

# The Innkeeper



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preserving the past, enriching the future

**EDUCATION** The mission of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel is to enrich the community by serving  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION** as guardian for the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, by advocating preservation of Cary historic  
**CULTURAL ARTS** sites, by archiving history and facilitating history education, and by promoting the cultural arts.



## FRIENDS WIN ANTHEMION AWARD

By Bob Myers

On September 16, in a ceremony at the Irregardless Café in Raleigh, **Capital Area Preservation** presented a 2013 Anthemion award to the Friends of the Page-Walker for 28 years of preservation advocacy. CAP recognized the Friends as “Cary’s de facto preservation organization.”

Early preservation efforts were spearheaded by the late Phyllis Tuttle, who was largely responsible for the establishment of Cary’s three National Register Historic Districts as

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## CARY: THROUGH THE YEARS

### Friends Offer New History Booklet to Community

By Peggy Van Scoyoc, Brent Miller

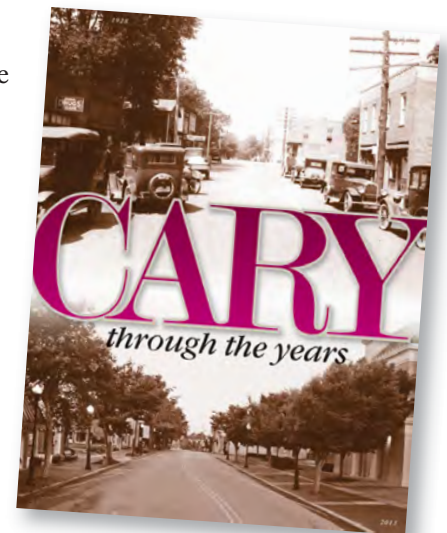
The Friends are excited to announce our new publication, *Cary: Through the Years*. This new booklet highlights milestone occurrences that shaped Cary over more than two and a half centuries, recognizing the events and citizens that made Cary the place it is today. It contains brief event descriptions in a “time line” format and is rich with pictures and artwork. The 24-page booklet complements full-length books about Cary’s history that also are available through the Friends of the Page-Walker.

This publication is available for pre-sale for a very limited time, with discounts up to 20 percent for volume purchases. **The pre-sale period ends October 21**, after which copies will be available while they last for \$5.

*Cary: Through the Years* makes a great resource for students and residents, and a great gift for guests, visitors, family and friends. Cary newcomers and long-time residents all can appreciate this publication.

Further details and ordering information are on p. 5 and on the Friends [website](#).

Please take advantage of this offer, and remember, pre-sales end October 21.





## Thoughtful, Committed Citizens

**M**argaret Mead said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Being able to witness and participate in the activities of the Friends – who surely are changing this little corner of the world – is a distinct privilege.

The activities accomplished by this small group of people called the Friends are amazing:

- The **Page Educational Gardens** consistently spark oohs, aahs and compliments from passersby, and our knowledgeable and hard-working garden volunteers, led by Anne Kratzer, surely are the best in the business! More about our gardens and gardeners on p. 14.
- A truly “moving experience” occurred in June when the **George Upchurch house** was saved by relocating it. The Friends collaborated with Capital Area Preservation, the Town of Cary and the property owners and developers to ensure that this historic resource remains a part of our community for ages to come. Read more about the Upchurch house project on p. 15.
- In years past, the **White Plains cemetery**, resting place of one of Cary’s earliest leading citizens, sat in the woods unknown, neglected and overgrown. It was preserved when a subdivision was built around it; more recently, it was fully restored to a place of beauty and quiet dignity. Our phenomenal cemetery volunteers, led by Anne Kratzer, partner with the Town of Cary to keep this important site in outstanding condition. Find out more on p. 9.
- The Friends are the beneficiaries of two **Eagle Scout projects**, by Jordan Tsohis and Carl Colglazier – read about these on p. 4.
- We are in the final stages of a brand new publication, *Cary: Through the Years*. This booklet contains Cary’s historical milestones. Pre-sales orders are being taken through October 21 at discounted prices. See the front page article for details; there’s an order form on p. 5.
- Thanks to our partnership with the Cary Teen Council and our outstanding Teen Council board member Aaron Reza, we’re planning **Cary’s first Teen Amazement Show**, which will be among the first events in the newly renovated Cary Theater. Details on p. 3.
- Our years-long **oral history program**, one of the best to be found anywhere, continues apace thanks to the awesome work of Peggy Van Scoyoc. See the latest oral history news on p. 13.
- It’s hard to believe, but our **historic preservation program** series, including our annual *What Have We Got to Lose?* report to the community, begins its ninth year of free informational programs that are open to the public. Programs have grown to “standing room only”.
- Our **winter concert series** continues to provide entertainment of the quality typically found only in big-city large venues, right in the intimate setting of the Page-Walker parlor. Check out the coming season’s acts on p. 6 and get your tickets early!

There are so many other programs and functions that ensure that the Friends run smoothly – public relations (led by Pat Sweeney), special events (led by Phizzy King), refreshments (Pat Fish and many others), web site (Bob Myers), liaisons to other Town organizations (Phizzy King, Kay Struffolino) and more. We have the opportunity to work with world-class Town staff members **Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael, Rob Garner, Theresa Dolan, Nancy Jones, Linda Depo, Linda Simpson, Elaine Charney** and **Karen Haltom**. Our board of directors is active and passionate – meet our newest board members on p. 17.

It’s a real blessing to work with a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens who are changing the world for the better. You can, too – contact us at [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org).

I could go on, but the editor says that I’m already beyond my word limit. See you at the Page-Walker!



CARY'S STARS OF TOMORROW

# TEEN Amazement SHOW

## TALENT SHOW TO BENEFIT LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

By Aaron Reza and Kris Carmichael

Do you have a special talent you would like to share? Would you like a spot under the stage lights? The Friends invite the youth of Cary to showcase their awesome talent at the first ever **Cary's Stars of Tomorrow: Teen Amazement Show**. Showcase your talents in the brand new Cary Theater, a wonderful opportunity to wow your friends and the community.

Suggested performance ideas include musical instruments, singing, dancing, theater, stand-up comedy, magic tricks and the like. Participants include all Wake County middle and high school students age 11-18. Performances must be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Audition registration will open December 1, at [www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org). Approximately 40 audition appointments are available; up to 20 acts will be selected; groups welcome.

See Cary's amazingly talented teens in this showcase which benefits the Town's Relief for Recreation Fund and the Friends of Page-Walker history scholarship program. Tickets \$10 adults / \$5 children (10 and under) will be available at the Cary Arts Center or online at [etix.com](http://etix.com) in December.

We're seeking sponsors and contact [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org) if interested in sponsoring.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### AUDITIONS

Sunday, February 2 and  
Sunday, February 9  
2 – 6 p.m.

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

#### PERFORMANCE DATE

Sunday March 2, 2014  
3 – 5 p.m.  
The Cary Theatre

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well as for the individual National Register listings of the Page-Walker and the Nancy Jones House. She worked tirelessly to raise awareness of other historic properties in Cary, such as the Waldo House and the Templeton Barn.

The activities of the Friends in more recent years were highlighted, including;

- Promoting and facilitating the purchase of 15 bronze plaques for contributing structures in the Cary

Town Center Historic District

- Presenting more than 30 programs about various preservation topics, including our annual "What Have We Got To Lose" report on the state of preservation in Cary
- Serving as the citizen's advisory committee for the [Cary Historic Preservation Master Plan](#), the first standalone municipal preservation plan in the state.

- Serving as the steering committee for the recent town historic resources survey

The Friends of the Page-Walker are recognized by the preservation community at large as "preservation's voice in the Town of Cary" and were duly recognized for their positive influence "in the minds of Cary's citizens, staff, and public officials."

# On Eagles' Wings

Story & photos by Brent Miller

The Friends are fortunate to be the beneficiary of two separate Eagle Scout projects by local Boy Scouts. Eagle is the highest rank awarded by the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to other requirements, Eagle Scouts must complete a service project that benefits a non-profit organization and the community.



Scouts remove vegetation along path to Dapple.

## HAVE YOU MET DAPPLE?

Jordan Tsolis, a Life Scout in Troop 312, is making it easier for visitors to the Page-Walker to observe and appreciate Dapple, the sculpture that recently was relocated to the Page-Walker grounds. Jordan recently led Scouts and adults in installing a stone path through the liriopoe that surrounds Dapple and designing an informational sign that will be produced and installed by the Town of Cary. Jordan's project will enable people to learn about Dapple and get an up-close view of this lovely piece of art.



Jordan Tsolis (standing, front right) oversees installation of the first stone.



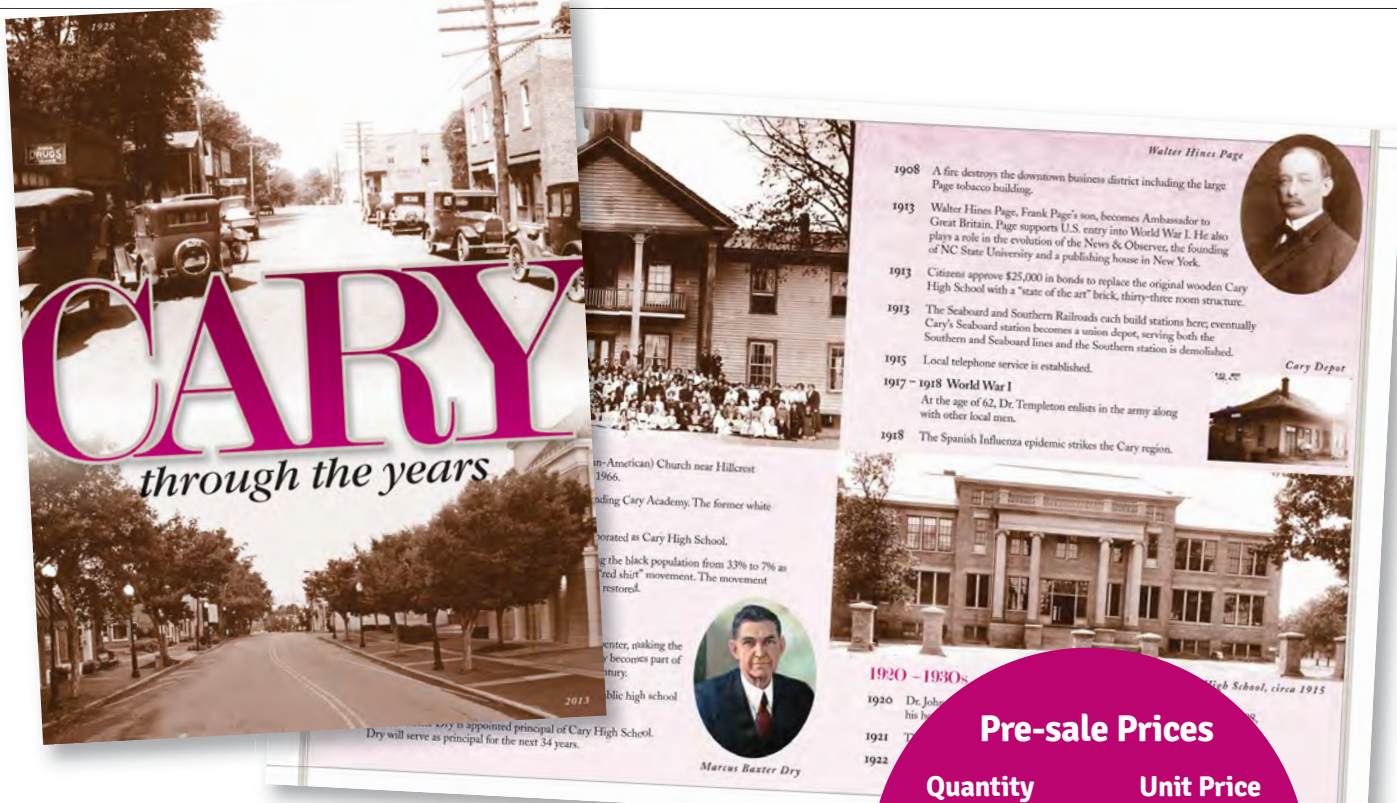
The completed path,

## GOT POPCORN?

Carl Colglazier, a Life Scout in Troop 204, is an experienced documentary filmmaker. For his Eagle project, he has decided to apply his talents in leading a team of Scout volunteers in producing a video documentary about Cary's history. This video will record Cary's story through interviews with experts on local history, an exploration of local historic places and by documenting some of the Town's historical figures. The Friends look forward to this addition to the growing portfolio of media that capture our community's past.







# New Cary history publication available for pre-sale!

**Pre-sale Prices**

Quantity	Unit Price
250 + copies	\$4.00
100 - 249 copies	\$4.25
50 - 99 copies	\$4.50
1 - 49 copies	\$4.75

*Cary: Through the Years* highlights milestone occurrences that shaped Cary over more than two and a half centuries, recognizing the events and citizens that made Cary the place it is today.

Perfect for newcomers and long-time residents alike, we are offering this 24-page booklet at discounted pre-sale prices through **Monday, October 21, 2013**.

This project is brought to you by the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel in partnership with the Town of Cary. Our mission is to enrich the community by serving as guardian for the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, by advocating preservation of Cary historic sites, by archiving history and facilitating history education, and by promoting the cultural arts. All proceeds go to the Friends to support our mission, including the Cary Heritage Museum.

After December 1, booklets will be available for \$5 at the Page-Walker.

For sponsorship opportunities or for more information, please call (919) 460-4963 or email [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org).



## Order Information

Quantity	Unit Price	Total \$
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Orders may be picked up at the Page-Walker after November 30. For orders over 100 copies, delivery to Western Wake County can be arranged, if needed.

Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel and mailed with order form to Box 4234, Cary, NC 27519.

# WINTER Concert SERIES

By Trish Kirkpatrick

The Friends of the Page-Walker are thrilled to announce the 2013 – 2014 Winter Concert Series. This season has exciting new performers and returning audience favorites. The four-concert series kicks off on Sunday, November 24 and promises yet another season of eclectic and outstanding programs. We hope you can join us.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**  
**Pops in the Intimate Afternoon**  
**with Erik Dyke and Friends**

Erik Dyke, double bassist with the NC Symphony, and his accomplished musical friends will perform classical and pops favorites. The concert will feature various performers and favorite musical selections. Expect extraordinary performances sure to delight.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
**Raleigh Boychoir's**  
**Millennium Chorus**



What better way to get in the holiday spirit than to listen to heavenly voices performing holiday classics? Choir members, ages 7 to 14, have performed at the White House, Carnegie Hall, and the National Cathedral; the Millennium Chorus is composed of select members of the choir who will bring an afternoon of wonderful choral music to the Page-Walker.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**  
**David Burgess**

Praised by musicians and critics worldwide, David Burgess is recognized as one of today's outstanding classical and Latin guitarists. His international appearances as soloist and chamber musician have taken him to concert

halls throughout North and South America, Europe and the Far East exploring traditional guitar styles, along with many popular and folkloric types of music.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
**Brian Reagin**  
**Carole J. Wright**  
**Memorial Concert\***

Brian Reagin, violinist and Concertmaster of the North Carolina Symphony, returns as a favorite to the Friends Concert Series. Reagin, who captivates audiences with his brilliant performances, will treat concert-goers to a classical repertoire on his Lorenzo and Tomasso Carcassi violin made in Florence, Italy in 1763. Don't miss this one, it sells out every year!

*\* Named for long-time supporter of the concert series and benefactor to The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel.*

All performances are held on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm at The Page-Walker Arts and History Center, 119 Ambassador Loop – in the Heart of Cary. The Main Gallery of the Page-Walker Arts and History Center is the perfect intimate setting to showcase all of the uniquely talented and diverse artists who will be performing this year.

Season tickets are \$60, and tickets to individual performances are \$15 each. Tickets may be purchased at the Cary Arts Center box office (919-462-2055) Monday - Friday from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm; online at [etix.com](http://etix.com) or by phone at 1-800-514-3849. Tickets for all performances may also be purchased at the door, subject to availability.

With the remarkable schedule of performances lined up this season, the Friends anticipate that they will sell out quickly. Concert patrons are encouraged to purchase their season tickets as early as possible to ensure their seat at each of these events.



# Frank & Walter Page

## Visit the Page-Walker

By Kris Carmichael & Brent Miller

You might know that Alison Francis “Frank” Page was Cary’s founder, back in the late 1800s. He’s the one who built the hotel that’s now the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. And you might also know that his



PHOTOS BY KRIS CARMICHAEL

Frank (left) and Walter (right) Page with Mrs. Page.

son, Walter Hines Page, was among Cary’s most prominent and distinguished citizens. So you might find it rather surprising to learn that Frank and Walter Page visited the Page-Walker – just recently! On June 1, Mr. & Mrs. Frank C. Page and their son Walter Page made a special visit to the Page-Walker as they were traveling from Maryland to South Carolina. Frank and son Walter are direct descendants of Cary’s founder, Francis “Frank” Allison Page. Page-Walker Arts & History Supervisor Kris Carmichael provided a tour and captured these photos during their visit. The Pages were delighted to see all of the materials about their family and share them with a new generation.



Walter Page with depiction of his ancestor Walter Hines Page.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLIE ADAMS

Henry Adams in Adams Drug Store (now Ashworth Drugs) ca. 1935.

## We Need Your Historic Cary Photos!

The Friends of Page-Walker are conducting research for a book project. We are specifically looking for photographs that help tell our community’s story, including the areas of commerce, education, transportation, community celebrations, local landmarks past & present and so on.

We are not asking for donations, but rather we are looking for images to scan into the computer that might be used in the book. Even if your photos are not published, they will become part of our documentation of Cary’s history.

We can arrange to visit you and scan onsite, or we can schedule a time for you to bring your photos to the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. The book, if published, will credit the source for each image used.

If you have relevant photos to lend to this project, please contact the Friends at [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org).

This is a long-term project, so we would be in touch within a few weeks to review and scan your photos.

– Friends Cary Photographic History Book committee

## Friends Strengthen Ties with HEART OF CARY ASSOCIATION

By Kay Struffolino and Brent Miller

The Friends are an official partner of the Town of Cary and we collaborate with many organizations. With the Page-Walker being located in the Heart of Cary and our focus on the Town Center historic district, it's natural that we share many interests with the Heart of Cary Association (**HoCA**), and for years we have communicated and collaborated.



Recently we took our partnership a step further, with both organizations officially designating Kay Struffolino as our liaison. Thanks to HoCA President Lauren Schafer and all the folks at the Heart of Cary Association for being such great friends to the Friends.

Kay already has much exciting news to report: The Friends of the Page-

Walker look forward to collaborating with the Heart of Cary Association, especially in HoCA's efforts to establish Cary as a day-trip destination for other communities and organizations. With our growing number of shops and restaurants in the downtown area, the Cary Arts Center, the soon-to-open The Cary Theater, the Page-Walker Arts & History Museum and Page Educational Gardens and much more, we have a lot to offer visitors!

To that end, HoCA is starting **Touring Tuesdays** on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning in October. HoCA members are encouraged to participate in any way possible to showcase Cary.

Upcoming HoCA events include the **Downtown Harvest Festival** on Saturday, October 26 with games, food, music and lots of family fun and the **Ole Time Winter Festival** on Saturday, December 7. Visit HoCA's web site for details on these and other events.

In August, HoCA held an evening meeting at the Cary Arts Center. Lyman Collins, the Town of Cary Cultural Arts Manager, was the speaker. He discussed the importance of arts in our community, including the economic impact for businesses.

At the September HoCA meeting, the guest speaker was Ed McCraw, who performs pro bono consulting about how retail and corporate businesses can increase their profits, promote better customer service and become a good fit for the community.

## Advancing By Retreat

### Friends Hold Strategic Planning Session

By Brent Miller

The Friends have been around for 28 years, and we've changed with the times. Every few years we assess and revise our strategic initiatives, and this July we held a "mini retreat" strategic planning session. After some icebreaker events, we examined and affirmed our mission statement and goals, then generated several new ideas for our long-term vision, along with ways to accomplish that vision.

Among the initiatives we agreed to pursue over the next several months are to review and possibly update our bylaws; to establish a finance and fundraising strategy and committee to pursue that strategy and a new process to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our board meetings (this latter one is already underway).

The Friends are proud of our heritage and excited about our future.





# White Plains Cemetery

TOUCHING THE PAST



Story and photos by Anne Kratzer

White Plains Cemetery, located on Tolliver Court in the heart of the Maynard Oaks subdivision, continues to be a place of beauty and serenity, and is a connection to Cary's impressive beginnings. The past two fall seasons featured the 2011 official celebration of the restoration of the

cemetery by the Friends and the Town of Cary; in 2012, the Daughters of the American Revolution installed a national award that recognized Nathaniel Jones's contributions and service during the American Revolution.

Although we have no celebrations scheduled this fall, we did make a bit of history during our last maintenance day on Sept. 7, 2013. Three generations from one



Three generations – Matt, Andrew & Margaret Leitzke assist in the clean-up.



Helpful volunteers: (top to bottom: Jerod & Anne Kratzer; Bev Samuelson, Barb Wetmore, Greg McNeely; Elaine Loyack, Jerod Kratzer, and Pat Sweeney.

neighborhood family helped to beautify the site. Long time volunteer **Matt Leitzke** came with his mother, **Margaret**, and young son **Andrew**. Adjacent neighbor **Greg McNeely**, along with **Bev Samuelson**, **Barbara Wetmore** and **Anne Kratzer**, joined them during a gorgeous morning with the Jones family!

The Friends and Maynard Oaks residents continue their partnership with the Town of Cary in maintaining the grounds of the cemetery on a quarterly schedule.

In addition to those volunteers mentioned above, we also thank **John and Elaine Loyack**, **Pat Sweeney**, **Nelson Wetmore**, **Pat Fish**, **Kay Hawkins**, **Carla McKinney**, **Marilyn Butler** and **Jerod Kratzer**. As always, thanks to Town of Cary staff **Lyman Collins**, **Kris Carmichael**, **Larry Dempsey**, **Kevin Steed** and the **Public Works crew**.

Treat yourself and visit the White Plains Cemetery in the near future. The fall leaves and spectacular lighting, combined with the cemetery's historic significance, will provide a special memory for you and your loved ones.

## Upcoming maintenance days

Join us **December 7, 2013** and **March 1, 2014** at 9:30 am  
Contact: [annekratz@aol.com](mailto:annekratz@aol.com).





## Friends SPRUCE UP IVEY-ELLINGTON-WADDELL HOUSE

*Story and photos by Brent Miller*

The Town of Cary recently purchased the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house on Chatham Street. Although it requires various updates before it could meet the requirements to be used as a public building, it is in excellent condition and the Town has agreed to let the Friends use a portion of the building for storage.

The Friends are fortunate to have a growing collection of historical archives of many forms, but we have a great shortage of suitable storage space for these historic treasures. A long-term goal is to expand the Cary Heritage Museum, located on the third floor of the Page-Walker, so that our historic artifacts can be easily accessible to Cary's residents and visitors.

Until such time as we can expand our museum, we are grateful to have additional storage space that enables us to continue to collect important historical artifacts that many people donate to us.

To show our appreciation for use of the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house and prepare it for use by the Friends, we recently spent a Saturday cleaning this elegant house.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this building shine. If you have historic artifacts that you would consider donating to the Friends, contact us at (919) 460-4963 or [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org).



Clockwise from top left: Anne Kratzer, Barbara Wetmore, Nelson Wetmore, Pat Sweeney, Olene Ogles and Kris Carmichael.





## SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE *Page-Walker*

### Herbfest

*By Kris Carmichael and Phizzy King*

Our fourth annual Herbfest was held on Saturday, May 4. It was a beautiful day and our visitors appeared in a steady stream and in record numbers – we welcomed more than 650 festival-goers who strolled through booths and purchased a wide variety of herbs, crafts and garden products.

We had several new vendors this year and many of our vendor friends from previous years returned. We send our thanks to all of them for making our Herbfest the wonderful event that it is. The butterfly releases were a big hit just as they have been in years past. We thank our two “substitute Butterfly Ladies” – **Brent Miller** for his showmanship and ability to engage the crowd and **Lois Nixon** for imparting many interesting butterfly facts to the onlookers. Thanks also to **Kris Carmichael** for procuring painted lady butterflies on short notice.

The new event this year was a silent auction that had numerous interesting and desirable items and was a tremendous success. The silent auction benefiting the Friends’ activities brought in \$378.

Thanks to all who planned, participated in, and attended Herbfest. Herbfest 2014 is in the planning stages now. It will be held **Saturday, May 4, 2014**, so save the date. We look forward to seeing you there.

### National Train Day

*By Kris Carmichael*



The Heart of Cary Association, in partnership with Amtrak and the Town of Cary, hosted National Train Day at the Cary Depot and the Page-Walker Arts & History Center on May 11.

More than 850 people visited the Page-Walker in celebration of its history as a 19th century railroad hotel. The center came alive with family-friendly activities, including a popular model train display in the main gallery and trackless train rides back and forth from the Page-Walker to the depot. Page-Walker Arts & History Center Supervisor Kris Carmichael put together a slide show on the history of North Carolina railroading, which was shown on the third floor. National Train Day is a holiday started by Amtrak in 2008 as a way of sharing information about the advantages of rail travel and the history of trains in the United States. This was the second year for this event in Cary.



Page-Walker volunteer Eric West at National Train Day.

PHOTO BY BRENT MILLER

## We Need to Talk

*From the Friends Speakers Bureau*

Need a speaker for monthly meetings, luncheon programs or special gatherings? The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel offer educational and entertaining talks on a host of topics.

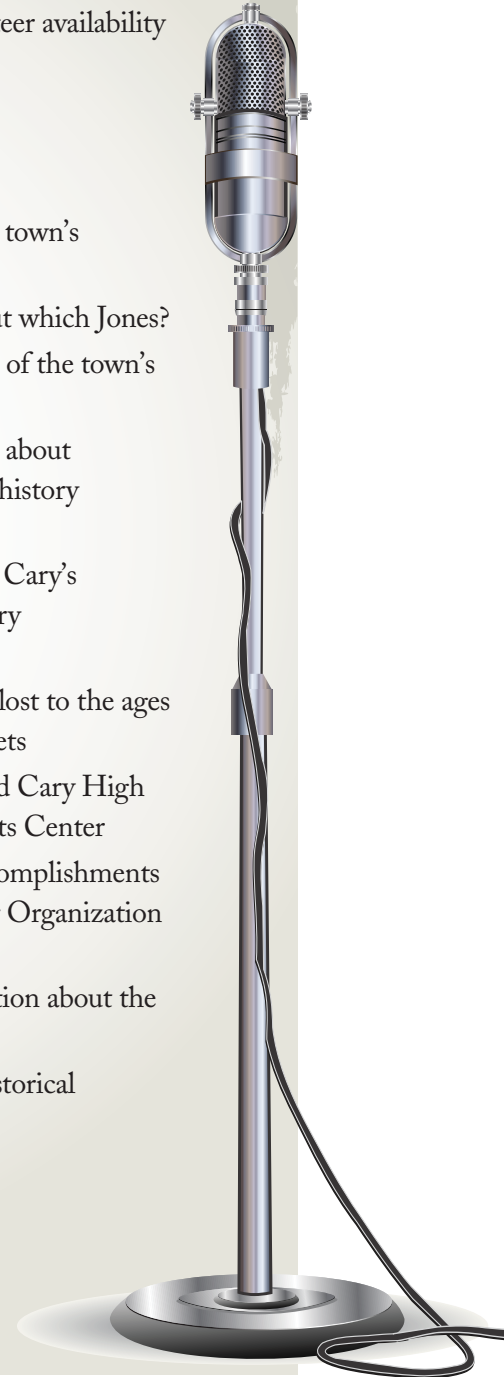
Presentations can range from 20 minutes to an hour and can be tailored to fit the interests of your group. Although we always attempt to meet the needs of your group, volunteer availability may affect scheduling.

### Popular Topics

- **Cary Before it was Cary:** how our town came to be, and who started it
- **How Cary got its Name:** founder Frank Page looks beyond our borders for our town's namesake
- **Keeping up with the Joneses:** odds are that your house sits on "Jones land" – but which Jones?
- **Cary's Most Famous Native Son:** the life and times of Walter Hines Page, son of the town's founder
- **Just A Horse-Stopping Place:** Peggy Van Scoyoc discusses the amazing stories about businesses, schools, families, ghosts and more, from her first book of Cary oral history compilations
- **Desegregating Cary:** Peggy Van Scoyoc discusses early African-American life, Cary's leadership in desegregation and more, from her second book of Cary oral history compilations
- **The Page-Walker Hotel,** a local historical landmark: how this gem was nearly lost to the ages and how "it took a village" to save it to become one of Cary's most valuable assets
- **The School for the Arts:** the history of schools, including Cary Elementary and Cary High School, at the end of Academy Street and how the school became the Cary Arts Center
- **The Friends of the Page-Walker,** a Town of Cary partner: the mission and accomplishments of our non-profit organization, the recipient of the 2011 Town of Cary Partner Organization of the Year
- **Mysteries and Secrets of Local Cemeteries:** excerpts from our annual presentation about the history and mystery of selected local cemeteries
- **What Have We Got to Lose?:** excerpts from our annual presentation about historical structures in and around Cary

### Schedule a talk

To learn more about other topics or to schedule a speaker, contact The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel at [speakers@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:speakers@friendsofpagewalker.org) or (919) 460-4963.







## Program for Deaf Students, Dr. Vijaya Bapat, Jean Ladd

**O**n September 10, 2013, I interviewed **four teachers** who developed the original program for the deaf. This was my second interview with three of them, and a fourth woman joined us, the mother of a deaf child who participated in the program for twenty-five years. This second interview, which lasted two hours, covered the history of the program in much more detail, beginning in the mid-1960s.

The concept grew out of a group of parents looking for better ways to educate their own children. Once educators were involved and classes were developed, the program was introduced at Cary Elementary School in 1967. It was only the second such program in a public school in North Carolina. A similar program was started in Gastonia just two weeks before the one in Cary.

Over the years, the program evolved and expanded into middle school and then high school. These teachers helped to change laws and the way special needs children were included in the public education system throughout the state.

The four hours of recorded memories from these four teachers are incredible and inspiring. Through their extensive efforts, they enriched education throughout North Carolina while giving their students the world through communication.

On September 17, I interviewed **Dr. Vijaya Bapat**. In an attempt to dispel some of the stereotypes about immigrants, she wished to document some of the history of East Indian immigration to the USA, some details about Indian culture and guiding principles and some statistics about contributions that Indian-Americans have made and are making in America. She talked about what it was like for her to come from India to the US in 1964 and to learn how to function here. She also discussed the growing Indian-American population in the Cary/Morrisville area today, and the variety of Indian businesses, stores, and activities that exist in our community.

On September 20, I interviewed **Jean Ladd**, a native and long-time resident of Cary. Her father was **Glen Hobby**, who had a grocery store, hardware store and appliance store in Cary in the early and mid-twentieth century. Jean grew up on Dry Avenue and went all through school at Cary Elementary/High School (now the Cary Arts Center) on Academy Street. Her grandfather was **Wiley D. Jones**; his house, located on the corner of Academy Street and Dry Avenue, was recently purchased by the Town of Cary and is currently undergoing renovations. Jean remembered spending a lot of time there as a child. Jean is related to many other long-time Cary residents. She described growing up here and what her life has been like through the years. Both her children and her grandchildren also live in Cary.



PAGE  
EDUCATIONAL  
*Gardens*

A HAVEN FOR THE SENSES

*Story and photos by Anne Kratzer*

The Page Educational Gardens continue to be a peaceful haven filled with daily surprises of stunning blossoms, inviting fragrances and nature's friends, the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterflies and bees. The gardens also are an

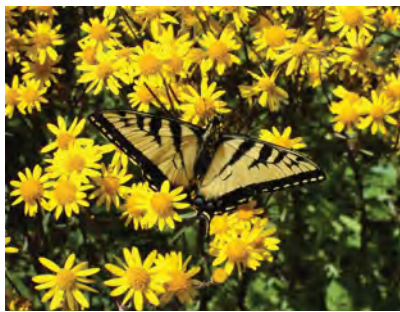


PHOTO BY LOIS NIXON

inspiration for culinary adventures and living testimony to the historic uses of herbs in medicine and industry. Visitors, whether they are enjoying the outdoor events provided by the

Page-Walker Arts & History Center, or Town staff walking to their offices, frequently mention the special beauty and appeal of the gardens.

The 2013 growing season, with its early cool and rainy days, benefited most plants but unfortunately the weather was not kind to our "Dunham" hellebores. Thankfully we have several sources to replace the handsome herb named after Rachel Dunham, who was the inspiration for the herb gardens in the 1970s.



There is a new "kid" on the block on the back lawn of the Page-Walker that certainly complements the herb garden. "Dapple," a magnificent sculpture by

Victoria Reed, now part of the Town's collection (thank you Town Council!), munches contentedly on the liriope just a stone's throw from the gardens.

The mullein (right) in the industrial garden with Dapple in the background is one of our favorites. Although mullein is primarily a medicinal herb used for respiratory disorders, our gardeners allow it to grow where it's happy, as most of our mullein plants, if we're lucky, come from the mother plant as volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, each should be crowned with a bay wreath for tending the gardens during the 2013 growing season. Thanks to Marilyn Butler, Susan Hawthorne, Lynn McKenzie, Barb Wetmore, Bev Samuelson, Jimi Laguttuta, Lois Nixon, Cheryl McLean, Jerod Kratzer, Kay Struffolino, Kerry Mead, Paul and Lynn Wasylkevych, Renate Thompson, Pat Fish, Marla Dorrel and Lori Josam.



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS

preserving  
the past

By Bob Myers and Brent Miller

A major win for historic preservation in Cary occurred with the relocation of the George Upchurch house in June. The Upchurch farm site on Waldo Rood Road is slated for new development, and initial development plans assumed demolition of the late 19th-century farmhouse. Through outstanding collaboration among the Friends, the property owner, the developer, the Town of Cary and Capital Area Preservation, an agreement was established to move the house across the road to a vacant lot, where it will be preserved by with the intent of selling the house to a private owner.

On June 13, the move took place, with local print and television reporters present and a local TV news helicopter overhead. The move, by McCrary House Movers of Lexington, NC, went off without a hitch. The home is now in its permanent position, on new footings in preparation for restoration. More photos and details about the Upchurch House move are in the [CaryCitizen](#) story, the video on our Friends [YouTube](#) channel and [CAP's project summary](#).

Our historic preservation program series enters its ninth year. In September, we were fortunate to host John Santa, author of *Bluegrass Is My Second Language: A Year in the Life of an Accidental Bluegrass Musician*. John examined the rich history and heritage of bluegrass music in the Tar Heel State. This project was made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Our next program is in January 2014; check the Friends web site for upcoming program details.

**READ ABOUT MORE OF CARY'S HISTORY**

Peggy Van Scoyoc's book about the oral history of Cary, *Desegregating Cary*, complements her previous tome, *Just a Horse-Stopping Place*. Don't forget the classic book of Cary History, *Around and About Cary* by Tom Byrd and Jerry Miller. All three books can be purchased at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, and their sales benefit the Friends. And we've just announced our new history timeline booklet, *Cary: Through the Years*. See front-page story and pre-sales order form on p. 5

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*Gardens*



Top left: Jerod Kratzer, Bev Samuelson, Marla Dorrel;  
Above: Kay Struffolino; Right: Kerry Mead, Lynn McKenzie

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We also have new volunteers who will be joining us for our “Put the Garden to Bed” party on Nov. 2 from 9 am – noon: **Karen Kattman, Michelle Smith and Laura Simmons**. In addition to preparing the plants for the dormant season, we’ll be adding soil and mulch to help with drainage next year. Additional thanks to co-chair **Kay Struffolino** for providing additional herbs, bags and safer soap and for being the “ant monitor”; to **Lois Nixon** for providing herbs, zinnias, an LED light to illuminate our work in the smokehouse and invaluable information on butterflies so that we encourage their production.

As always, we treasure our partnership with the Town! Thanks to **Doug McRaine, Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael and Rob Garner** for their tremendous support, to **Carolyn Lewis** for sharing her boundless knowledge of plants, to **Larry Dempsey, Len Lloyd, Christian Carfano, Jeff Privette** and the **Grounds crew** for keeping the area spotless, disposing of our cuttings and doing a masterful job with pruning the bays.

The Page Educational Gardens are a perfect example of the adage “It takes a village.” If you would like to be a part of the “village” and join our volunteers, please contact me at [annekratz@aol.com](mailto:annekratz@aol.com).

Do visit the gardens!



### NEW ACQUISITION

*By Brent Miller*

The Friends are fortunate to be the recipients of many historical artifacts from generous citizens. Many of our acquisitions are pieces of Cary’s history, whereas others help to establish historical context in our facilities.

We are grateful to receive a fine example of the latter. **Mr. R. Gordon Werner** of Cary recently donated a wonderful Duncan Phyfe style sofa to the Friends. We hope to make this piece available for the public to enjoy in the future.

If you have historic artifacts that you would consider donating to the Friends, contact us at (919) 460-4963 or [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org).



## [MEET THE BOARD]

*Our board of directors serves as the governing body of the Friends of the Page-Walker, a non-profit corporation and partner of the Town of Cary. We are beginning a new series in which we'll feature our board members to help you get to know them. And if you'd like to get to know these folks better, consider volunteering with the Friends. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities. Contact us at [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org) to learn more or volunteer.*

### KAY STRUFFOLINO

Although she's new to the Friends board, everyone knows Kay! She is one of the Town's leading volunteers and a recipient of the Hometown Spirit Award. Here are a few more facts about Kay:

- Lived in Cary since July, 1972, (formerly lived several places in Pennsylvania)
- First job as a new resident of Cary was working on the old Kildaire Farm property with the landscaper for the soon-to-be Kildaire Farms subdivision. We took cuttings on many state-owned properties, brought them back to the bedding area on the farm to establish roots, then transferred these to individual pots, where they grew for a year before being taken to the home sites as they were built.
- Learned how to become a "southern gardner" under the guidance of dear friends & neighbors "Dad" and Rachel Dunham.
- Having been a former track & field coach and official in Pittsburgh, PA, got a girls' track & field program started, first at East Cary Middle School, then two years later at Cary High School. Coached and officiated the program for a number of years as a volunteer; also coached and officiated with the Junior Striders program in Raleigh and officiated at most NCSU track meets for several years.
- Retired Production Manager / Summerfest Coordinator with N.C. Symphony
- Served on Town of Cary Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board, Cultural Arts Committee, Koka Booth Amphitheatre Advisory Committee / Volunteer Coordinator
- Currently serving on Triangle Youth Philharmonic Board of Directors, Town of Cary Festivals Committee, Friends of the Page Walker Board / Herb Garden Committee
- Hobbies include enjoying volunteering, classical music, gardening and grandsons. Can frequently be found enjoying Goodberry's!



### WIL TROWER

Wil joins many folks in Cary who have moved here to be near family. He comes to us from Florida with a wealth of executive and historic preservation experience. Here are a few things to know about Wil:

- Born in Norfolk, Virginia
- Moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1956
- Degrees from Nova University (M.B.A. Health Management), Florida Atlantic University (B.H.S. Health Administration), Broward Community College (A.S.)
- Married to Jeannie, a registered nurse (retired), since 1968
- Two children and three grandsons – ages 21, 19 and 2 years
- Served 3+ years as the Executive Director of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society/Fort Lauderdale History Center
- June 23, 1997 was designated "Wil Trower Day" in Broward County, Florida, by Governor Lawton Chiles
- Retired from Hospital Administration in 2008
- Moved to Cary in July, 2012
- Currently doing medical/legal consulting



**B**eing a member has its benefits! The Friends accomplish our mission of preserving the Page Walker Arts & History Center and other Cary historic sites, history archival and education and promoting cultural arts through member participation.

Thank you for your continued support, and **please begin or renew your membership. If you haven't renewed for 2013, please do so today.**

We have migrated our membership management to our web site. You will receive an email notification when your membership is due for renewal. You can check, begin and renew your membership online through our web site, <http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org/>. Our new membership management system now sends annual renewal reminders.

Alternatively, you can renew by mail. A membership form (for new memberships and renewals) appears on page 20. Please print, complete and return it today!

### **THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER, SUSTAINING AND SILVER SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

Hal Bowman &  
Mercedes Auger  
Leesa Brinkley  
Michael Edwards  
Pat Fish  
Brent Miller  
Wil Trower  
Peggy Van Scoyoc  
Ed & Carolyn Yerha

## *Kudos to...*

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

**Kris Carmichael**, for her continued invaluable support of the Friends, particularly with the new Cary: Through the Years publication and working with other town groups to help educate the public about the history of Cary and arts opportunities

**Brent Miller** for representing the Friends in various public and organization meetings (Ed. Note: Anne made me put this in here!)

**Leesa Brinkley** for contributing her extraordinary graphic design skills to so many Friends projects, including this newsletter, that make us look so professional

**Bob Myers and the Historic Preservation Committee** for all of their work in preservation, recently recognized by receiving CAP's Anthemion Award

**Trish Kirkpatrick** for organizing an outstanding lineup for the upcoming Winter Concert Series

**Pat Fish** (what would we do without Pat?) for coordinating the Lazy Daze and Spring Daze festivals for the Friends, for keeping our financial records, for furnishing refreshments at so many events, and for so much more.

All of our **White Plains Cemetery** volunteers (listed on p. 9)

All of our **Page Educational Gardens** volunteers (listed on p. 14)





## 'EGG'CEPTIONALLY CONNECTED

The Friends have joined the growing popularity of social networking sites and we are pleased to remind you of our presence on Facebook and Twitter – and we now have our own YouTube channel also!

We invite you to visit our web page, join our fan page at Facebook and follow us on Twitter. You can quickly and efficiently receive updates about important initiatives, our upcoming programs and events, ticket information and so on (note that because of inactivity, we discontinued our LinkedIn presence, but we remain active on Facebook and Twitter).

We also post many of our videos on our YouTube channel, including ceremonies at White Plains cemetery and the Desegregating Cary panel discussion.

Find us online today!

[www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org)  
[www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel](https://www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel)  
[www.twitter.com/FriendsofPW](https://www.twitter.com/FriendsofPW)  
<http://www.youtube.com/caryhistory>

### BOARD MEMBERS

Your Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel board members are these volunteers:

Brent Miller (president)  
Ed Yerha (past president)  
Peggy Van Scoyoc (vice president)  
Cathy Richmond (co-secretary)  
Mercedes Auger (co-secretary)  
Pat Fish (treasurer, life member)  
Mercedes Auger (co-secretary),  
Keith Bliss  
Leesa Brinkley  
Delaney Burns (Teen Council liaison)  
Michael Edwards  
Don Frantz (Cary Town Council liaison)  
Kirk Fuller  
Phizzy King  
Trish Kirkpatrick  
Anne Kratzer (life member)  
Charles McDarris  
Bob Myers  
Olene Ogles  
Aaron Reza (Teen Council liaison)  
John Shaw  
Kay Struffolino  
Pat Sweeney  
Renate Thompson  
Wil Trower  
Barbara Wetmore

The board is also fortunate to have the participation of Town of Cary staff members Lyman Collins, 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 on page 18.

**EDUCATION** The mission of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel is to enrich the community by serving  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION** as guardian for the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, by advocating preservation of Cary historic  
**CULTURAL ARTS** sites, by archiving history and facilitating history education, and by promoting the cultural arts.

### 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 member and community outreach communication. *The Innkeeper* is a team effort of the Friends.

**Brent Miller** edits and **Leesa Brinkley** designs the newsletter. We welcome your contributions to *The Innkeeper*.

If you have articles, suggestions or ideas to share, please send them to Brent at [brent@posmoroda.com](mailto:brent@posmoroda.com).

# calendar

Join us at the Page-Walker. See articles in this newsletter or our website for details.  
All events at the Page-Walker unless otherwise noted.

[www.friendsofpagewalker.org/concerts\\_and\\_programs](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org/concerts_and_programs)

## NOVEMBER

November 2, 9:00 am – Noon Page Educational Gardens  
“Put the Garden to Bed” day

November 24, 4:00 pm – Winter Concert Eric Dyke (p. 6)

## DECEMBER

December 1 – *Cary: Through the Years* history booklet  
available at the Page-Walker (p. 1)

December 1 – Registration opens for Teen Amazement  
Show auditions ([www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org); p. 3)

December 4, 7:00 pm – Board of Directors meeting

December 7, 9:30 am – White Plains Cemetery  
maintenance day

December 15, 4:00 pm – Winter Concert Raleigh  
Boychoir Millennium Chorus (p. 6)

December 20, 9 am – 10 pm – Gift Wrap at  
Cary Barnes & Noble

## JANUARY

January 21, 7:30 p.m. – Preservation Series: How to  
Preserve Your Family Textiles

January 26, 4:00 pm – Winter Concert David Burgess  
(p. 6)

## FEBRUARY

February 2 & 9, 2 to 6 pm – Teen Amazement Show  
Auditions (p. 3)

February 23, 4:00 pm – Winter Concert Brian Reagin,  
Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert (p. 6)

## MARCH

March 2, 3 to 5 pm – Teen Amazement Show  
Performance, The Cary Theater (p. 3)

March 18, 7:30 p.m. – Preservation Series: Mapping the  
History of the Yates Family in Cary



## FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

### CONTACT THE FRIENDS

Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel  
Box 4234, Cary, NC 27519  
(919) 460-4963 program information  
email: [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org)  
[www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org)

### Information about the Friends

President Brent Miller (919) 469-0498

### Plan a Visit

Page-Walker Hotel is located at 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 am – 9:30 pm

Friday: 10 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

Friday Evening – Sunday by reservation

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

Please visit the updated Friends' Web site. It's a great way to learn about the  
history and mission of the organization and to find out about and register  
for upcoming events. If you aren't receiving email notifications from us,  
register on the site and join the hundreds who already do.

It's also an easy way to become a member! You can join the Friends, make a  
donation and purchase tickets, all online using your favorite credit card. We  
greatly appreciate the support of our loyal membership. We couldn't  
continue to provide the variety of services that we do without you!

And you can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

*Please share this issue of The Innkeeper with a friend!*



# Begin or Renew Your *Membership* Today!

To join the Friends, or renew your existing membership, visit [www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org) or fill out the form below and bring it to the Page-Walker or mail it with your contribution to:

**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:

- Individual \$30
- Family \$50
- Community Partner \$100
- Sustaining Member \$150 (Includes your choice of *Around and About Cary* or *Just a Horse-Stopping Place* book)
- Silver Sustaining Member \$250 or more (Includes 2 winter concert series season tickets)
- My employer, \_\_\_\_\_ has a matching gift program.

## Business memberships:

- Business Member \$250 (Includes 2 winter concert series tickets)
- Business Partner \$500 or more (Includes 2 winter concert series tickets)

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**NAME/ORGANIZATION**

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**ADDRESS**

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**CITY/STATE/ZIP**

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**TELEPHONE**

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**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, 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.

Please make checks payable to the Friends of the Page-Walker and mail along with this form to:

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

- I wish to order (\_\_\_) (Quantity) of Bricks at \$50 per brick. Enclosed is the total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY/STATE/ZIP**

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**TELEPHONE** **E-MAIL ADDRESS**