



THE FINCH SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL IN WEST PALM BEACH!



In November 2018, Finch Florida alums gathered for lunch at Pistache in West Palm Beach. Pictured (l.-r.) are: Cheryl Young Deknatel, Class of '70; Henrietta ("Henny") Rothblatt Santo, Nancy Jackman Holland, Susan Zimet Cole, Gail Katz Worth, Maria Schorsch Bacinich, Alison Burham Arrouet, Virginia Sheerin Gildea, Paula Kirschenbaum Isacoff, Roberta Gould.

PARTICIPATE IN YOUR LOCAL FINCH ALUMNAE GROUP

Might there be Finch Alums in your locale? If interested in finding out, simply get in touch with us and we can check the data base to see who might be nearby. The Florida group got started in March 2013 and now has an email list of over 60 locals. A different mix of women get together periodically for lunch. The group has recently discovered new Finchies, and are now part of the Finch Alumnae database.

LOST & FOUND

Perhaps you are looking for a long-lost Finch friend? Have you found a long-lost Finch friend? If so, please contact Ginger Najar: GRN275@aol.com; 646-704-2373. We will include your query or statement in a future issue of The Finch News.

Debutante Gowns now on exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum - Does the name Ann Lowe from the Madeline Couture at 510 Madison Avenue sound familiar?

She was a Southern black woman who designed and created the great gowns of the era, focusing on debutante gowns. Well, the new Smithsonian Black History Museum is now working on an exhibit about designer/ dressmaker Ann Lowe. It would be so exciting if You have an Ann Lowe gown (or a memory) to contribute to the upcoming museum exhibit. If so, please share your story with us. finchassoc@gmail.com

JOIN US TUESDAY, MAY 21 FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL JESSICA COSGRAVE AWARDS EVENING:

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB ~ 122 EAST 66TH ST, NEW YORK, NY

COSGRAVE AWARDS INVITATIONS, WITH DETAILS, EN ROUTE TO YOU NOW

Finch Scholars' "Class Notes"

CRISTINA MIHAILESCU: Graduated from Columbia University and is currently a graduate student at New York University.

"I received a full-time position at the United Nations. Although it is, so far, a temporary contract, I am hoping (and optimistic) that the position will be extended. This is, indeed, a dream come true for me, and I would not be here today without *your*, i.e. the Finch Community's, constant support and encouragement!

Also, did I mention that my sister has been blessed with a second set of twins? The first set of twins are 2 and half years old... So between graduate studies at NYU, a full-time job, and family responsibilities, I have quite a full plate! However, despite the pressure, I enjoy every second and every step of my journey! I am grateful to have dreams and the opportunities to make them a reality. It's not always a smooth road, and there're many challenges ahead, but I am ready to embrace them all".

CHU MAY PAING. (Ph.D Candidate, University of Colorado)" Happy New Year, to my Finch family! Mingalapa from Myanmar! I am back in my country conducting a pilot research. It's been 6 years! I hadn't come home since I left the country. So many things have changed, and I am so glad to be back on this research trip, even if it's short. I will be in Siem Reap, Cambodia from Jan 19-31 to present my paper on transnational Burmese identity at the Asian Linguistic Anthropology conference. Hope all of your 2019 have already started with exciting adventures as well! "

"Hello, now, from Cambodia. My conference talk on Burmese transnational identities at the Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology went well. Finally now, I can enjoy the sunshine".

HUILING CAI (undergraduate student at Fordham University)

"I was so honored to be interviewed by THE WORLD JOURNAL to talk about my experience as a new immigrant in New York, pursuing my higher education dream". (The article is composed in Mandarin.)

Doma Lama - 2018 Graduate from the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC). "I graduated in June 2018 with a nursing major. After graduation, I did an externship at Bellevue Hospital. I am very proud to

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GETTING DOWN TO THE WIRE . . .

We made the challenge last fall, and thanks to many generous members, we are inching closer to our goal of raising \$25,000 for our Finch Scholarship Program.

The official finish line is June 1, 2019

We need everyone's support!

MANY, MANY THANKS to those who have already contributed ~ and in advance to **You**, who we hope will contribute now!

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share that my dream to become a nurse after passing the NCLEX last September has come true. I will be working as a registered nurse at Woodhull Hospital. I will be striving to provide competent and compassionate care to patients, with the knowledge and skills I have acquired to promote their health. I will be continuing my education at Lehman College in Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I would like to acknowledge and thank the helping hands of family, friends, professors, seniors, juniors, plus my Finch family, who have encouraged and helped me get this far".

Yi (Jane) Jiang, is a recipient of the Freya Stern Moskowitz Scholarship. She transferred from Queensborough Community College to Queens College, where she has a double major in mathematics and physics (natural sciences program). After she receives her bachelor's degree in science, Jane will pursue a PhD in operations management.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2019 DUES YET? Have you invited Friends and Associates to participate as well? The Finch College Alumni Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, so your dues are fully tax deductible. Annual dues: \$50 or Lifetime dues: \$300 can be issued and mailed to FCAAF: 954 Lexington Ave #183, New York, NY 10021

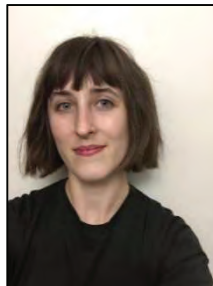
FIVE FINCH SCHOLARS TO EARN BACHELOR DEGREES

An additional \$2,500 has been awarded to the following women who are well on their way to earning their Bachelor's Degree

Sandra Wollschlaenger, who has transferred from The Borough of Manhattan Community College to Hunter College, worked as an au pair after arriving here from Germany. She developed an interest in medicine after witnessing illness in her family. Working as a pediatric nurse at Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing, Sandra will receive her BA in Nursing in May.



After attending The Borough of Manhattan Community College, **Tanya Ritchie** enrolled at Smith College where she majored in English and Theater. She will be graduating with honors and says, "I once wondered how I would get from Brooklyn to Northampton. I will forever be grateful to The Finch Foundation for the vital role in my success." Tanya's current goal is to attend graduate school.



Ekatarina Jones took jobs as a house cleaner after arriving here from Siberia. At Monroe Community College she was chosen to participate in the Model United Nations and was a member of PTK. "Katy" entered Clemson University as a math major; but when her husband received a job offer in upstate New York, she transferred to SUNY Geneseo. Upon graduation she will join the insurance company Excellus, in Rochester, NY.



Scholar News compiled by Lois M. Ziegler

The Finch College Alumni Association Foundation Trust (FCAAF) has, to date, awarded over 100 scholarships to young women transferring from community colleges to 4-year schools. Past scholars have gone on to continue their education at The University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, Hunter College of The City of New York, The Grove School of Engineering at The City College of New York, Swarthmore College, Columbia University, New York University, George Washington University, and many more. This year, we are awarding 16 new scholarships. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Huabin Liu transferred to The Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College from Queensborough Community College, where she is finding Accounting to be a most challenging major. While there, she worked in a CPA firm as a tax intern, learning how to use Drake software to file individual income tax returns and to minimize the customers' tax liability. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA Average in her final semester toward her BBA Degree.



Reminder THE FINCH SALON & Cocktail Reception

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019
5:00-7:30PM
Birch Wathen Lenox School,
Rooftop Social Hall
210 East 77th Street
NYC

Join us when our "sister school," Birch Wathen Lenox, hosts us, once again, with a wonderful cocktail reception in their delightful rooftop Social Hall. Our program will feature three exceptional Finch women:

Ceil Gavin Ainsworth,
JoAnn Cricchio Kubat,
Susan Embree Parker,
who will discuss their diverse careers with Moderator Eileen Bluestone Sherman. While Ceil, JoAnn and Susan represent very different fields of interest, they all share the experience of building upon a highly successful career before deciding to "reinvent themselves" in entirely new and different fields of work. Come hear why they did it, how they did it, and the challenges, stumbling blocks and rewards they encountered along the way.

As a fundraiser for our FINCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM the evening will conclude with a raffle drawing. Lucky winners will go home with either a ticket to a Broadway show, or a specially created gift from Finch Scholar, Barbara Javori.

Your \$35.00 Donation is fully tax-deductible.
RSVP: Eileen Bluestone Sherman at
kcne@juno.com or 816-305-5885

News about our Scholar/Finch Alumna Mentor Program will be Included in our next issue.

Distinguished Finch Professor to be Honored Along with Remarkable Finch Alumnae at 25th Annual Jessica Cosgrave Awards

JILL WALDHEIM CHAMBERLAIN



Jill Chamberlain attended Finch from 1970-1973, earning her Bachelor of Arts in English. Following graduation, Jill completed the Publishing Procedures Course at Radcliffe College in Cambridge, MA prior to beginning her career in publishing. Jill first entered the world of book publishing in NYC, then moved to Baltimore, MD to join the

medical publishing field. Other positions followed at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC and Louisiana State University in New Orleans, LA. In 1985, Jill launched her own business, Chamberlain Medical Communications. Focusing on continuing medical education for physicians and nurses, Jill traveled the world, reporting on findings from medical meetings in Taiwan, Helsinki, Buenos Aires and Toronto, among other locations. In 2007, Jill joined Medscape, the professional education division of WebMD, the leading provider of online health information. Although "retired" from the company in 2014, Jill continues to freelance. Jill lives in Jensen Beach, FL and her two children, Lauren Chamberlain Yarborough, 26, and Christian William Chamberlain, 22, live nearby. A beloved rescue dog, Prince, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel, is a recent addition to the family.

SUSAN LYNN ZIMET COLE



Susan Lynn Cole graduated with an A.A. in Early Childhood Education. Following marriage and the birth of her daughter, Susan returned to Finch, earning a B.A. in Art History in 1968. Susan became more deeply immersed in the art world when her husband and his brother became partners in French & Co., a prestigious art and antiques gallery in NYC. Susan also joined her family's real estate business. Following the death

of her husband, Susan relocated to Saratoga, NY where her daughter was attending Skidmore. In Saratoga, Susan designed and built a spectacular state-of-the-art equestrian facility that even included an Equestrian Exercise Pool. With

her love of children, Susan initiated a riding program to help disabled children find joy, riding specially trained horses that helped lessen their anxiety as they experienced the freedom of independent movement. Through Susan's generosity, St. Jude Children's Hospital used the farm's facilities for fund-raising efforts. These days, Susan is residing in North Palm Beach, FL.

TARA ANA FINLEY

Tara spent her freshman year at Finch, then left for two years to travel the world. Already fluent in Italian (having lived in Rome during 7th, 8th and 9th grade), Tara became

a flight attendant with PAN AM Airlines. Flying regularly to Paris, Rome and Tehran, with stops in Ankara and Istanbul, Tara was able to make frequent visits to see her mother, who was living in Rome. Returning to Finch, Tara earned a B.A. in Art History. After Finch, Tara started working at Sotheby's NY (PB 84 at that time).



Tara credits her African Art class with Dr. Marshall Mount as invaluable in her work in the Tribal Arts Dept. Tara then moved to Phillips Auctioneers, becoming the first woman to run a major NYC auction house and first female auctioneer at Phillips. Tara earned an A.A. degree in Interior Design from the NY School of Interior Design and in Bath, Maine, Tara applied her knowledge in turning an 1830 Greek Revival home into the Inn at Bath. Tara returned to NYC, then relocated to Florida to run a Miami auction house. In 2003 she established her own fine art and antiques appraisal company, Anubis Appraisal & Estate Services, Inc. in Miami.

Your congratulatory message to any/all of the Honorees, to be included in the upcoming Journal (in the form of an eighth, quarter, half or full page announcement,) would be most welcome. Please refer to the Contributor Information form or contact us

ASAP, for details:

Wendy Glickstein: wglickstein@nyc.rr.com

LINDA PURL

Actress Linda Purl was born in CT, but grew up in Japan, where she became the only foreigner to have trained at the Toho Geino Academy. Linda attended Finch from 1970-1972, and studied further at the Neighborhood Playhouse and the Lee Strasberg Institute. Linda has starred in over 45 made-for-tv movies.



Recent recurring TV roles include *The Oath*, *Homeland*, *The Office*, and *True Blood*. Linda, a veteran of Broadway (*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Getting and Spending*), has also made off-Broadway and many regional appearances (*Romeo and Juliet*, *Hedda Gabler*, *A Glass Menagerie*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *A Doll's House*, *The Miracle Worker*, *Grease*, *The King and I*, etc.) at such theatres as Long Wharf, Old Globe, South Coast Repertory, Santa Fe Opera, Laguna Playhouse, Williamstown Theatre Festival, with additional theatrical appearances in Monaco and Japan. Among her many accomplishments, Linda was Founding Director of the California International Theatre Festival. Singing is another of Linda's talents, and past concert appearances include Catalina Jazz Club, 54 Below, Naples Philharmonic, in addition to clubs in London, Paris and Tokyo. Linda is currently touring in *The Year of Magical Thinking*, in addition to solo concert appearances, including *Midnight Caravan-Celebrating the Great Ladies of the Glamorous Nightclub Era*, and releasing solo albums.

Neighborhood Council and 1000+Friends of NYC Parks, and has been the recipient of many awards including in 2015, the New York Senate "Woman of Distinction".

MICHELE BROWN SIBEUD

Michele Brown Sibeud attended Finch from 1954 - 1957, earning a B.A. in Art History, and a Master's in Library Science from Columbia, which led to a career working in libraries, beginning with the law firm of Dewey Ballantine. Michele has been a tireless volunteer over the years. Michele volunteers at the Village Garden Club of East Hampton, helping to maintain the historic aspects of gardens in the area. Previously, Michele handled copyright registration for the Princeton University Press from 1987-1999, was Chairman of Volunteers at St. Ann's from 1991 to 2005, and currently volunteers at a bookstore in Bridgehampton to raise funds for local charities.



DR. EMILIE COLAHAN JACKSON

Dr. Emilie Colahan Jackson taught French Language and Literature at Finch College from 1971-1975, and was Director of FISP in 1973. Dr. Jackson graduated from Queens College in NYC in 1968 with a B.A. and M.A. in French and Spanish Language and Literature, and also earned a Certificate of Foreign Professor of French from the University of Paris, Sorbonne, in 1965.



Dr. Jackson also earned a PhD in French Language and Literature from CUNY Graduate Center in 1980. In addition to Finch, Dr. Jackson also taught at Queens College, Montclair State College and Marymount Manhattan College. Fluent in French, Spanish and Italian, Dr. Jackson's career has also encompassed the corporate world. Dr. Jackson was President of Wathne Limited from 1985-2011, President of Ralph Lauren Luggage Company from 1983-1985, and served as an international business consultant in Algeria. Additionally, Dr. Jackson was an Associate, Acquisitions and Divestitures at Union Carbide Corporation. Dr. Jackson is involved with numerous professional organizations and charities. Serving for several years as Chairman of the Board of Fashion Group International, Dr. Jackson is currently a member and former VP of the Board of French American Aid for Children. Dr. Jackson is also a Benefit Committee Member and Volunteer at the Southampton Fresh Air Home Annual Designer and Decorator event and co-chair, Golf tournament. Dr. Jackson divides her time between Southampton, NY and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

CAROL ANN RINZLER

Carol Ann Rinzler graduated as Class President in 1959 with a B.A. and earned a M.A. in History (specializing in the French Revolution) from Columbia



University, in 1961. Later, Carol enrolled in a second degree program in Chemistry at Hunter College. Carol Ann Rinzler is a prolific author, with over 30 books to her name, including the best seller *Nutrition for Dummies*. Some of her other books cover a wide range of intriguing topics: *Is It Safe To Kiss Your Cat*, *Why Eve Doesn't Have an Adam's Apple: A Dictionary of Sex Differences*, *Feed a Cold, Starve a Fever*, *The Dictionary of Medical Folklore*, *The Book of Chocolate*, among others. Carol is currently contributing to Straus News and has written numerous articles and columns appearing in *The New York Times*, *New York Daily News*, *Glamour*, *American Health*, among many other publications. Carol is very politically active, having founded the Manhattan

Fall Events and Gatherings



FEINSTEIN'S 54 BELOW

Featured **Linda Purl** performing "Big Band Romance" with the renowned Jazz Ork DIVA and guest star, Tom Wopat

L-R: Marjorie Hirschhorn Magda Stark Katz, FOF Sherrie Fleisher, Marjorie Schulman, LINDA, Liz Glick Colin, Ceil Gavin Ainsworth, Frances Fish Thompkins

FINCH FALL SALON



Beautiful pair of glass jars hand crafted and donated by Finch Scholar, Yehides Moskovits for Raffle



Finch Women were treated to a wonderful Fall evening when Margaret Stein Nakamura (artist) Julia Berwick (social worker) and Wesley Cullen Davidson (author) shared fascinating stories about their very diverse and successful careers whose achievements found common ground in "giving back" to society.

Marjorie Schulman with Margaret's son, Jeremy Yuto as he draws Raffle winner!

FINCH-BIRCH WATHEN LENOX SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Mother Jana, Ava, sister Clara, father Joseph Kreutziger

Mother Nathalie and Daphne Brown



Jessica Lichtenstein, Director of Communications at the Birch Wathen Lenox School, spoke of the close bond shared by the school and The Finch College Alumni Foundation at its annual tea. **The Finch-Birch Wathen Lenox School Scholarship is in honor of Jessica Cosgrave**, who founded both schools. **Ava Kreutziger** excels as a modern young woman, successfully achieving outstanding grades and fully participating in a number of interesting activities. The well-rounded student is studying both French and Japanese. She participates in theatrical productions, plays the cello and is known to be full of energy and kindness to all. Her sister, Clara, was a recipient of this scholarship in 2016.

Daphne Brown's quiet, caring manner is in direct contrast to her competitive spirit on the soccer field! Her teachers say that she always asks interesting and relevant questions in class. Her kindness is surpassed only by her excellence as a student. The generous annual scholarship, which awards partial tuition to a seventh grader, is selected - and fully funded - by The Birch Wathen Lenox School.

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was made to our Finch Scholarship Program.

TOASTING THE NEW YEAR



~ **AND LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSES -
WITH OUR FINCH SCHOLARS** The
New Year is certainly off to a fine
start for our Finch Scholars! On
January 5, 2019, several Scholars,
joined *Finch alums* Ceil Ainsworth,
JoAnn Kubat, and Eileen Sherman,
to celebrate their past year's
successes at a luncheon at the
Wayfarer Restaurant in midtown
Manhattan. The Scholars were
brimming with news of 4.0 averages,
new internships, new jobs, and new
promotions! **CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL!** /-r. - JoAnn Kubat, Huiling
Cai, Jae Zheng, Barbara Javori, Ceil
Ainsworth, Zineb Bouizy, Razieh
Arabi, Eileen Sherman, Myoung Min



NY FALL TEFAF

at the **Park Avenue Armory**
featuring over 100 exhibits of
decorative and fine arts from
antiquity to 1920!

PRETTY WOMAN THE MUSICAL



A great night out on the
town for 20 Finch friends
and alumnae, including
dinner at 'Charlie Parker
at the Knick'.

BRUNCH AT THE EXCLUSIVE

FRIAR'S CLUB



Rita Thompson holding court with Beverly
Abercrombie, Ceil Ainsworth & Audrey Green



Standing: Rita , Beverly, Ceil, Ellen Easton, Audrey Block Hechter,
Seated: Ron Ziegler, Frances Fish Thompkins, Lois Moran Ziegler,
Magda Katz, Eileen Sherman, Corrie de Groot and Marjorie Schulman

Class Notes

50s

SUSIE STERN SALOMON,

Class of '58, is pictured with her two great-grandchildren, Madeline and Robbie Sprehe.



Finch's very own Cabaret darling, **TENNIE LEONARD** returns to DON'T TELL MAMA 343 West 46 Street NYC with another great show called LOVE BEING HERE

WITH YOU! This spring you have three chances to catch Tennie's performance on Saturday night, April 9 (7p.m.) Wednesday night, April 17 (7p.m.) and Sunday afternoon, May 5th (4p.m.) For reservations and further details call 212-757-0788.

70s

EILEEN BLUESTONE SHERMAN, Class of '73 was thrilled when "My sister, Gail, and I had our music debut at CARNEGIE HALL'S Weill Recital Hall in November as part of a special concert presented by the international music group, The Indie Collaborative. The evening reflected three different genres of music: Grammy Award Winner Wouter Kellerman (from South Africa) brought world music to the stage; TOP 10 BILLBOARD Chart artist, Grant Maloy Smith, presented his award winning American Roots music, and the "Bluestone Sisters" (Gail and I!) had some of Broadway's Best perform songs from our Emmy Award Winning television special, THE ODD POTATO, and our Norman Rockwell musical, PERFECT PICTURE. It was wonderful to see that several Finch friends were in the audience!"

GEORGANNE ALDRICH HELLER has a new email address. Please contact her at juliannedechaine@gmail.com.

NANCY ALTERMAN WALKER, Class of '71, is now the proud grandmother of Carolina P. Walker, born in July, 2018.

SUSAN MAU SOONG, Class of '71, writes: "Two of my short stories were published in the 40th Anniversary issue of *Bamboo Ridge, Journal of Hawaiian Literature and Arts*."

BETSY RAPPAPORT DANE, Class of '72, writes: "On March 4, 2018 grandson, Wesley William Paul, was welcomed to the world and to our family. Seven weeks later, on April 26, I lost my husband of 40 years, Tom, to previously undetected liver cancer. In August, my younger daughter moved to Arizona to live with her sister, my son-in-law and little Wesley. Our horse was rehomed to a wonderful "southern plantation" in Georgia where she is loving her new pasture-mates and where she is receiving the love and pampering she deserves. At the end of October, I sold the Tennessee house and was in a rental home around the corner from the kids in time to celebrate Wesley's first Halloween with them. I continue to work from home writing grants and blogs and hope to gain some new clients in the coming year. I have also joined a local chorale group. My older daughter will soon be completing her degree at ASU. If you're ever in the Phoenix area, I would love to see you! My new contact information is: 6035 N. Laguna Drive, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340; landline: 623-748-8011; cell: 941-504-0757 or email: bonaire110@aol.com "

"Finch photographer" **MARGARET STEIN NAKAMURA**, Class of '72, and her husband, Hideaki, visited Kyoto, Japan in late summer 2018 to spend several weeks with Margaret's mother-in-law, who, having recovered from illness, was celebrating her 98th birthday! They returned to New York just in time for Margaret to participate in the Finch Salon, joining Eileen, Julia and Wesley, and to create new artwork for Crane & Co. Stationery and pastels for the 2nd annual "Cat and Dog in Art" exhibition, held at OSSAM Gallery, Brooklyn (an artistic and fund-raising endeavor which donates part of its proceeds from the show's sales to the Brooklyn Bridge Animal Welfare Coalition).

Let's hear from YOU! Send us your news & views any time:
finchassoc@gmail.com

60s

ROSALIE CARR-O'NEIL VAN CLEEF, Class of '65, "will host a benefit this Spring for The Holy Family Hospital, a medical facility for mothers and babies in Bethlehem on Israel's West Bank. This hospital cares for the neediest and is the only neonatal facility in the area." Contact rvc212@hotmail.com for details.

JUDITH GREER BENDER, Class of '69, and **WENDY GAIL GLICKSTEIN**, Class of '70,

travelled to China with Viking River Cruises in October. They are pictured here at The Great Wall on what was just



one of the many beautiful warm and sunny days that they enjoyed during their fascinating two-week trip.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ALBA FRANCESCA

Hailing from a family of artists and artisans, Alba Francesca is certain that her creative background and upbringing helped to foster an appetite for curiosity about the world, as well as her ability to find comfort in navigating it.

During her parents' 10 years of living abroad, she and her brother, Aram, were born in Florence; brother Damon was born in Paris, and sister & Finch alum, Obron, was born in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, attended Finch during its last two years before transferring to Barnard. She lives in Easthampton. Today, Aram is a builder in Santa Fe, where Alba's family owns a house that he built; Damon, a recognized landscape architect, lives with his family in Minneapolis.

Alba grew up in East Hampton, New York where her family continues to maintain a home. The town had – and still has – a wonderful community theater – where she played summer stock from ages 10-15.

After graduating from public school, she attended Finch on scholarship from 1968-1972, which she fulfilled by working 20 hours per week in the Finch library. There, she majored in Art History with a focus on African and Asian art, and went on FISP (Finch International Study Plan) during her junior year which afforded her the opportunity to study in Spain, Italy, France and England. She credits Finch with providing her the opportunity to satisfy her curiosity to travel.

Alba met Broadway and Hollywood actor, Jim Karen, in Easthampton at age 10. After she graduated from Finch, they worked together at the American Place Theatre, under the direction of Finch theater professor,

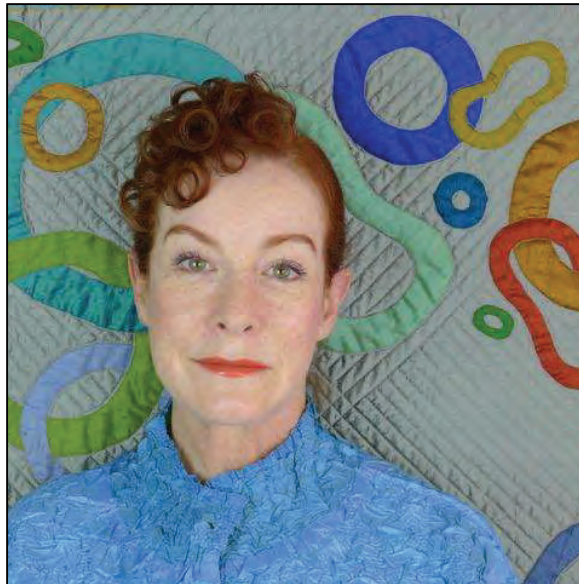
Isaiah Sheffer, who later became a Founder of Symphony Space, a performing arts venue on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Together since 1972, Alba and Jim were married in 1989.

Fast forward to now. During Jim's illness that began more than 4 years ago, Alba focused on him completely for a year and a half. While he spent time in hospice – a move that usually signals "end of life care," Alba began

came to a sudden halt, but as Jim gradually became well enough to participate again in living, they started life anew. Up until Jim's death on October 23, 2018, they had to make some lifestyle adjustments, keeping a mindful balance of peace and calm, time with the people they cared about most, and activities they could enjoy together.

These days, due to many life changes, Alba is busy putting her priorities in order: good health, more time to spend with family, loved ones and friends, and finding joy in living every day to its fullest, such as deriving pleasure and satisfaction from cooking a gourmet meal or spending time in her studio working on textile art/quilt work.



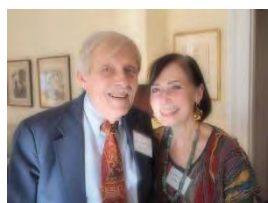
questioning whether Jim - and she – were truly prepared to face the end of life. Since she was in no way ready to lose her husband, she put all of her energy and spirit into keeping him alive. Jim was in a physically weakened condition, and likely would have followed hospice's path leading to the end of life, but through sheer will power, determination and persistence, they succeeded in "graduating him" from hospice. Their former active lifestyle which had consisted of busy careers, travel and social activities

Today, Alba is on the Board – and is Co-Chair of Development – for The Actors Fund Los Angeles. Her chief responsibility is fundraising for this active non-profit whose focus is on helping individuals working in all aspects of the entertainment industry to live comfortably. Alba focuses mainly on The Hollywood Arts Collective, which has pledged to provide 150 apartments comprised of studios and 1, 2 & 3-bedroom apartments which will be priced in the affordable range of \$600 - \$900 per month for members who work in the entertainment industry and the arts. In addition to this residence, the complex will have a theater, rehearsal spaces, two art galleries, an outdoor amphitheater, recording studios and retail space. The organization has also partnered with the federally-funded, Youth Policy Initiatives, which introduces underserved children to the arts. Residents will teach their particular disciplines - dance, writing, acting and painting – to these youngsters. *Article: Wendy Glickstein; photo courtesy of Alba Francesca*

Exhibition records of the Contemporary Wing of the Finch College Museum of Art, 1943-1975 on view:
<https://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/exhibition-records-contemporary-wing-finch-college-museum-art-8114>

In Memoriam

Marshall Ward Mount, died at home in Jersey City, NJ of pancreatic cancer on



November 25, 2018, at age 91. In 1960, he was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation

Fellowship to do field research on post-WWI African art. For over 2 years, he did that throughout sub-Saharan Africa during its dramatic period of national independence. His book, "African Art: The Years Since 1920" was the first book on contemporary African art published in the United States. Dr. Mount was an art history professor and Department Chair at Finch College in New York City, and at the University of Benin in Nigeria. During his 60 years of teaching Western, African and other art traditions, he inspired many students to become art historians, and everyone he knew, to see the world through a wider lens. He was generous, kind, funny, interested in everyone, and the maker of the world's best martinis! He is survived by his wife, Caroline Katz Mount, son Christopher (Stephanie) from a previous marriage, and grandson, Julian. A spring memorial is planned. Donations may be made to the African Wildlife Fund.

On Jan. 13, 2019, *Alba Francesca Farber* (Class of '72), was joined by her entire family and by an array of Hollywood film industry friends, to pay loving tribute and to celebrate the life of her late husband, veteran actor **James Karen**, who passed away on October 23, 2018. Friends and colleagues Oliver Stone, Eva Marie Saint, George Clooney, Joe Mantegna, Michael Douglas, Hal Holbrook, Keith Carradine and Morgan Freeman offered touching and humorous tributes. Jim was also included in the Academy Awards IN MEMORIAM tribute on February 24th. Jim was a dear and supportive friend of the Finch community, who will always remember him with affection.

Katherine "Cassie" Sheffield Kernan, age 74, passed away on December 18, 2018, after a car accident in Boca Grande, FL where she had a home. After graduating from Miss Hall's School in Massachusetts, Cassie attended Finch College in the 60's and, later, Columbia University. Cassie volunteered as a movement therapist at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for Women. She also taught belly dancing, and in 1973 was featured in Life Magazine after performing a belly dance demonstration

at the United Nations! Cassie is survived by three children: Josh of Mill Valley, CA; Michael of Weare, NH; and Kate of Glen Cove, NY, as well as by eight grandchildren and a sister, Helen Baldwin Bonsal, of Glyndon, MD.

Evelyn Bates Owen passed away at home on September 15, 2018. The daughter of Ted and Evelyn Bates, she is survived by her husband, an identical twin sister, 3 children, and 4 grandchildren. Her father, Ted Bates, was the founder of the worldwide advertising agency that bore his name. (At his death, it was one of the 5 largest agencies in the world.) Private services were held.

Angela Place Supplee died on February 9, 2019 at her home in Santa Barbara, CA. She attended the Chapin School before graduating from St. Timothy's School in Maryland. After graduating from Finch College, she trained and volunteered as a nurse's aide at Lenox Hill Hospital during World War II. She married Cochran B. Supplee in 1946. They lived in Manhattan and at their summer home in Millbrook, NY. Angela devoted her energy and talents to many charitable boards and committees, from the Chapin-Brearley Exchange to the Colonial Dames of America. She was also an active member of the Colony Club in Manhattan, where she served as President from 1987-1990. She is survived by her daughter, Angela S. Chessner, Ph.D of Columbus, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her brothers Curtis Place and John B.M. Place.

Joan Goldman Toepfer passed away on December 9, 2018. She is survived by her children, Penny and Charles (Chuck). An accomplished tennis player and golf enthusiast, and a member of Old Oaks, Fairview and the Harmonie Club, she lived a life of culture, travel and philanthropy. Joan graduated from The Dalton School in NYC in 1957. After graduating from Finch College, she became a realtor with Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty.

Lillian Fracchia Winston, Finch alum and former wife of Stanley Winston (brother of Harry), passed away on January 13, 2019 at the age of 95. Remembered as a cultured, witty and loving woman, Lillian was an assistant to renowned fashion designer, Oleg Cassini; she later assisted Hollywood movie legend, Jean Tierney. After marrying Stanley in 1952, she lived a quiet, domestic life in Katonah, NY. In 1993, she retired to *Virginia Hall*, her residence in Winter Park, FL

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Special Events Kick off 2019 Jessica Cosgrave Awards

Friday, May 17, 2019

Tour of the Museum of American Illustration; Society of Illustrators 11:00am – 12:00pm Location: 128 E. 63rd St. (between Park and Lexington Avenues) NYC. The museum has a wonderful history dating back to the beginning of the 20th century. In 1920 the Society was incorporated, and women became full members. Norman Rockwell's "Dover Coach" became the backdrop for the bar, where it still hangs today. (\$45; \$20 is tax deductible)

A visit to the Big Apple would be incomplete without dinner and a show in the theatre district! Optional pre-theatre dinner at **Gallagher's Steakhouse** at 5:45pm, located just steps from the Neil Simon Theatre: 228 W. 52 St. (between Broadway & 8th Ave.) **The Cher Show at The Neil Simon Theatre** 8:00pm: 250 W. 52 St (between Broadway & 8th Ave.) **The Cher Show** is 35 smash hits, 6 decades of stardom, 2 rock-star husbands, and a Grammy, Oscar, and Emmy-winning superstar! Show time is 2 hrs. 20 minutes with 1 intermission. (\$130; \$21 is tax deductible)

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Chelsea Art Scene Walking Tour 1:00pm

Meet at the Gagosian Gallery, 555 West 24th Street (near 11th Ave.) NYC. Enjoy a walking tour of Chelsea Art Scene. Our tour leader is the art expert, John Delmar. Starting at the Gagosian Gallery we will get to explore the latest trends while we visit galleries of famous and up-and-coming artists in this fashionable area on the west side of Manhattan. (\$45; \$20 is tax deductible)

Dinner and Cabaret starring Linda Purl at The Beach Café

7:30 pm – 11:00pm 1326 Second Ave. at 70th St. NYC. TV & film actress and singer, Linda is one of this year's Cosgrave honorees. Tonight, we will enjoy a 3-course dinner starting at 7:30pm followed by her special cabaret performance at 9:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30. Cocktails extra. (\$150; \$35 is tax deductible).

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Reception at the home of Ginger Najar 5:00pm – 7:00pm
275 Central Park West @ 88th Street, Apt. 12D, NYC. Ginger Najar, Finch alumna and hostess extraordinaire, welcomes us to her beautiful home overlooking Central Park for cocktails and canapes. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Park and Fifth Avenue and stimulating conversation, as we meet past and current Cosgrave recipients as well as some of the Finch Scholars. (\$35; \$35 is tax deductible)

Monday, May 20, 2019

Luncheon and Tour at the United Nations 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Meet at the United Nations, 46th Street and First Avenue, NYC. Enjoy a 3-course, prix-fixe lunch at one of Manhattan's best-kept secrets: the United Nations' Delegates Dining Room. Our dining experience will be complemented by the beautiful vista and modern decor of the DDR itself and by sweeping panoramic views of the East River, Queensborough Bridge, Roosevelt Island and the Long Island City waterfront. A tour of the UN's headquarters follows our luncheon. (\$90; \$15 is tax deductible)

Reception at the home of Diana and Mark Jacoby

5:30pm–7:30pm. Philip Colleck, Ltd., 311 E. 58th St NYC. We will visit the elegant townhouse of Finch alumna and artist, Diana Jacoby and her husband, Mark, renowned antique collector and dealer where we will see the exquisite furnishings inside this beautiful home, built in the early 1850s and designated as a New York City landmark in 1967 while enjoying a wine reception with hors d'oeuvres in their lovely garden. (\$45; \$20 is tax deductible)

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

25th Annual Cosgrave Awards Dinner at the New York Cosmopolitan Club, 122 E. 66 St. NYC. Welcome Reception at 5:30 pm, Awards Presentation at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 8 pm.
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