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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
**JOHN LOYACK**

## Past, Present, Future

Dear Members and Friends,

Each time I prepare the “President’s Message”, I inevitably get caught up in history. I usually think about the more than 150 years of history that surrounds us at the Page-Walker, but I also think about the history created by the Friends of the Page-Walker, an organization celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2020.



In 1985, the original Friends of the Page-Walker were pulling tarps over a leaky roof and removing a rotten front porch. Today, our work is less labor-intensive, but we remain dedicated to the original vision established by that group. As we prepare to embark on our 35th year, I encourage you to join us at the Page-Walker and learn more about this special place!

I truly enjoy looking back on our history, but I know that we have much to look forward to at the Friends of the Page-Walker as well. I invite you to visit our [website](#) to learn more about our work and to keep up on upcoming events. If you’re active on social media, please follow us on Twitter at @FriendsofPW. We continue to work on our website and social

media outlets to make sure the Cary community is aware of the wonderful events we have planned. See all of our contact information on page 18.

As a volunteer, nonprofit entity, we rely on the efforts of a group of exceptionally dedicated individuals working on your behalf. The combination of volunteers and a growing awareness of our community involvement has been the hallmark of our continued success. If you enjoy your experience with the Friends of the Page-Walker, please consider becoming a supporting member and join us in our important work for you and our town.

Many thanks to our board, members, volunteers and everyone who has helped to make the Friends successful over the years. Here’s looking forward to another special year!

P.S. Speaking of dedicated volunteers, a special thanks to Barb Wetmore for our spectacular cover photo – captured by lying down in the garden!

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# Farewell to Lyman Collins

Long-Time Cultural Arts  
Manager Retires



**A**fter 20 years of service to the Town of Cary, Cultural Arts Manager Lyman Collins retired on July 31. Lyman has served as a Staff liaison to the Friends for most of those 20 years. He has been a visionary leader who has been responsible for many of the events and installations that have resulted in Cary being widely recognized as a cultural arts destination.



As [Cary Magazine](#) notes, Lyman spearheaded “the construction of Booth Amphitheatre, as well as the renovations of the Cary Arts Center and The Cary Theater. But the accomplishment he’s proudest of isn’t any building. Rather, he’s pleased that he was able to nurture an environment in Cary where cultural organizations could thrive and where arts groups would collaborate.”

Lyman established many of Cary’s arts programs. As [CaryCitizen](#) reports, “he said he will always cherish both the Applause! Cary Youth Theatre and the Marvelous Music series, which originally started in the Herbert C. Young Community Center before moving to the Cary Arts Center.” If you attended one of those programs, or visited Koka Booth Amphitheatre or Lazy Daze or Spring Daze or other arts-related events and facilities in Cary, it’s likely that you encountered Lyman cheerfully greeting visitors and doing whatever was needed to make the programs a success.

The Friends will miss Lyman’s vision, knowledge, insight, willingness to help everyone, optimism, wit and wisdom. We have placed a commemorative brick in Lyman’s honor in the Page-Walker courtyard. We wish him a very happy, well deserved retirement!



## Cary's Oldest Home to be Preserved

For more than a decade, members of the Friends, led by Anne Kratzer, Bob Myers, former Board member Julie Robison and others, have been advocating and working to save the Nancy Jones house, the oldest remaining residential structure in Cary. We are thrilled that the Town of Cary has announced an agreement with the Sree Venkateswara Temple to acquire and preserve this important historical gem.



The Nancy Jones (left) house is located on Chapel Hill Road just outside Maynard Road on property owned by the Temple. The Town has agreed to purchase the house and move it to another appropriate site, where it will be preserved and restored. Its ultimate use is yet to be decided.

In other news, our historic preservation programs continue to be popular. On February 26, in celebration of Black History Month, Peggy Van Scoyoc spoke about the history of civil rights in Cary. Based on her book *Desegregating Cary*, her impressive collection of local oral histories, Peggy shared vivid detail about Cary's role in the desegregation of schools in the South.

On May 21, the Friends presented "What Have We Got to Lose?", our annual survey of historic properties in and around Cary. In addition to offering information on many of Cary's historic properties, this year's program focused on in-depth stories about the people associated with those places. Drawing upon research by many people, especially Carla Michaels and Peggy Van Scoyoc, participants learned about everything from a wedding aired live on radio to the time a Japanese chicken sexer visited Cary (yes, really!).



Cary's oldest remaining residence  
- Nancy Jones House ca. 1803





Summer in the garden!







## Spring Awakening, Summer Beauty

by Marla Dorrel

*"It sleeps, it creeps, and it leaps!" While this is usually said about a specific plant, it well describes the journey of the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Gardens from January through July this year.*

While the January garden was dozing, Pat Fish and Anne Kratzer kept it neat and tidy for those who strolled through or spent a few moments there, regardless of the temperatures. January was also a time to address the stone steps to the smokehouse, which before had required a bit of a balancing act to reach the lock on the door. Our thanks to Kris Carmichael and Public Works staff Kevin O'Shea and Jimmy Walters, who together designed wider steps that perfectly match the stone paths bordering the gardens. We appreciate their careful thought about style, and we were impressed by the contractors who carefully moved the Creeping Jenny to a safe place during the work.

Kay Struffolino, Whitley Austin, Lynn McKenzie, and Liz Ryan contributed their time and talent for garden upkeep in February and March, while plentiful rain began enriching the perennials, as well as the weeds that were poised to rise in the spring.

We launched the springtime garden on April 6, thanks to the 11 volunteers who dug, planted, trimmed, and mulched. Barb Wetmore, John Loyack and John's son, Charlie, found a new home for the excess sweet flag at the White Plains Cemetery. We appreciated the help from Kris Carmichael and our Public Works crews who set the stage for a successful day. We continued to add several new plants, including the tender hyacinth beans that Anne Kratzer raised from seed. On April 23rd, fourth graders from Cary Elementary School celebrated Earth Day with a visit to the gardens, engaging in a game to identify various herbs and learn about their uses.

As we welcomed May, Kay Struffolino made sure the garden was at its best for Herbfest. On fest day, Judi Rourke, Anne Kratzer and Marla Dorrel greeted visitors who admired the gardens and the work of our many volunteers. Whitley Austin and Anne Kratzer finished the month, weeding, trimming, and training the hyacinth beans to climb the garden teepee.

June brought rain, then July brought temperatures in the 90s, challenging volunteer gardeners Barb Wetmore, Bev Samuelson, John Loyack (joined by his children, Charlie and Olivia), Judi Rourke, and Lois Nixon. What troopers they were! Thank you to John Duncan for making new plant tags, and to Kris Carmichael and the Public Works team who made sure shrubs and the bays were clipped back from the smokehouse. Barb and Bev received the "Best Corraling of the Fennel" award, while Anne Kratzer reigns as "Queen of the Hyacinth Beans," which reached the top of the teepee, at last.

The Anne B. Kratzer Educational Gardens are at their showiest summer best, thanks to the work of all of our volunteers. The gardens are waiting for your visit – we are certain you will not be disappointed!





A Match **Made in Heaven.** and at the Page-Walker!

**T**he Directors of the Friends of the Page-Walker recently welcomed two new board members, Judi Rourke and Michael Rubes. Their journey to the Board started on the SAS soccer field, where Judi accidentally collided with Michael in a friendly soccer match. The romance started there!

When the time came to plan the wedding, the natural choice was the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. It turns out that Michael is the great-grandson of one of the former owners of the Page Walker Hotel, Rufus Theodore Coburn, who owned the hotel from 1926 – 1941.

Later, Michael's "chance" conversation with a friend of Anne Kratzer, founder and current board member of the Friends, brought Michael to the attention of the Friends as planning was underway for the Page-Walker's 150th anniversary celebration in 2018. Michael related his and Judi's story to the planning committee and shared photographs and memories of Mr. Coburn for a presentation on the history of the hotel.

After that meeting, both he and Judi dove into volunteering with the Friends right away. Their wedding took place on a picture-perfect day in the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Garden at the Page Walker on October 13, 2018.



Left to right: Calvin Verl Rubes, great-great-grandson of RT Coburn; Michael Thomas Rubes, great-grandson of RT Coburn; Edward Anthony Rubes, grandson of RT Coburn; Samuel Coburn Rubes, great-great-grandson of RT Coburn.

*Congratulations Michael & Judi!*



Cary High School Gym, ca. 1930s



## Depression-Era Cary Community Fair

by Carla Michaels

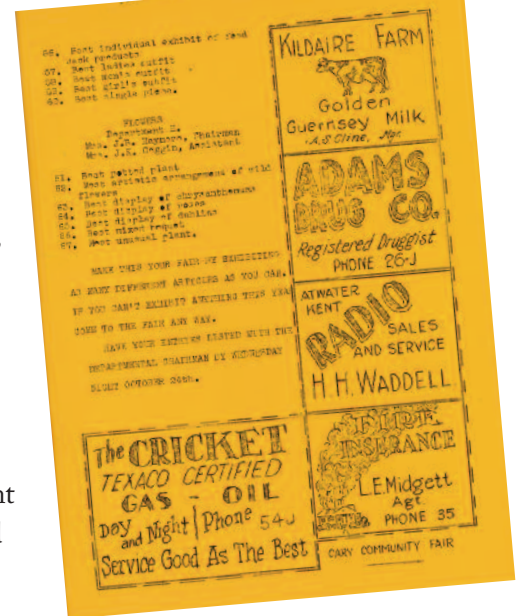
*Ed. Note: Researcher and historian extraordinaire Carla Michaels offers “Treasures from the Vault” on a recurring basis as a way to share interesting historical artifacts with the community. Carla has been digitizing a large collection of artifacts from Cary High School; in this edition, she shares some of those.*

The Great Depression of 1929 and the following decade took its toll on communities large and small across America, and Cary was no exception. Due to shortages and budget constraints, Cary High School economized by foregoing the publication of yearbooks for the years 1930 through 1944. Although these measures and others could have dampened local spirit, the community pulled together to put on Cary Community Fair at the Cary High School gymnasium in 1933 and 1934.

Local citizens were encouraged to enter items such as jams, jellies, canned items, flowers, poultry, livestock, baked goods and candy, and sewing and “fancy work”. The two printed programs of this event in the Cary High School Archives Collection (1933 and 1934) represent not only the determination of the community to pull together but also capture a snapshot of local businesses that supported the effort.

Shown here are two pages from the 1934 booklet, the cover and an advertisement page. The cover illustration captures the essence of the “new” gymnasium named for Dr. J. M. Templeton, a long-time doctor in Cary who served Cary citizens, regardless of their ability to pay.

On the advertisement page, note that some of these businesses exist today! Adams Drug Store is now Ashworth’s (at the corner of Academy and Chatham Streets) and the Cricket Service Station is now Cricket Service Center, across the street from its original location on East Chatham Street. L. E. Midgett was the only full-time employee of the Town of Cary for awhile in the 1930s and he served as town clerk, tax collector, fire chief, police chief and superintendent of public works. From his advertisement, we see that he also sold insurance! Kildaire Farm exists today only as the name of one of the earliest PUDs (planned unit development) in the nation, and H. H. Waddell, a fire chief and mayor of Cary, lived in the historic Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house on West Chatham Street.







# PAINT THE PAGE!

## Calling Teen Artists!

Paint the Page Returns October 6

Young artists ages 13 -18 are invited to set up their easels, mix up their paints, get out their sketch pads and capture their inspiration of Cary's historic railroad hotel using the medium of their choice at this year's Paint the Page event on October 6, 1 to 5 pm.

Works will be judged and cash prizes awarded at a reception in the main gallery of the Page-Walker on October 13, 4 to 5 pm. The Best in Show will be exhibited at the Page-Walker through the end of the year. For more information and to register for this event, click [here](#).





## Friends Award Scholarship

Cary Teen Madeline McLoughlin to Study at NCSU

The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel are pleased to announce that Madeline McLoughlin, a high school senior from Cary High School, is the recipient of our 2019 Scholarship. The \$1,000 award was presented on June 5 by President John Loyack at the Friends' monthly board meeting. Also on hand for the presentation were Madeline's parents, Dawn and Stephen McLoughlin and her brother.

Alex Savulescu, counselor at Cary High School, describes Madeline as an active member of Cary High School and the community in his recommendation letter. Her impressive list of activities exemplifies the fact that she is a leader who is dedicated and motivated in all of her endeavors. As Mr. Savulescu writes, Madeline "...is a hardworking and reliable individual who has a positive impact on others."



Also contributing to her selection was the submission of her insightful essay addressing the topic, "The Impact of Growth on the Culture of the Cary Community." She traces the growth of Cary from a very small town to the present-day community where "People from all backgrounds can find a place in Cary where they can feel a sense of belonging, and I'm proud to say that I get to live in that kind of environment."

In the fall, Madeline will attend North Carolina State University-College of Education.

The Friends of the Page-Walker established our Scholarship in 2012 to advance our 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 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior who is a Cary resident and who has been accepted and plans to attend a college or university. The award includes a permanent plaque with the recipient's name displayed at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

— from Friends Press Release



# White Plains Cemetery

CARY HISTORIC LANDMARK



Volunteers painstakingly remove weeds from the resting place of Revolutionary War patriot Nathaniel Jones and his family. They are hoping the new ground covers they planted will keep the weeds at bay.

## Looking for Life at Cemetery

by Barbara Wetmore

It might seem a strange statement to make, but we're trying to keep things alive at the White Plains Cemetery – plant things, that is. For several years, the periwinkle and lamium ground covers we've planted at the cemetery have perished. This year, we're trying something new: we're planting less delicate ground covers with thicker root systems. These include sweet flag, lily of the valley, hellebores, ginger, spurge, and lirioppe, plus a camellia bush.

So far, they seem to be holding up! And nary a dollar was spent – all the new plants were donated, dug up, and transplanted from Friends' yards and from the Anne Kratzer Educational Gardens at the Page-Walker. Thank you to the wonderful folks who shared their plants! We are keeping our fingers crossed they will live on at this historic landmark.

Friends and neighborhood volunteers are proud to partner with the Town of Cary Public Works department to care for the White Plains Cemetery. You can visit the cemetery on Tolliver Ct. in the Maynard Oaks subdivision in Cary.

## Page-Walker Renovated to Enhance Public Access

by Kris Carmichael

Cary is committed to offering programs and facilities that are accessible to people of all abilities. In fact, it is part of the Town's mission: to provide high-quality and accessible programs, services, parks and facilities that inspire and enrich the lives of all Cary citizens.

So the next time you visit the Page-Walker, you might notice a new front reception desk and renovated kitchen that are wheelchair-friendly, along with new toilets on the second and third floors that allow for full accessibility. These are just part of an overall project to address the Town of Cary's American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan, which calls for the removal of barriers that could limit full accessibility.







# Herbfest

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER

*Celebrates a decade!*

See story next page...





# Herbfest

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER

## 10-Year Celebration

by Pat Fish

Ten years ago in 2010, the Friends' Special Events Committee came to the Board for their consideration of hosting an event focused on herbs. The board members readily supported the idea, and Herbfest was born! On May 4, 2019, on a beautiful spring day, we hosted our 10th annual Herbfest. Thanks to the enormous support over the years of our many vendors, our dedicated volunteers, Kris Carmichael and her staff at the Page-Walker and the Town of Cary, the festival continues to attract the support of our community. We are so grateful and proud that many of our vendors have joined us for several years, including J&M Garden Art, owned by John & Mildred Michael, who have been a part of Herbfest for all 10 years! We were so pleased this year that Westlake Ace Hardware store offered to serve as an event sponsor, and we thank them for their support of our butterfly releases and our children's craft.

As the Town of Cary had proclaimed 2019 as the Year of the Monarch Butterfly, we wanted to support this important initiative at Herbfest during our signature butterfly releases in the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Herb Garden. "Mr. Monarch" (Brent Miller) and "Ms. Monarch" (Kris Carmichael), our talented and creative host and hostess for our releases this year, shared information about Monarch butterflies while wearing exquisite Monarch butterfly wings, designed and produced by Wade Carmichael. The releases are always enjoyed by all of our guests each year. Jennifer Hocken of the Page-Walker Staff continued our attention to the Monarch initiative by having kids create "butterflies on a stick" for our children's craft.



We want to pay special tribute to Peggy Van Scoyoc (standing, left) and Nancy Ryan (seated, left), who seven years ago offered to host a silent auction of beautiful garden items at Herbfest. For the past seven years, they have not only hosted the auction each year, but also created and donated all of the special and unique auction items. Their dedicated efforts and support of Herbfest have earned more than \$5,900 for the Friends. Peggy and Nancy have decided that it is time for them both to retire from producing the silent auction. We can't thank them enough for the extraordinary impact that their silent auction has had at Herbfest.

*We look forward to hosting our eleventh annual Herbfest in May, 2020.*



# Historic Trolley Tours Continue

Pilot Brings New Experiences for Cary Citizens

by Barb Wetmore

The Friends' historic trolley tours have been so popular that the Town of Cary has started a pilot program to determine whether Cary citizens have an appetite for even more trolley experiences in their lives! Enjoy a short trip downtown from one end of Academy Street to the other, or maybe visit a series of international restaurants for tastings, or perhaps take a ride around to the Cary galleries at Art Loop. The Town is looking for community input on potential uses for the trolley, so if you have any ideas please send them to [jennifer.hocken@townofcary.org](mailto:jennifer.hocken@townofcary.org) at the Page-Walker.

As for the Friends, they'll be working with the Town to serve as guides on future historic trolley tours. Our next one will likely be in November, but there could be one sooner. Visit our [website](#) at to learn more about Friends' historic public and private trolley tour offerings. If you'd like to get on our email list to be notified when tickets go on sale for the public tours, send an email to [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org). If you're interested in booking a private group tour, send an email to [carytrolley@gmail.com](mailto:carytrolley@gmail.com).

Historic tours last about an hour and travel down familiar and not-so-familiar roads in the downtown area. Did you know that Cedar Street, running along the south side of the railroad tracks in downtown Cary, was originally called Railroad Street and was once the main route into Cary from Raleigh? And that a 3-story factory building once stood at the corner of what is now Cedar Street and Academy Street?

The trolley also ventures west down Chapel Hill Rd., once the main stagecoach road between Raleigh and Chapel Hill, past the very historic Nancy Jones House built in 1803, and turns on Balaji Place to take in the spectacular site of the Sree Venkateswara Temple.

Riders come away with an awareness of how Cary developed through the years, the role that its geographic location played in its founding, and the influence of the people who settled and were raised here throughout various eras.



You never know who you'll meet on a Cary historic trolley tour. Sometimes visitors from the 1800s are on board!

PHOTO BY BARB WETMORE



[PERFORMING ARTS]

## Save the Date for our Winter Concerts

by Trish Kirkpatrick

This past season celebrated the combination of some of the Triangle's most accomplished musicians performing in the acoustically amazing main gallery in the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Performances by Erik Dyke (NC Symphony Double Bassist) and his friends, Brian Reagin (NC Symphony Concertmaster and First Violin) and Bill Leslie (retired WRAL news anchor and Celtic artist) highlighted the 2019 series.

Based on this special combination of extraordinary music and amazing acoustics in this intimate venue, we are pleased to announce the return of performers for the 2020 season who have consistently delighted the audience.

### Symphony Spotlight featuring Erik Dyke

North Carolina Symphony Double Bassist  
Sunday, January 19, 2020, 4:00 p.m.



### Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert with Brian Reagin

North Carolina Symphony  
Concertmaster and First Violin  
Sunday, February 23, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for wonderful music in the main gallery and light refreshments in the lobby of the Page-Walker served at intermission. You'll find it to be a very special experience on a winter afternoon.

And please visit our [website](#) at for up-to-date event information and ticket purchases.

## Town Welcomes William Lewis New Cultural Arts Manager



As of August 1, William Lewis is Cary's new Cultural Arts Manager, succeeding Lyman Collins, who retired July 31. As noted by the [News and Observer](#),

William, "one of four finalists in 2018 The News & Observer's Tar Heel of the Year, said he is 'thrilled to join the team responsible for creating unique, meaningful and memorable arts experiences every day for residents and visitors alike,' according to a news release from Cary."

William has a significant history of leadership in cultural arts organizations, including Raleigh's International Bluegrass Music Association's conference and festival. Most recently, William served as Executive Director of [PineCone](#), the Piedmont Council of Traditional Music. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University (bachelor's degree) and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (master's degree).

The Friends look forward to collaborating with William and Town Staff to promote cultural arts in Cary.





## Speakers Bureau On Tour

### Free Presentations to Community Groups

On January 21, Peggy Van Scoyoc spoke to a large group at Glenaire Retirement Center about Civil Rights in Cary, based on her book, *Desegregating Cary*. Then on February 19, 2019, she also spoke to a group at Heritage Pines about the history of western Cary.

On April 30, Brent Miller acted as tour guide for a bus tour of local landmarks in downtown Cary for a group from Glenaire. The tour concluded at the Page-Walker, where participants toured the building, including the Heritage Museum on the third floor.

On July 25, Brent Miller acted as tour guide for the same sort of bus tour for a group from Westwood Baptist Church in Cary.

### Popular Topics

- **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. Includes our new video presentation!
- **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
- **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

Do you need a speaker for monthly meetings, luncheon programs or special gatherings? Presentations can range from 20 minutes to an hour and can be tailored to fit the interests of your group. Please contact us at [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org) if you would like to have someone speak to your community group about Cary’s history.



## FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY

# Stop by and say Hi!

by Pat Fish

The Town of Cary hosted their annual Spring Daze Festival on April 27, 2019 in Bond Park. The Friends joined other cultural arts organizations in Cary on “Cultural Arts Row.” Each group has space to share information about their organization with interested festival attendees. It is an invaluable opportunity to educate the community about each organization – who they are, what they do – their mission, their programs and activities, how they contribute to the community and how members of the community can become involved.



At Spring Daze, the Friends use this occasion to share information about membership opportunities and upcoming events. We focus on promoting Herbfest, as it is always scheduled one week after Spring Daze. We distribute our pretty purple and green Herbfest promotional rack cards to all attendees who stop by our table. It was especially gratifying this year to have many of the attendees share that they already knew about Herbfest and were looking forward to attending.



*Ed. Note: The Town of Cary Historic Preservation Commission is grateful to the Friends for collaborating and sharing table space at Town events.*

**Visit us at Lazy Daze August 24 - 25 on the front porch of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. See you soon!**



### FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

#### CONTACT THE FRIENDS

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#### Information about the Friends

President John Loyack 919-703-5359

#### Plan a Visit

The Page-Walker Arts & History Center 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.*

It's easy 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.



# LET'S BE 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.



[www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel](http://www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel)



[www.twitter.com/FriendsofPW](http://www.twitter.com/FriendsofPW)



[www.youtube.com/caryhistory](http://www.youtube.com/caryhistory)

Please begin or renew your membership. If you haven't renewed for 2019, please do so **today**. Thank you for your continued support!

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, [www.friendsofpagewalker.org/](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 21. Please print, complete and return it today!

## **THANKS TO OUR LIFETIME, COMMUNITY PARTNER, SUSTAINING & SILVER SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

Barbara Wetmore

Elaine B. Fleckenstein

Peggy Van Scoyoc

Pat Fish

Leesa Brinkley

Brent Miller

Anne Kratzer

Hal Bowman & Mercedes

Auger

Jim Bustrack

Amy Henderson

Bob Myers

John Loyack

J. Michael Edwards

Lisa Banks

Jack Leavell

Kay Struffolino

Ed Yerha

Carla Michaels

Cathy Richmond

Pat Sweeney

Marla Dorrel

Charlene Jones



## [MEET THE BOARD]

*Our board of directors serves as the governing body of the Friends of the Page-Walker, a non-profit corporation and award-winning partner organization of the Town of Cary. Many of our board members have served for several years (two are life members), and others joined us recently.*

*We continue our series in which we'll feature some of 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.*

### Meet Bryan Craddock



Bryan Craddock is a Cary native who attended Cary Elementary, West Cary Jr. High, and Cary High before graduating from NC State in 1977. Bryan's grandparents moved to Cary from their farm south of Garner in the 1920s. They lived in the Rufus Jones house on Academy Street until 1961, and moved to a newer home just south of town that year. Of course, that new home is now closer to downtown Cary today.

Bryan worked in retail as an Area Sales Manager at Ivey's and later Dillard's Department Stores until 1996. Since then, Bryan collects and sells antiques, including at the Raleigh flea market.

Since 1978, he has been teaching weekly clogging classes for the City of Raleigh. He also teaches summer camp classes at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center and fishing camps at Bond Park.

After taking his first clogging class at Jordan Hall in 1977, Bryan started the Hemlock Bluff Cloggers, a local dance group, and still serves as its Director today. They have performed at more than 300 events, including the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee; the Galax Old Time Fiddler's Convention in Virginia; the Cajun Mardi Gras in Louisiana; and two trips to the International Folk Dance Festival in Cobh, Ireland; representing the United States.

Bryan is a member of a Civil War reenactment musical group known as The Huckleberry Brothers. While playing various musical instruments with the band, Bryan is also the dance caller for many Victorian dance events in the area. For almost 15 years, Bryan has served as a judge for the Folk Festival at the NC State Fair.

Today, Bryan enjoys his membership in the Friends of the Page-Walker organization, where he is a member of three committees, including serving as one of the tour guides for the historic trolley tours.





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

- Lyman Collins for two decades of inspiration and hard work, making Cary a wonderful place for the arts.
- Peggy Van Scoyoc and Nancy Ryan for 7 years of successful silent auctions at Herbfest, handling everything from start to finish.
- Trish Kirkpatrick for ensuring that the Friends Winter Concert Series is one of the best and most successful entertainment features in our region.
- Pat Fish, long-time Friends treasurer and lifetime board member, for all her behind-the-scenes work, including her leadership of Herbfest, providing baked goods for concerts, writing grant applications and so much more.
- Our world-class Town of Cary Staff who partner with us for historic preservation, history education and cultural arts advocacy – including Sean Stegall, Danna Widmar, Kris Carmichael, Jennifer Hocken, Matthew Champagne, William Lewis, Robbie Stone, Theresa Dolan and the Page-Walker reception team and Public Works staff.

# The Innkeeper

*The Innkeeper* is the newsletter of the Friends of the Page-Walker. 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*. The following contributed photos for this issue: Carla Michaels, Nelson Wetmore, Barbara Wetmore, Marla Dorrel, Michael Rubes, Kris Carmichael, Town of Cary. If you have articles, suggestions or ideas to share, please send them to Brent at [brent@posmoroda.com](mailto:brent@posmoroda.com).

## BOARD MEMBERS

Your Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel board members are these volunteers (new members in bold): Lisa Banks, Bryan Craddock, Michael Edwards, Pat Fish (treasurer, life member), Kirk Fuller, Jimmy Gibbs, Andy Kirk, Trish Kirkpatrick, Anne Kratzer (life member), John Loyack (president), Kerry Mead (secretary), Carla Michaels, Brent Miller, Bob Myers, Cathy Richmond, **Judi Rourke, Michael Rubes**, Kay Struffolino, Pat Sweeney, Peggy Van Scoyoc (vice president), Barbara Wetmore (secretary) and Ed Yerha (Cary Town Council liaison).

The board is also fortunate to have the participation of Town of Cary staff members William Lewis, Robbie Stone, Kris Carmichael, Jennifer Hocken and Matthew Champagne.

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

## Community Partners

The Friends are pleased to collaborate with our partner organizations, the Cary Chamber of Commerce and Heart of Cary Association. You can find out more about these organizations and the local events they sponsor, respectively at [www.carychamber.com](http://www.carychamber.com) and [www.heartofcary.org](http://www.heartofcary.org).



# 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**  
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. 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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**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**  
**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.



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**YOUR NAME**

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