

Nominating Report 2023

Nominated for a second term: Lisa Armstrong, Bill Clarkson, David Martin, John Mitchener, Alex Smith, Carol Stewart, Jennie Stowers, Frank Langford

Nominees for term 1: Linda Barlow, Lisa Dailey, Lindy Harrison, Jim Landon

Linda V. Barlow

Linda graduated with a BA from Belhaven College, Jackson, MS And an M Ed from Auburn University. She is certified as an Alabama Nursery Person, in Landscape Design and Maintenance and in Nightscaping Design and Installation. She owned and operated her own business for 30 years, Vaughn Road Nursery and Landscaping, Montgomery, AL. Linda continues to consult in Landscape Design and Horticulture. She Co-founded German Shepherd Rescue of Central Alabama and served as President for 25 years. Hobbies include gardening, plant propagation, reading, botanical water color painting, restoring antique lamps, and her biggest hobby: being the hand servant to her Chihuahuas. Linda has served terms on the HBF board previously.

Lindy Colson Harrison

I grew up in Avon Park, Florida, a very small town in central Florida. After graduating from the University of Florida with a BS in Business Administration, I moved to Miami to work for Burdines Department Store's. After leaving Burdines, I worked in residential condominium sales.

I was a member of The Junior League of Miami, serving on many committees, the Executive Board and as President. I was also an active member of the Kristi House Board.

Currently, I am on Cullasaja Women's Outreach Grants Committee and serve as one of the chairs. Additionally, I enjoy working on The Dahlia Festival.

Our family has spent many summers in Highlands loving the outdoor activities the area has to offer. We were frequent visitors to the Nature Center, enjoying their many programs. I look forward to being a member of the Biological Foundation Board and learning the many areas it serves.

Lisa Dailey

My grandmother Louise Harrison, an authentic gardener, passed on a love of nature through my mother, Dede Austin. Having such pure intentional gardeners cultivate me, how could I be anything else but a horticulturist? Growing up in Savannah, surrounded by live oaks, camellias and azaleas I learned to appreciate nature's bounty and draw inspiration from centuries-old gardens. Equally nurturing was the influence the mountains of Highlands, North Carolina has had on my love and appreciation of native flora.

I continued to deepen my knowledge of the natural world at the University of Georgia by obtaining a bachelor's degree in Agriculture. Following college, I pursued my passion. For thirteen years I worked in the consumer garden products division of Chevron/Ortho where I discovered my talent and enthusiasm for being an educator. In the next season of my life, I enjoyed being the best cultivator, MOM. Living in Sarasota, Florida allowed me to expand my knowledge of tropical plants, soil health, as well as to hone my formidable flower-arranging skills.

I have now returned to my hometowns, Savannah and Highlands, and my horticultural roots. I am so energized to use my educational skills to share all that I have learned about gardening, landscape design, healthy soil and botanical floral design over the past several decades. Working beside my clients to create individual gardens that will enhance their homes for generations will be so exciting.

Jim Landon

Jim is an Atlanta native, where he practiced law for forty years, in the fields of employee benefits, nonprofit organization law and estate planning. He retired in 2013. Jim graduated from Vanderbilt University and Harvard Law School. He has had a home in Highlands for forty years, and has served on the board of The Bascom Center for the Arts and as chair of the Highlands Community Fund Advisory Board. In Atlanta, he serves on the boards of the Atlanta Symphony and the Cherokee Garden Library and is a Life Trustee of the Woodruff Arts Center, for which he was General Counsel for several decades. Jim has also served on the boards of the Atlanta Botanical Garden, the Atlanta Historical Society and Atlanta Medical Heritage, as well as the Piedmont Healthcare Foundation.