

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.

SPRING SIGNALS RETURN OF

Herbfest

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER

By Lisa Englert

With spring getting into full swing and summer just around the corner, Triangle gardeners are out in force planning and planting their warm-weather gardens. What better way to get inspired than by attending the Friends' **4th Annual Herbfest**?

This year's Herbfest occurs **Saturday, May 4, 2013** (rain or shine) from 9 am – 3 pm on the gorgeous grounds of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. The **FREE** event promises something for everyone – from the most seasoned garden enthusiasts to anyone looking to turn their thumbs green. Cary Teen Council volunteers will be back to provide hands-on activities for kids. Don't miss the return of Butterfly Lady – a crowd favorite – who will perform live butterfly releases at 11:30 am and 2:30 pm.

In addition to touring the Page Educational Garden, including a close-up look at the historic 1850s Page smokehouse, you can watch herb cooking demonstrations and stroll through booths selling a variety of herbs, crafts, native plants, perennials, garden products and even lunch. Learn more on page 4.

Sons of the American Revolution at White Plains Cemetery ceremony honoring Nathaniel Jones.



honoring **NATHANIEL JONES** American Revolutionary War Patriot

Story & Photos by Anne Kratzer

Nov. 17, 2012, almost two hundred years after the death of Nathaniel Jones of White Plains, was a crisp fall day with a glorious sun whose rays filtered through the stunning autumn leaves and branches. It was a perfect day for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) ceremony that recognized Nathaniel Jones (1749-1815) as an American Revolutionary War patriot with the unveiling of a bronze plaque at his burial place, the White Plains Cemetery in the Maynard Oaks subdivision.

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Dynamic Friends

Imagine that someone who hears the phrase “Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel” for the first time might conjure up images of a serene group of folks who quietly tend to an old building and know many arcane facts about things that happened a long time ago in Cary. You know, kind of unexciting – perhaps almost boring. Of course, we know that the Friends are quite the opposite – and according to dictionary.com, the opposite of “boring” is “dynamic”, defined as, “pertaining to or characterized by energy or effective action; vigorously active or forceful; energetic”. That – effective action, vigorous, energetic – describes the Friends organization that we know. This edition of *The Innkeeper* is chock-full of articles about the many exciting things the Friends are doing in our community. Following are a few items that highlight the dynamic group of people known as the Friends of the Page-Walker.

Our Winter Concert Series recently wrapped up, and thanks to **Trish Kirkpatrick** and her team, it was fantastic! (see page 15). The Friends participated in the Yates Mill chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution ceremony that honored **Nathaniel Jones** as an American Revolution Patriot (page 1). Our Oral History program, led by **Peggy Van Scoyoc** (page 14), and our Historic Preservation program series, led by **Bob Myers, Marla Dorrel** and **Pat Fish** (page 7), have become community institutions. The Page Educational Gardens (page 6) will be a special attraction during our 4th annual Herbfest – an event that also has become a community institution and gets bigger and better each year (page 1).

All that and we also are planning for the second annual scholarship (page 5) to be awarded to a local student; exploring the publication of a photographic history of Cary book (page 5); considering another antiques appraisal fair; accepting new engagements for our speakers bureau (page 14); expanding our collection of local historical archives and even more.

We're honored to have received recognition for some of our efforts. The Friends were finalists for the **Heart of Cary Association's** Ashworth Award (page 9) and we

congratulate Friends **Sheila and Carroll Ogle**, who won that award. The Friends also received a \$1,500 Lazy Daze grant from the **Town of Cary** and received the runner-up award in the Town's inaugural Gifting Tree project (page 10).

Such a dynamic – effective, active, vigorous, energetic – organization is a byproduct of the collective energy and passion of many dedicated volunteers, along with our Town of Cary Staff partners. In addition to activities and events already mentioned, ongoing pursuits include our web site and social media (thanks **Lisa Englert** and **Bob Myers**), working with the Cary Teen Council (thanks **Aaron Reza**), handling all of our marketing and publicity (thanks **Phizzy King** and **Lisa Englert**), keeping our business records (thanks **Cathy Richmond** and **Pat Fish**) attending to the Page-Walker Arts & History Center and our artifacts collection (thanks **Kris Carmichael**), and so much more. It's difficult to thank everyone who deserves it, but please see the “Kudos” on page 16 and please take a few moments to read the articles in this newsletter to gain a better appreciation of all the things that the Friends are up to in our community – then consider playing a part on these activities.

We always are seeking new volunteers and new ideas, and there's something for just about everyone when you're among Friends. Just ask our newest board member, **Wil Trower**. We are delighted that Wil has moved to Cary from Florida, where he served as President and CEO of the North Broward Hospital District and Executive Director of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. We welcome Wil to our community and our board of directors and we're fortunate to have his skills and experience on our dynamic team.

To be sure, the Friends do indeed serve as guardians for the Page Walker Arts & History Center and we advocate for historic preservation, history education, and the cultural arts. That's not some dull, dusty undertaking; it's exciting, it's about the history that is being made today, and it's accomplished by a dynamic group of people in a dynamic community.

Jones descendent John Brooks and DAR representative Cynthia Foster unveil commemorative marker.



honoring NATHANIEL JONES

American Revolutionary War Patriot

American Revolution, and John Brooks shared the honor of unveiling the bronze marker. The Town of Cary and Friends of the Page-Walker enthusiastically supported the DAR program. Contributing to the success of the event were the cemetery volunteers who prepared the grounds: Carla McKinney, Rob and Kay Hawkins, Pat Sweeney, Barb and Nelson Wetmore, Matt Lietzke, Marilyn Butler, Elaine and John Loyack, Kevin Cirnitsky, Greg and Robin McNeely and Anne and Jerod Kratzer. The Town's Public Works Department spruced up the cemetery for the occasion with new mulch, gorgeous sasanquas, gardenias and pansies. On the day of the event, Public Works provided tents, tables, a speaker system and chairs for the program. Every piece of the puzzle came together thanks to Kris Carmichael, Supervisor of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Also deserving recognition for their efforts are Doug McRainey, Larry Dempsey, Jay Schubert and Kevin Steed and their respective crews

from the Public Works Department; Doug McRainey, Lyman Collins and Kris Carmichael of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, and the Cary Police.

And finally, many thanks to the DAR and Friends for providing refreshments, chaired by Mercedes Auger, Cathy Richmond and Pat Fish; our designer-in-residence, Leesa Brinkley; photographers Laurie Miller, Nelson Wetmore, Lindsey Chester, Chris Hoina, Anne Kratzer and Bob Myers, our videographer; and those who helped with setup and parking: Brent Miller,



Sons of the American Revolution gun salute to Nathaniel Jones.

Ron and Jordan Tsolis, Kris Carmichael, Kirk Fuller and Bob Myers.

We salute the members of the Yates Mill Chapter of the DAR for providing such a memorable occasion to honor and celebrate Nathaniel Jones of White Plains!

More coverage and resources for this event

- [Story](#) from our friends at CaryCitizen
- [Photographs](#) from Laurie Miller
- [Photographs](#) from Nelson Wetmore
- Complete ceremony [video](#) available soon on the Friends YouTube channel

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The Yates Mill Chapter of the DAR under the leadership of Regent Cathy Cnare, Cynthia Foster and Debbie Vaughan, gathered the forces of the DAR organization to design a memorable and respectful event replete with a color guard from the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and representatives of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR). The SAR conducted a musket-firing ceremony to honor Jones. The air was filled with music provided by the Raleigh Moravian Church Band. Ed Yerha, Cary Town Council member and former president of the Friends, welcomed visitors on behalf of the Town. And to cement the connection to Nathaniel Jones, John Brooks, a direct descendent, gave a moving account of Jones' contributions to nation-building. Several Jones descendants were also in attendance, thanks to Lib Jones, who graciously contacted them.

Cynthia Foster, who was responsible for completing the application process through the National Society of the Daughters of the

Herbfest



FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER

saturday, may 4 | 9 am to 3 pm

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Buy herbs and plants, visit our craft booths, stroll the beautiful grounds of the Page-Walker, and tour the Page Educational Garden. Lunch and kids activities, too.

free!
Held rain
or shine.



The Friends also are hosting a special fundraising event on Friday evening preceding Herbfest

friday night reception – may 3 at 7 pm

The Tasteful Garden: An Evening with Debbie Moose and Carol Stein

To kick off this year's Herbfest, the Friends also invite you to join us for a very special evening, as they welcome *The News & Observer's* gardening and cooking columnists, **Carol Stein and Debbie Moose**, for an entertaining evening on how to cook and grow what you love to eat. Then join them for a book signing and reception, featuring herbal treats and complementary wines.

A limited number of tickets will be available to this event and a sellout is anticipated.

Tickets for The Tasteful Garden event are \$20 each, and may be purchased at the Cary Arts Center box office Monday – Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; online at www.eTix.com; or by phone at 1-800-514-3849.

Proceeds from this program will benefit the Friends' ongoing historic preservation, educational and archival efforts.



attention Cary teens Friends Offer College Scholarship

By Lisa Englert and the Friends Scholarship committee

The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel are pleased to offer their 2013 History Scholarship. Applications are now being accepted for this annual scholarship that recognizes a student that exhibits an aptitude and passion for the study of history that could result in a career as a history teacher, museum educator, historian or historic preservationist.

The Friends' History Scholarship was established in 2012 to advance their mission of enriching the community by serving as guardians 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.

The dedication and deep commitment of this group are driving forces behind Cary's historic preservation efforts. The Friends take great pride in maintaining the beauty and history of Cary and wish to encourage those attributes in area youth through this scholarship.

The \$750 award is given to a high school senior who is a Cary resident, and may be used for any educational-related expenses. In addition, the recipient's name will be displayed on a permanent plaque at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, joining 2012 scholarship recipient **Redmond Self**.

To be eligible, students must submit a 600-1,000 word essay on a local history topic, along with an application and letter of recommendation from their High School history instructor. The 2013 History Scholarship essay topic is *The Role of Education in Making Cary What it is Today*.

Completed applications are due by April 15, 2013. The scholarship recipient will be notified by May 30, 2013 and recognized at the Friends' Board of Directors meeting on June 5, 2013.

Visit http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org/history_scholarship for more information, including an application form and complete list of requirements.



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 and we are specifically looking for photographs that will help us to 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.

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

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IT'S TIME TO GROW!

By Anne Kratzer

It's been an interesting winter season. Someone recently said that North Carolina is among the few states where one can experience all four seasons within one week. That phenomenon certainly occurred this year! Upon close inspection, it appears that most of our perennials are showing signs of life. The "Dunham" Helleborus, which blooms in our garden in late winter, is magnificent, and our faithful rosemary is covered with lovely blue blossoms.



Dunham Helleborus

PHOTO BY ANNE KRATZER



PHOTO BY ANNE KRATZER

Bay wreath by Lois Nixon

We ended the past growing season with a super productive "Putting the Garden to Bed" party. Thanks so much to **Barb Wetmore, Kerry Mead, Michele Brandow, Lynn McKenzie, Paul Wasylkevych, Marla Dorrel, Cheryl McLean, Kay Struffolino and Carolyn Lewis.** In addition to snuggling the plants in for the winter, Paul did his usual great job of putting our large collection of gardening supplies in order in the smokehouse. We even received a "shout-out" from a passing motorist who thanked everyone for their efforts. In addition, Lois supplied us with scrumptious Ocracoke fig cake made with fruit from the

garden fig tree. She also worked her magic on the wreath that adorned the smokehouse door for the winter. And thanks so much to our volunteers who cared for the gardens during the winter months: **Lynn McKenzie, Lois Nixon, Pat Fish, Barb Wetmore, Michele Brandow and Kay Struffolino.** All of the volunteers already noted, plus **Marilyn Butler, Susan Hawthorne, Bev Samuelson, Jimi Lagattuta, Renate Thompson and Jerod Kratzer,** have indicated they will help maintain the gardens during the summer months. The gardens will thrive!

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PHOTOS COURTESY JOHN & SANDY DUNCAN



HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS

preserving the past

By Bob Myers and Brent Miller

The Friends' historic preservation speaker series continues to grow in popularity. On January 22, our friends **John and Sandy Duncan** presented *Why is this House Called Dry?* This program reviewed the history of the Dry family – namesakes of Dry Avenue, with the “favorite son” of the family being Marcus Baxter Dry, long-time Principal at Cary High School; and the history of the Dry House on Faculty Avenue, where the Duncans have lived for decades after restoring the house from top to bottom. In researching the program, Sandy learned that she is actually related by marriage to the Dry family and John recalled all the work he and others did to make the house one of downtown Cary's historic gems.

Our historic preservation program series will continue on **March 26** with *How Do You Care for Your Family Treasures?*, a practical presentation by preservation expert Adrienne Berney from the North Carolina Office of Archives & History about how to safeguard cherished photos, a wedding dress, antique furniture and numerous other precious family heirlooms for future generations. On **May 28** we present our annual *What Have We Got to Lose?* program, a survey of historic properties in and around Cary. All programs are at 7:30 pm at the Page-Walker.

We continue to offer input to plans that affect historic properties in and around Cary. We recently issued a statement (see sidebar) about the planned **Mayton Inn** downtown hotel. We are delighted that the

Clockwise from top left: Dry House 1976, Dry Ladies ca. 1920, Dry House 2012, Marcus Baxter Dry.

“The Friends of the Page-Walker are delighted to welcome The Mayton Inn to downtown Cary,” said Friends President Brent Miller. “We believe that this luxurious Georgian-style hotel will be an asset to our community and attract more people to enjoy the historical and cultural resources downtown. We are very pleased that the owners have paid such careful attention to compatibility with the Town Center Historic District and preserving the Waldo House and Mayton House as part of the project.”

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Garden volunteers Lynn McKenzie, Anne Kratzer & Barbara Wetmore

To initiate the upcoming growing season, we'll be meeting at the gardens on **Saturday, April 13** for "Planting Day" from 9:00 am – Noon. In addition to the normal maintenance tasks, we'll be adding new plants and mulch. As always, we will be visiting Campbell Road Nursery to purchase plants as we work with Layne Snelling, our volunteer consultant. Campbell Road Nursery and Layne have been ardent supporters of our gardens and we thank them for their continued support. We'll also be working with John Duncan, who has crafted the professional labels for the plants each year.

All should be in order for the fourth annual **Herbfest** on **May 4**, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (see p. 1). **Susan Hawthorne, Kay Struffolino, Barb Wetmore, Bev Samuelson, Marla Dorrel and Lois Nixon** will be on hand to welcome you and share their knowledge of herbs. Be sure to let them know if you'd like to join the garden volunteers! **Kris Carmichael** will provide her special informational signs designating the various uses of herbs and Lois will use her color swatches to indicate the dye pigments obtained from herbs. Do visit the gardens when you attend Herbfest! We look forward to seeing you!

We thank the Town of Cary for partnering with us, and as always we thank **Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael and Rob Garner** of the Town's Cultural Arts division, **Kevin O'Shea, Jeff Privette, Christian Carfano, Cody Ooten, Kevin Johnson** and the Public Works staff, and **Carolyn Lewis and Kay Struffolino** for their invaluable support.

Anyone who wishes to join the Page Educational Garden volunteers, please contact me at annekratz@aol.com.

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PHOTO BY BRENT MILLER

historic **George Upchurch** farmhouse, which is located on a site on Waldo Rood Road that is proposed for development, can now be counted among our "saved" historic structure inventory through outstanding collaboration

among the Friends, the property owner, the developer, the Town of Cary and **Capital Area Preservation**. The house will be moved across the road to a vacant lot and will be preserved by Capital Area Preservation with the intent of selling the house to a private owner.

The Friends also expressed our support for the designation of the **Cary First Christian Church cemetery** as a local landmark, and the Cary Town Council approved that designation on March 27. The cemetery dates to 1867, before Cary was incorporated, and was the subject of the Friends "Mysteries and Secrets" program in 2010.



PHOTO BY BRENT MILLER

Jennie Beckwith grave marker at First Christian Church cemetery .

READ MORE ABOUT CARY'S HISTORY

Peggy Van Scoyoc's latest 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.



Friends are Finalists for HoCA

Ashworth Award

By Leesa Brinkley

Winter's chill didn't affect the warmth inside the Matthews House for the 2nd annual Ashworth Award Dinner held Saturday, January 26. The **Heart of Cary Association** hosts the annual event to honor a person or group who has contributed to the zest and vitality of Downtown Cary. The award is named in honor of Ralph and Daphne Ashworth, whose dedication and generosity have kept the heart of Cary pumping for many years (and who are long-time Friends of the Page-Walker).

The Matthews House catered a lovely dinner with delicious dessert cakes provided by **Blue Moon Bakery**. **Dan Pike** served as the night's emcee.

The Friends of the Page-Walker were honored to be included in this year's nominees, along with **Cary Visual Art**, **Sheila and Carroll Ogle**, **Curtis Westbrook Family** and **Kay Struffolino**.

The Ogles were chosen as this year's award recipients because of their long-range vision for our downtown and their specific contribution to that vision, such as renovating the Guess-Ogle House into a true point of reference downtown, then tackling the Matthews House, preserving a historic structure and creating a wonderful event venue (as evidenced by the evening's festivities!). In addition, Sheila and Carroll have been engaged in HoCA activities and have served on many locals boards and committees. They are long-time Friends of the Page-Walker and true ambassadors of Downtown Cary.

Congratulations Sheila and Carroll!

The 2013 nominees for this year's award.



Sheila and Carroll Ogle react to winning this year's award.



The Ashworth Award namesakes – Ralph and Daphne Ashworth (left), with this year's deserving winners – Sheila and Carroll Ogle.

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PHOTOS BY LAURIE MILLER



Decorators Pat Fish and grandson Chase, Marilyn Butler, Leesa Brinkley and Brent Miller.



Friends Participate in Cary Gifting Tree Project

AWARD-WINNING TREE ENHANCES DOWNTOWN

By Brent Miller with information from Town of Cary

The Friends of Page-Walker participated in the first-ever Cary Gifting Tree project sponsored and managed by the Town of Cary. This tree decorating contest in Downtown Cary had a charitable twist. Families, organizations and schools were invited to decorate trees that were temporarily placed along Academy Street in downtown Cary. Each tree reflect the theme of “Giving” as interpreted by the group.

The Friends decorated our tree with laminated pictures of historic structures in and around Cary, sprigs of rosemary and poinsettias and other decorations. These represented our giving to the community in the form of historic preservation, Page Educational Gardens and Herbfest and other forms of history education and cultural arts promotion.

The Friends were delighted to be selected by a judging committee as the second-place award winner for our tree decorations. Congratulations to Cary Family YMCA for their first-place finish and to the two People’s Choice award winners (based on votes from the public) Cousins for a Cure

– Pancreatic Cancer and First Baptist Church. In addition to awards presented to all of these groups, the People’s Choice award winners received \$250 awards that were presented on their behalf to a non-profit organization of their choice. Cousins for a Cure donated their award to MGH Cancer Center and First Baptist Church donating theirs to the Dorcas Shop.

All of the trees lent a holiday spirit to downtown Cary. Originally scheduled to be on display throughout the month of December, the trees were removed a couple of weeks earlier than planned because of high winds. Nevertheless, the Gifting Tree project was a success and the Friends are proud to have participated in it.

Thanks to **Leesa Brinkley, Kris Carmichael and Laurie Miller** for supplying the creative genius behind the Friends’ entry and for creating the decorations and to the tree decorators (see photo above) and the Town of Cary.

More coverage on the [Town of Cary](http://www.townofcary.com) website.



Friends president Brent Miller impersonates a 19th-century Caryite to share some history with visitors awaiting a carriage ride.



Willie and Pete each provide "one horsepower" engines for holiday revelers' carriage rides.



Children enjoy the Victorian Carolers in the parlor.

PHOTOS BY LAURIE MILLER



Nelson & Barbara Wetmore enjoy food and festivities.



Holiday Doings at the Page-Walker

By Kris Carmichael, Leesa Brinkley and Anne Kratzer

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Properly decked for the holidays, courtesy of the Friends decorating committee, our December 1st Open House was a tremendous success with more than 500 visitors in 3.5 hours! We doubled the number of horse-drawn carriage rides and filled them all. Delicious cookies donated by the Cary Garden Club disappeared almost as quickly as we could put them out. Gallons and gallons of hot cider were consumed. Our halls were filled with traditional music by the Victorian Carolers and Triangle Mountain Dulcimer Society; while kids happily created crafts on the third floor. Kris Carmichael and Rob Garner thank Brent and Laurie Miller for their front porch supervisory duties – which kept the carriage rides rolling along.



HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 5, 2012, the Friends of the Page-Walker held our annual holiday potluck event. As usual, the food was scrumptious at this annual meeting. We were then greatly entertained by the musical group **Thelonious**. They sang and performed a number of holiday songs and other favorites. We all thoroughly enjoyed a grand evening of food, fellowship and entertainment.

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The outstanding singing group Thelonious provided great entertainment.



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HOLIDAY DECORATING

Let's meet our generous and talented volunteer decorators! Thanks to (pictured below left to right): **Lois Nixon, Leesa Brinkley, Kris Carmichael, Cathy Richmond, Kay Struffolino and Wade Carmichael.** Not pictured: Mercedes Auger, Bob Myers, Anne and Jerod Kratzer, Pat Fish and Bev Samuelson.

We surprised Jerod Kratzer by singing happy 70th birthday to him.



PHOTOS BY ANNE KRATZER



Past Friends president Ed Yerha accepts recognition from new president Brent Miller.

Friends Honor Yerha

By Brent Miller

As reported in the previous edition of *The Innkeeper*, **Ed Yerha** became the Friends' immediate past president when he stepped down as president following his appointment to the Cary Town Council to fill the unexpired At-Large Council seat vacated by Julie Robison – a job that requires much time.

Ed had served as president of the Friends for more than two years. Under his leadership, the Friends continued our strong presence in the community and partnership with the Town of Cary and initiated new projects such as a photographic history book and a scholarship for deserving students.

In recognition of Ed's service, the Friends presented him with a special commemorative candle shield, custom engraved by Friend John Duncan.



SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE *Page-Walker*

By Kris Carmichael



TESHENA B. DEBREW / COURTESY OF NC TRAIN HOSTS

“TRAINING” SESSION

It is quite fitting, given the Page-Walker’s origins as a railroad hotel, that on Saturday March 2, 2013, we hosted the **NC Train Host Association Annual Meeting**.

The purpose of the NC Train Host Association is to:

- serve as goodwill ambassadors for the NC Department Of Transportation within train stations served by state-supported trains and on board state-supported passenger trains;
- promote patronage of North Carolina’s Amtrak;
- assist passengers with travel questions and information;
- assist train crews in duties as requested by them; and
- promote rail safety.

With about 90 people in attendance, the Page-Walker was a busy place! The group took in the museum and learned a bit about the history of the building and our community.



PHOTO FROM TOWN OF CARY

PHOENIX IN CARY

Rob Garner, the Page-Walker’s program specialist, has been actively developing some new outreach programs for Project PHOENIX (Promoting Healthy Occupancy through Education, Networking, and Information eXchange), an initiative designed by Town Staff to help create and maintain a stable, satisfied tenant base with a reputation for active management and improved personal safety.

Led by Cary Police officers, the program provides enrichment programming for youth and families that help to build community. Rob and Page-Walker instructor, **Greg Whitt**, have offered drumming and traditional toys and games programs at several area apartment complexes around town, with more planned. Rob reports that the kids really enjoy playing with the old fashioned folk toys and drumming.



Oral HISTORY

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

Talking with Doc Thorne, John & Maggie Sears

On September 19, 2012, I interviewed **Terry “Doc” Thorne**, who was then the president of the Heart of Cary Association. Doc has had a full and colorful career as a graphic artist and designer in advertising, as a talk radio host, and owner and manager of several convenience stores. Doc has run for several political positions, including Wilmington mayor and a seat on the Cary Town Council, neither of which he won. But Doc has been very active in local politics and has served on a number of Cary town committees. As president of the Heart of Cary Association, Doc grew membership from a few dozen to hundreds. Through several projects he initiated, HoCA has raised awareness of downtown businesses and interests and has been very active in the downtown revitalization project. Doc is a key mover and shaker for Cary and we are grateful for all of his efforts and energy.

On October 10, 2012 I interviewed **John and Maggie Sears**. Both were born in present-day Cary and met at the first Green Hope High School in Carpenter. Maggie’s father, **Sidney Walker Stone Jr.**, bought land at the corner of today’s High House Road and Davis Drive. There was a farmhouse on the land that was originally built in the 1800s. He bought the land and house about 1921 for his new bride. He then farmed the land and owned a tobacco warehouse in Durham. The Council property across the street was owned by Maggie’s grandparents. It passed to her first cousin and then her son, Tim Council. The Council family home was moved recently and that land is being developed. But many of Maggie’s relatives are buried in the cemetery on that land. Maggie and John had four children. Their son Bill, who is an architect, is developing Maggie’s family farmland into Searstone (a combination of Maggie’s maiden and married names), a senior community. Maggie and John will move into their new home at Searstone when it is completed soon.

We Need to Talk

By Lisa Englert

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.

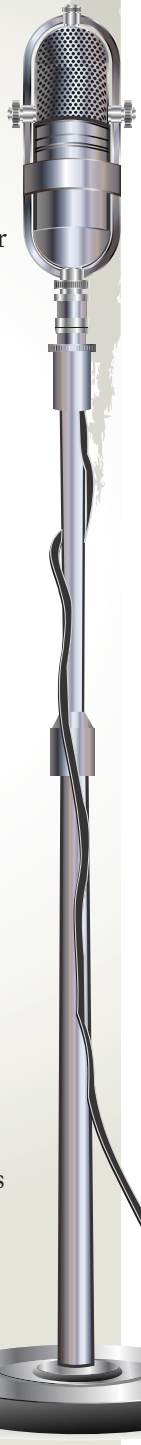
Presentations can range from 20 minutes to an hour and can be tailored to fit the interests of your group. Although we always attempt to meet the needs of your group, volunteer availability may affect scheduling.

Popular Topics

- Cary Before it was Cary
- How Cary got its Name
- Keeping up with the Joneses
- Cary’s Most Famous Native Son
- Just A Horse-Stopping Place
- Desegregating Cary
- The Page-Walker Hotel
- The School for the Arts
- The Friends of the Page-Walker
- Mysteries and Secrets of 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.



Friends Complete Superb WINTER Concert SERIES

By Trish Kirkpatrick

The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel are pleased to complete another successful season of four performances in our 2012-13 Winter Concert Series. The series kicked off on Sunday, November 11, 2012 and provided yet another season of eclectic and outstanding programs.

Planning has begun for the 2013-14 Winter Concert Series. Suggestions for artists or groups who might perform in the series are most welcome; please send your suggestions to info@friendsofpagewalker.org.

All performances are held on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm at the Main Gallery of the Page-Walker, the perfect intimate setting to showcase all of the uniquely talented and diverse artists who performed in the series.

We hope that everyone who attended a performance this season thoroughly enjoyed it. The Friends are looking forward to another exciting season in 2013-14.

To recap the performances this past season:

Sunday, November 11, 2012: Bill Leslie



Bill Leslie is an Emmy award-winning journalist who anchors the morning and noon newscasts for WRAL-TV in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is also known as a New Age recording artist who performs traditional as well as Celtic fusion music that he composed. Bill has also composed music featured on two albums by Bragh Adair.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012: Little Windows



Returning for a third appearance at the Winter Concert Series in the delightfully decorated main gallery of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Little Windows is a music duo comprised of **Julee Glaub** and **Mark Weems**. They specialize in traditional Irish and Appalachian music.

Sunday, January 20, 2013: Jon Shain



Jon Shain is a veteran singer-songwriter who's been turning heads for years with his words, his fiery acoustic guitar work, and his evolved musical style – combining improvised piedmont blues with bluegrass, swing, and ragtime.

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013: Brian Reagin (Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert*)



Brian Reagin, noted violinist and Concertmaster of the North Carolina Symphony, returns as a crowd favorite to the Winter Concert Series. Reagin, who has captivated audiences with his brilliant performances in previous seasons of the Series, will treat concert-goers to a classical repertoire on his Lorenzo and Tommaso Carcassi violin made in Florence, Italy in 1763.

*Named for long-time supporter of the concert series and benefactor to The Friends



Here's How to Get Your Perks!

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.

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

Michael Edwards
Leesa Brinkley
Jack Leavell
Kay Struffolino
Susan Harris
Sheila & Carroll Ogle
Marla Dorrel &
Gary Craven
Peggy Van Scoyoc
Brent Miller

Ed Yerha
Rosanna Adams
Hal Bowman &
Mercedes Auger
Pat Fish
Timothy LaCroix
Nelson &
Barbara Wetmore

Kudos to...

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

Kris Carmichael, Supervisor of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, for her extraordinary efforts in coordinating the partnership of the Town, Friends and DAR to create a memorable event honoring Nathaniel Jones of White Plains, and providing leadership, expertise and direction for the Page-Walker Acquisitions Committee. For these reasons and more, the Friends nominated Kris for Town of Cary **Employee of the Year!**

Aaron Reza, Friends Teen Council liaison, for innovative contributions to the Friends and Town, including the idea for a Cary Teen Talent Show. For these reasons and more, the Friends nominated Aaron for Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources **Teen Volunteer of the Year!**

Leesa Brinkley, for sharing her design skills in all areas of the Friends' endeavors

Lisa Englert, for her extraordinary efforts in publicizing Friends events and assisting our partners with public relations

Trish Kirkpatrick, for arranging such quality concerts over the years for the Friends' winter concert series

Kay Struffolino for generously donating the beautiful poinsettias that graced the Page-Walker during the holidays

The elves who decorated and "de-decorated" the Page-Walker for the holidays: **Cathy Richmond, Kay Struffolino, Lois Nixon, Mercedes Auger, Leesa Brinkley, Bob Myers, Kris and Wade Carmichael, Anne and Jerod Kratzer, Pat Fish and Bev Samuelson**

List compiled from several sources.

ENRICHING THE FUTURE

By Lisa Englert

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
www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel
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
- Marilyn Butler
- Michael Edwards
- Lisa Englert
- Don Frantz (Cary Town Council liaison)
- Kirk Fuller
- Phizzy King
- Trish Kirkpatrick
- Anne Kratzer (life member)
- Bob Myers
- Candice Page O'Beirne
- Olene Ogles
- Aaron Reza (Teen Council liaison)
- John Shaw
- 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.

Spring

Join us this spring at the Page-Walker. See articles in this newsletter for details about most events.



MARCH

March 26 7:30 pm How Do You Care for Your Family Treasures? (p. 7)

APRIL

April 3 7:00 pm Board of Directors meeting

April 13 9:00 am Page Educational Gardens planting day (p. 6)

April 15 Deadline to submit Page-Walker scholarship applications (p. 5)

MAY

May 1 7:00 pm Board of Directors meeting

May 3 7:00 pm The Tasteful Garden: An Evening with Carol Stein and Debbie Moose
Ticket information p. 4

May 4 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 4th Annual Herbfest (pp. 1, 4)

May 28 7:30 pm What Have We Got to Lose? (p. 7)



FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

CONTACT THE FRIENDS

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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' 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 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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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:

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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