



## Finch Foundation Grant Recipients Share Their Career Success

*Let's be honest. We all pride ourselves on our hectic schedules. I know. "Multi-tasking is thy middle name." Still, I dare you to read about our incredible Finch Grant Recipients and not get dizzy from their frenetic pace.*

**Lisa Fredsall**, our dedicated social worker, who completed her graduate degree at the University of Connecticut, writes from Spruce Pine, North Carolina: "I continue to work for October Road, Inc. as the team leader for the Assertive Community Treatment Team in the northern counties of Western North Carolina. I supervise seven multidisciplinary team members to provide services to our clients. Further, I passed my clinical exam and just need to complete my hours since I was pushed backward when North Carolina would not accept my hours from Connecticut. I am thrilled to report this new accomplishment! I will be a full LCSW pending completion of my clinical hours in North Carolina. My husband and I are enjoying our new home of almost two years, thrilled we relocated to such an amazing part of the country. The Appalachian mountain culture is intriguing to me, and I enjoy working in the community I live in. The people are simply amazing and have amazing strengths and survival skills! Needless to say, I am a long way from New

York City, but am with you in spirit. I wish the very best to the Finch ladies, as I could not have done this without the assistance of the grant I received."

Meanwhile, **Mariana Rivera**, residing further north, is our political activist and currently a junior at Smith College. A sociology major, Mariana expects to complete her undergraduate degree in 2015 and plans to either continue for a master's degree in public policy or attend law school. In the meantime, she writes, "My first year at Smith proved very productive. I successfully campaigned for a campus-wide initiative to have the Puerto Rican flag officially added to the campus display. I am interested in honoring the wide array of ethnicities represented on campus respectfully. My efforts resulted in a house nomination to serve as a senator. As a senator, I attend weekly meetings with all other senators, and we discuss particular campus-wide issues and strategize possible solutions. In addition, I was nominated to serve as a member to *Nosotras*, a campus-wide organization that spreads awareness of what it means to be Latina and the responsibility and endless possibilities that come with it as Smith women. The scholarship your Foundation generously awarded me, helped me afford a computer that I so much needed as a tool to



Jessica Ryan and Zineb Bouisy

achieve my educational and extracurricular pursuits. I am aware that material things are not the key to success; however, the computer is a daily reminder of how far I have come and a reassurance of my dreams and aspirations being recognized. More importantly, it reminds me that I have a strong support of individuals who may not know me personally, yet, however believe in my pursuits."

Mariana is not our only current Smith student. Joining her this year is **Jessica Ryan**, our "literary connoisseur" and a

### 20th Annual Jessica Cosgrave Lifetime Achievement Awards

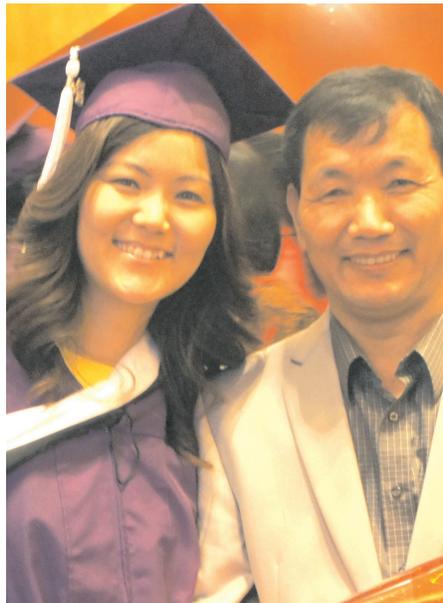
Mark your calendars for the Tuesday, May 20 Cosgrave Awards at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York City. This special year also celebrates reunions for the classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, and 1974. The 2014 honorees include one distinguished faculty member and three remarkable alumnae. Professor of Spanish at Finch College from 1969 to 1972, **Dr. Katherine J. Hampares**, retired in 1989 as Professor Emeritus from Baruch College (CUNY) after a 32-year teaching career. Finch alumna, **The Honorable Maria Schorsch Bacinich**, served as the honorary consul from Slovenia to the United States from 2001 to 2007, educating Americans on the history, culture, and economics of the country. A prolific writer, **Wesley Cullen Davidson**, has a weekly blog dedicated to supporting and encouraging straight parents who happen to have gay children. **Dale Danson Winston** has served since 1997 as chairman and CEO of *Battalia Winston*, an executive search firm, headquartered in New York with global ties. Details about the exciting events planned for the May 16 weekend will be listed in the Cosgrave invitations. For more information, please contact **Virginia Wattiker Sheerin** at her office: 212-605-5560 or **Ceil Gavin Ainsworth** at home: 212-288-5653.

world-class chef. Jessica reports, “I was recently accepted into the Book Studies Concentration which will be in addition to my soon-to-be-declared major in philosophy and minor in English. The Book Studies Concentration is an interdisciplinary concentration on all aspects of the book, from the art to the technology of reading. I’m very excited. I have enjoyed being in the glee club and have also just joined the varsity squash team. As a 44-year-old mother of five, I particularly relish that last one! For now, I’m headed in the direction of working towards being a professor, one day, so I’m most likely looking at graduate school after Smith.”

**Yvonne Wellner Harnischfeger** may just be commencing her studies at Rutgers University, but this Finch Grant Recipient is already a respected, not-for-profit entrepreneur and women’s advocate. Yvonne writes, “I am thrilled to say that I have received funding for my program to promote girls in computer science. I am also in line for another grant to fund this on a larger scale for next year and plan on developing the program into a long-term education process that will run throughout the middle and high school years for the girls in the central New Jersey area. This is possible due to your support, as well. The grant I received from Finch College allowed me to purchase a laptop, which helped me to develop the Java program I will be teaching these young women to code. It has also enabled me to pay for tuition and thus devote more time to this project. I would like to send pictures and updates as the project develops and share my success with the people who have made it possible.”

Our chemist and lab criminologist, **Phurkima Sherpa**, is a recent Hunter graduate. (You’ll note her proud dad by her side, as she beams in her cap and gown.) Phurkima writes, “Presently, I am tutoring general chemistry at LaGuardia Community College and also serving as a volunteer for the Medical Library at the Elmhurst Hospital, while I continue to look for jobs in my field of chemistry. In the near future, I hope to take my GRE test. This past December, I began studying Chinese.”

**Danielle Jablonski**, who completed her studies at Yale University in December, is definitely our “free spirit”. This past summer, Danielle spent eight weeks in Italy



Phurkima Sherpa and dad

at a Yale program and then enjoyed four more weeks in Iceland, England, Spain, the Netherlands, and Germany. Her fall was quite the whirl-wind. She wrote the Foundation at the end of her last semester. “Right now I’m in intense writing mode. I have five papers and two exams in the next five weeks. But then I’m done! If all goes well, I’ll be graduating this December. After my final exam, I’ll be heading to Colombia for a short stop and then to Australia to see my family before spending a couple of months backpacking through Southeast Asia. I’m so excited to be traveling again, and I’m excited to see Thailand and Vietnam in particular. I’m hoping to return to New York City and begin my career. Right now, I am thinking about larger nonprofits, foundations, the United Nations or going the corporate route. I am keeping all my options open right now.”

If Danielle is our free spirit, **Moreen Tonny** is surely our “Renaissance woman” and taking Mt. Holyoke by storm. “I am majoring in international relations with a minor in development studies. I am interested in education reform in developing countries and children’s rights. I hope to pursue a career in the intersection of government and NGO, focusing on human development programs. I enjoy learning foreign languages. I am fluent in French, Haitian Creole, Spanish, English, and now learning Portuguese. I love dancing (salsa, folklore, tango, Afro Brazilian), traveling, intercultural exchanges, theatre (movies, live performances), indigenous art, and cooking.



Moreen Tonny

My first year at Mt. Holyoke is fantastic! I am enthusiastically mentoring students who are studying Haitian Creole, and I recently received an offer to become a peer career advisor with the Career Development Center in spring 2014.”

**Cathy Schmitz**, a graduate from Bard, is our very own publisher, with a fierce entrepreneurial spirit. She recently launched her literary magazine, *Laughing Earth Lit*. Cathy writes, “It’s been fun, and this spring we are planning and will probably set a Kickstarter campaign of some sort to accomplish that. For the next couple of Saturdays I play judge for *Scholastic’s* teen writing contest. I also completed a third degree, an AAS, and received a paralegal certificate. I now practice as a paralegal in the law firm I served for many years. I also returned to my part-time job at Barnes & Noble, so I can be next to/touch my true love – books. I feel that job is more a hobby than a job.”

**Maki Kato**, our social researcher and high-tech guru, with her degree from Wellesley College, recently began a new job in Tokyo. She happily writes, “I will be working as a researcher at a Japanese think tank. I will be trained in various fields of research (education, global business development, and IT solution) for the first half of the year, and then the company will assign me to a specific department at the end of the training period. I am hoping to do research related to improving the current employment and educational system in



Maki Kato

Japan. I am also hoping to do international projects and travel to the United States. I will keep you posted about this!"

**Harmonie Kobanghe**, our foreign affairs expert, will also be globe-trotting in the near future. She is especially thankful for the Finch Grant that allowed her to purchase her laptop. "The grant continues to have a significant impact on my studies. I am still in Washington, D.C., studying international politics at Georgetown University, and I will be circumnavigating the world (Peru, Brazil, Zambia, Tanzania, Italy, India, and Nepal to be exact) as a 2014 Circumnavigator Scholar. I am beyond excited as I will get to research the correlation between women's land tenure rights and food security."

**Zineb Bouisy**, our exuberant civil engineer, studying her craft at the Grove School at the City College of New York writes: "Last summer I participated in the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) at the Engineering Laboratory of the National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST). My project was to evaluate the smoldering ignition performance of Barrier Fabrics (BF). I am happy to report that since receiving the Finch Grant, I have received two more scholarships. The first one is the Cope/Mitsui USA Scholarship. I also received the Honorable Grove School Scholarship. Currently, I am the Secretary and Co-Director of PR for Engineers without Borders-CCNY Chapter. Our 2013 phase included a research proposal for the EPA's

P3 Competition. Our proposal was to develop and experiment with organic water-resistant coating and mix stabilizers to optimize the water resistance of compressed, stabilized earth blocks. Because of our team's initial success, we recently received our approval to work on a project in Cameroon, to build a very much-needed community center. This community center will be a place for young individuals to learn trade skills. It will be a place for developing a portable water system, market stalls for farmers to sell their produce, and also provide a small medical dispensary. Currently, I am coordinating school events (bake sales, etc.) to let students know about the project and to help raise money for our group's assessment trip. I also believe that it is equally important to give back to our home community, and I am also coordinating volunteer events here, in New York City."

**Shaina Capellupo** is in full agreement with Zineb, as she, too, prepares for a life in community service. Our current Finch Grant Recipient at Nazareth College, Shaina is pursuing her degree in social work and already making a difference. She writes, "One of the reasons that I chose Nazareth is because their Bachelor of Social Work Program includes field placements at both the junior and senior levels. This year, I assisted at Metro Justice in Rochester and worked as a community organizer. The placement was unique, in that it focused on macro-level intervention and allowed me an opportunity to think critically and engage in work with concepts discussed in the classroom. Last fall I also became a student leader for the Alternative Spring Break trip to the Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community. This experience was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for service and cultural immersion."

**Lieve Bonacci**, our future educator, is following her longtime dream to becoming an elementary school teacher. A recent Norwalk Community College graduate, Lieve now attends Southern Connecticut State. She writes, "My first semester was a successful one and landed me on the Dean's List with a GPA of 4.0. I am so proud. The transition from a small community college to a large state school was jarring, but I focused on my studies and kept my eye on the ball. I had to take the Praxis exam in January. The Praxis exam tests students on reading, writing, and math and is a requirement for

the School of Education. Most students have to take this exam multiple times, but I passed all subjects in one fell swoop. Since English is not my first language, it was an especially proud moment. I have to thank my son for his support and help in making me understand 'squinting modifiers' and 'dangling participles'. I could not have done it without him. In addition, I did fieldwork at a local elementary school for my Education Class. I ended up volunteering in the third grade supervising math exercises three times a week, and I LOVED IT. It solidified my desire to become a teacher."

So, there you have it! After such a listing, it's hard not to stand up and cheer. Still, the glory cannot be reserved for our students, alone. The generosity, ingenuity, and perseverance of all our dedicated Finch members continue to ensure that these and many more remarkable women will fulfill their academic ambitions. Granted, our beloved classrooms on East 78th Street are no more, but the success of our Finch Grant Program is making an indelible imprint around the world. That, in itself, deserves a standing ovation!

*Article: Eileen Bluestone Sherman*

*The Finch Grant is a \$2,000 scholarship awarded each year to women, 22 years or older, who have earned an associate's degree from a community college and are continuing their education at an accredited four-year college or university. For more information about the Finch College Grant, please contact the Finch Grant Program Chair, Lois Moran Ziegler, at ZieglerAssociate@aol.com. To learn about becoming a Finch Mentor, please contact Eileen Bluestone Sherman at Six.Ten.Productions@gmail.com.*

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# Finch Florida Alumnae Group Continues to Expand

Ten of us met at Josef's Table in Boca Raton for lunch on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. The restaurant gave us a private room, which made the gathering cozy, intimate, and special. **Antoinette (Toni) Walker Hamner** and **Wesley Cullen Davidson** drove in from Vero Beach. As it turned out, Toni had been a student of **Dr. Katherine Hampares**, who was a professor of Spanish at Finch College and who also joined us. Dr. Hampares brought along her friend **Dr. Nelly Santos**, who retired from Baruch College and became a "Friend of Finch". We look forward to seeing Nelly at future events!

**Paula Kirshenbaum Isacoff**, whose business is Flowers 2 UR Door LLC, came to the Boca luncheon, as did **Hyla Miller Levine** who works for Green Barn Orchid Supply in Delray Beach. Other attendees included **Roxane Frechie Lipton**, **Dolly Zager Friedman** – who is retired from the nursery business – **Madeleine Lemchen Posternack**, and **Beth Peskin Mishkin** of Delray Beach. **Henny Rothblatt Santo** told me at the luncheon that she is working with 53 agencies in Palm Beach County with the "Dress for Success" program that dresses women who are unable to afford appropriate clothing for job interviews.

Although no official Finch Florida events were held in December, the first week in December is always a major time for Miami with over 250 Art Fairs. It was great to see **Nohra Haime** at her gallery's booth at Art Miami, the oldest of the Fairs. Another Finch alum, **Marcy Atkins Lefton**, curated two pop-up shows. I attended one of them and was most impressed with the works of Simon Proctor.

On Monday, January 6, 2014, **Maria Schorsch Bacinich** hosted a dozen of us for lunch at her lovely home in Palm Beach. Maria entertained us with countless stories and we all enjoyed seeing her art work and her late husband's collections of trains and boat models. Multi-talented Maria was an Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia and is the President of Alpha Omega Research Foundation, a scientific research nonprofit. **Patricia Flicker Addiss** was in town from NY. And since she was spending a month in Florida, **Vilma Polakova Wiesenmaier** was also able to join us. **Marilyn Rippie Blausten**, who



Maria Bacinich

traveled all the way from Sarasota, was able to combine the lunch with a visit with classmate **Charlene Nederlander**.

**Wesley Cullen Davidson** hosted a luncheon January 30 in her Vero Beach home. **Sara Arthur** and **Sharon Stewart**, a childhood friend from Watertown, NY were present. Also in attendance were **Antoinette Walker Hamner**, **Julie Vasques Horns** and her husband, John. After a buffet lunch, the guests were treated to a tour of the Vero Beach Museum of Art's Cuban art exhibit by Docent Emeritus Toni Hamner.

**Henny Rothblatt Santo** hosted a luncheon at her home in Boca Raton on Wednesday, March 12.

*Article:* Cheryl Young Deknatel  
*Photograph:* Julie Vasques Horns

## Invite Your Friends to Join Finch

The Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust is expanding our membership outreach by including Friends of Finch. If members of your families or friends want to join in the Finch events, they may do so by paying the annual dues of \$50.00 and receiving our invitations to events, trips, and the Jessica Cosgrave award ceremony. If you have family members or close friends who are interested in Finch, please ask and encourage them to join the FCAAFT. Please complete the enclosed form.

The FCAAFT thanks the new Friends of Finch: **Helen Hartley Platt Dupont** of Green Village, NJ, friend of Barbara Richards Pitney; **James Karen** of Los Angeles, friend of Alba Farber Francesca; **Marilyn Mazur**, New York City, and **Phyllis Pawlovsky**, friends of Wendy Glickstein; **Dr. Nelly E. Santos**, Lighthouse Point, FL, friend of Dr. Katherine J. Hampares; and **Merrill A. Stone**, New York City, friend of Patricia Flicker Addiss, Ceil Gavin Ainsworth, Magda Stark Katz, Vilma Wiesenmaier, and many more; and **Felice Warshavsky**, friend of Frances Fish Tompkins. **Susan Ainsworth**, friend of Ceil Gavin Ainsworth, **Arden Down**, friend of Lois Moran Ziegler, and **Dr. Jacqueline Stuchin-Paprin** each contributed \$300 to become lifetime members.



Sara Arthur, Julie Horns, Toni Hamner, Wesley Davidson



## Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust

Cosgrave Awards Reception and Dinner

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The Cosmopolitan Club

122 East 66 Street

New York, New York 10021

February, 2014

Dear Finch College Alumnae and Friends of Finch:

We are very excited to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust this year. You are cordially invited to join us and help make our annual Cosgrave Awards Dinner a truly memorable evening. This year's benefit reception and dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, May 20<sup>th</sup> at The Cosmopolitan Club, at 122 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY. Please save the date! Invitations will follow in March.

The Jessica Cosgrave Achievement Award presentation is our Foundation's major fundraising event of the year. Funds raised provide grants for community college students entering undergraduate study at an accredited four year college in the United States. The grant may be used for tuition, fees, books, and/or equipment required for course instruction. Current second year female students age 22 and above currently enrolled in a community college in New York/New Jersey/Connecticut are eligible to apply.

There are two very special ways you can show your support and help make our event a huge success.

- **Advertise in the Benefit Journal** – Alumnae, friends, family, and businesses can purchase an ad in our Benefit Journal. Details are attached. This year we are excited to make the benefit journal available online as well.
- **Help us underwrite a portion of the evening** – A contribution towards underwriting will help us to offset event expenses – i.e., flowers, printing, mailings, sponsor event tickets. The more generous sponsors we have, the less we need to spend, and the more we can give away to deserving grant winners.

Our alumnae and friends support is vital for the continued success of our community's sponsorship programs. If you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact either Ceil Ainsworth at [ceilains@aol.com](mailto:ceilains@aol.com) or [212.288.5653](tel:212.288.5653), or Marjorie Schulman at [mrs1080@aol.com](mailto:mrs1080@aol.com) or [646.227.8636](tel:646.227.8636).

Come join us for a lovely, fun-filled evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

With our warmest thanks and gratitude,

Ceil G. Ainsworth

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# Class Notes

## 40s

The late **Adrienne Atwell** of Dallas, TX attended Finch Junior College in 1946 and 1947. Her namesake niece is currently looking for Finch memorabilia that would document her aunt's years at Finch.

"It was meant to be!" **Barbara Richards Pitney** was in the elevator at the Cosmopolitan Club last May during the Cosgrave Awards dinner. **Joanne Young**, daughter of alumna **Helen Wall Evans**, also was in the elevator and saw Barbara's nametag whereupon she exclaimed to Barbara, "my mother went to Finch!" According to Joanne's father, Mason Jim Young, now 89, whom Helen married in 1945, Helen would have been at Finch from 1941/42 to 1944. Helen grew up in New York and Joanne, a lawyer and partner in Washington, D.C.'s Kirstein & Young, PLLC, believes her mother entered college at age 16. Helen – deceased since 2003 – according to Joanne, "filled up four churches in three states following her death".

1996 Cosgrave Award Recipient **Martha Ann Goodyear Mason**, celebrated her 90th birthday in 2013. A resident of Exeter, NH, Martha has been taking early autumn vacations with her daughter, Ann, since 1985. This year, they will be visiting New York City.

## 50s

**Nancy Azara** (Finch Class of 1959) writes: "As spring approaches, not soon enough for most of us in the northeast this year, I have been preparing two new workshops for this summer, a panel at the upcoming encaustic conference in Provincetown from June 6 to 8 and at my studio in Woodstock, NY on Saturday July 26, and beginning some new wall sculptures. This winter I am in several group shows: Sideshow Gallery in Williamsburg, Brooklyn; at the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum in Staten Island; the Friesen Gallery in Sun Valley, ID; and at Greene County Council on the Arts in upstate Catskill, NY." For more information about Nancy's events, please

access the following link:  
<http://www.nancyazara.com/events.html>.

**Catherine (Kitty) Robertson Claiborne**, (Finch 1947–1949), founded a traveling ballet company in 1984 called the Richmond Ballet Professional Company that performs all over the world, including at the Joyce Theatre in New York City.

Condolences to the family of **Carol Rosenthal Maslow** who died February 2 at the age of 78. Carol, who grew up in Manhattan, graduated from Finch College with a B.A. degree and received a Masters of Social Work from New York University in 1984.

Another Cosgrave recipient, actress **Suzanne Pleshette** will not only be remembered as Bob Newhart's wife on "The Bob Newhart Show" but also as the love-struck school teacher who was pecked to death in *The Birds* (1963). Whether she was on Broadway, TV, or in movies, the husky-voiced beauty, who died in 2008, was a fine actress.

## 60s

**Sterling ("Squirty") Holt Kenan**, (Finch Class of 1965), writes from Palm Beach that she has three children: two girls and one boy as well as one grandchild.

Finch graduate **Syida Haas Long**, (Finch Class of 1961), keeps in touch with fellow FISP participant **Barbara Richards Pitney**. She sees **Donna Miller Casey** in church in San Francisco. Syida writes "it is heart-warming to know that the school continues so vibrantly, if only in an alumnae capacity. You are still leaving a beautiful legacy by helping other young women get excellent educations through the donations you gather on their behalf."

**Dale Danson Winston**, (Finch 1965–1969), is the CEO of Battalia Winston. Founded in 1963, Battalia Winston is one of the largest female-owned executive search firms. Dale is the recipient of the Gardner Heidrich

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Award for Professionalism in Executive Search, named for the co-founder of one of the first executive search firms that later became the second largest in the world.

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**Robin Skoler Barofsky** of Manalapan, NJ, (Finch 1972–1974), has been recently working as a Hospice/Palliative Care R.N.

**Evelyn Lorentzen Bell**, a photographer with the Garden Club of America, was recently visiting Vero Beach (located between Palm Beach and Orlando) and dined with **Wesley Cullen Davidson**.

**Kathy Coburn Benton**, (Finch 1970–1971), is designing and arranging flowers in Charleston, SC for various charities as well as for the President of the College of Charleston. In the Florida Keys, she volunteers with a nonprofit organization called Island Dolphin Care. It is a therapy-based program for ill children and veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

**Paula DiBenedetto Caravelli**, who lives in New York, was awarded the prestigious 2013–2014 America's Property Award last December in London. Her interior design firm is called Paula & Martha.

**Betsy Rappaport Dane**, (Finch Class of 1972), lives in Sarasota. She writes that she is a mentor manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast. She retired from banking after 30 years and delved into nonprofit work. Betsy blogs for a marketing company.

**Adelaide Perry Farah** of Port Washington, NY was quoted in the *New York Times* article "Persistence in the Genes – Connecting the Dots to the Mayflower", November 28, 2013, as stating that The Society of Mayflower Descendants, of which she has belonged for decades, is "not stuffy or elitist. It doesn't make you any better". A

descendant of John Alden, Adelaide says "she's proud of what my ancestors did. They came to a place unknown to them, in every way."

**Jennifer Love Kaplan**, the daughter of Finch alumna **Freya Moskowitz Stern**, is looking for volunteer opportunities with Finch in honor of her late mother who adored Finch College. Jennifer can be reached at [jennylovekaplan@mac.com](mailto:jennylovekaplan@mac.com).

**Roxane Frechie Lipton**, (Finch 1969–1973), is president of the South Palm Beach Jewish Federation. She is a Kipnis-Wilson honoree. This award recognizes extraordinary women who have set a high standard for philanthropy and volunteerism. These women have been chosen for their volunteerism in their communities and commitment to Judaism. Roxane attended the Boca Raton luncheon at Josef's Table in

November 2013.

**Renee Pappas**, who has a new address in Chicago, recently met with Finch friends **Christa Sala** and **Rita Thompson**, who live near Chicago. Before graduating from Marymount, Renee attended Finch from 1974 until it closed.

**Kimberly Willson-St.Clair**, (Finch Class of 1973), lives in Oregon City, OR. She is receiving the 2014 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section Innovation Award for her work in developing the software Library DIY, which is a research tool that helps students find the information they need quickly. Kimberly is a reference and instruction librarian at Portland State University.

*Article: Wesley Cullen Davidson*

## *In Memoriam*

**Celeste Cheatham O'Neil**, 77, died on October 11, 2013, in North Palm Beach, FL as the result of head injuries sustained from a fall in April. An active supporter of the arts, Celeste served as the chair of the Owen Cheatham Foundation, and a board member of the Martha Graham Dance Company, the Museum of Broadcasting, and other philanthropic organizations.

**Joan Church Weston Wheeler**, 87, died on October 21, 2013, in Lenox, MA. A cousin of Julia Child, Joan enjoyed cooking and preparing meals for her family and friends at her home for 50 years, Wyebrook Farm in Loudonville, NY. During the last years of her life she moved to her beloved Berkshires.



**Barbara Ziet Glickman**, 75, died on February 16, 2014, in New York City. Barbara was an active member of the Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust. She received the Jessica Cosgrave Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006 for her work as a teacher for more than 30 years, primarily in P.S. 6 in Manhattan, and as a volunteer in many charitable organizations, including as a board member of the Women's Auxiliary at Temple Emanu-El. She and her husband of 50 years, Richard, who predeceased her in May 2012, loved to entertain family and friends at their beautiful home on Fifth Avenue, travel the world, and participate in many Finch events. The picture shows Barbara and Richard Glickman at the 2010 Jessica Cosgrave Awards ceremony.

**Linda Albert Gerard**, 75, passed away on March 21, 2014. A noted cabaret singer and hostess in Palm Springs, CA, Linda also appeared on Broadway in the 1960s.

# Finch Fall 2013 Events

*Once again, volunteers for the FCAAFT organized several fascinating, informative, and delightful private tours for fall 2013, open to Finch alumnae, friends, and family. The events raised \$2,500 for the FCAAFT Grant Program.*

## **Bloomberg Headquarters**

Finch alumnae Felice Forer Axelrod, a consultant to Bloomberg, and Lois Moran Ziegler arranged for the October 15 tour of the Bloomberg News Headquarters in New York City. The Finch group had the opportunity to visit inside this unique and vibrant workspace with its emphasis on openness and transparency. The amazing architecture of the interior provides sunshine throughout. Interesting contemporary art is sprinkled in many areas of the building. The history of this successful corporation shows off early computer screens reporting stock market activity, which were so innovative at the time. (Unfortunately, pictures were not allowed.)



Finch group in front of the portrait of "Princess Cecile" at the Antique Dealers Show.

## **25th Annual International Fine Art & Antique Dealers Show**

Courtesy of Houghton International Fairs, this private tour, fancifully entitled "Downton Abbey Meets Uptown Chic" was coordinated by Wendy Glickstein, and led by a docent, on October 28, at the Park Avenue Armory. Sixty-five international dealers of museum-quality furniture, paintings, sculpture, jewelry and other objets d'art were represented. Our tour focused on treasures from some of the grandest estates in Britain, including Castle Howard and Wimpole Hall.

As the Finch group walked through aisles, and booth upon booth of magnificent

paintings, photographs and antiques, one painting caught everyone's attention: There, on the wall of the ENRICO Gallerie D'Arte was the glorious portrait (in fact, the largest painting in the show) of a beautiful woman in elegant fin-de siecle evening attire: "Portrait of Princess Cecile Murat Ney d'Elchingen". Painted by Giovanni Boldini in 1910, the provenance of this painting (which is the larger of two similar portraits of the same subject), is quite interesting. In the early decades of the 20th Century, this "Princess Cecile" was displayed in the vaunted Hotel Murat ("The Little White House" of France), exhibited alongside works by Francois Gerard, Jacques Louis David, and Jean August Dominique Ingres. Many decades later, (in 1960, following the death of the Princess, and the demolition of the Hotel Murat), the work found its way to auction, and as several in the Finch group remembered, eventually was very prominently and proudly displayed in the Finch College Museum of Art.

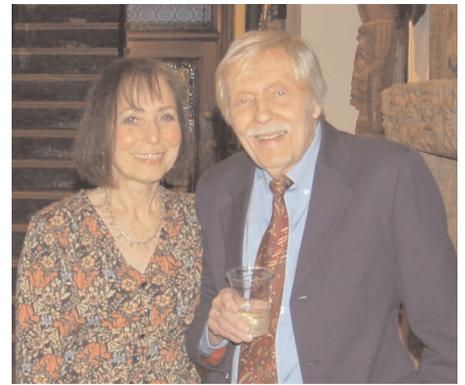
## **The Salon: Art + Design**

Exciting as the October tour, this private tour, organized by Ceil Ainsworth, and held on November 15, (also at the Park Avenue Armory), was very different in scope. Extolled as "a museum in the making", the fair, conceived by Sanford L. Smith & Associates, returned for its second year at the Armory and featured 53 international dealers, who exhibited an astonishing range of work including Ancient Art, African Art, Asian Art, to Art and Design of the 20th and 21st Centuries. Our docent for "Salon" focused on modern, contemporary and avant-garde work.

After the tour, the Finch group enjoyed a delightful dinner, arranged for by Ceil's daughter, Susie Ainsworth and prepared by Seasonal Restaurant & Weinbar. In keeping with the eclecticism of the tour, the light, modern cuisine was served in the Armory's grand mahogany paneled Gothic Revival officers' dining hall.

## **Dr. Marshall Mount – African Art Collection**

On Sunday, November 17, we once again had the great privilege of visiting the breathtaking home of Dr. Marshall W. Mount, and his wife, Caroline Katz Mount.



Caroline Katz Mount and Dr. Marshall W. Mount

The three-story Victorian house, his boyhood home, (in itself, a marvelous example of architecture of that period) is filled with a truly eclectic collection of European, Asian, and American paintings and antiques, including Tiffany lamps and stained glass, and exquisite period ceiling and wall painting and wallpaper; and of course, the awe-inspiring collection of African Art, which rivals that in most museums.

We also enjoyed seeing their impressive hard-cover catalogue *A Cameroon World: Art and Artifacts from the Marshall and Caroline Mount Collection*, which had accompanied their exhibition at the Queensborough Community College Art Gallery in 2007 and 2008. (Dr. Mount had given a wonderful lecture and tour there to Finch alumnae; and now here we were, visiting the source!) After a talk about the collection on the salon floor, there was still much to see, so we continued upstairs, where many more treasures awaited us.

Among them was a huge headdress, a recent addition to the collection. Made by the Yoruba people of Southwest Nigeria, it is carved from one piece of wood, and is one of the largest and heaviest masks made in sub-Saharan Africa. Used in ceremonies called "Epa", it fits over the head of the wearer, who dances with it during ceremonial competitions among local clans.

As with all of the Finch events, this visit was also a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with old friends and to make new ones.

*Article:* Margaret Stein Nakamura  
Lois Moran Ziegler

*Photographs:* Margaret Stein Nakamura

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## 2014 Spring Finch Event

**Saturday, April 5:**

### **Tour the International Antiquarian Book Fair**

The eagerly awaited International Antiquarian Book Fair returns to the Park Avenue Armory from April 3 to 6. More than 200 exhibitors from all over the globe will participate, bringing not only rare editions on every subject written in ancient and modern languages, but a wonderful range of autographs, manuscripts, maps and curiosities as well. The great wonder of The Book Fair is the unexpected quality of the material shown. Side by side with classic American or British literature in pristinely illustrated dust jackets, volumes on architecture, gardening, cooking, children's literature, science, travel and medicine, can be found at the fair. The April 5 guided tour begins promptly at 3:00pm and the tax deductible donation is \$40. For reservations, please contact Ceil Ainsworth at [ceilains@aol.com](mailto:ceilains@aol.com) or call 212-288-5653 by March 30.

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Seventh grader, **Basha Goldwater**, was awarded the 2014 Finch-Birch Wathen Lenox School scholarship for outstanding academic and community involvement. The scholarship provides partial tuition for the remainder of her studies. Basha is a member of the Student Council, plays volleyball, and participates in the annual Breast Cancer Walk. She is also active in Guitars for Veterans, an organization that raises funds to provide guitars as a source of comfort to wounded veterans. Here she is photographed with her parents.



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