

Friends of the Manchester Library Board of Directors for 2018

President - John K. Winslow

John has been an officer with the Friends of the Manchester Library since 2003. He held a number of engineering management positions with Kenworth Truck Company during the course of his 35 year career. John is a licensed Professional Mechanical Engineer in the State of Washington. In his profession, John has been a board member of the Northwest Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers for over 40 years and has been the Section chairman three different times. John holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington and served in the US Navy as an aviation electronics technician.

Vice President - Thomas T. Uemoto

Thomas has lived in the Seattle/Puget Sound area since 2001, and was born and raised in Honolulu. A 19+ year career in hospitality architecture has shaped his experience with regards to the natural and built environment, sustainability, planning, human behavior/user experience, and service to community. Thomas holds a Bachelor's in Architecture from the University of Hawaii and a Masters in Sustainable Transportation-Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Washington. He is licensed in Washington State and Hawaii and is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited. Thomas and his wife, Lisa, are 10+ year residents of South Colby, veterans of the FOML group and also serve on the Washington State Southworth Ferry Advisory Committee.

Secretary - Susan Seykota-Smith

Susan moved to Manchester in late 2015 after living for twenty-five years in Gig Harbor. She has been participating in FOML meetings and events since attending her first meeting in 2016. Susan traveled widely as a young person and studied Occupational Therapy at Boston University and Business Administration at the University of Iowa before discovering her love of literature and art. She has held jobs in medical transcription, event planning, construction, nonprofit arts consulting, and editing. She worked for over ten years with Artifacts Consulting, an architectural and historic preservation firm in Tacoma, where she edited hundreds of archival documents distributed to individual, city, county, and state clients. She is a pastels portrait artist, focusing on the relationships between owners and pets, and her work has been exhibited locally, including at the Puyallup Fair and the State Capitol Museum in Olympia. She currently works as an online editor for Proofreading Pal and is now bringing her way with words to the office of FOML Secretary. In off hours, Susan also enjoys studying jazz piano, gardening, playing cribbage and mahjonn, doing yoga, and dancing.

Treasurer - Theresa McBride

Theresa was born and raised "semi-locally" in the Issaquah area (now Sammamish). She received her BS in Chemistry from the University of Washington in 2002 followed by a Thesis Master's in Chemistry in 2004. Theresa has worked as a chemist at the Environmental Protection Agency's local Manchester Laboratory for over 11 years (4 years as a contractor before being hired as a federal employee). She moved to Manchester in 2010 and married Tony Morris in 2013. Theresa is an avid reader and also tries to make time for gardening and birdwatching.

Director #1 - Frank Gilbert

Frank was born in Fairbanks, Alaska and raised in the Seattle Area. He attended Western Washington University and Berklee College of Music in Boston. Frank moved to Manchester with his wife Cherm in 1998 and recently retired from the Boeing Co. after 30 years as a Technical Designer. He is a member of the Manchester Citizens Advisory Committee and the Evergreen Bonsai Club in Bremerton. Frank is an accomplished guitarist and composer. Other hobbies include bonsai, fishing and kayaking.

Director #2 - Eric Cisney

Eric has lived in Manchester for over sixty years. He earned his college degree at the University of Washington and then taught school for two years and then went on to take a Master's degree in Librarianship from the UW. Eric then went on to become a reference librarian for Seattle Public Libraries for 39 years. He retired in 2005. Eric is busy with local efforts with the FOML, Manchester Community Association, Manchester Port Advisory Committee and the Manchester Citizens' Advisory Council.

Director #3 - Captain William "Bill" Lounsbery, US Navy (Retired)

Bill received his BS in Mathematics from Auburn University. Bill and his wife Janice began his naval career at the Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge MD. In 1971 Bill received an MS - with distinction - in Physical Oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. In 1976 he transferred to the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). In 1982 he received an MA in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington in Seattle. After serving as NOAA's Chief of Marine Operations and Assistant Director for the agency's Office of Ocean and Engineering Services, Bill retired to Manchester, WA in 1991.