



# The Innkeeper

Spring 2009

Newsletter of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel, Cary, NC

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## From the President

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

*(Editor's Note: Peggy made me put this in here! – Brent)*

First, I would like to congratulate **Brent Miller** for receiving the Town of Cary's History and Heritage Award. Brent so richly deserves recognition for being such a conscientious and talented volunteer who has readily applied his expertise in electronic communications to further the goals of the Friends. Brent is a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, where he has assembled our annual program, "[What Have We Got to Lose?](#)", a visual inventory and tour of our community's historic treasures. He has spoken at Town Council meetings as a voice for preservation and he is a familiar presence at public workshops on matters affecting our historic districts. In his role on the Planning and Zoning Board, Brent has kept issues of preservation in the forefront. He was instrumental in engineering change in the Town's Comprehensive Transportation Plan rewrite in 2008, successfully advocating for a highway bypass to shelter the core of the Green Level Historic District. Beginning in 2008, he serves on the committee for the Town's Comprehensive Historic Resources Plan.

Brent has made personal contact with many of the property owners in the Carpenter and Green Level Historic Districts, gathering history from them about their property and life experiences. Perhaps more importantly, he has begun building relationships of value and respect that can only serve to benefit all of us in the long term. *(continued on p. 3)*

Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel

## ***A Look Back, Our Continuing Series***

### Warm Memories, New Dreams

### **Cary's Historical Gem Emerges 1994-1995**

*Anne Kratzer completes her series of the history of the Friends of the Page-Walker*

*The previous installment of "A Look Back" concluded with the first few programs at the Page-Walker. After all the fundraising and restoration, would the facility become a public asset?*

The community's response to the Page-Walker exceeded our expectations. The Cary Town Council, Town staff, business and community leaders and the press were amazed at the citizen response to the opening of the first floor of the Page-Walker. It was as though a lake had been discovered in the middle of a desert. During the first three years, thousands of people took part in art shows, performances, lectures and classes. Brides and grooms formed lines at five in the morning to reserve the building for their big event. One of the programs that the Friends initiated continues today: the expansive north lawn just beckoned performances and in 1993, Phyllis Tuttle and Judy Rysdon organized the first annual *Starlight Concert Series*. It was an instant success with more than 300 citizens enjoying each of the four monthly concerts. For the first several years, *(continued on p. 5)*

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# Starlight Concert Series

## Free music on the lawn at the Page-Walker

By Rob Garner

*Editor's note: As Anne Kratzer tells us in "A Look Back" (p. 1), the Starlight Concert Series began in 1993. What a great tradition!*

### 2009 Starlight Concert Series

👉 **FREE** 👈

Page-Walker Arts & History Center Garden  
7:30-9:30 p.m. (see dates below)

Does it get any better than spending time with family or friends relaxing under the stars listening to great music? We didn't think so! The **Starlight Concert Series** is a series of **free** concerts held on select Friday evenings throughout the summer.

From reggae to bluegrass to jazz we've got you covered! Bring family, friends, lawn chairs and a picnic, but please leave pets and alcoholic beverages at home.

### June 19 R.G. Absher

North Carolina native and Celtic/bluegrass extraordinaire R.G. Absher and band will be performing for the first time at the Starlight Concert Series. Don't miss his unique mix of Celtic and bluegrass.

### June 26 Moment's Notice

Drift away to an eclectic mix of jazz with Bobby Moody and friends! Moment's Notice is a regular at the Starlight Concert Series for one special reason – they ROCK the house!

### July 17 Kiedricher KCV Musikanten & Blaskapelle Gladbachtal

Straight from Germany, these two bands perform a broad repertoire of music, including swing and polka. Don't miss this special concert!

### July 31 Jamrock

Roots and reggae music sure to please the soul! Jamrock is another regular at the Starlight Concert Series.

### August 7 Brazilian Soul

Relax to soothing Latin music by Brazilian Soul. Reception to follow.

Co-sponsored by Diamante, Inc.  
(<http://www.diamanteinc.org/>)

All concerts 7:30 p.m.

Concerts may be cancelled or rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

Starlight Concert series is a program of the Town of Cary Parks, Recreation & cultural Resources Department  
[www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org), co-sponsored by the Friends of Page-Walker  
([www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org)).

For more information, call (919) 460-4963

### Help "Make" History

**THE FRIENDS ALSO ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE. WE NEED A FEW PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY, PRIORITIZE AND PRESERVE OUR EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF CARY HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS. EXPERIENCE IS HELPFUL BUT NOT NECESSARY. YOU NEED NOT BE A BOARD MEMBER. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT KRIS CARMICHAEL, [KRIS.CARMICHAEL@TOWNOFOCARY.O](mailto:KRIS.CARMICHAEL@TOWNOFOCARY.O)**



**President's Message** *(continued from p. 1)*

Brent took over writing, editing and publishing this newsletter, *The Innkeeper*. Using his technical skills, Brent added graphics, updated the format and greatly enhanced the publication. He then put it on the Friends' Web site. He publishes each issue electronically which has provided timely and convenient delivery and has saved our organization money.

Brent continues to exhibit his passion for preservation and for the Cary community through all that he does for us. So join me in thanking Brent for all of his work and dedication to Cary, and congratulate him on receiving his award. *(Editor's Note: Peggy made me put this in here! – Brent)*



The Friends have been very active throughout the winter. Our website is constantly being expanded and new information is frequently posted (see article, page 9). Visit our site periodically and see what we are up to. Just go to [www.friendsofthepagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofthepagewalker.org).

The Friends are working closely with the NC Museum of History so that the museum can publicly share the school curriculum materials that the Friends have developed. These materials might be used as a model for other communities. We also support the "Honor a Teacher" program at Highcroft Elementary.

The board has been hard at work defining the Friends brand, what we want our message to be, and defining our target markets. We have developed a comprehensive digital slide presentation that covers our history, our current projects and goals, and where we want to go in the future. Our primary areas of interest include the preservation, maintenance and use of the Page-Walker Hotel; sponsoring cultural and historic education; preserving properties of historical significance; documenting local history and making it available to the public; supporting cultural arts; and reaching out to the community.

We had five memorable concerts in our winter concert series, which ended in February with the delightful "Bits and Bites" performance (see article, p. 10). We are now planning a very exciting roster of performers for our summer [Starlight Concert Series](#), performed free in the Page-Walker garden on select Friday evenings. You don't want to miss any of these exciting concerts (see article, page 2).

Our [preservation speaker series](#) continues. In January, we had an in-depth presentation by **Peter Sandbeck** of the State Historic Preservation Office. He told us about the state of preservation in North Carolina, focusing on Wake County, and of course, Cary. In March, we had a presentation and tour of the Page historic garden. We learned about the herbs in our garden, and the cultivation and use of many of these plants in past centuries. And on May 26th, we will have a program on our continuing series entitled, "What Have We Got to Lose?" This series within a series presents an inventory of properties throughout Cary that need protection or are endangered. Please plan to attend. (see article, page 7)

Speaking of preservation, several oral history interviews have recently been conducted. (see article, page 9). We learn so much about our town and community through the memories and stories of our residents, so we are very grateful to those who are willing to share them with us.

The Town of Cary is developing a [Comprehensive Historic Resources Plan](#), and the Friends are taking part through their advisory committee. The Town has hired consultants to evaluate what historic properties Cary has and how best to preserve them. The Town is holding several meetings through the summer and fall to provide information to the public and to solicit input (see article, page 7). Also we are serving on the Town's committee for the Walker Street extension art project. We look forward to hearing more about that as it develops.

The [Cary Teen Council](#) now has a seat on the board of the Friends. We welcome **Delaney Lee** to the Board, and look forward to including teens in our plans and projects in the future.

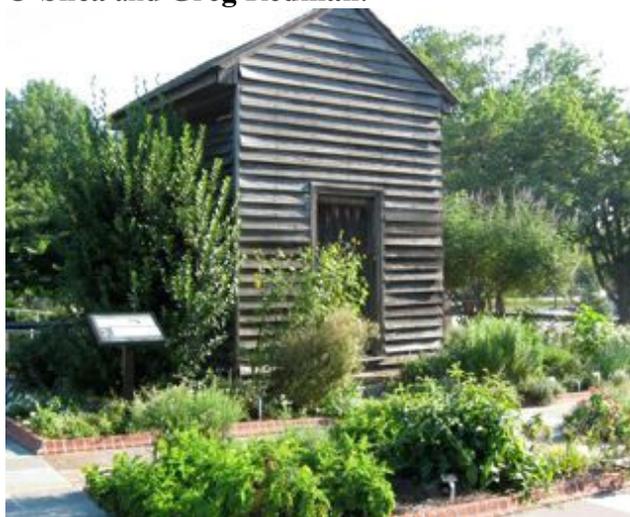
As you can see, we will undoubtedly have a very active and productive spring and summer at the Page-Walker.



# Spring has Sprung at the Page Educational Gardens!

By Anne Kratzer

Although the winter months are supposed to be somewhat dormant for garden sites, there was a buzz of activity at the Page Educational Gardens. Thanks to the Town's Public Works Department, the restoration of the Page smokehouse was completed and the process has added years to its life. Work on the walkways and bed walls should be completed by the May 2 planting day. Thanks to those who directed the restoration for the Town, **Jim Canavos, Kevin O'Shea and Greg Redman.**



*Page Smokehouse at Page Educational Gardens*

While restoration work was taking place in the gardens, the volunteers were busy developing a program to be part of the Friends' Preservation Series: "[Down the Garden Path](#)" (see related article page 7) It was fun and very rewarding to share our love of the garden and herbs with the community. We expect to see many hyacinth bean vines growing throughout Cary as a result of the distribution of seeds given to audience members.

After a chilly winter, garden volunteers are eager to welcome the new growth seen in the

garden and excited about planting new annuals and perennials in the industrial, culinary, medicinal and ornamental gardens. On **May 2 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon**, the "green thumbs" will work hard to get the garden ready to greet the growing season. Do visit the gardens throughout 2009 and enjoy each change of season.

Thanks to all the garden volunteers and to **John Duncan** who continues to provide professional plant labels.



*Plants are now labeled, thanks to John Duncan*

We certainly appreciate the continued support of **Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael, Carolyn Lewis, Rob Garner** and the **Public Works staff.**

If you would like to become a garden volunteer and join the fun, please contact me at 467-8887 or [annekratz@aol.com](mailto:annekratz@aol.com).

**Happy planting!**

**The Friends thank these (new and renewed) Community Partner, Sustaining and Silver Sustaining Members:**

**Linda & Kirk Fuller**

**Join the Friends!**

**Memberships start at \$30. See Membership form on page 12**



## A Look Back *(continued from p. 1)*

performers were paid only with contributions garnered from passing a hat! The Page-Walker was certainly meeting a perceived community need.

Witnessing the excitement generated by the Page-Walker and related arts and history celebrations, the Cary Town Council led the effort to design a strategic arts program with long-range goals to increase opportunities in arts & history, thus enhancing quality of life in the burgeoning Cary community. As a strategic planning culmination, the Town hired consultant Danielle Withrow in 1993 to complete a cultural arts plan for Cary. Part of her recommendation was to complete the Page-Walker and hire an arts programmer for the center. The Town accepted her recommendations and included funds to

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complete the building in its FY 1994 budget, making it necessary to close the facility for the first half of 1994. The Town also received a grant from United Arts to hire an arts programmer for the Page-Walker, and in the fall of 1994, Robbie Stone was hired as the first Page-Walker supervisor. We were jubilant!

As the restoration project drew to a successful completion, we recognized that there was no way that our dreams for the Page-Walker could have been realized without the support and partnership of the Cary Town Council and Town staff throughout the ten-year effort. To salute our

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partners, the Friends hosted an elegant reception in November 1994 at the Page-Walker for Mayor Koka Booth, Mayor Pro-Tem Regina McLaurin and Council members Bob Godbold, Tom Brooks, Melba Sparrow, Richard Burton and Jack Smith. Town Manager Bill Coleman and Wayne Mingis were also recognized. We thanked them for their tremendous support over the years. The Page-Walker effort is a shining example of the phrase, “It takes a village...”

And finally, it was time for the grand opening to introduce the fully completed and operational Page-Walker Arts & History Center to the world! On another beautiful star-filled evening on December 4, 1995, the Friends and Town hosted the official dedication of the entire facility. The dedication followed the holiday tree lighting, and Larry Speakman again directed the Cary Concert Singers and White Plains Brass Ensemble on the front porch. Artwork was hung throughout the building, and on each floor, live music was performed. A special model train exhibit by the *Falls of the Neuse Train Club* filled the third floor and was a magnet for young and old alike. Torrey McLean arranged to have Civil War artifacts on display in the “Museum” room. The response of the hundreds in attendance was overwhelmingly positive.

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The Page-Walker was welcomed as a vibrant part of the community! It was a very special and emotional evening for the Friends as we celebrated the Page-Walker and embraced the future.

In 1994, the Friends also began working on their “history and education” goals for the Page-Walker. The first thrust was to form a Cary Museum Committee. The Town Council had given permission to use the small west room on the third floor of the Page-Walker for a museum, as the Town was counting on most of the floor space in the center to generate income. Members interviewed several design firms and selected A. Brothers & Associates. Museum Committee members met monthly for five years and were so pleased with the degree of cooperation of A.I. Brothers and his staff as we developed our plans! Exhibits were constructed to reflect the educational, political, social and economic influences on Cary. Cary residents were eager to donate memorabilia for the Museum. Miss Elva Templeton, who



died in April 1993, included in her will several historical artifacts for the Page-Walker and evolving museum, notably a marble top table, glass cabinet, dolls, carriage and her father's medical chest and instruments. Tom Byrd, author of *Around and About Cary*, was one of our most faithful members and an invaluable resource, not only for his knowledge, but also for his financial support.

In January 1995, a new edition of the book was printed. Tom, with illustrator Jerry Miller, offered the marketing rights for 2900 books and resulting profits to benefit the Museum. Book signings became an invaluable fundraiser. Sheila and Carroll Ogle hosted 500 visitors to their home for a book signing, and Daphne Ashworth continued her support by making the books available at her Hallmark stores. Thanks to Tom and Jerry and our many community friends, we raised the needed funds for the Museum, now called the *Cary Heritage Museum*.

To introduce this new treasure in the "attic," the Friends partnered with the Town's Cultural Arts Department under the creative expertise of director, Lyman Collins, and Page-Walker supervisor, Sara Maulsby. The dedication of the Cary Heritage Museum was part of a larger and engaging Town celebration entitled *Cary Heritage Days*, which took part on the weekend of May 19 – 20, 2000. The community turned out in droves to participate in the many programs that filled the weekend. The Town held a special ceremony to recognize descendants of the early founding families. Many of these families provided early artifacts for a special Cary heritage display on the third floor. On the Page-Walker grounds, exhibits included the "heritage" crafts of pottery, blacksmithing, weaving, rug hooking and woodcarving. A giant loom was erected on the second floor of the Page-Walker and visitors were encouraged to become part of an old fashioned "quilting bee." Civil War and Revolutionary War reenactments took place on the grounds, and children and their parents

"Thanks to Tom and Jerry and our many community friends, we raised the needed funds for the Museum"

delighted in the pony and carriage rides. Musicians played the American Square piano that is on permanent display in the Page-Walker, and music filled the center. To raise awareness of the historical significance of the downtown, special signs were posted in front of heritage buildings and trees. Twenty-five trading cards were printed representing the sites, and downtown merchants gave them to citizens who visited their stores. The names of those who collected all the cards were placed in a hat on *Heritage Day* and winners received a special prize. It was a wonderfully engaging weekend, immersing all in Cary's rich history!

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The second part of the "history and education" component was the creation of the Page Educational Gardens. We had a great acronym for the garden program: R.O.O.T. (Remembering Our Origins Today). When the Page smokehouse was moved in 1991 from its original location, one hundred yards west, the Town, at the request of the Friends, appropriated funds to restore the building. Town Horticulturalist Shaub Dunkley worked closely with the Friends and community volunteers to create raised beds around the smokehouse for culinary, medicinal, industrial and ornamental herbs. The gardens were formally dedicated in 1995 and have served as an educational vehicle to share the knowledge and lore of past generations. The Friends continue to provide funds for the plant materials and volunteers who design, plant, and maintain the gardens. The Page Educational Gardens are a stunning haven!

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In conclusion, I've appreciated the invitation by editor Brent Miller to share my memories of the restoration efforts of the Page-Walker. We've come a long way from placing a tarp over the roof for water damage control and boarding the first floor windows to prevent further vandalism. And the pigeons have found another place, in another town, to roost. Thanks to the vision and involvement of the Board of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel, the active participation of our membership and friends, and the



leadership of the Cary Town Council and staff, we can truly feel proud of our accomplishments. As I mentioned in my final article as editor of *The Innkeeper* in the spring of 1995, I shall always be indebted to the Board for suspending the bylaws for term of office and giving me the honor to be President for the first ten years. As all of us have said through challenging as well as celebration times, the friends we made in reaching our goals are just as much a treasure as the building itself. And so it will be in the future as we continue to be community leaders in preservation, arts, history and education.

This is the 9th and final installment in the series "A Look Back" by Anne Kratzer. Read the entire series on our Web site

<http://www.friendsofthewalker.org/Default.aspx?pageId=153573>



## Historic Preservation

*By Brent Miller & Anne Kratzer*

The Town of Cary has launched a year-long effort to develop a Historic Resources Master Plan. Two information-gathering community meetings were held in February; the first community workshop was held in March, and additional community workshops will be held **April 16** (Zoning, Land Use & Open Space: Challenges & Solutions) and **May 6** (Integrating Historic Preservation with Overall Planning and Economic Development). See the Web site (<http://www.friendsofthewalker.org/Default.aspx?pageId=153575>) for more information about these programs, and get involved in planning for the future of Cary's past!

Our most recent historic preservation program, "**Down the Garden Path**", was held on March 24 and was well attended and well received. Moderator **Marla Dorrel** kicked off the program, which began with a garden tour and overview of the historic significance of the garden site. Accompanied by a digital video presentation, **Lois Nixon** presented the importance of industrial herbs, bees and butterflies; Kay

**Struffolino** discussed uses of culinary herbs and **Anne Kratzer** described uses of medicinal herbs. **Layne Snelling** and **Phil Campbell** from **Campbell Road Nursery** offered insights about planting and caring for herbs, and the program wrapped up with everyone being treated to edible herbed delights, thanks to **Pat Fish** and **Marla Dorrel**, and "green thumb" discussions about everyone's gardening experiences. Anne Kratzer wishes to thank everyone who had a part in this program, including those just listed as well as **Pati Schetzina, John Duncan, Kris Carmichael**, the

**volunteers** of the Page Educational Gardens, the **Friends** and the **Town of Cary**.

Coming up next in the historic preservation program series is "**What Have We Got To Lose?**", our annual report to the community about the historic properties in and around Cary and their preservation status. Please join us for a digital video presentation about the dozens of wonderful historic properties and their accompanying tidbits and stories that make up Cary's rich history. See the poster at left and the Web site for details.



## Kudos to...

(compiled from several sources)

The Friends thank and recognize many people who make great things happen with their hard work:



### THANKS AND KUDOS TO

The elves who decorated the Page-Walker for the holidays and then took the decorations down in January: **Pat Fish, Mercedes Auger, Cathy Richmond, Sharon Hendricks, Bob Myers, John & Sandy Duncan, Cindi & Fred Baker, Lois Nixon, Pati Schetzina, Paul Wasylkevych, Kris Carmichael and Anne Kratzer**

**Kris Carmichael**, who designed the postcards to publicize the programs, "Down the Garden Path," and "What Have We Got To Lose?", which are part of the Friends' Preservation Series – and for always finding solutions for all of our needs.

**Hal Bowman** for continuing to plan, organize and carry out our Winter Concert series. Hal has taken the entertainers and audience to a new level!

**Sarah Sheffield** for her extraordinary efforts to preserve newspapers containing the history of Cary and the Page-Walker effort for future generations

The **Town of Cary**, a decades-long partner of the Friends, for including program notifications in mailings, posters, brochures and program guides

**Anne Kratzer** for recording, in her "A Look Back" columns, the history of the Page-Walker and the Friends. After several years, that series concludes with the column that begins on page 1.

## Notice of Annual Meeting

**Friends Annual General Membership Meeting**  
**June 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m.**

*The Publick will kindly take notice that the Friends of the Page-Walker shall meet assembled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June of the year Anno Domini Two Thousand and Nine, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the Parlour of the Grande Hotel of the Page Family in Cary, North Carolina, located in particular on the way known as Ambassador Loop, next to the Iron Horse tracks near the centre of towne. The business to be transacted shall include the election of a board of directors and officers of the corporation, consideration of changes to the bylaws of the corporation, and such other legitimate business as may be laid before the body assembled by the President, who shall preside at the meeting.*

*No drinking or dancing shall be permitted at the meeting.*

**Yes, our annual general membership meeting is June 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Page-Walker and all members and prospective members are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!**



## Friends Web Site

By Bob Myers

Our new and improved Web site at <http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org/> continues as a resource for you.

The site has a completely new look and feel as well as many new features. Take a few minutes to check it out.

Now, you can update your contact information, check your membership status and make payments and donations online. You will receive automatic renewal notices and invoices to document your tax-deductible contributions. If you prefer, you can update your information online and send payment through the mail.

If you are already a member of the Friends, we have probably established an account for you on the new site. Simply enter your email address in the login box (see example below) and click on "forgot password" and we will email the initial password to you.

You can also keep track of the activities of the Friends, including the popular Historic Preservation Speaker Series and the unmatched Starlight Concert Series.

If you do not have Internet access or prefer to interact with us in person or by phone, nothing has changed. The Web also provides us with a cost-effective means of communicating with an expanding group of area citizens interested in supporting our mission.

Please let us know if you have suggestions for improvements to the new site.

### CARY HISTORY BOOKS

**Peggy Van Scoyoc's** recently published book about the oral history of Cary, *Just a Horse-Stopping Place*, is now on sale at the Page-Walker Arts and History Center. And don't forget the classic book of Cary History, *Around and About Cary*, by **Tom Byrd** and **Jerry Miller**. Sales of both books benefit the Friends.

## Time to Start or Renew Your Membership!

👉 This Means You! 👈

The Friends can accomplish our mission of preserving the Page Walker Arts & History Center and other Cary historic sites, history archival and education and promoting cultural arts only through the participation of members.

We thank you for your continued support and ask you to **please begin or renew your membership. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2009, please do so today.**

**A membership form (for new memberships and renewals) appears on page 13. Please print, complete and return it today!**

**Alternatively, you can renew your membership online through our new Web site, [www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org/). Our new membership management system will now send annual renewal reminders.** Please bear with us as we convert to this improved system.

## Oral History

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

At the Martin Luther King Jr. Dreamfest celebration in January, we conducted on-the-spot oral history interviews with attendees. These interviews focused on civil rights and they are very informative.

Also, since fall 2008, we have had individual interviews with **A.J. Bartley, Carolyn Sampson, Charlotte Phelps, Guy Mendenhall, Paul Cooper Jr.** and various members of the **Bailey family**.

Each of these interviews has offered lots of information to add to our knowledge about Cary and North Carolina. They will be transcribed and deposited with the rest of our Cary collection at the Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill as part of the Southern Oral History Program.



## Get on Board!

*From Mercedes Auger*

The Friends are seeking a few good board members. Our nominations committee solicits candidates for several seats on the board of directors. Elections will be held in June.



Cary NC 31 Jan 00 © Photo by Craig Zeni

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The board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. No experience is necessary to serve – we can use your time and talents to help fulfill our mission of serving as guardian for the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, advocating preservation of Cary historic sites, archiving history and facilitating history education, and promoting the cultural arts.

If you or someone you know has interest in serving on the board, contact Mercedes Auger at [mercedesauger@bellsouth.net](mailto:mercedesauger@bellsouth.net) or see the contact information on our Web site.

## Winter Concert Success

*By Hal Bowman*

The Sunday concert series completed in February. Modifications from past years included a slight price increase to \$15 per concert, a 4:00 p.m. start time, online ticket sales and three performances not limited strictly to music. The Town of Cary gave financial support for [The Cashore Marionettes](#) and we shared

revenue with the [Cary Players](#) for the February [Love Bits and Bites](#) performance.

Financially, the series ticket revenue and contributions covered all expenses and probably made a modest contribution to the Friends' treasury. Moving the time to late afternoon was well received and attendance increased. We will plan next season's programs for the same time.

I will start working with the staff soon on next year's plans; your suggestions are encouraged. **I'm looking for someone to assist with next year's program and then assume the job the following year.** After my three years it's probably time for new blood.

## Outreach Programs

*By Carol Aupperle*

Friends took advantage of opportunities this winter to remind local business leaders of the importance of respecting the past as they plan for the future.

First, the Friends shared our mission with emerging business leaders enrolled in the [Cary Chamber's Leadership Cary](#) program. Then, to reacquaint downtown leaders with the Page Walker, Friends hosted a [Heart of Cary Association](#) meeting that included a visual presentation and tours of the facility.

### Friends on Call

**DO YOU KNOW OF A GROUP THAT MAY BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHAT THE FRIENDS HAVE TO OFFER? OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR FRIENDS TO VISIT YOUR MEETINGS OR FOR YOUR GROUP TO VISIT THE PAGE-WALKER AS A GUEST OF THE FRIENDS. GIVE US A CALL OR SEND US AN E-MAIL (SEE CONTACT INFORMATION, PAGE 15). ALLOW THE FRIENDS TO REMIND YOU OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CARY'S PAST IN INFORMING CURRENT AND FUTURE**



# A Page-Walker Moment

Walter Hines Page

*From Internet Sources; based on the idea and series of Dean Teitelbaum*

Walter Hines Page was the author of *The Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths*, a collection of his essays in which he advanced the then radical idea that nothing – class, economic means, race, religion – should be a barrier to education. Page writes:



*The old notion of education was that it meant the training of a few. It is now understood that none can be well educated unless all are trained. The failure to educate the masses has sometimes brought tragic results to the educated. ...*

*The men and women of both races who are leading this great popular movement work with an inspiration that puts conventional teachers to shame. For example: A young agricultural chemist several years ago began with enthusiasm a campaign of education among the farmers. He put much faith in bulletins and leaflets, which were sent broadcast. "I soon found out," said he, "that sending out literature did little good as long as many farmers could not read, and many more would not." ... A well-trained preacher, for example, who has had much to do with the administration of the churches of his sect in rural regions, lately gave up his work and became a superintendent of public schools. "Till the country people are educated," said he, "church work will not stick."*

Sources include [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter\\_Hines\\_Page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Hines_Page) and <http://books.google.com/books?id=f9wKAAAAIAAJ&output=text>

## About *The Innkeeper*

*The Innkeeper* is the newsletter of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel. First published in 1985, and restarted in 2003 after a hiatus, the newsletter offers membership and community outreach communication.

*The Innkeeper* is a team effort of the Friends; Brent Miller edits the newsletter.

We welcome your contributions to *The Innkeeper*. If you have articles, suggestions or ideas to share, please send them to Brent ([brent@posmoroda.com](mailto:brent@posmoroda.com)).

## Board Members

Your **Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel board members** are these volunteers: Mercedes Auger, Carol Aupperle, Cindi Baker, Keith Bliss, Hal Bowman, John Duncan, Lisa Englert, Pat Fish (treasurer), Don Frantz (Cary Town Council liaison), Gyan Gupta, Carolyn Hendricks, Andy Jalbert, Anne Kratzer (life member), Joy Mellon, Brent Miller, Bob Myers (past president), Cathy Richmond, Julie Robison, John Shaw, Renata Thompson, Peggy Van Scoyoc (president), Paul Wasylkevych and Ed Yerha (vice president).

The board is also fortunate to have the participation of Town of Cary staff members Lyman Collins, Rick Knapp, Kris Carmichael and Rob Garner.

If you are interested in serving on the Friends board in the future (or if you have served in the past and would like to contribute again), please contact any board member or see the "Contact the Friends" information near the end of this issue.



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## Calendar of Events

- **April 25, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.:** Town of Cary *Spring Daze* at Bond Park
- **May 6, 7:00 p.m.:** Board Meeting
- **June 3, 7:00 p.m.: Annual Members Meeting** – come one, come all!  
(more information on page 8 of this newsletter)
- **May 26, 7:00 p.m.: “What Have We Got To Lose?”** historic preservation program at the Page-Walker (more information on page 7 of this newsletter)
- **Starlight Concert Series: 7:30 p.m. June 19, 26; July 17, 31; August 7** at the Page-Walker garden (more information on page 2 of this newsletter)



# Begin or Renew Your Membership *Today!*

To join the Friends, or renew your existing membership, visit <http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org/> or fill out the form below and mail or bring it with your contribution to the following address.

## Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel

Box 4234

Cary, NC 27519

All members receive a complimentary copy of *The Innkeeper* newsletter and discounts for many Town-sponsored Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources department programs held at the Page-Walker Hotel. Non-business donations of \$100 or more and business donations of \$500 or more will be recognized in the newsletter.

### Individual, family, and civic group memberships:

- |   |               |   |
|---|---------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual               | \$30          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family                   | \$50          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Partner        | \$100         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member        | \$150         | (Includes your choice of <i>Around and About Cary</i> or <i>Just a Horse-Stopping Place</i> book) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sustaining Member | \$250 or more | (Includes 2 winter concert series season tickets)   |

My employer, \_\_\_\_\_ has a matching gift program

### Business memberships:

- |   |               |  |
|---|---------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Member  | \$250         | (Includes 2 winter concert series tickets) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Partner | \$500 or more | (Includes 2 winter concert series tickets) |

Name/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_



# Commemorative Brick Order Form

## Be A Part Of History And Make Your Mark

You have the opportunity to leave your mark on history by having your name inscribed on a brick that will be placed in the courtyard or walkway at the Page Walker Arts and History Center. You may also choose to honor a family member, friend or a business. Not only will you be making a mark on history, but you will also contribute to the future of your community by playing an important role in the preservation of the Page-Walker Arts and History Center.

I wish to order ( ) (*Quantity*) of Bricks at \$50 per brick. Enclosed is the total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make checks payable to the **Friends of the Page-Walker** and mail along with this form to:

Friends of the Page-Walker  
PO Box 4234  
Cary, North Carolina 27519

I do not wish to have a brick inscribed but enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help in your effort.

Please print the name or message to be inscribed with a limit of **2 lines and 15 spaces per line.**

Brick 1:

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Brick 2:

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Please call Pat Fish at 919-467-5696 if you have any questions. Please note that brick orders are placed when a cumulative total of 10 brick orders have been received.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact the Friends

**By mail:**

Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel  
Box 4234  
Cary, NC 27519

**By telephone:**

*Information about the Friends:*

President Peggy Van Scoyoc: (919) 461-0443

*Information about Page-Walker programs:* (919) 460-4963

**By e-mail:**

President Peggy Van Scoyoc:  
[pegvans@aol.com](mailto:pegvans@aol.com)

**On the Web:**

<http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org>

**Visit the Page-Walker Hotel:**

Address: 119 Ambassador Loop

Directions: Located on Ambassador Loop on Town Hall Campus. The campus is off North Academy Street, between Chapel Hill Road and Chatham Street in downtown Cary.

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday: 10:00AM – 9:30PM

Friday: 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Friday Evening - Sunday: by reservation

The Page-Walker Arts & History Center is closed on all official Town holidays.



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