



**Arts Center/Old Forge -- Annual Meeting, September 13, 2010  
Nominees for Board of Directors**

Board Member Chris Gaige (nominated for 1st term), of Old Forge, co-owns Rivett's Marina with his wife Diane. He holds a BS in Business and an MBA from Syracuse University. He currently serves on the Art Center's finance committee. Other local affiliations include: National Ski Patrol, Old Forge, Central Adirondack Kiwanis, Vice President, KYAC (Kommunity Youth Activity Center Old Forge) President. Boating Industries Association (Governmental Affairs Committee), CAA (Central Adirondack Association) Finance Committee and CAP-21 Finance Committee. Chris has served on the Finance Committee of the Arts Center, and was appointed to the board in May 2010 to fill a vacant position.

Board Member Katie Noonan (nominated for 2nd term), of Old Forge and Saratoga Springs, NY graduated from Syracuse University with a double major in Speech Communication and French Language, Literature and Culture and a minor in Linguistics. She works as Vice President and Director of Marketing for her family's businesses Enchanted Forest/Water Safari, Calypso's Cove, Old Forge Camping Resort and Water's Edge Inn. She has been on the Arts Center Board of Directors since 2007. During that period Katie has served as Acting Secretary, Chair of the Marketing Committee and has participated in various other committees including Paddlefest committee, membership committee, construction of new building committee, gallery/exhibition committee, performance committee and film festival/film series committee.

Frances Parent (nominated for first term), a former Town Of Webb graduate, is a Certified Financial Planner and Principal & Officer of Greenleaf Financial, Glens Falls, NY since 1991. She Carries Series 6, 7 and 24 licenses and is Director of Finance at Great Camp Sagamore. Since 1990 has owned and operated "Finders' Keepers", an Adirondack gift store. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Town of Webb Health Center Fund and the Kinderwood Program Ltd. as Finance & Fundraising Committee member. Additionally she served as Vice President of the Glens Falls School PTA, past volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Business and Professional Women. She and her husband Bill have two children Emily and Matthew and currently reside in Glens Falls, NY and Inlet. Frances serves on the Finance Committee of the Arts Center.

Treasurer Deborah Ritz (nominated for second term), a lifetime resident of Old Forge, was educated in the Town of Webb School system, holds an Associates degree in science and is a Registered Nurse. Additionally she is an independent insurance adjuster, bookkeeper and has successfully owned and operated five retail business locations in upstate New York. She has operated her own Tax Preparation Business for the past 29 years participating in tax preparation education. She had a previous term on the Arts Center Board. She served as Treasurer and was instrumental in developing the Business Membership and computerizing the finances. Debi has served on many committees including the Executive committee, budget and finance committee, capital campaign committee, membership committee, Director search committee, Central Adirondack Art Show committee, Craft Fair (chairperson), building and grounds committee and Plein Air paint out committee

Board Member Bill Simpson (nominated for first term), formerly of Rochester, NY, holds a B.S in Business Administration from Rochester Institute of Technology and most recently was employed by Nixon Peabody LLP, Rochester, NY as a Chief Human Resources Officer. Prior to that he was Director, Human Resources, World-

wide Distribution Logistics at Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester. He brings seasoned Human Resource experience, strong professional capabilities and excellent interpersonal skills to the board. Bill has served on several boards in the Rochester Area including: Medical Motor Services, Career Development Services, Leadership Rochester, Genesee Country Museum and The Greater Rochester Diversity Council of which he was a founding member. He has also served, as a United Way Campaign Chair, coached Little League and soccer teams, is a veteran of the USMC and a current member of the Old Forge American Legion Post. Bill and his wife Kathy have two sons, Patrick, an attorney in Rochester and, Christopher, a Captain in the Marine Corps. The Simpson's were seasonal residents of Old Forge since 1998 and now call Old Forge home after Bill's retirement in April 2009

Board Member Edward Stafford (nominated for second term), of Old Forge graduated from Waynesburg University with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. Served in the United States Air Force where he went thru Officers Training to become a pilot. Retired in 1992 after a 31-year flying career as Captain with a commercial airline. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster. Career accomplishments include: Daedalian Award and The Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" award. Worked with Habitat for Humanity and has locally been involved with the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association in Old Forge NY serving on the Board of Directors for many years. He is a member of the OF American Legion and the Thendara Golf Club. Ed enjoys travel, photography, and woodworking and lives with his wife Heather. During his term on the Board of Directors of TAG he has served on the nominating committee (Chairman), finance committee, construction committee for the new building, house tour committee, capital campaign committee and building and grounds committee. He was also the board liaison for the Advisory Council for two years.