

## **Land & Garden Preserve Welcomes New Board Members, Honors Departing Directors**

August 8, 2025 – The Mount Desert Land & Garden Preserve has appointed three new members to its Board of Directors: Kate Conner, Executive Director of Food Well Alliance; Pam Hatchfield, Head of Objects Conservation Emerita at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; and Daphne W. Trotter, retired partner at McDermott Will & Emery specializing in environmental law.

“The Land & Garden Preserve is strengthened by the immense contributions of our board of directors. We are thrilled to welcome Kate, Pam, and Daphne to the board, and feel especially fortunate for the expertise that they bring to our work,” said CEO Patrick MacRae.

The Preserve also recognized eight directors completing multiple terms of service: Ann Judd, Sam McGee, Eileen Growald, Martha Jackson, Susan Rockefeller, Eliot Paine, Jamie Clark, and Jan Coates. Their forward-thinking leadership and generosity have been instrumental in protecting and celebrating the gardens and natural lands of Mount Desert Island.

“It is impossible to overstate our gratitude for the decades of experience and loyalty that our outgoing board directors have brought to their roles. We look forward to keeping them close,” said Patrick.

The announcement was made by board chair Kate Macko following the August 8 meeting of the board. “It is my great honor, on behalf of the Land & Garden Preserve, to welcome these three stellar new trustees to our board. Their expertise, vision, and passion for historical conservation, and the strength of this organization will help guide our work in meaningful ways for years to come,” said Kate. “At the same time, we extend our deepest gratitude to each of the long-standing and deeply respected board members who are concluding their terms. Thankfully, many of them will remain involved through continued committee service. Their wisdom, dedication, and countless contributions have been instrumental in shaping the Preserve into the thriving and vibrant place it is today. We celebrate their legacy even as we look forward to the fresh perspectives of our newest colleagues.”

The Land & Garden Preserve manages and cares for more than 1,400 acres of gardens, natural lands, and trails on Mount Desert Island, including the Asticou Azalea Garden, Thuya Garden, and the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden, as well as Little Long Pond and surrounding woodlands.

Photo below.



From left to right, front row: Jan Coates, Eliot Paine, CEO Patrick MacRae, board chair Kate Macko, Ann Judd, Pamela Hatchfield, Eileen Growald, Kate Conner, Daphne Trotter; middle row: Martha Jackson, Andrea Gilmore, Vassar Pierce, John van der Stricht, Sam McGee, Neil Houghton, Susan Rockefeller, Jamie Clark, Camilla Rockefeller, Lauren Kogod, Alan Baldwin; back row: Amy Falls, Allison Bourke, Kita Reece, Story Litchfield, Eric Lindquist, Jessica Savage Anderson; missing: Will Thorndike, Gifford Combs; *Photo by Nikolai Fox, August 8, 2025*