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Krista first met Rob ten years ago when they worked together on a book design. She and her husband (Michael Havey) have a graphic design studio in Hancock, NH and have enjoyed collaborating with Rob on various projects over the years. Having just returned from France, where she studied decorative painting for a year, she is now embarking on a new career as a *trompe l'oeil* and mural painter. When time and circumstances permit she paints, sails (and races), scuba dives, and travels.

TRAVEL PLANS: Going first to France of April 9, then from Nantes to Gargunnock on the 27th, then back to France.



Rick & Duffy Monahon

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Rick and Duffy, practicing architects in the field of historic preservation as well as serving institutional clients throughout New England, are world travelers when work permits. Rick, a MIT MArch, began his NH practice in 1971, managing the restoration of Harrisville's Landmark Mills. 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 our marriage 18 years ago, we 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. We have also shepherded Sophie, now 16, to her junior year at Milton Academy, Duffy's *alma mater*. As a family we have visited most of Europe with an emphasis on castles in Sophie's younger years. Boutiques and Markets in London and Paris have been the feature recently.

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

We look forward to meeting the Gargunnockians that we don't know and to a stimulating introduction to Scotland.

TRAVEL PLANS: Will be renting a car with Gene.

Gene Diaz

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A visual artist and educator at Lesley University in Cambridge, Gene found her way into this group as a friend of Rick and Duffy Monahon. New to the northeast, Gene spent the last 10 years in New Orleans, where she completed her graduate work at the University of New Orleans, while she lived on the bayou, ate lots of oysters, and listened to some great jazz. She lived for about 12 years in Latin America as the wife of a Colombian diplomat, speaks fluent Spanish and on occasion can be found dancing salsa, merengue and cumbia. She has two grown children, loves to cook, eat, and take long walks.

TRAVEL PLANS: Will be renting a car with Rick and Duffy.



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Gargunnockians:

Chip & Myrna Fawcett

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Last year's notes: Chip has known David since 1947 (classmates at Princeton). Now an attorney (semi-retired), Chip was a city planner for 25 years before going to law school. He also studied architecture at PU but didn't finish, graduating in Politics; then a masters' degree in planning from University of North Carolina, JD from Georgetown. He worked in various roles as a planner, policy analyst, and whatever until he married Myrna and joined her in their law firm.

Last year's notes: Myrna has known David since 1987. She graduated in History from Barnard and Georgetown Law School. She's practiced law since law school. She also was a partner on a shop specializing in Art Nouveau and Deco art and furniture, and has worked in concert and film production.

We've done mostly public interest law but are burning out; looking for new careers. We live in Washington, DC and live and work in the same building. Both of us love Italy, especially townscapes and architectural history.

Chip & Myrna were at Villa Saraceno in 2000.

TRAVEL PLANS: Arriving in Scotland on the 27th with Conrad on Icelandic Air. Touring afterwards with David, Conrad (4-11 May).

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Last year's notes: Before moving to Raleigh, NC in 1995, Mary (Hollins, UNC, Chapel Hill, Georgetown, Harvard) taught high school history and government in Virginia. Tom (William and Mary and Catholic University) taught humanities, held several positions in school administration, and worked at NEH. We lived in Washington, DC, where we were involved in community work and historic preservation, especially the Dupont Circle Citizens Association protecting buildings in the historic district. As members of the Arts Club we devoted many hours to the preservation of the historic Monroe House, a National Register property.

In Raleigh we live in a house that Mary's mother built in the 1930s. We continue efforts to upgrade the house and garden. Our travels have taken us to more than 40 countries, including several extended visits to Italy and 8 weeks in Florence. We are looking forward to exploring the area around the villa and Venice.

Tom & Mary were at Villa Saraceno in 2000.

TRAVEL PLANS: "Our plans are tentative at this point but there is a good chance that we will be making our way to Scotland via Paris."



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Rob is a long-time friend of Dave Fogle's, the two first meeting during a planners' junket to South America back in 1968. An alumnus of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, he 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 24 years and someday it may be finished. His major interest these days is the Antarctic, particularly the history of Antarctic exploration and its literature. He's filled one room in Jaffrey with Antarctic books and is well into another. He also has an Antarctic webpage and is in the throes of bringing together like-minded people in a loosely organized group called The Antarctic Circle.

Rob was in the group that was at Goddards in 1999 and at Villa Saraceno in 2000.

TRAVEL PLANS: Flying over from Boston British Air to Heathrow, then BA to Glasgow arriving at 10:35am on the 27th, renting a car and on to Gargunock. After Gargunock, leisurely driving south, dropping off the car in London, and flying back to Boston on the 21st of May. I'll be in Dundee on the 5th for a dinner I'm planning for Antarcticans in the wardroom of Capt Scott's old ship *Discovery*.

**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 in the group that was at Goddards in 1999 and at Villa Saraceno in 2000.

TRAVEL PLANS: Flying Dulles to Teeside on 22 April. At Kiplin Hall until Gargunock. Renting a car. After Gargunock, David will journey north for a week with the Fawcetts and Conrad and then lead a two-week tour through Yorkshire, Norfolk, Essex, ending at the Chelsea Flower Show in London.

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Last year's notes: I grew up in Richmond, Virginia, moved to New York in the fifties, 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 seventies. I've most recently been a travel editor at Fodor's, and am now retired (though I still travel a lot). I'm a cousin of Ellen Thurman, through whom I heard of this trip, and I met David (and the Fawcetts) on our recent trip to Cuba.

Conrad was at Villa Saraceno in 2000.

TRAVEL PLANS: Iceland to Gargunock on the 27th. 4-11 May touring Scotland with Fawcetts and David. Stopping in Reykjavik on the way home.

**Peter & Sheila Herman**

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Sheila and Peter Herman live on a small farm in the photogenic village of Waits River, Vermont. Years ago they actually farmed it in a haphazard sort of way, raising beef cows and pigs, cutting some hay. Now they are reduced to a garden and one cat. Both Sheila and Peter are from "down country" as Vermonters say, coming to Vermont from Westchester County (Larchmont) NY in 1971. Both their kids



were raised in Vermont but have gone to the city. Daughter Kris is head coach of both softball and volleyball at Tufts, while son Nick lives in Brooklyn and designs web sites. Peter is a sometime consultant for Arthur D. Little in Cambridge, but spends more time on the local school board and enjoying Vermont outdoors—skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking, white water canoeing. Sheila devotes much time to three small apartment buildings she owns in neighboring villages, and enjoys many of the same outdoor activities. They also are part owners of a 33' sloop that takes them annually to Maine and Nova Scotia, and, often enough, to Newfoundland and Labrador. Neither of them has ever been to Scotland, and they look forward eagerly to the trip and to meeting the rest of the travelers.

TRAVEL PLANS: We are leaving Boston on the evening of April 17 to arrive in London the next morning. We will rent a car and spend the next 9 days visiting friends or seeing the sights in Portsmouth and maybe Cornwall, ending up on the Isle of Bute at the seaward end of the Firth of Clyde. This turns out to be where Sheila's ancestors started before they went to Ireland and eventually to the US. After Gargunock, to London then home on same day.

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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. Rob is her friend and neighbor. For the past twelve years Mary's days have begun, weather notwithstanding, with a four-mile walk before breakfast, lately in the company of her golden retriever, Nancy. Gardens surround her house in summer, winters are for cross-country skiing. In March 2000, to celebrate a milestone, Mary joined the President's Society of the AMC on a hut to hut cross-country ski in Norway. For ecological and personal reasons she follows an organic vegetarian diet. Her eight grandchildren range in age from 6-20. Traveling with her sister, Cynthia, is a new-found pleasure. Gargunock is their first shared overseas adventure, but not their last.

TRAVEL PLANS: Departing 23 April British Airways to Heathrow. Three nights at the Sloane Club, London. Fly to Edinburgh on the 27th. Renting a car. Touring after Gargunock and flying Glasgow-Boston on the 7th of May.

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Cindy—Retired in June, 2000, after working as a speech pathologist in Wisconsin public schools for 23 years. Cindy did her undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin, with a graduate degree from Marquette University. She and her husband and family lived in Seattle and Orinda, CA, before moving back to Wisconsin in 1968. Cindy is now a widow with four married children who live in Atlanta, New York and Wisconsin and seven (soon to be nine) grandchildren. She enjoys the time she now has to tend her garden in the summer, walk, entertain friends, learn tai 'chi, and do volunteer tutoring at the Lauback Literacy Center in Milwaukee. Cindy looks forward to sharing the trip to Scotland with her sister, Mary Payson.

TRAVEL PLANS: Same as her sister Mary.

