

Jeanie Connolly



Jeanie Connolly is a SVP, Sr. Commercial Lending Officer at Clinton Savings Bank. She has spent most of her career in the Banking Industry and began her career at Shawmut Bank, N.A over 40 years ago after graduating from Bentley University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Jeanie has an in-depth knowledge of Commercial Lending and Accounting. Jeanie is currently on the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill’s Finance and Investment Committee; the Board of Directors of the YWCA, where she serves as the Assistant Treasurer; the Board of Directors of ArtsWorcester, where she is the Treasurer; and the Mount Wachusett Community Foundation Board, where she serves as the Chairman. Jeanie resides in Princeton, MA with her husband, Robert and has two grown children, Robbie and Emma Connolly.



Jyoti Datta

Jyoti Datta is a retired school Principal. She pursues her various interests in education, gardening, and art education through active engagement within the Worcester community, where she has lived with her husband, Ravi Datta, for the past 25 years. She served on the Worcester Public Library Board of Directors for a six-year term. She is a Corporator at the Worcester Art Museum and serves as a member of WAM’s Education & Community Engagement Committee. Jyoti is a Trustee at Bancroft School in Worcester. In addition, Jyoti is also a member of the Worcester Garden Club. Jyoti enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren, reading, gardening, and thinking about the future of education, botanical gardens, and museums.



Ellen Hornig

Ellen's education (Harvard AB *summa cum laude*, Cornell PhD) led her to a position as associate professor of economics at the State University of New York at Oswego, specializing in international trade and finance and economic development. She eventually resigned to found and run Seneca Hill Perennials, a quirky mail-order nursery specializing in unusual hardy plants (South African species, species peonies, species cyclamen, species clematis, and plants native to the eastern US, to name a few). She selected and introduced several cultivars, botanized twice in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, and helped popularize the garden use of many of the hardier South African species and of various North American asclepiads. Family caregiving needs led to closing the nursery and moving to Shrewsbury, where she has brought a neglected house back to life, volunteered for several years at the public library, and transformed her derelict half-acre lot into an award-winning mini botanical garden (North American Rock Garden Society's Millstream Garden Award). The mother of four and grandmother of eleven, she greatly enjoys hiking and travel, particularly travel involving botanizing (most recently on two trips to Turkey). She is thrilled to have been invited to join the board of NEBG and looks forward to supporting the many exciting initiatives already under way.



Andrea Mattei

Andrea M. Mattei, a Worcester native and product of the Worcester Public Schools, recently returned to Worcester County as she winds down her legal career in commercial and corporate finance. After completing her undergraduate work at Mount Holyoke College, Magna cum Laude, Mary Lyon Scholar, she accepted the Waddell Fellowship at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then continued her graduate studies in American History at The Johns Hopkins University (M.A.), completing her J.D. at The University of Maryland Carey School of Law. Andrea joined Piper & Marbury LLP (now DLA Piper) in Baltimore, MD, and following her partnership there, entered public company executive management, serving as General Counsel to Ocwen Financial Corporation, West Palm Beach, Florida; Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Finance and Treasury, at Marriott International, Inc., and Group Vice President, Strategic Development, Real Estate and Sourcing at Wyndham Worldwide Corporation. A significant portion of her practice is advising on the connection between balance sheet management and real estate assets; this interaction plays a unique role in the hospitality industry and the marketing and appeal of travel and leisure experiences. Over the past decade, Andrea divided her time between Baltimore and Worcester County, serving as Of Counsel with Ballard Spahr, LLP, and currently practices with Lerch, Early, Brewer in Bethesda, MD. She frequently collaborates with Mount Holyoke College on a number of initiatives and is a member of the President's Working Group on Real Estate. Andrea also serves as the Treasurer of First Unitarian Church, Second Parish; Advisory Board Member, Mary's Giving Fund, Tequesta, Florida; and for the past 12 years, as a member of the Georgetown University Law School Hospitality and Lodging Conference Advisory Board. She was elected to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers in 2002 and resides in Sutton, MA.



Gail Radcliffe

Gail Radcliffe has more than 30 years' experience assisting medical device and diagnostics companies with technical assessment and clinical/regulatory issues. Since 2020, she has been working with the NIH Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) program to address the pandemic by bringing point of care diagnostics to market. She is currently a board member of the Worcester Economic Club and a past member of the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives board. Gail obtained a BA in Biology from the College of the Holy Cross and a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from Brown University. She loves spending time outdoors and is a strong proponent of an edible backyard.



Priya Vaidya

Priya Vaidya has been an engineer at Intel Corporation since 2000 after graduating with a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from UMass, Amherst. She is a senior researcher working on various aspects of processor architecture design and software. While being a successful engineer in her professional career she is also an avid artist at heart. Outside of work, she loves to cook, bake, paint, and engage in many artistic pursuits. She has published her poetry book on Amazon ["Life is Beautiful"](#). She and her husband have been members of New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill since 2008 and she volunteers at Tower Hill for many events. Priya lives in Shrewsbury with her husband who is also an engineer. They have a son who is now a freshman at Purdue University.