



The Innkeeper

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

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.

From the President

By Ed Yerha

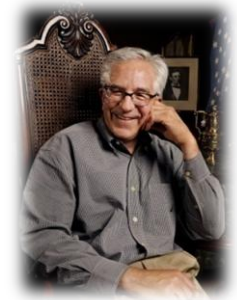
Hello "Friends"! There's been a lot of news since our last newsletter.

Hundreds of folks turned out for our First Annual [Herbfest](#) in May despite record-setting 95-degree heat. We are already formulating plans for the Second Annual Herbfest next May. Speaking of annual events, our [Historic Preservation Program Series](#) continued with another installment of "**What Have We Got to Lose?**", the video presentation that makes us aware of Cary's many historic structures and of the diligence required to preserve them. Along those lines, we are extremely excited that the Town Council adopted [Cary's Historic Preservation Master Plan](#), the first of its kind in North Carolina. It was the result of much work by town staff, outside consultants and individual Cary citizens. Several Friends members served on the Advisory Committee. We look forward to working with the Town to help put the plan into action. Progress continued on the restoration of the White Plains (a.k.a. Nathaniel Jones) Cemetery, thanks to **Anne Kratzer**, the Town of Cary and the cemetery's great neighbors on Tolliver Court.

We also have the pleasure of welcoming **Marilyn Butler, Ilene Cummings, Michael Edwards, Jillian Goldberg** and **Olene Ogles** to our Board of Directors. They all bring their unique talents to the Board, as well as a keen interest in preservation and in the arts. (see "President" on p. 2)

Big, BIG Event!

PBS Appraiser
Wes Cowan to
Lecture &
Appraise in Cary!



By Lisa Englert

Antiques and collectibles appraisers on television programs such as *The Antiques Road Show* and *Cash in the Attic* delight audiences each week with the surprising treasures hiding in their homes. **Now citizens of Cary and the Triangle can share in the excitement of that experience at two related events** hosted by the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel in September.

On [Friday, September 17](#), the Friends present noted PBS antiques appraisal expert, **Wes Cowan**, owner of Cowan's Auctions in Cincinnati and star of PBS television series *History Detectives*, for a special program entitled [Discovering the Past through Objects: Adventures of a Real-Life History Detective](#).

Through popular television shows such as *History Detectives* and *CSI*, the public is learning more about the importance of historical and archival institutions and the role they play in maintaining historical records. In what promises to be an enlightening and entertaining evening, Cowan will offer his unique perspective on the evolving role of these institutions, the changing landscape of the antiques market, and share some of the interesting adventures he's encountered. (see "Cowan" on p. 2)

Cowan (continued from p. 1) The program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Gallery of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center on the Cary Town Hall Campus. Cost is \$30 per person and includes a wine, cheese and dessert reception. [Purchase tickets online at http://www.friendsofthewalker.org](http://www.friendsofthewalker.org).

On Saturday, September 18, the Friends host their first-ever **Antiques Appraisal Fair** from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. inside the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. If you wonder if that “priceless antique” you’ve been holding on to is really worth something, here is your opportunity to discover if you possess a treasure! **Wes Cowan** and his team of expert appraisers will examine fair-goers’ items and give a *verbal* appraisal of their value. During the Fair, Cowan and his team will evaluate: historical Americana, including political memorabilia, early photography, documents and manuscripts; decorative arts, including pottery, glassware and china; and paintings, sculpture and works on paper. *Please note that fine jewelry, stamps, coins and firearms WILL NOT be appraised.* The cost is \$10 per item; each person can have up to three (3) items appraised. To avoid long lines and delays, tickets to this event are being sold in 30-minute intervals. [Purchase tickets online at http://www.friendsofthewalker.org](http://www.friendsofthewalker.org). A purchase confirmation must be presented at the door for admission to the Fair.

Along with your items, bring any related hand-written or typed identifying information about your collectibles. Rather than transporting a large piece of furniture, bring a drawer and/or a photograph. All items must fit through a standard door, and participants must be able to move or carry their item(s) throughout the event (sorry, no dollies or carts will be provided). Fair-goers may need to use stairs or an elevator to participate. Bring a small, lightweight portable chair if you have difficulty standing for long periods of time. Refreshments and box lunches will be available for sale to guests while they wait.

“The Friends of the Page-Walker are thrilled to welcome such an esteemed expert as Wes Cowan to Cary for these first of their kind events,” said Friends’ President, Ed Yerha. “Considering Wes’s reputation and the popularity of antiques appraisal events in general, a sell-out is expected.” Yerha encourages anyone who wants to participate to [purchase tickets early](#). All of the proceeds from both the Wes Cowan program and the Antiques Appraisal Fair will benefit the Friends’ ongoing historic preservation and archival efforts. Both events are co-sponsored by the Town of Cary Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department.

President (continued from p. 1) We also look forward to working with two new **Teen Council** representatives, **Kristen Chung** and **Sanjana Prabhu**. **Cathy Richmond** has assumed the role of Secretary, **Brent Miller** is our new VP and I have the honor of serving as our new President. Gaining new Board members always means that we must say good-bye to others. We are extremely grateful to **Cindi Baker, Hal Bowman, Joy Mellon, Bob Myers** and teen rep **Yeshi Xie** for their dedicated service. The good news is that most of them will stay active as members of the Friends even though their Board terms may have expired.

Speaking of members, if you have not yet renewed your annual membership or wish to join the Friends for the first time, **now** is the time to do so. Please consider combining your annual membership with the purchase of season tickets to the upcoming **Winter Concert Series**! The Concert Series begins in October and looks especially appealing this year. And please visit our website to purchase your tickets to the **Antiques Appraisal Fair** in September. This is the **biggest Friends event in many years!** You’ll love it!

Finally, a huge thank-you to our Past President, **Peggy Van Scoyoc**. Peggy did an exceptional job and demonstrates a passion for this organization and its mission. Definitely a tough act to follow! **“Thank you, Peggy”** from all of us.



Winter Concerts *By Lisa Englert and Kris Carmichael*

The Friends are pleased to announce our 2010 – 2011 **Winter Concert Series**. All performances except Love Bits & Bites are held on **Sundays at 4:00 p.m.** at The Page-Walker Arts & History Center in the Heart of Cary. With the remarkable performances lined up this season, we anticipate that they will sell out quickly. Concert patrons are encouraged to **purchase season tickets as early as possible to ensure a seat** at each of these events. **Advance season tickets may be purchased for \$75 at <http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org>** by registering to attend the *Winter Concert Series*—**SEASON TICKET** event. A season ticket purchase includes preferred seating and one additional free ticket to any performance. Tickets for all performances may be purchased at the door for \$15, subject to availability.

Sunday, October 17: Classical Interlude – Solo, Duet & Ensemble: This concert features performances by Eric Dyke, NC Symphony double bass player; Bill and Matthew McHenry, father and son French horn players from Cary; and the Raleigh Civic Symphony and Chamber Orchestra Ensemble.

Sunday, November 21: Little Windows (Mark Weems and Julee Glaub): Little Windows returns for a second Winter Concert Series with a mix of Appalachian and Irish music and traditional originals, especially unaccompanied ballads. Little Windows tours nationally and abroad, focusing on pure voice with tight harmonies with instruments including guitar, fiddle, banjo, flute, piano and bodhrán.

Sunday, December 19: Mountain Aires: Mountain Aires is a group of young acoustic musicians from Wake County. Their award-winning style reflects a mature sense of creativity, beauty and excitement. The group blends traditional acoustic music, including bluegrass, Celtic, folk, old-time and holiday tunes.

Sunday, January 16: Brian Reagin (Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert: Brian Reagin, noted violinist and Concertmaster of the NC Symphony, returns as a Winter Concert crowd favorite. Reagin captivated audiences with his brilliant performances in 2007 and 2008. This year he will treat concert-goers to a classical repertoire on his Lorenzo and Tomasso Carcassi violin made in Florence, Italy in 1763.


Sunday, February 20: Cary Players' Love Bits & Bites 2011 – The Sixth Sense: A favorite Cary Players holiday tradition, this sixth-annual production of the PG-13 Valentine's Day show *Love Bits & Bites* is an all-new collection of

scenes, one-act plays and songs that celebrate the charm, magic and mystery of love (sometimes bitter, sometimes sweet, often funny). Two acts on each of two floors of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center are performed; the audience changes floors at intermission (after enjoying complimentary chocolate confections and coffee)!

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The Friends of Page-Walker 2010-11 Concert Series

Intimate Performances in the Page-Walker's Main Gallery
119 Ambassador Loop in downtown Cary




The McHenry Horns


October 17, 2010

Classical Interlude – Solo, Duet and Ensemble

Eric Dyke – NC Symphony Double Bass player
McHenry Horns – Cary father and son French Horn players
Raleigh Civic Symphony and Chamber Orchestra (the orchestras at NC State) Ensemble players



The Mountain Aires




Little Windows


November 21, 2010

Little Windows

Traditional Irish and Appalachian songs and tunes



Brian Reagin



Love Bits & Bites

December 19, 2010

Mountain Aires

Unique blend of music including bluegrass, Celtic, folk, old-time and holiday tunes



Brian Reagin

January 16, 2011

Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert
Brian Reagin
NC Symphony Concertmaster and Violinist

February 20, 2011

Cary Players: Love Bits and Bites
An original theatrical experience

Each of these Sunday afternoon concerts begins at 4 p.m.
Season Tickets \$75* / or \$15 per performance. Space is limited!
(*Season ticket purchase comes with one additional free ticket to any performance)
PURCHASE TICKETS ON-LINE AT www.friendsofpagewalker.com
For more information, call (919) 460-4963.

Save the Date for these Friends Events

For more information about any event, contact the Page-Walker Arts & History Center at (919) 460-4963 or info@friendsofpagewalker.org

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM – Tuesday, October 26, 7:30 PM

More Mysteries and Secrets: Exploring Cary-Area Cemeteries

There's something mysterious about cemeteries. As we pass them, our thoughts begin to fly: Who rests there? What joys and sorrows surrounded their lives? Where are their families - with them, or far, far away? Join The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel as they explore the mysteries and secrets held by local cemeteries, identifying the resting places of historic figures and bringing to light the more obscure facts and questions from both prominent and well-hidden burial grounds in Cary and its outskirts. **Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in Cary. Free and open to the public.**

ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL FAIR HOSTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER –

Friday, September 17 & Saturday, September 18

VIP Event – **Friday, September 17, 7:30 PM** at Page-Walker Arts & History Center

Purchase tickets while they last online at www.friendsofpagewalker.org

Discovering the Past Through Objects: Adventures of a Real-Life History Detective

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Preserving White Plains Cemetery...Part 2

By Anne Kratzer

In the previous issue of *The Innkeeper*, the importance of White Plains Cemetery, located in Maynard Oaks subdivision, was presented. It is the oldest existing site in Cary that can be traced to one of our earliest settlement families, the family of Nathaniel Jones.

During the winter, members of the cemetery committee – **Pat Fish, Peggy Van Scoyoc, Anne Kratzer** and Page-Walker supervisor **Kris Carmichael** – met with **Frank Parker** of Parker Monument Company in Knightdale to discuss our preservation plans. On March 10, 2010, Frank and his assistant, Mark, removed the temporary slab on top of Rachel Perry's box tomb and replaced it with a newly engraved marker, installed nine marble markers designating the burial areas of the other family members, and moved displaced fence stones to their original location. Frank and Mark are meticulous craftsmen and the results are stunning! We are so appreciative of members of the former Cary Historical Society, particularly **Irene Kittinger** and **Ed Clayton**, for transferring the Society funds designated for the cemetery to the Friends so that we could complete this restoration project.

The Friends also met with **Lyman Collins**, Director of the Town's Cultural Arts Division; Facilities Maintenance Division Manager **Larry Dempsey**; **Kris Carmichael**, Supervisor of the Page-



Walker Arts & History Center; and Public Works staff member **Jim Canavos** to discuss ways to improve the historic site. Before installing new markers, the Public Works staff, guided by **Kevin Steed**, removed underbrush and cut dead branches and decaying trees. After the marker installation, Public Works staff spread mulch to form a natural path through the cemetery so that visitors can view the cemetery respectfully. During the first week of May, the partnership between the Town and the Friends was most evident. **Kevin Steed** and his staff delivered several flats of periwinkle starters to the cemetery for planting. **Pat Fish** coordinated the volunteer efforts and was assisted by **Lois Nixon, Barbara Wetmore, and John, Elaine, Olivia and Charlie Loyack** who lovingly planted the periwinkle in the ground. The ground is now stabilized and the cemetery is serene. Public Works staff will visit the site each season to ensure that it meets impeccable Town standards. The Friends will continue to provide volunteer services. The cemetery's next-door neighbors, **John and Elaine Loyack**, mow the cemetery lawn and provide shelter when we visit the cemetery. Kudos to all of our volunteers, the Loyacks, the Town of Cary, especially the Public Works staff, for their invaluable assistance.



New grave markers (foreground) and restored Rachel Jones tomb (background)

Photo by Kevin Steed

The next major step is the installation of an interpretative sign so that visitors are aware of the historic importance of the Jones family and burial site. The Friends collected images and background information with great support from the NC Archives, Office of State Archaeology and the UNC-CH. With input from Kris Carmichael, Rob Garner and Rick Knapp, Town employees at the Page-Walker, we designed the sign for the Town to fabricate. We are so appreciative of the support of **Lyman Collins** and the Cultural Arts Department, and **Pam Simons**, who will develop the official Cary sign for the site. Hopefully, with the next *Innkeeper* edition, we will have a community gathering to celebrate the sign installation and completion of the restoration. We are so proud of our heritage!!!



“Stop and Smell the Herbs” at the Page Educational Gardens!

By Anne Kratzer

Thanks to our extraordinary volunteers, the many visitors to the gardens during this growing season have experienced a sensory delight! The Friends of the Page-Walker, in partnership with the Town of Cary, held the first annual Herb Fest this spring. It was attended by more than 500 herb enthusiasts and the gardens were the focal point. Add to that hundreds of visitors who enjoy the Friends- and Town-sponsored Starlight Concert Series and visit the gardens, leaving refreshed. And we'll have additional visitors who are viewing the extraordinary sculptures that enrich the Town Hall campus. The Cary Visual Art committee did a great job of placing the art works in the most appropriate context, and the gardens have new next-door neighbors!



Many volunteers stepped up and assumed new roles this year. Thanks to **Lois Nixon**, ably assisted by **Pati Schetzina**, for chairing spring planting day. Helping them on April 17th were **Kris Carmichael, Jimi Lagattuta, Beverly Samuelson, Barbara Wetmore, Lou and Leah Hovis, Cheryl McLean, Lynn McKenzie, Renata Thompson** and **Paul Wasylkevych** (the best storage shed organizer!). **John Duncan** provided labels for the new plant material. We have had many inquiries about where to purchase the labels! **Carolyn Lewis** and **Lois Nixon** took great herb photos for our scrapbook.

These committee members, joined by those who volunteered on planting day, maintained the gardens throughout the hot growing season: **Mercedes Auger, Pat Fish, Marla Dorrel** and **Jerod Kratzer**. We thank **Kay Struffolino**, who chaired the volunteer committee this year. She is also our liaison to the Town's Public Works staff, who have been so supportive in lending their expertise and muscle to help with garden issues. Thanks to **Jeff Privette** with Public Works who helps us keep things in great shape at the gardens. **Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael, and Rob Garner** continue to give extraordinary support. **Pati Schetzina** deserves thanks for acquiring, transporting and planting additional heritage plants and being the liaison with **Layne Snelling** of **Campbell Road Nursery** (please support this nursery!).



Thoughtfulness and generosity also benefited the gardens this year. **Layne Snelling** gave our committee a discount when we purchased herbs and donated two extraordinary butterfly bushes, *Lo & Behold Blue Chip* and *Miss Ruby*. **Kay Struffolino** made a generous contribution to the gardens in memory of her gardening friend, **Lane Laws**, which enabled us to purchase more herbs.

We'll be putting the garden to bed on Saturday, Nov. 6, 9:00 a.m. – noon. If you'd like to join us, or help us in the future, please contact me at annekratz@aol.com.



Historic Preservation Continues in Cary

By Brent Miller

After five seasons of preservation programs, the popularity of these events, free and open to the public, continues to grow. Several dozen people attended our May program, *What Have We Got to Lose?*, our annual update on the state of preservation in Cary. In March, we had the pleasure of presenting an abbreviated version of this program to the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In October, we will reprise *Mysteries and Secrets: Exploring Cary-Area Cemeteries*. We expect to report on the successful repairs and rejuvenation at the White Plains (Nathaniel Jones) cemetery, among others.

We are delighted that Cary's [Historic Preservation Master Plan](#) was adopted by Town Council. The Friends were active in helping to define, guide and promote this plan.

The Historic Preservation Committee welcomes our newest member, **J. Michael Edwards**, whose talents and knowledge of local history are a boon to the Friends. Our committee continues to monitor the Waldo House restoration and the ongoing renovation of Old Cary Elementary – in March 2011, we plan to hold a panel discussion to share the “insiders’ view” of the Cary Elementary restoration.

The Friends were saddened and disappointed to learn of the loss of the **Lovie Jones House** on Academy Street. The house was



demolished in May. Although just outside the Town Center National Register Historic District, this former home of Marvin and Lovie Jones had historical significance for Cary and was one of the properties reviewed in the Friends annual *What Have We Got to Lose?* program.

Recently, the **Carpenter Farm Supply**



stores in Cary were designated Wake County

Landmarks, joining the Page-Walker Hotel, Guess-Ogle House and Dr. John P. Hunter House as Cary landmark properties.

Thanks and Kudos to

Peggy Van Scoyoc for her service as Friends President

Bob Myers for his service as Friends Secretary

Trish Kirkpatrick and her committee for a terrific Winter Concert Series

Lisa Englert for leading the Friends public relations so professionally

Kris Carmichael for being the best staff liaison that an organization could hope for

Anne Kratzer for her tireless work on the White Plains Cemetery

Phizzy King for volunteering to serve as Friends Marketing Chair

Anna Reading of the Town of Cary Planning Staff for guiding the Historic Preservation Master Plan development, public participation and adoption

Brent Miller for editing this newsletter

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



Cultural Arts Events

From the Town of Cary via Mercedes Auger

September Cultural Calendar

<p>Sept. 1 & 22 Sept. 2 Sept. 9-11 Sept. 10 Sept. 11 Sept. 12 Sept. 18 Sept. 18 Sept. 18 Sept. 22 Sept. 23 Sept. 24 Sept. 25</p>	<p>CARY PLAYWRIGHTS' FORUM MEETINGS, 7 p.m. Page-Walker Arts & History Center, (919) 460-4963, FREE</p> <p>RED SPEEDWAGON and PAT BENATAR with Tyler Bryant, 6 p.m. Koka Booth Amphitheatre at Regency Park, www.boothamphitheatre.com</p> <p>FATE presents TALKING THINGS OVER WITH CHEKHOV, 8 p.m. Page-Walker Arts & History Center, (919) 539-0993</p> <p>CARY TOWN BAND and the 82nd Airborne Division Band, 7:30 p.m. Sertoma Amphitheatre in Bond Park, www.carytownband.org, FREE</p> <p>Garrison Keillor's A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION SUMMER LOVE TOUR with Robin and Linda Williams, 7:30 p.m. Koka Booth Amphitheatre at Regency Park, www.boothamphitheatre.com</p> <p>Fall Sertoma Series presents MONTANA SKIES, 3 p.m. Sertoma Amphitheatre in Bond Park, (919) 319-4560, FREE</p> <p>2nd ANNUAL CARY CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL, noon Herbert C. Young Community Center, (919) 460-4963, FREE <i>Co-sponsored by Asociacion de Puertorriqueños Unidos de NC</i></p> <p>Friends of the Page-Walker APPRAISAL FAIR, 10 a.m. Page-Walker Arts & History Center, (919) 460-4963</p> <p>FOXY FAMILY REUNION SHOW, 7 p.m. Koka Booth Amphitheatre at Regency Park, www.boothamphitheatre.com</p> <p>CROSBY, STILLS & NASH, 7:30 p.m. Koka Booth Amphitheatre at Regency Park, www.boothamphitheatre.com</p> <p>LADY ANTEBELLUM with Special Guest David Nail, 7 p.m. Koka Booth Amphitheatre at Regency Park, www.boothamphitheatre.com</p> <p>CARY ART LOOP, 6 p.m. Downtown Cary and beyond, www.caryartloop.org, FREE</p> <p>TRIANGLE UNCORKED, 2-6 p.m. Koka Booth Amphitheatre at Regency Park, www.boothamphitheatre.com</p>	 <p><i>RED Speedwagon, September 2</i></p>  <p><i>Montana Skies, September 12</i></p>  <p><i>Lady Antebellum, September 23</i></p>
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Art Exhibits:

<p>Sept. 21—Oct. 15 Cary Senior Center 9th Annual FALC Senior Art Exhibition Reception: Sept. 24, 3-5 p.m.</p> <p>Sept. 24—Oct. 25 Town Hall J. Tommy Midyette: Paintings of Home Reception: Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m.</p> <p>Sept. 2—30 Jordan Hall Arts Center Floa Pinkham Reception: Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>Sept. 24—Oct. 25 Page-Walker Arts & History Center 1st Floor: Miniatures Traveling Exhibition 2nd Floor: Anita Yoogin: Joys on Womanhood in India Reception for both exhibitions: Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m.</p> <p>Sept. 21-Nov 22 Herbert C. Young Community Center Elsa Okrend: Scenes of Serenity Reception: Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m.</p> <p>Come visit the new 2010 Cary Visual Art Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition on the Town Hall campus!</p>
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First Annual Herbfest Exceeds Expectations, Adds Zip to Cary

By Peggy Van Scoyoc & Lisa Englert

The Friends held the first annual Herbfest in the herb garden of the Page-Walker on Saturday, May 15th. This year's Herbfest theme was gardening, herbs, native plants, perennials, nature, cooking, and the contribution these pursuits make to a healthy lifestyle.

Estimated attendance at Herbfest was between 500 and 600 people who came to enjoy the offerings of 14 vendors. Vendors participating in Herbfest included Bela Imports, Chatham Street Café, Dillardville Bird Houses, Garden Supply Company, Eva Green, Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve, J & M Garden Art, Bonnie King Soaps, The Little Herb House, The Meat House, The Thyme Savor, Wake County Herb Society, Natalie Winters and Whole Foods. Live musical entertainment was provided throughout the event by Chris Anderson and Gail Leonard, as well as a talented jazz trio from Enloe High School.

Visitors learned about starting an herb garden by touring the Page Educational Garden, including a close-up look at the historic 1850s Page smokehouse. There were cooking with herbs demonstrations, recipes and samples, and tips on growing herbs and their uses. Items for sale included potted herbs, skin care and beauty products, soaps, bird houses and garden accessories, baskets, ceramics and artworks. There were fun activities for the kids, led by volunteers from Cary Teen Council, and a raffle for a beautiful strawberry pot.

The seed for Herbfest was planted during a March 2009 Friends Historic Preservation program entitled "Down the Garden Path: An Historical Exploration of Herbs and Their Traditional Uses". The popularity of that program, coupled with an increasing number of requests for tours of the Page Educational

Garden and interest in the historical use of herbs, prompted the Friends to host Herbfest to showcase the Page-Walker Arts & History Center and its beautiful grounds and raise visibility of the Friends and our mission.

Herbfest is co-sponsored by the Town of Cary and the Friends. Be sure to watch for news about our second annual Herb Fest, planned for May 2011. You don't want to miss it. Herbfest is free and open to the public.

The Friends are pleased to go to other community organizations to tell our story. We created a **Speakers Bureau**, a group of members who present our message. If you would like for us to speak to your organization, contact us at info@friendsofpagewalker.org

Time to Start or Renew Your Membership!

 **This Means You!** 

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

We thank you for your continued support and ask you to **please begin or renew your membership. If you haven't renewed for 2010 – 2011, please do so today.**

We have migrated our membership management to our Web site. You will receive an e-mail notification when your membership is due for renewal. You can check, begin and renew your membership online through our Web site, www.friendsofpagewalker.org. Our new membership management system will now send annual renewal reminders.

Alternatively, you can renew by mail. A membership form (for new memberships and renewals) appears on page 10. Please print, complete and return it today!



Thanks to our new and renewed
Community Partner, Sustaining,
Silver Sustaining & Business Members

Peggy Van Scoyoc

Dick & Jean Ladd

Rosanna Adams

Hal Bowman & Mercedes Auger

Brent Miller

Bob Myers

Ralph & Daphne Ashworth

Tim & Karol LaCroix

Quality Staffing Specialists

Pat Fish

Ed & Carolyn Yerha

Jack Leavell

J. Michael Edwards

Kay Struffolino

James Bustrack

Your support makes the Friends'
work possible!

Cary History Books

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.

Oral History

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

In May, 2010, eighteen more oral history interview master tapes and transcriptions were submitted to the Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill. Our last submission was four and a half years ago. These eighteen new interviews will be added to the Cary category within the Southern Oral History Program collection housed at the Wilson Library. This submission brought our total to fifty-nine interviews to date. The Southern Oral History Program has put seven of our interviews on the Internet. Chances are that many of these new interviews will soon find their way onto the web as well. We are grateful for those who were interviewed and proud of all of our oral histories. UNC is very happy to receive and care for them. Because all interviews within the Southern Oral History Program are made available to scholars and researchers, Cary's voices are being heard by countless people who learn from them.

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present

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or call (919) 460-4963 to find out more.

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History Education

By Rick Knapp & Kris Carmichael

Town staff continues to partner with the Friends to enable educational opportunities for local students. Please share the “poster” below with an educator!

Attention Western Wake Parents, Students and Educators!

Try the Cary-On! Experience at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

FREE tours for elementary and middle school students include scavenger hunt tour of the Cary Heritage Museum, a guided tour of the historic Page-Walker Hotel, fun with hands-on wooden folk toys, map study, and discussion of the growth of Cary.

To schedule your school tour call Rob at (919) 462-3963!

History in the 21st Century

By Lisa Englert

The Friends have joined the growing popularity of social networking websites and we are pleased to announce our new presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

“Establishing a presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter will allow the Friends to stay connected with our current members and reach out to new ones about our mission of serving as guardian for the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, advocating preservation of Cary historic sites, archiving history and facilitating history education, and promoting the cultural arts,” said past President, Peggy Van Scoyoc.

We invite you to join our fan and group pages at Facebook and LinkedIn (to connect with other fans, participate in discussions and exchange information) and follow us on Twitter. You can quickly and efficiently receive updates about important initiatives we’re following, our upcoming programs and events, ticket information and so on.

Here’s how to connect with us:

On the web: <http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org>

Facebook 
<http://www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel>

LinkedIn 
<http://www.linkedin.com/groupRegistration?gid=2766239>

Twitter 
<http://twitter.com/PageWalkerHotel>

Please share these pages with anyone you know who’s interested in learning more about the Friends and wants to connect with us.



About The Innkeeper

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

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

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

Board Members

Your **Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel board members** are these volunteers: Mercedes Auger, Keith Bliss, Marilyn Butler, Pam Christie, Kristen Chung (Teen Council liaison), Ilene Cummings, Michael Edwards, Lisa Englert, Pat Fish (treasurer), Don Frantz (Cary Town Council liaison), Jillian Goldberg, Phizzy King, Trish Kirkpatrick, Anne Kratzer (life member), Brent Miller (vice president), Olene Ogles, Sanjana Prabhu (Teen Council liaison), Cathy Richmond (secretary), John Shaw, Renata Thompson, Peggy Van Scoyoc, Natalie Winters and Ed Yerha (president).

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

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

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

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.

Calendar of Events

See articles in this newsletter for details about most events

- **September 1, 7:00 p.m.:** Board Meeting
- **September 17, 7:30 p.m.:** "Discovering the Past Through Objects: Adventures of a Real-Life History Detective" Wes Cowan presentation at the Page-Walker. *Must purchase tickets in advance while they last!*
- **September 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.:** Antique Appraisal Fair at the Page-Walker. *Must purchase tickets in advance while they last!*
- **October 6, 7:00 p.m.:** Board Meeting
- **October 26, 7:30 p.m.:** "More Mysteries and Secrets: Exploring Cary-Area Cemeteries" historic preservation program at the Page-Walker
- **November 3, 7:00 p.m.:** Board Meeting
- **December 1, 7:00 p.m.:** Board Meeting



Begin or Renew Your Membership *Today!*

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

Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel

Box 4234

Cary, NC 27519

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

Individual, family, and civic group memberships:

- 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)

Name/Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Telephone _____ e-mail address _____



Commemorative Brick Order Form

Be A Part Of History And Make Your Mark

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

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

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

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

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

Brick 1:

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.

Your name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact the Friends

By mail:

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

By telephone:

Information about the Friends:

President Ed Yerha: (919) 303-5705

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

By e-mail:

info@friendsofpagewalker.org

On the Web:

<http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org>

Visit the Page-Walker Hotel:

Address: 119 Ambassador Loop

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday: 10:00AM – 9:30PM

Friday: 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Friday Evening - Sunday: by reservation

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

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If you haven't visited the Friends' Web site in awhile, please do. It's a great way to learn about the history and the mission of the organization and to find out about upcoming events. If you aren't receiving e-mail 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 now you can also visit us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

On the web: <http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org>



<http://www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel>



<http://twitter.com/PageWalkerHotel>



<http://www.linkedin.com/groupRegistration?gid=2766239>

