

**FRIENDS OF KNOX FARM STATE PARK, INC.
2022 NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD**

(* indicates an incumbent Director)

***Donald E. Aubrecht**

Don is a resident of East Aurora, where he has lived since the age of one, with a brief time spent in New Jersey and Ithaca, during his college years. He is a graduate of East Aurora Schools and Cornell University with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree. He has been a partner of Fontanese Folts Aubrecht Ernst Architects, PC since 1985. Significant projects of the Firm include additions to MOOG Inc. facilities - Corporate Offices, Boys and Girls Club of East Aurora, Kids Escaping Drugs in West Seneca, the offices of Phillips Lytle at One Canal Side, Explore and More at Canal Side, the Aurora Players Pavilion and First Presbyterian Church of Clarence. He previously was the Chairman of the East Aurora Planning Commission and the Town of Aurora Zoning Board of Appeals.

Tyler Bauer

Tyler is a higher education professional who works at the University at Buffalo. In his role, he raises philanthropic support and drives development strategy for the areas of Student Life. Before working at UB, Tyler worked with the University of Rochester in volunteer management and engagement for the areas of Chicago and Texas. He is a proud University at Buffalo alumnus, receiving both his undergraduate and master's degrees at UB. In relation to Friends, Tyler has served on the Strategic Planning Committee and has been a member since summer 2020. The potential of the Friends of Knox Farm to continue and improve as a premier Friends group of New York State is what drew Tyler to wanting to be part of the Board.

***Susan Brzostowski**

Susan is a Certified Public Accountant, has held several financial positions over her twenty-five-year career with MOOG Inc. and is currently working on an ERP implementation project. She graduated from Canisius College with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration. Susan has served on the Friend's Board since 2015, previously held the position of Treasurer for three years, and currently is Chairperson of the Audit & Finance Committee. Susan is excited about the potential opportunities to enhance the park for the enjoyment of our community and looks forward to continuing her work on the Board.

***Robin Shanahan**

Robin joined the Board in 2018 and presently is serving as a member of the Development Committee and as a member of the Audit & Finance Committee. Robin is retired following a forty-two-year career in commercial banking in Burlington, Vermont with the People's United Bank, a large regional New England and New York based bank. Robin has held leadership positions on many Vermont non-profit boards, including the United Way, Frog Hollow Craft Center, and the University of Vermont College of Arts and Sciences Lane Series. In addition, she was appointed by Vermont's former Governor Madeline Kunin to the State's Board of Public Accountancy. Robin and her husband Bill (a former graduate of East Aurora High School) have two sons, and moved to East Aurora in early 2017 to be closer to family and their many friends. Robin finds Knox Farm State Park a truly unique resource, which she enjoys visiting on a regular basis. She looks forward to continuing her involvement in the East Aurora community with this stewardship opportunity as a Board member.

***Melissa Stevener**

Melissa Stevener, CPA, is an equity partner at Brock, Schechter & Polakoff, LLP. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting at SUNY Geneseo. Melissa is a member of the Board of Trustee of the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies. She lives in East Aurora with her daughter and enjoys coaching soccer.

Sonia D. Tito

Sonia discovered her deep love for Knox Farm during the pandemic when she was looking for a place to walk her dogs Corky and Cooper among beautiful fields and nature. As she spent more time at the Park, she gained a real appreciation not only for the Park's natural beauty but also for the people – visitors, staff and volunteers who make the Park the great place that it is. Sonia is looking forward to serving the community and working with her fellow Board members to sustain and improve the Park and its programs. She has significant experience supporting social and charitable organizations in planning events and fundraising activities.