

# The Auchinleck Argus!



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“PERHAPS the finest example of an eighteenth century country villa to survive in Scotland, Auchinleck House is where the renowned biographer James Boswell indulged his penchant for ‘old laird and family ideas’. Built around 1760 by Boswell’s father Lord Auchinleck, its architect is unknown; it seems likely that Lord Auchinleck himself had a hand in the neo-Classical design, perhaps influenced by the Adam brothers. Boswell’s friend and mentor Dr. Samuel Johnson famously argued over politics with Lord Auchinleck in the library here, when they visited at the end of their tour of the Hebrides in 1773. Once inherited by Boswell, the house was host to much ‘social glee’, which he recorded in his Book of Company and Liquors.

Auchinleck House itself expresses the rich spirit of the Scottish Enlightenment, combining Classical purity in the main elevation with a baroque exuberance in the pavilions and the elaborately carved pediment. We have restored not only the house with its magnificent library looking across to Arran, but also the pavilions, the obelisks and the great bridge across the Dippol Burn, on whose picturesque banks are an ice-house and grotto.

Visitors to the house pass beneath an extract, chosen from Horace by Lord Auchinleck, carved into the pediment: *Quod petis, hic est, Est Ulubris, animus si te non deficit aequus* (‘Whatever you seek is here, in this remote place, if only you have a good firm mind’). We are sure this will speak as clearly to those who stay at Auchinleck today as it did to James Boswell himself.”

**GARDEN PARTY.** In all our UK houses we’ve had a ‘Garden Party’ on the first Sunday from 4pm onward. This year the gathering will fall on Sunday the 16th of September. Invite your UK friends.

**TRAVEL INFO:** There is train service between Glasgow and Auchinleck (the town not the house). Travel time is just under 1 hour. There are many trains a day. For schedules and fares, check <http://www.qjump.co.uk>.

**SUMMER GATHERING:** Come to Jaffrey Center, NH, for our summer gathering, to get acquainted/reacquainted, trade notes, socialize and find out who’s going where and when and how. It is likely to be in mid to later July. Date to be chosen once we know what works best for all.

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## Auchin-lechers:

### Claire Bean

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Claire lives next door to Rob. They are good friends along with Mary, who lives up the road. Claire’s a Wheaton grad and a self-described “gadabout” (which Webster defines as a “restless seeker after fun...”) She plays tennis and golf and is seen frequently in the environs taking long walks. She is what the Seinfeld gang would describe as a “loud talker” (for Claire, a telephone is optional for conversation within the village).

Claire was at Sackville House in 2003 and Sant’ Antonio in 2004.

PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS: ??

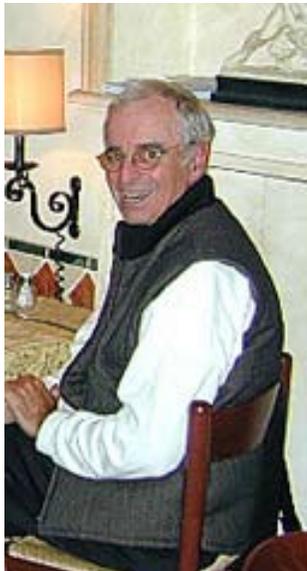


## Nancy & Ray Carroll

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Nancy retired in 2002 from the Music Department at the Community College of Rhode Island where she taught composition, theory, and music history. Half-way through her 15-year tenure she also became CCRI's Chorus Director. Her first BA degree in accounting from the University of Rhode Island led to a distaste for that career, but, after raising four sons, graduate degrees in composition and choral conducting from The Boston Conservatory led to a truly joyful "gig." The past two years have been spent in shedding academe and shopping for a new all-weather environmental outfit. As a start, she and husband Ray have become monitors for URI's Watershed Watch project.



Ray retired in June of 2003 as the University of Rhode Island's Capital Projects Manager after 45 years in the construction industry, closing out his career where he earned his civil engineering degree in 1958. He supervised the construction of over 1,000 buildings during that time, including Boston's One Financial Plaza and Providence's One Citizen Plaza. His favorite projects, though, included URI's spawning pool, several physical therapy centers and gyms, and Ballentine Hall, URI's state-of-the-art business classroom building. These days Ray lifts weights and plays basketball (golf in the summer) six days a week. In May of 2003 he went down to Norfolk, VA and represented Rhode Island in the Senior Olympics in both of those sports. He only sits to read the sports news, do a crossword puzzle or paddle his new red canoe for URI's Watershed Watch.

Nancy and Ray were at Sant' Antonio in 2004.

PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS: ??



## David P. Fogle

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David is an urban planner and preservationist. He has retired as director of the University of Maryland Graduate Program in Historic Preservation and recently was made Emeritus Professor of Architecture. Leaving the Washington scene a few years ago he now resides in the Maritime Republic of Eastport, a peninsula attached to Annapolis, Maryland, and is Eastport's Ambassador to Ancient Kingdoms of Britain. He is president of the Annapolis Preservation Trust, the Hazelwood Historical Society, the Burnside Society and serves on several boards, including the Maryland Heritage Alliance, a lobbying group.

David was at Goddards in 1999, Villa Saraceno in 2000, Gargunock in 2001, Wortham in 2002 and Cloth Fair in 2005.



PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS:??

## Marny Gannett

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Marny is a friend of Claire's and lives in the next town of Dublin. She grew up outside of Boston and moved to Francestown and Peterborough with her former husband in 1973 when he purchased Crotched Mountain Ski Area which they ran for 20 years. After raising four children, Marny went back to school and worked as an archeologist throughout the 90s. Today, she is found either traveling or kayaking down some meandering river while planning a future trip to China.

This is Marny's first Landmark Trust houseparty.

PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS: ??



## **Rick and Duffy Monahon**

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Rick and Duffy are practicing architects in the field of historic preservation as well as serving institutional clients throughout New England. Duffy, a graduate of the University of Maryland (a student of the ubiquitous David Fogle) began her practice in Washington, D.C. managing good efforts in the district and some significant failures as well (Rhodes Tavern). Since their marriage over 20 years ago, they have co-practiced under Rick's named doing residential and institutional design and historic preservation.

Recent preoccupations have been the construction of our "far too large house" at 4Winds Farm, Duffy's ancestral home in Peterborough. Our daughter Sophie, now 22, is attending Columbia. As a family we have visited most of Europe with an emphasis on castles in Sophie's younger years. Boutiques, Markets & Art in London, Paris, Venice and Spain to round out Sophie's education.

Between travel and work 4Winds provides us with several hundred acres of forestry, animal husbandry (20, perhaps more, sheep), and landscape design; Duffy does the gardens and Rick the trees.

Rick & Duffy were at Gargunock in 2001; Duffy at Wortham in 2002 and Sant' Antonio in 2004.

PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS: ??



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I grew up in Richmond, Virginia, moved to New York in the 50s, and have been in NY/NJ ever since. I raised my now-grown children and worked in publishing in New York, moving to New Jersey in the early 70s. I've most recently been a travel editor at Fodor's, and am now retired (though I still travel as much as I can). In 2005 I bought a house in southwest France, from which I'll travel to Auchinleck. As with past Landmark Trust trips, I'm interested in seeing historic buildings and gardens and, of course, eating, drinking and conversing well into the evening.

Conrad was at Villa Saraceno in 2000, Gargunock in 2001, Wortham in 2002, Sackville House in 2003 and Sant' Antonio in 2004.

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## **Mary Payson**

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Mary (Carleton College; University of Wisconsin BA 1951 German; Defense Language Institute, West Coast 1974 Farsi) lived in Athens 1954-57 as a military wife, and in Tehran, on and off from 1960 until the Shah abdicated in 1979. Leaving Iran for the last time, Col. Batiste (d. Aug 1979) and Mary settled into their 1810 Cape, in the village of Jaffrey Center, in the shadow of Mount Monadnock. She has been climbing mountains and actively participating in historic preservation and in the life of the village ever since. Mary was married to Bill Payson from 1985 until his death in 2000. Her son and daughter and eight grandchildren ranging in age from 13 to 27 years keep her on her toes. Elizabeth lives in Raleigh, NC; Major General (ret) John is now in president of Klein Steel in Rochester. Rob is her friend and neighbor. For the past twenty years Mary's days have begun, weather notwithstanding, with a four-mile walk before breakfast. Gardens surround her house in summer, winters are for cross-country skiing.



Conrad, Krista and Mary

Mary was at Gargunock in 2001, Wortham in 2002, Sackville House in 2003, Sant' Antonio in 2004 and Cloth Fair in 2005.

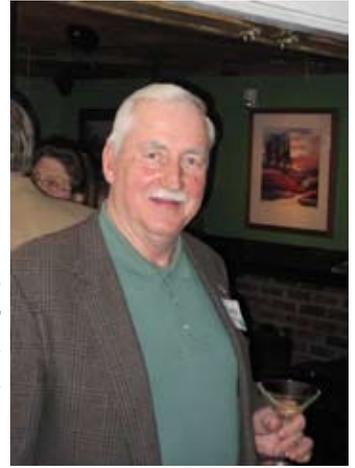
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### **Ann and Charlie Royce**

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Charlie and Ann Royce were both born and raised in Jaffrey. They are retired educators, he having taught for 30 years in the ConVal School District as a Junior High Science teacher and she in the Jaffrey Rindge District as an elementary teacher and at St. Patricks School as teaching Principal. Charles served in the Marine Corps as a Drill Instructor and was later assigned to the Embassy in Vienna. He completed his education at Keene State and UNH on the GI Bill. For ten years they lived at Monadnock State Park while Charles was Manager. The two have been actively involved in community, Charles on the Conservation Commission and the Jaffrey Planning Board, Ann as chair of the Monadnock Advisory Commission. She was on the first Historic District Commission. After retirement from teaching Charles served 14 years in the NH Legislature and was Chairman of Resources, Recreation and Development. Now in his third retirement stage, he manages his acreage at the foot of Monadnock, cutting wood and mowing his pastures. He is building a cabin in the woods. Ann is an avid gardener, a member of the Monadnock Garden Club and is a Cheshire County Master Gardener. She plays tennis as often as possible. They are also involved in a group to protect the environs of Mt. Monadnock. The Royces have one daughter who is married and lives in Deerfield. She is an engineer for the Town of Exeter.



This is Ann and Charlie's first Landmark Trust houseparty.

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### **Rob Stephenson**

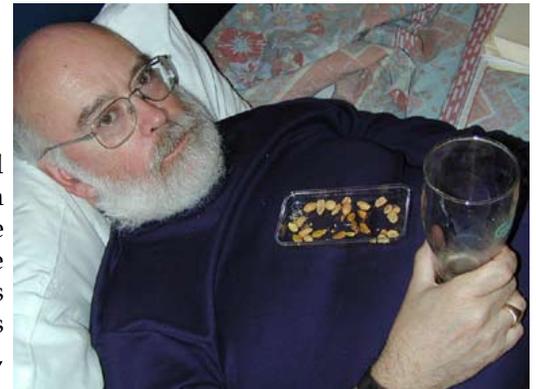
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Rob is an alumnus of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, has worked as a planner in New York and Boston and since 1992 has been involved in a variety of preservation, heritage tourism, writing and computer database projects working from his house in the village of Jaffrey Center where he also tends to find himself in the middle of controversial local issues. He's been working on his old house for over a quarter century now and it was recently declared finished. His major interest these days is the Antarctic, particularly the history of Antarctic exploration and its literature.

Rob was at Goddards in 1999, Villa Saraceno in 2000, Gargunock in 2001, Wortham in 2002 and Sackville House in 2003, Sant' Antonio in 2004 and Cloth Fair in 2005.

**PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS:** The week before Auchinleck Rob will be at Gargunock for a reunion of those he went through Africa with 35 years ago. He may go to France after Auchinleck if others go to visit Conrad. Rob will be renting a small car, picking it up and dropping it off probably at Glasgow Airport.



### **Krista Yasvin**

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Krista first met Rob ten or more years ago when she and Michael Havey worked together on a book design, and have enjoyed collaborating with Rob on various projects over the years. Krista spends most of her time in France, where she does decorative painting and is now establishing her new career as a *trompe l'oeil* and mural painter. When time and circumstances permit she paints, sails (and races), SCUBA dives, and travels.

Krista was at Gargunock in 2001, Wortham in 2002, Sant' Antonio in 2004 and Cloth Fair in 2005.

**PRELIMINARY TRAVEL PLANS:** Krista probably will be coming directly from France.