

FOM COUNCIL NOMINEES FOR 2021-22



President – Millie Phuah

Millie joined FOM in 2015 and is a docent at IHC, MHC, NMS and SYSNMH. Between 2018 and 2020, she was Co-Overall Head of Docent Training and a co-opted member of the Council. This follows her earlier roles as IHC Coordinator, Co-Head of Docent Training at MHC and SYSNMH, and helping out with training presentations. Prior to FOM, Millie was in the broadcast and video industry for over three decades, with credits for work both behind and in front of the camera, including directing, writing, programme development and editorial. She went on to start her own companies, providing terrestrial broadcast and online streaming media, and webcast technology.



Vice-President – Susan Fong

Susan has guided at the NUS Baba House since 2011 and was naturally drawn to join FOM's docent training at The Peranakan Museum in 2014. She was co-head of docent training in 2015. Thereafter she served on the FOM council as Honorary Secretary for 2 years in 2017. She found time to research and guide at the special exhibitions at IHC and ACM. She also trained as a Museum Educator Guide to specially guide students. She accepted the role of Vice President in 2020 and looks forward to one more year of service with the board. Susan became an apparel buyer after she graduated. She still finds time for Ikebana, baking and recently, the discovery of nature trails.



Honorary Treasurer - Irina Grishaeva

Russia born and bred has been enjoying Singapore for six years. Having graduated from Moscow State University of Education, majoring in History, she applies her research skills to conduct tours at IHC and ACM. Irina was a scheduler at the IHC for two years and a member of the treasury team for one year. She obtained her management skills at the ESSEC Business School Asia-Pacific, Singapore, majoring in Strategy and Management of International Business. While being a sports enthusiast, Irina is interested in history. She continues to study the history of art and religion.



Honorary Secretary – Kwan Min Yee

Min Yee is a Singaporean and received her master’s degree in Applied Linguistics from the National University of Singapore. During the years living in China and the USA, she developed a keen interest and a deep passion for the heritage and culture of her home country. Today, Min Yee guides regularly at the NMS. She was a co-head of 2019/20 NMS Docent Training Programme. She has also contributed to the FOM Passage magazine and research to An Old New World exhibit held at the NMS. In her free time, Min Yee loves travelling, making clay pots and teaching her old dog new tricks.



Council Representative for Museums – Charlotte Dawson

After working as an architect in New Orleans, Charlotte’s family began a life overseas in 2007. Joining FOM in 2017, Charlotte immediately took part in the URA Chinatown Heritage Trails docent training. A love for history, research and guiding was born! She then participated in NMS docent training, and the pilot programmes for MHF Kampong Gelam Trail, Fort Siloso Trail, and Changi Chapel and Museum. She was Cohead for NMS docent training, and later served on the NMS Committee as Docent Activity Coordinator. Most recently, she took on the roles of Overall co-Head of Training, co-opted member of Council, and NMS co-Coordinator. In her spare time, Charlotte enjoys decorating cookies, much to her teenagers’ delight!



Council Representative for Communications - Gisella Harrold

Gisella is from Germany joined a couple of volunteer activities after she became an FOM member in 1995. In 2010 she once again became an active FOM member by completing the ACM docent training. Since then she has volunteered in various leadership roles, including ACM Training Cohead, ACM Coordinator and Overall Co-head of Training. Travelling, cooking, reading, history and the arts are some of her hobbies and through FOM’s study tours and Curio she has been able to cover all these areas. She loves co-leading FOM’s study tours to many places around Asia and developed an interest in photography and often provides photos for FOM use in Passage, on the website and Facebook pages. Recently she played a role in revamping FOM’s website, membership and communication system and is looking forward to be the communication council member for the 2021/22 council year.



Council Representative for Volunteer Appreciation & Membership – Darlene Kasten

Educated in Mathematics (BS), Computer Science (MS), and Finance (MBA), American Darlene Kasten’s early career was in high tech. But she began volunteering when she stayed home with her children for 21 years. Afterwards, she became a professional fundraiser for environmental nonprofits in the USA and Africa. Darlene moved to Singapore from South Africa in 2016, joined FOM, trained with MHC and ACM, and in 2017 was Co-Head of ACM Docent Training. In 2019 she served on the MHC Docent Training team and trained with STPI. In 2020 she was a facilitator for the AafME course. Outside of training and guiding, Darlene was a Coordinator with FOM Curio and FOM Members Care. A tiki enthusiast, she’s hooked on hula dancing



Council Representative for Marketing – Aditi Kaul

Originally from India, Aditi became a Singapore PR in 2008. Straight after graduating in History, she began her career in the media industry. After settling into motherhood, she decided to pursue her passion for art, history and culture by completing FOM’s ACM Docent Training Programme in 2019. She has, since, thoroughly enjoyed guiding and cherished the opportunity of serving as Head of ACM’s 2019/20 Docent Training programme. Thereafter, she was on the organising team of the Asian Art and History for Museum Enthusiasts course and is currently, Overall co-Head of Docent Training. In her free time, you can find her cycling along the Singapore river. Ever since the pandemic began, she’s thrilled to discover the joys of doing online courses!



Council Representative for Members Activities – Kim Arnold

Following a career in consulting, Kim has dedicated herself to nonprofit work. In Singapore she joined FOM in 2013 and has served as co-coordinator of Asian Study Group and the Textiles Enthusiasts Group. She also participates in the Couples' Book Group and the Welcome Committee. A committed practitioner of many crafts, she enjoys all aspects of applied arts and is fascinated by the use of textiles in traditional South-east Asian communities. In the US, Kim serves on the board of a 55,000-acre Land Trust in Maine, where she is also the Treasurer, roles she has held for a decade. Together with her husband, she also supports Singapore Nature Society by volunteering for birding censuses and other citizen science projects. She has degrees from Wesleyan University and the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College.