaster, Toby Rose, and John Schobel.

Jones retired in 2015 from the Museum of the City of New York, where she'd been the Ronay Menschel Director since 2003. During that time she stabilized the museum's finances, increased annual visitorship from less than 100,000 to nearly a quarter of a million, updated the programming, and led a 10-year, \$97 million renovation and modernization of the museum building.

McMaster is a retired educator, social worker, and psychotherapist. She has lived in Ghent since 1986 and has been a trustee of The Olana Partnership, the Columbia-Greene Hospital Foundation, and the Columbia Land Conservancy. Currently she is a member of the board of the Hudson Children's Book Festival Literacy Fund.

Rose and her husband Benjamin have been collecting Shaker pieces since 1966 and their collection has been exhibited widely on the West Coast. Rose was the founder of and later advisor to the San Francisco Fall Antiques show and has served on the boards of the Museum of Craft and Folk Art and the Museum of Performance and Design in San Francisco, and other organizations.

Schobel is the CEO of RegEd, the market-leading provider of regulatory compliance education and enterprise solutions for the financial services industry, serving more than 600 firms with one



Susan Henshaw Jones



Toby Rose

million end users. John holds a B.A. from New York University and a J.D. from Washington University in Saint Louis and is on the Historic Preservation Commission for Hudson.

“These four individuals bring a remarkable wealth of experience and insight to the board. Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon has made tremendous progress over the past year to raise its profile and chart an exciting new path forward and I look forward to working with our incoming trustees to build on recent successes,” said Paul Cassidy, chair of the board.



John Schobel

The museum will celebrate the opening of its historic site for the summer season with a free community picnic on June 17 at 6:00.

All are welcome. On offer this summer are the exhibition *Break Every Yoke: Shakers, gender equality, and women's suffrage*, as well as the installations *Shaker Woodworkers* and *Shaker Blacksmiths*. The site and exhibitions are accessible by guided tour Friday through Monday between 10:00 and 4:00.

Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon stewards the historic site in New Lebanon, New York, which is open from June to October and offers tours, exhibitions, and public programs. The museum also has a campus in Old Chatham, New York, open year round by appointment, where the administrative offices, collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection of over 56,000 Shaker items is the most comprehensive collection of its kind in the world. Please visit www.shakerml.org for more information.