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Kendra Stearns O'Donnell is a painter and Principal Emerita of Phillips Exeter Academy. O'Donnell is a graduate of Emma Willard School and Barnard College. She holds an M.A. and PhD. in English literature from Columbia University, as well as honorary degrees from New England College and Hamilton College.

O'Donnell was an assistant professor of English at Princeton University, appointed to the faculty in 1971, and was the first woman to be named to the ceremonial post of University Marshal. She began a decade's work in the foundation field as a program officer at The John and Mary R. Markle Foundation, was program director at The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations and was first a consultant and then special assistant to the president at The Rockefeller Brothers Fund. In 1987 she was appointed Principal Instructor at Phillips Exeter Academy, serving until her retirement in 1997.

O'Donnell currently serves as a trustee of the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire and The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut. Past non-profit service includes: Director of the New Hampshire Charitable Fund, President of the Board of Emma Willard School, and Vice-president of the Board of The Society for the

Protection of New Hampshire Forests. In addition, she is a member of The Headmasters Association, The Century Association, and the St. Botolph Club.

O'Donnell is represented by McGowan Fine Arts in Concord, New Hampshire and the Belleza Gallery in Bisbee, Arizona. She has had several solo shows and her paintings have appeared in numerous group exhibitions and are in private collections across the country.

O'Donnell is married to Patrick O'Donnell who retired in 1998 as a Managing Director and Chief of Global Equity Research at Putnam Investments. They have three children, two grandchildren and live on a farm in Concord, New Hampshire. As principals in Arden Forest, LLC, and certified tree farmers, they own and manage forest land in northern New Hampshire.