

The Innkeeper



MARCH 2014

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.



All performers take a final bow.

TEEN

Amazement

SHOW



14-year-old Adam Clark wowed the crowd with his Michael Jackson medley.

Teen Amazement Show is absolutely... AMAZING!

By the Talent Show Committee

On March 2 at The Cary, our local youth truly amazed the audience. Twenty-four acts took to the stage to entertain the sold-out crowd with dynamic vocalists, rockin' bands, clever magic, stand up comedy, skilled violinists, pianists, and guitar players – some of whom performed their own original songs.

Mayor Harold Weinbrecht welcomed the audience and Lyman Collins, Town of Cary Cultural Arts Manager, delighted as the show's emcee.

Each performer brought their own unique gift to the stage and the audience rose to their feet time

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An Extraordinary Partnership

“**A**t the Town of Cary we focus every day on enriching the lives of our citizens by creating an exceptional environment and providing exemplary services that enable our community to thrive and prosper.” That’s what you’ll see on emails from Town of Cary employees. On behalf of all the Friends, I want to acknowledge and thank the Town staff members who make it a joy and a blessing to be a Town partner organization. The Friends are fortunate to work with world-class Town staff, including Cultural Arts Manager Lyman Collins, Page-Walker supervisor Kris Carmichael and other Page-Walker staff members Theresa Dolan, Nancy Jones, Linda Depo, Linda Simpson, Elaine Charney and Karen Haltom – and this month we welcome an outstanding new Cultural Arts Program Specialist Jennifer Koach (see article p. 9).

And the Friends of the Page-Walker volunteers, in partnership with the Town of Cary, continue to do amazing things:

- The first ever (and hopefully annual) **Teen Amazement show**, which showcased local youth talent, was the idea of our Teen Council liaison Aaron Reza and played to a sold-out house
- Two of our board members, Olene Ogles and Leesa Brinkley, recently won **volunteer awards** from the Town’s Parks, Recreational and Cultural Resources department (see story p. 4)
- An impressive and ever-growing collection of **oral histories** that rivals any in the region, collected over many years by Peggy Van Scoyoc, is now available in digital form through the Friends website that was recently updated by webmaster Bob Myers (see article p. 5)
- The Friends continue to have a positive impact on preserving our past through the leadership of the **Historic Preservation committee**, chaired by Bob Myers (see article p. 6)
- Anne Kratzer and her amazing teams of volunteers continue to maintain the **Page Educational Gardens** and the **White Plains Cemetery** as local showcases of natural beauty, history and dignity (see articles p. 8 & 10)
- Our partnership with the **Heart of Cary Association** is stronger than ever, thanks to our liaison Kay Struffolino (see article p. 11)
- Affordable, high quality musical entertainment in the intimate setting of the Page-Walker main gallery continues in our **winter concert series**, led by Trish Kirkpatrick (see article p. 12)

And so many volunteers look after the operations of the Friends, including our board officers Ed Yerha, Peggy Van Scoyoc, Cathy Richmond and Pat Fish and committee chairs – Wil Trower (public relations), Pat Fish (membership & special events), Leesa Brinkley (cultural arts liaison), Peggy Van Scoyoc (oral history & history publications) and many others. Our board of directors is active and passionate – meet some of our board members on p. 15.

It’s a privilege to work with such great Town staff and Friends volunteers. You can, too – contact us at info@friendsofpagewalker.org.

Our annual member meeting will occur on June 7 at 6:30 pm. All members and prospective members are invited. I hope to see you at the Page-Walker!



PHOTO BY LAURIE MILLER

Talent Show, continued from cover

and time again. After the show, one audience member proclaimed, "Some of these kids sing better than anyone I've ever heard on American Idol!" That's just what we were hoping for when the idea for the show started last year. Our Cary Teen Council liaison, Aaron Reza, approached the Friends with his thoughts about a fundraising event that would showcase the amazing talent of local teens. The Friends got on board, and the committee met for six months to plan all the details.

More than \$2,300 was raised for the Town's Relief for Recreation Fund and the Friends' history scholarship program.



Mayor Harold Weinbrecht welcomed the sold out crowd.

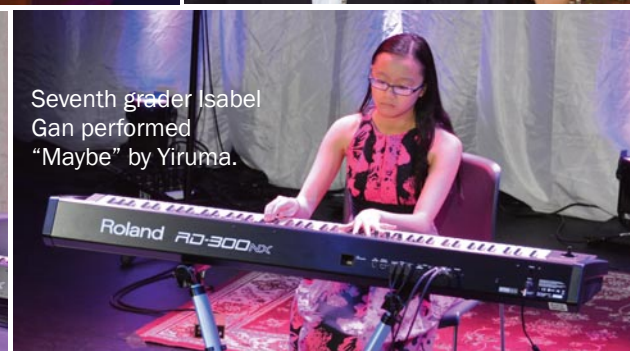
Emcee Lyman Collins and the Town's Kris Carmichael are all smiles after the show.



When the Clock Strikes opened the show with a rockin' performance.



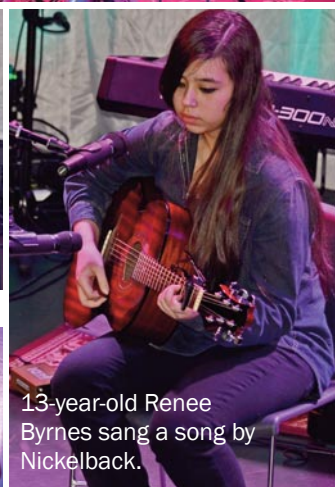
Comedian Sam Jones



Seventh grader Isabel Gan performed "Maybe" by Yiruma.



Teen Council committee members thank Lyman.



13-year-old Renee Byrnes sang a song by Nickelback.



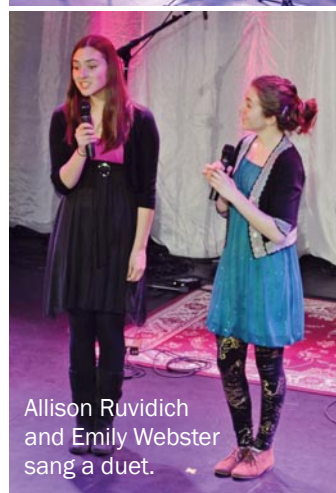
Violin ensemble Mellifluos.

A huge thank you to the sponsors: LRC Indoor Testing & Research, Leesa Brinkley Graphic Design, The Mayton Inn, Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel, Ralph and Daphne Ashworth, Mercedes Auger & Hal Bowman, CaryCitizen, WestStar Precision, Inc., and The Matthews House.

And a final bow for helping make the show come to life! Committee members Mercedes Auger, Leesa Brinkley, Delaney Burns, Kris Carmichael, Namrata Jumani, AnnaChristian Lankford, Brent Miller, Bob Myers, Aaron Reza, Wil Trower and Barbara Wetmore.

A big thank you also to Lyman Collins, Sean Loepp and the Cary Theater staff; our audition judges Saskia Leary, Sarah Echols and Lindsay Rice; videographer Nelson Wetmore and all the Cary Teen Council volunteers. We could not have done it without you!

See all the amazing performances for yourself right [here!](#)



Allison Ravidich and Emily Webster sang a duet.



Sarena Harris (below left) and Raven Watson shared their amazing vocal abilities.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF AARON REZA AND BARB WETMORE.

AWARD-WINNING FRIENDS

From the Town of Cary

At the annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet on February 25 to honor hundreds of citizens who have volunteered to help with parks, recreation and cultural programs and activities, the Town of Cary announced the recipients of nine special awards for outstanding volunteer service. The theme of the evening was ‘Volunteering is a Work of Art’. Guests enjoyed a catered dinner, silent auction and special guest speakers representing The Special Olympics. Two of the night’s award recipients were from our very own Friends board.

Olene Ogles was the recipient of the Seniors Impacting Seniors Award, which is presented to an individual involved with programs and activities that positively impact the lives of his/her fellow seniors; and Leesa Brinkley received the Cultural Arts Award, which is presented to an individual who lends leadership and support to all aspects of the Town’s arts programs, including literacy, performance and visual arts.

Olene’s nomination told of her significant volunteerism. Olene volunteers with 12 – yes, twelve – organizations and serves as an officer in many of them, including the Cary

Senior Center, Friends of the Cary Senior Center, Cary Arts Center, Meals on Wheels, AARP and others. When delivering Meals on Wheels, Olene takes the time to visit with each recipient. She dedicates one day each month to the adult day care center. And of course, Olene is a long-time Friends board member, currently serving a fourth term.

Leesa’s nomination noted her involvement in the Friends and the Town’s Cultural Arts committee, where she applies her organizational skills and graphic design talents for the benefit of the community. Leesa is a professional graphic artist and has designed logos, marketing materials and other collateral for the Friends, including our holiday tree decorations and this newsletter. Leesa was instrumental in producing the Friends’ *Cary: Through the Years* publication and the recent Teen Amazement show.

Congratulations Olene and Leesa!



Mayor Harold Weinbrecht presents Olene with her award.



The 2014 Town of Cary Volunteer Award recipients.



Leesa with the Mayor.

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Oral HISTORY

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

Friends Program Continues Leadership

In December 2013, I interviewed **Margaret Broadwell**, past mayor of Morrisville and a town council member for many terms. Margaret grew up in Cary and attended Cary Elementary School on Academy Street and Cary High School on Walnut Street. She had many memories of both schools. She then pursued a career in cosmetology and as a

singer/songwriter before moving to Morrisville and getting involved in local politics. She talked about the evolution of Morrisville over the years through the town's explosive population growth.



Then in early 2014, I had two interviews with **J. Michael Edwards**. He was born and grew up on a farm on Davis Drive. He gave us a wonderful, detailed account of the farming culture and community surrounding his family. It was a shock to him to go from the original Green Hope School, a small, rural school, to Apex High School with city kids, and then on to NCSU which felt like a foreign country. After that he made the ultimate move to California to study to become a gemologist. California was a whole other world. After he graduated from college, he moved to Atlanta and opened several jewelry stores there. Then he came home to Cary and opened JM Edwards Jewelry Store on Kildaire Farm Road, which he now shares with his son. Later, he also went into commercial real estate and continues to pursue both careers. This interview is local cultural history at its best. He gave

us so many more details about the farming life in Carpenter/Apex/Green Level in earlier times.

Both of these interviews covered parts of what is now Cary, along with Apex and Morrisville that we knew little about. So we are very grateful to both Margaret and Michael for expanding our knowledge of this local history.



Friends' Website Update

By Bob Myers

The Friends of the Page-Walker website has been recently redesigned to make it more informational and easier to use. Please take a few minutes to explore [the site](#) and experience the new content.

One new feature is our Oral History page. Click on the 'listen up' graphic on the homepage, then scroll down to the list of interviews. The headphone icons (🎧) represent the audio interviews available for download. To listen, you might need to load the Music Player for Google app. You may also click on any of the names listed to read the interview transcripts.

Some interviews date back to the late 1990s and give interesting first-hand accounts of Cary life through the years. This is an example of what we are able to accomplish through the financial support of our members. We hope to be able to provide more resources in the future!

HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS
Friends Help Save Historic Structures

By Bob Myers

One of the few positive consequences of the long economic downturn was reduced development pressure that can threaten our remaining historic structures. However, with the economic recovery, every few weeks we hear of a new endangered structure, some that weren't on our radar. Some examples:



• **The Franklin house on Holly Springs Road:** Currently in poor condition, this is the second oldest house in the Cary area. Development is proposed for this property, which also includes another, relatively newer farmhouse and a small family cemetery. Plans are being made to relocate the Franklin house to a farm outside Apex.



• **Baucom house on High House Road:** This beautiful early twentieth-century home is located adjacent to the Wellesley neighborhood. Until recently, the home has been continuously occupied and is in beautiful condition. Negotiations are underway to find a suitable location for the building on the existing property that will work with the proposed development.



• **Richard house on Chapel Hill Road:** This 1938 stone-veneered craftsman-style house near the Sri Venkateswara Temple is as unique in Cary as the temple. Originally expected to be lost due to the difficulty in moving a stone house, there is now a possibility of the building being retained and incorporated into the development. The developers have been collaborating with the Town of Cary, the Friends and Capital Area Preservation to preserve this excellent home.

From top: Franklin house;
Baucom house; Richard house.

• **Byrd-Ferrell house on Carpenter Fire Station Road:** The owner plans to restore this c. 1900 historic home, a contributing structure in the Carpenter Historic District, and incorporate it in the development.



• **Keisler house on Kildaire Farm Road:** This 1927 bungalow was originally the home and office of

the manager of the original Kildaire Farm, which was located where Chili's Restaurant is now. The building is likely to be lost.

Other properties with development in the planning stages and in danger of being lost are the **Sears house** on Green Hope School Road, the **Yates Farm** on White Oak Church Road, and the **Lassiter-Sloan house** on Roberts Road. And these are just the ones that we know about; we continue to learn about development plans that affect Cary's historic properties



From top: Byrd-Ferrell house;
Keisler house.

On the positive side, there are several properties with positive outlooks. A new paradigm has been set with the **George Upchurch house** on Waldo Road Boulevard (formerly Collins Road). Owing to the cooperation of the owners, developer, Town of Cary, the Friends and Capital Area Preservation, this historic farmhouse has been relocated and

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stabilized with the intent to return the building to residential use and possible landmark designation. In the Town Center, the Jones, Waldo and Mayton houses have similar public/private arrangements for restoration and adaptive reuse.

These projects and the risk that they present to historic resources are currently handled via a reactionary process. Fortunately, Cary Town Council has directed the planning staff to proceed with the implementation of the Historic Preservation Master Plan, which defines actions that are intended to preserve our historic resources as the town's progress continues. Hopefully, we will see new ordinances enacted that allow the staff to address these issues in a more proactive way.

Cary, through an inter-local government agreement, delegates to the Wake County Historic Preservation

Commission to identify, nominate, and adjudicate landmark designations and National Register of Historic Places nominations. Recently, the Cary Town Council approved the commission's recommendation to designate the Hillcrest Cemetery as a Cary Landmark. This is Cary's sixth landmark designation.

READ MORE ABOUT 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. And we've recently announced our new history timeline booklet, *Cary: Through the Years*. All four books can be purchased at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, and their sales benefit the Friends.



Herbfest

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER

saturday, may 3 | 9 am to 3 pm

Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Downtown Cary

Buy herbs and plants, visit our craft booths, stroll the beautiful grounds of the Page-Walker, and tour the Page Educational Garden, including a close-up look at the historic 1850's Page smokehouse. Bid on beautiful garden and herb related items during our silent auction and enjoy two butterfly releases during the event. Lunch and kids' activities, too.

PAGE
EDUCATIONAL
Gardens



ONE OF NATURE'S MIRACLES!

Story and photos by Anne Kratzer

Spring! What wonderful images that word conveys after a rather challenging winter. Thanks to our garden volunteers who did such a great job on November 2 in **Putting the Garden to Bed**. As we transition from winter to spring, we look forward to reaping the benefits of our November labor as our dormant herbs show signs of life. We had a super turnout and great time at the event, and as always, our volunteers brought delicious treats that use some of the herbs grown in the garden. Thanks to Kerry Mead, Lori Josam, Bev Samuelson, Barb Wetmore, Karen Kattman, Carolyn Lewis, Lois Nixon, Marla Dorrel, Kris Carmichael, Kay Struffolino, Pat Fish and Lynn McKenzie who joined me on a gorgeous fall day. And many thanks to Pat, Lynn and Kay for helping me to shell the hyacinth beans so that we will have another magnificent “teepee” this growing season.

The gardens made it through the winter season, thanks to the watchful eyes of Lynn, Lois, Pat and Kay. And thanks to Lois, the smokehouse door was graced with a beautiful bay wreath made from the garden.

All hands will be on deck for **Planting Day**, Saturday April 12 from 9:00 am – noon. Volunteers will be pruning the last vestiges of winter, mulching and adding new herbs. Thanks always to Layne Snelling, our volunteer consultant, and to Campbell Road Nursery for supporting us through the years. And if any labels need to be made, our good friend John Duncan is ready to assist.

We should be in great shape by May 3 when the Town and Friends host the fifth annual **HerbFest**. Our volunteers will be on hand to share their knowledge of the four primary uses of herbs: culinary, medicinal, industrial and ornamental, as well as their growing habits. Look for the color swatches near some of the herbs – they indicate the color dye that each herb yields.



Karen



Carolyn



Lois & Marla



Kerry



Lori



Bev & Barb

Continuing thanks to our partner, the Town of Cary! Doug McRainey, Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael, Carolyn Lewis, Larry Dempsey, Lenny Loyd, Christian Carfano, Jeff Privette and the Grounds crew give invaluable support throughout the various seasons.

If you'd like to meet some wonderful people and learn more about plants that have a prominent place in history, please contact me at annekratz@aol.com.

Enjoy your gardens!

AROUND & ABOUT THE

Page-Walker

By Kris Carmichael

Welcome Jennifer Koach!

Jennifer Koach is the new Cultural Arts Program Specialist at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, replacing our good friend Rob Garner, who has accepted the position of Town of Cary Festivals Coordinator.



A native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, Jennifer first moved to North Carolina in 2002 to study at North Carolina State University. After completing her master's degree in Public History, Jennifer served as the Executive Director of the

Orange County Historical Museum in Hillsborough, NC. For the past 5½ years, Jennifer was the Education & Volunteer Coordinator at Liberty Hall Historic Site, a historic house museum in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Jennifer is passionate about history, particularly women's and domestic history of the 19th century. She has done first-person costumed interpretation, knows how to cook on the hearth and is a fan of baking (especially on the hearth).

Jennifer is excited about her return to the Triangle and is looking forward to expanding the programming at Page-Walker. Welcome, Jennifer!



A recent acquisition is an archive image of Hobby's Grocery Store, which was on West Chatham Street. It was recently provided by Jean Ladd. If you have historic Cary photos, please contact the Friends at info@friendsofpagewalker.org.

Mark Your Calendar

In support of history education, on April 22, the Page-Walker staff and Friends volunteers will host about 80 Cary Elementary fourth graders for a special **Earth Day** tour of the Page Educational Gardens. The students will arrive in groups of 20 and learn about historical uses of herbs in our garden, do some smelling and tasting while enjoying a morning in the sunshine. Kay Struffolino, Marla Dorrel and Pat Fish have volunteered to assist Jennifer Koach with this special tour.

Summer Camp registrations have begun! Big draws again this year are our Bluegrass Music Camps (co-presented with PineCone – the Piedmont Council of Traditional Music), which recently won the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association Arts & Humanities Award.

May is Preservation Month, and this year the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission will hold its annual **Preservation Celebration** at the Page-Walker Arts and History Center on May 4, 2014.

Also at the Page-Walker, on May 27 at 7:30 pm, the Friends will present **What Have We Got to Lose?**, our annual presentation of the state of historic preservation in the Cary area. We hope that you will join us.

White Plains Cemetery

A HIDDEN TREASURE



Jerred Copeland with the found finial.



Thanks to all the faithful cemetery volunteers.



Story and photos by Anne Kratzer

Volunteers from the Maynard Oaks subdivision and the Friends of the Page-Walker spruced up the **White Plains Cemetery** on Tolliver Court in early December and March, bracketing the exciting winter season. The cemetery continues to serve as a stunning connection to Cary's past.

We were very pleased to welcome a new family that has moved next door to the cemetery: Jerred and Marci Copeland and their son Perry are now part of our volunteer team. The Copelands are continuing the tradition of volunteerism of Greg McNeely, whose home they purchased. Perry brings a neat connection to the cemetery, as Rachel Perry Jones, buried on the site, was Nathaniel's wife.

Jerred found a treasure hidden behind one of the rocks in the cemetery. We believe it is a finial from the original fence. Now we have two finials from the site that we will place in the Cary Heritage Museum at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

The new lycoris plants (spider lilies) that Barb Wetmore and I planted in front of the azaleas in December are showing signs of life! They are supposed to produce low growing greenery in the spring, and then in summer push up stalks topped with exciting flowers. We're keeping our fingers crossed!

Thanks to the faithful cemetery committee who not only join me for the quarterly maintenance days, but many of whom also oversee the cemetery on a daily basis: John, Elaine, Olivia, and Charlie Loyack, Barb & Nelson Wetmore, Pat Sweeney, Jerred & Marci Copeland, Kay Hawkins, Carla McKinney, Jerod Kratzer, Matt Leitzke, Bev Samuelson and Marilyn Butler. And thanks, as always, to the Town of Cary staff: Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael, Larry Dempsey, Lenny Lloyd, Kevin Steed and the Public Works crew for their invaluable support. The new mulch that the Town provided looks fantastic! Great partners!

Upcoming maintenance days

Join us for upcoming cemetery maintenance days: **June 7 and September 6, 2014** at 9:30 am. Contact: annekratz@aol.com.

DOWNTOWN CARY

Where All the Lights are Bright

by Kay Struffolino

The Friends are pleased and honored to continue to partner with the Heart of Cary Association. Upcoming events downtown include:

- The **Jones House** (across from the Cary Arts Center) is expected to be open for business sometime in April with a Café that will eventually be expanded to include outdoor seating.
- The **Cary Downtown Farmer's Market** opens April 5 in its new location, on the lawn in front of the Ivey Ellington House on W. Chatham Street. Downtown manager Ted Boyd points out the opportunity the Friends will have to highlight the history of one of Cary's most treasured properties.
- The **Cary Invasion** has three games remaining this season: April 12, April 26 and May 17. All games are at the Herb Young Community Center at 6:15 pm.
- **Train Day** will occur on May 10. This is a great family event celebrating the importance of the railroad in Cary.



A complete calendar of meetings, concerts, special events, and other activities in and around the downtown area can be found at <http://www.heartofcary.org/events>

In other downtown news, the **Annual Ashworth Award Dinner** was held February 28 with Curtis Westbrook, owner of a downtown real estate company, being honored for his efforts to promote the diversity and prosperity of the downtown business community. Congratulations Curtis!

The Heart of Cary Association's **Touring Tuesdays** are on the back burner for a while, but efforts are still underway to reach out to retirement complexes, neighboring towns, touring groups and schools to make downtown Cary a destination, especially for day trips. As winter weather exits and spring begins, more fun, educational tours of the Page Walker Arts & History Center and the Page Educational Gardens are stirring up interest. Amtrak is also interested in partnering with Cary to schedule excursion packages to (and from) Cary.

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.

MARCH

Tuesday, March 25 – 7:30 pm
Preservation program series **Mapping the History of the Yates Family in Cary**

APRIL

Wednesday, April 2 – 7:00 pm
Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, April 12 – 9:00 am – noon
Planting Day, Page Educational Garden

MAY

Saturday, May 3 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Herbfest

Wednesday, May 7 – 7:00 pm
Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, May 10
National Train Day, downtown Cary

Tuesday, May 27 – 7:30 pm
Preservation program series
What Have We Got to Lose?

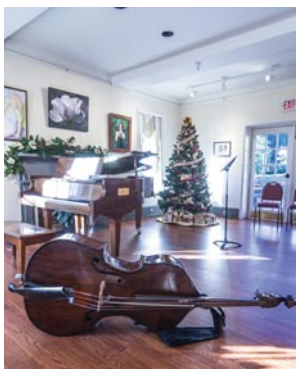
JUNE

Wednesday, June 4 – 6:30 pm
Annual member meeting

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



Erik Dyke (above), soprano Lora Fabio and Brian Reagin perform.



WINTER Concert SERIES

By Trish Kirkpatrick

The 2013-2014 winter concert series ended on Sunday, February 23 with the Helen J. Wright memorial concert, featuring a performance by Brian Reagin, NC Symphony concertmaster and first violin. Brian and his accompanist played to a sold-out room and a delighted audience.

This year's series consisted of:

- Pops in the Intimate Afternoon with Erik Dyke and Friends on Sunday, November 24, 2013
- Raleigh Boychoir's Millennium Chorus on Sunday, December 15, 2013
- David Burgess on Sunday, January 26, 2014
- Brian Reagin (Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert) on Sunday, February 23, 2014

It has become apparent that the combination of the talented artists who enjoy playing in the series and the unexpectedly high quality acoustics in the Page-Walker's main gallery, have created a unique musical experience for our community.

Thanks to Brooke Meyers for the great photos!

Planning for the 2014-2015 series will begin next month. Popular demand indicates that invitations for return engagements could be extended to Brian Reagin, the Raleigh Boychoir Millennium Chorus and Bill Leslie. Other possibilities include performers of bluegrass music and Celtic fiddle music. Suggestions for artists or groups are always welcome; contact info@friendsofpagewalker.org.

PHOTOS BY LAURIE MILLER AND ANNE KRATZER



Holiday Doings at the Page-Walker



Kids craft during Open House.



The Page-Walker, glowed this past holiday season, thanks to the dedicated decorating volunteers. Special thanks to Ann Miller, Kay Struffolino and Jimi Lagattuta. We had a great Open House event that included free carriage rides, refreshments, kids crafts, musical entertainment and of course, history.



Our holiday decorating elves busy at work.



The Friends Giving Tree.

[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 to learn more or volunteer.

TRISH KIRKPATRICK



Trish Kirkpatrick has been on our board for four years and has served as our Performing Arts committee chair for most of that time. Trish executes the highly popular Winter Concert series.

- Originally from the Midwest (Detroit, Chicago), lived in Tampa for eight years, now enjoys being a Cary resident
- In addition to being on the Friends board, Trish also serves on the Raleigh Civic Symphony Association (RCSA) Board of Directors
- Plays French horn in the Really Terrible Orchestra of the Triangle (RTOOT)
- Enjoys attending performances of the North Carolina Symphony and Carolina Ballet
- Previously worked at IBM for more than 30 years in various positions including Senior Marketing Management
- Worked as an educator for more than seven years teaching in Chicago area schools

AARON REZA



Aaron Reza is serving his second year on the board as one of our Teen Council liaisons.

- Born in Boca Raton Florida, currently a senior at Enloe High School in the International Baccalaureate Program
- President of Medical Bioscience Academy, member of National Honor Society
- Active in Boy Scouts since first grade, earned Eagle Scout Award
- Taekwon-Do Black Belt in the International Taekwon-Do Federation
- Plays piano and guitar
- Volunteers about 80 hours per year through the Friends, Cary Teen Council and Brown Bag Ministry
- Shaves his head one per year to support the St. Baldrick's Cancer Foundation
- Participates in Enloe Cross Country, Model United Nations, and PTSA Reflections Program (won 3rd Place for photography)
- Past summer intern at Cary Cardiology
- Plans to study medicine in college

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)
Keith Bliss
Leesa Brinkley
Delaney Burns (Teen Council liaison)
Michael Edwards
Don Frantz (Cary Town Council liaison)
Kirk Fuller
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

Community Partner, Sustaining and Silver Sustaining Members

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

The board is also fortunate to have the participation of Town of Cary staff members Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael and Jennifer Koach. If you are interested in serving on the Friends board, please see contact information on page 17.

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.

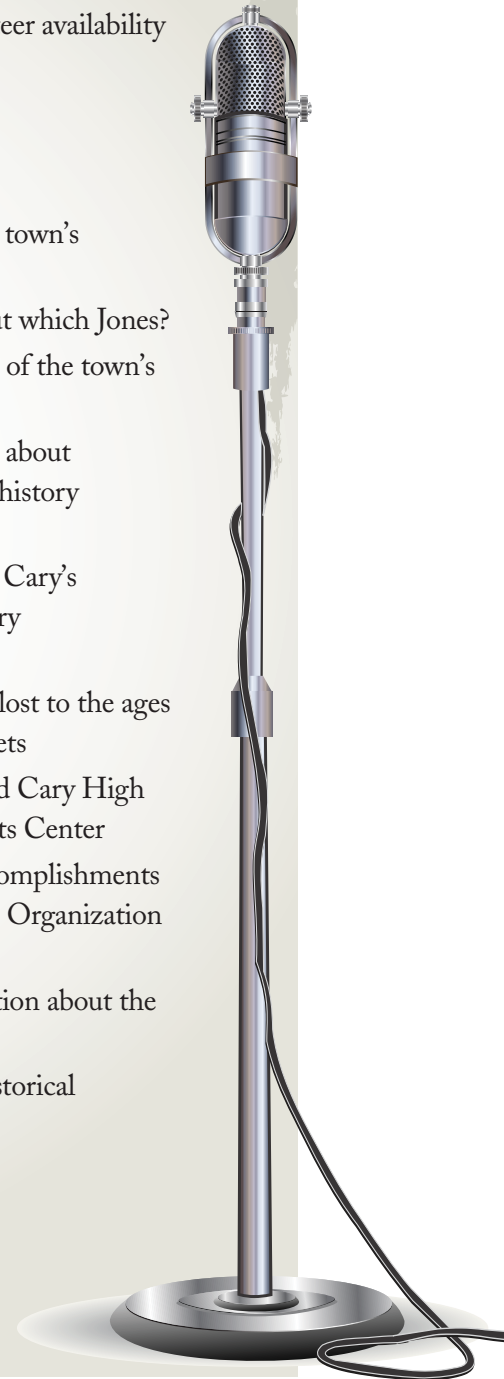
Presentations can range from 20 minutes to an hour and can be tailored to fit the interests of your group. Although we always attempt to meet the needs of your group, volunteer availability may affect scheduling.

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 or (919) 460-4963.



2014 annual meeting

The Publick will kindly take notice that the Friends of the Page-Walker shall meet assembled on the 4th day of June of the year Anno Domini Two Thousand and Fourteen, at six and Thirty 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, 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 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center and all members and prospective members are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

Kudos to...

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

Kris Carmichael for the stunning banner wall hanging unveiled at the opening of The Cary Theater that is not only a work of art but incorporates the history of the theater.

Bob Myers for a renovation and upkeep of the Friends website.

Kay Struffolino for working with our partner, the Town, through the super Public Works Department, to remove dead branches and winter's burn from the shrubs and trees at the Page Educational Gardens so that all trees, shrubs and herbs can live in harmony.

All of our Page Educational Gardens volunteers (p. 8).

All of our White Plains Cemetery volunteers (p. 10).

Anne Kratzer for her tireless leadership of the White Plains Cemetery, Page Educational Gardens and Page-Walker holiday decorating teams.

Wil Trower for taking on public relations chair.

Join us!



Become a Member of The Friends!

Being 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.

All members receive *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.

To join the Friends, or renew your existing membership, visit 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

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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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:

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- 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:

Brick 2:

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.



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The mission of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel 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.

Find us online today!

www.friendsofpagewalker.org

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<http://www.youtube.com/caryhistory>

Contact the Friends

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(919) 460-4963 program information

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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' website. 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.

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.

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