

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

The Innkeeper



FALL 2017

preserving the past, enriching the future



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Paint the Page

African American
History Harvest

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and more...





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
PEGGY VAN SCOYOC

Friends Stay Busy With Community Events

Fall, my favorite time of year. The Friends have been so busy at the Page-Walker since Spring. We started off with our eighth annual **Herbfest** event on May 6. This may have been our best attended event yet. On May 23 we had our well-attended historic preservation speaker series called **What Have We Got to Lose?**, showcasing Cary properties that have been lost, are threatened, or have been saved. See story on page 11.

For our **college scholarship program**, we received applications from five local high school students and selected Emma Lopes as the scholarship recipient. She received a \$1,000 scholarship award and her family joined her for the award presentation at the Friends' June 7 board meeting (see the story on p. 7). And, speaking of awards, on June 30, Charlie Loyack (pictured below) was the very first to qualify for the **Friends' President's Volunteer Service Award**. He completed all the required hours by the end of our fiscal year, even though he did not have a complete year to do so. He received his award and medal at the September 6 board meeting, with a well-earned round of applause.



At summers' end, our **History Harvest** event, which was co-sponsored by the Town of Cary staff, the Friends of the Page-Walker, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center at UNC and the Ujima Group, was held on September 24 at the Cary First Christian Church. The purpose of this program was to facilitate an exchange of historic information between the town and our African American community. At this event, there were trained staff and volunteers to help attendees discover and preserve their own family history through genealogical research, and to offer instruction on how to protect and preserve family treasures. Other volunteers were there to

offer digital scanning of family photographs, and an oral historian was on hand to record memories and family stories to preserve them to expand the town's documented history.

That was followed on October 1 by the third annual **Paint the Page** event for students age 13-18, who spent an afternoon creating their artistic interpretation of the Page-Walker Arts and History Center. A week later, on October 8, all the artwork was displayed, and winners were announced and received their prizes. See the story and photos on pages 4 and 5.

From all of this activity, it's obvious that the Friends are very active – preserving and celebrating the town's history, sponsoring community events, offering historic education and promoting cultural arts. We welcome everyone to come and take part with us as we continue our endeavors toward learning, preservation and culture for all of Cary.

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



Friends & Town Harvest History

Local African-American History Shared

by Kris Carmichael

The Friends of Page-Walker, in partnership with Town of Cary staff, the African American Historical and Genealogy Society, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and the Ujima Group, sponsored an African American History Harvest on Sunday, September 24. The event was hosted by Cary First Christian Church on Evans Road.

The purpose of the event was to gather local history, especially from the African-American community, and share resources with the public. This successful event promoted the Friends' mission of history education in Cary. See the President's Message on p. 4 for more about this event.



EVENT PHOTOS BY BRENT MILLER AND BARB WETMORE



PHOTOS BY BARB AND NELSON WETMORE



Paint the Page: The Tradition Continues

Young Artists Render Our Favorite Subject

by Barbara Wetmore

Young talent filled the main gallery of the Page-Walker Arts and History Center with art and music at this year's Paint the Page! Twenty talented young artists from 10 local high schools and middle schools captured the spirit of the Page-Walker with their inspired artwork this fall at the third annual Paint the Page. The Young Friends of the Page-Walker raised \$500 from the Herbstfest Bake Sale in the spring, which was distributed to eight award recipients during a reception for friends and family held in the main gallery.

The recipients were:

Best in Show

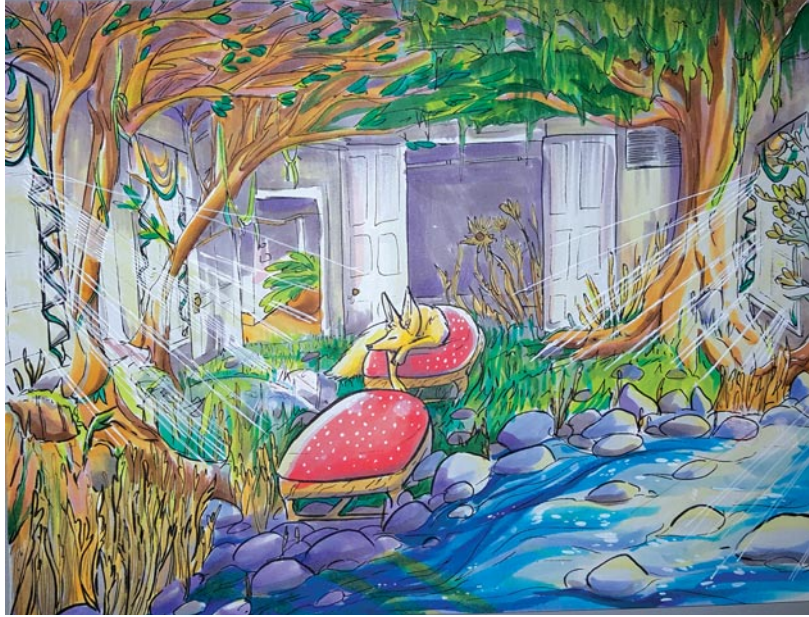
Karuna Gangwani, Panther Creek High School
Lexie Flock, Hopewell Academy

Honorable Mention

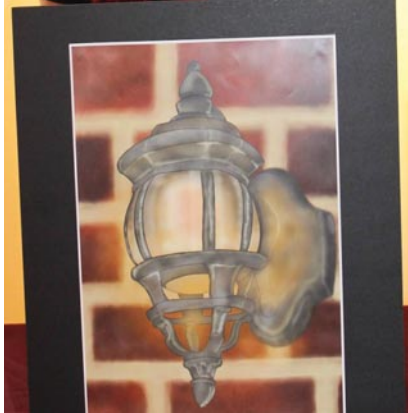
Madison Cross Sugg, Starwoods Academy
Jehee Han, Panther Creek High School
Amy Huang, Enloe High School
Stephanie Sosa, Panther Creek High School
Kathryn Szypulski, Cary High School
Rae Warden, Enloe High School

Thanks to Jackson Brinkley, Kris Carmichael and Anne Kratzer who judged the works of our talented teens; Eagle Music Outreach Inc., a group of talented musicians from Enloe High School, who filled the main gallery with music during the reception; and to all the staff and volunteers who made this year's Paint the Page event happen!

See more photos next page and read the *CaryCitizen* article [here](#).



Paint the Page Best in Show above: Lexie Flock, Hopewell Academy; below: Karuna Gangwani, Panther Creek High School.



WINTER *Concert* SERIES

By Trish Kirkpatrick

Over the years, the Winter Concert Series has grown into a special tradition in the Cary community. The combination of the main gallery of the Page-Walker Arts and History Center and the winter concert series creates a very special synergy. A mix of new and returning artists will delight audiences in a room once described as having acoustics that “are the finest in the Triangle for chamber music”.

We are pleased to announce the performances and dates for the upcoming 2017 – 2018 series. The Friends of Page-Walker Winter Concert Series offers intimate Sunday afternoon concerts that begin at 4:00 p.m. in the main gallery of the historic Page-Walker Arts and History Center. Light refreshments are served at intermission. Please join us for what we hope will be a most enjoyable experience.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

HOLIDAYS IN RHYTHM **Gregg Gelb and group**

With the rhythmic jazz beat of the season, Gregg Gelb and his musicians will offer a new and delightful approach to the holidays. What better way to get in the holiday spirit than to listen to an afternoon of jazz and seasonal music? A noted local jazz musician, Gregg has been performing since the 1980s and brings his special talents to the Page-Walker.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

MUSIQUE ACORDEON **Dave DiGiuseppe and group**

Sit streetside for a concert of French music. Musique Accordéon presents music from the cabarets of Montmartre through the musettes of Paris to the songs of famed singer Edith Piaf. Your special afternoon experiencing a bit of France features a trio fronted by accordionist David DiGiuseppe, accompanied by bass player Robbie Link and percussionist Beverly Botsford.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

CAROLE J. WRIGHT **MEMORIAL CONCERT*** **Brian Reagin**

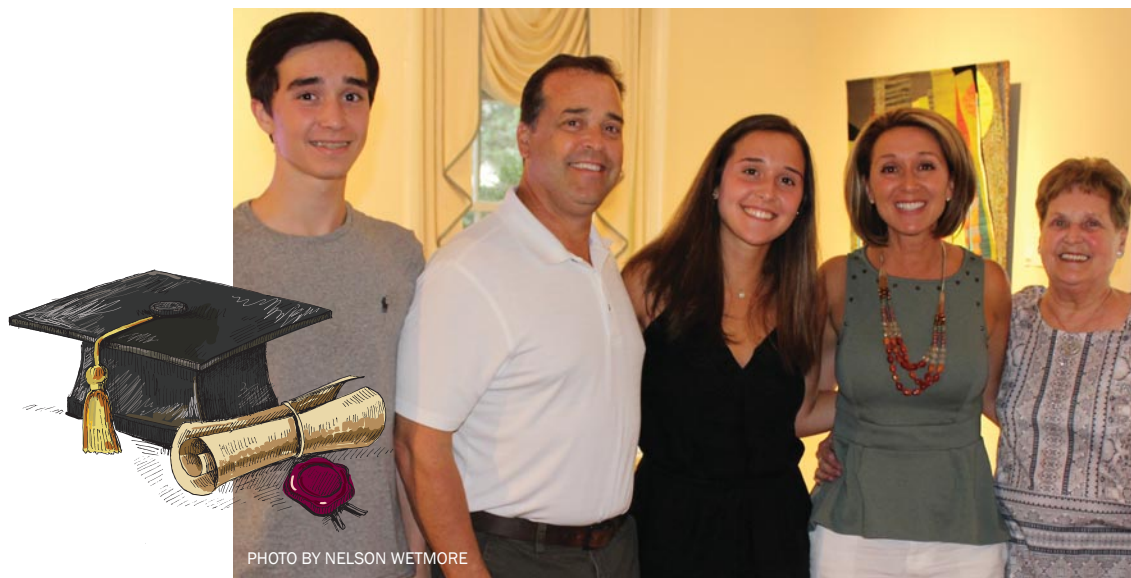
Brian Reagin, violinist and Concertmaster of the North Carolina Symphony, returns as a favorite to the Friends Concert Series. Brian Reagin, who captivates audiences with his brilliant performances, will treat concert-goers to a classical repertoire on his Lorenzo and Tomasso Carcassi violin made in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

All performances are held on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm at The Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Tickets may be purchased for \$16 – \$18 at The Cary Theater (122 E. Chatham Street). Box office hours are T-F, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m.-1 p.m.) or online through etix.com. Visit our [web site](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org) and click on “Events” for up-to-date event information and ticket purchases.

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

Friends Award Scholarship

Local Student Emma Lopes Receives \$1000 Award



The Friends received five applications for the 2017 Friends of the Page-Walker Scholarship, which is a one-time grant awarded to a high school senior residing in Cary. The Friends' Scholarship was established 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.

This year, the \$1000 award winner was Emma Lopes, a Middle Creek High School senior. All applicants submitted 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 or counselor. The 2017 Scholarship essay topic was The Impact of Growth on the Culture of the Cary Community.

Strategic Thinking

Friends Plan for a Future That Considers Our Past

By Trish Kirkpatrick

With more than 30 years of community participation as background, the Friends of the Page-Walker Strategic Direction Committee is looking toward the future. The Friends are working not only to enhance this vibrant volunteer group but also to contribute to the preservation of Cary's most significant historic properties, with the goal of helping to weave together the most important aspects of Cary's past, present and future.

As Cary continues to grow, we are working toward establishing the Cary Preservation Foundation. Its mission would be to act as a contributing partner in enhancing Cary's quality of life through the preservation of properties or artifacts that represent Cary's evolution from past to present to future. The Foundation would work with Cary citizens, Cary businesses, Cary town government and other interested parties to preserve Cary's most significant properties. We're seeking people who would like to be considered for a volunteer position as a board member or committee chair. If you are interested in being part of this effort, please email info@friendsofpagewalker.org.



ANNE B. KRATZER
EDUCATIONAL

Gardens



A Year-Round Treasure

by Kay Struffolino

With summer lingering so long, it's been a challenge to get into winter preparation mode, but that's where we are now. Mother Nature tried her best to create lots of "job security" for gardeners, but in spite of extreme heat and prolonged rain-free periods, the gardens have been and continue to be spectacular! We are most grateful to the town's Public Works Department who provide us with regular irrigation so the plants can continue to show off during these erratic weather patterns.

Our gardens present much to enjoy year-round, as the perennials continue to grow and change, temperatures become more favorable to sitting on the benches to enjoy lunch with a view, read a book or just relax...come by and check it out!

Top: Color variety on one plant; middle left: mixed seasons in the garden; middle right: praying mantis on fennel; bottom: summer's hanging on.

PHOTOS BY KAY STRUFFOLINO



Archives & Acquisitions

Archives Re-Discovered at Cary High School

by Peggy Van Scoyoc



Way back in time, in the early 1970s, Anne Kratzer heard that there were many important documents being stored in the basement of Cary High School (now the Cary Arts Center) that related to the founding and history of the school. She established the Cary Historical Society to secure and preserve those documents.

Recently, those very documents were re-discovered at the present-day Cary High School on Walnut Street in what the Friends have dubbed the “treasure room.” Principal Bryant granted the Friends access to the documents so that they can be digitized. This large project will take time, but once complete, digital copies will exist as backup for the originals for all time.



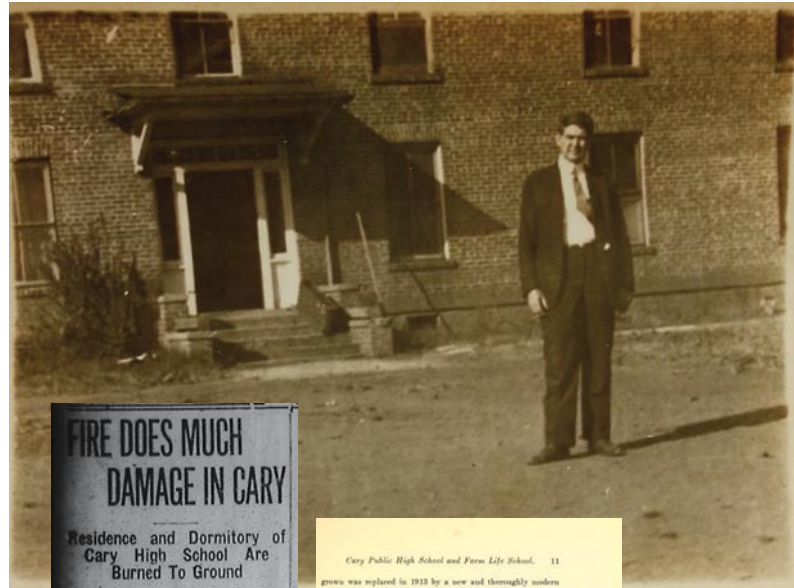
PHOTOS BY BARB WETMORE

Treasures FROM THE VAULT

Ed. Note: While researcher and historian extraordinaire Carla Michaels (pictured above) is working on cataloging Cary High School archives, we plan to feature “Treasures from the Vault” on a recurring basis as a way to share interesting historical artifacts with the community.

by Carla Michaels

This unpublished, candid photo of Marcus Baxter Dry, longtime Cary High School Principal, is undated, but he appears to be standing in front of the girls’ dormitory, likely circa 1920. The original dormitory on this site was the boys’ dormitory, and it was constructed of wood. It burned in 1916. A new brick dormitory replaced it and was given to the girls. It had steam heat, electric lights, baths, lavatories and toilets — all the modern conveniences! The gallant boys had to wait until 1918 for their brick dormitory, which was almost an exact copy of the girls’ dorm. The wooden dorm the boys had been living in also burned (do we see a trend)? This second fire made the Raleigh newspaper; the 1918 Cary High School catalog reported the dormitory news.



FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE IN CARY
Residence and Dormitory of Cary High School Are Burned to Ground

A fire that at one time threatened to destroy a large part of Cary, and called the Raleigh fire department to the scene, last night burned to ashes the residence of Mr. J. A. Smith, professor of carpentry at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, and a two-story building also owned by him, and now used as the boys' dormitory of the Cary High school. The loss, in terms of present construction prices will run between five and eight thousand dollars and there was insurance to the amount of \$3,500 on both structures.

The fire originated in the kitchen of the one-story residence and was discovered by a member of the family shortly after 9 o'clock when the family was on the point of retiring. Such a headway had it already gained that practically no household furniture was saved from the flames, and Mr. Smith, who had retired, escaped without all his clothing.

In spite of the vigorous efforts of the people of Cary who formed bucket brigades, the fire spread to the High School Dormitory and rapidly made headway. The Raleigh Fire Department was called upon and one combination truck made the trip in eleven minutes. Desperate fighting by the Raleigh firemen and the Cary citizens kept the flames from spreading farther.

The dormitory, at the time of the fire, was not occupied. School having been closed on account of the epidemic of influenza, the students had returned to their homes. Many of them, however, had left their trunks. These together with other furniture of the dormitory were saved.

Cary Public High School and Farm Life School. 31

grown was replaced in 1912 by a new and thoroughly modern brick structure with thirty-three rooms, costing \$23,000. The old dormitory building for boys which was burned in the spring of 1916, was replaced that year by a brick structure at a cost of about \$12,000. The building is provided with steam heat, electric lights, baths, lavatories and toilets, and is now occupied by the girls under the care of the Lady Principal. The old privately owned girls' dormitory, which has been occupied by the boys since 1916, was burned in the fall of 1918. The school is now erecting on the campus a modern brick dormitory for the boys, practically a duplicate of the girls' dormitory, at a cost of about \$25,000.

Courses of Study

Instruction in the High School is offered in the following subjects: English, Mathematics, History, Latin, Science, French, Agriculture, Home Economics, Music, Expression and Art. To receive a diploma of graduation one must have completed one of the following courses:

Academic Course	
First Year	Second Year
English	English
Arithmetic	Algebra
Algebra	Latin
Latin	General History
General History	History
General Science	Biology
Physiology and Hygiene	
Foreign Course	
First Year	Second Year
English	English
Algebra	Geometry
Latin	American History
French History	Latin
French	French
Latin or Music	Latin or Music



Friends in the Community

Lazy Daze On Our Front Porch, Scavenger Hunt In Our Backyard

We were honored to be at the heart of Lazy Daze 2017. The Page-Walker saw attendance once again reach 10,000 visitors. Activities were offered throughout the building and on the grounds.

Our garden hosted the Kids Zone this year, which proved to be a nice fit. We offered a special kid-friendly herb activity in our garden. The Professional Art Quilters Alliance - South (PAQA-S) provided a hands-on quilting activity and engaging display on the third floor, while the Friends of Page-Walker provided docents throughout the building and on the front porch where an antique stereoscope provided visitors with a look back in time.

The Page-Walker also served as home base for the *CaryCitizen* Scavenger Hunt once again this year. The grounds hosted contestants and vendors throughout the day and the first-floor parlor was buzzing as the judges quarters, where contestants learned which answers they got right and what their final scores were. See more about this event from *CaryCitizen* [here](#).



PHOTO BY KRIS CARHMICHAEL



PHOTO BY BROOKE MEYER



[HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS]

by Bob Myers and Brent Miller

Friends Advocate & Educate

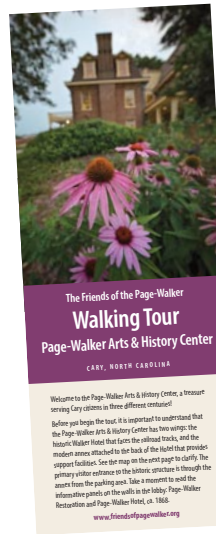
Our historic preservation program series continues to pack the Page-Walker Arts and History Center with our free programs open to the public.

In May, the Friends presented “What Have We Got to Lose?”, our annual visual tour of historic properties in and around Cary. The presentation included 23 historic properties that have been lost over the years, including several lost only recently; 16 properties that the Friends believe could be at risk of being lost in the absence of preservation plans; and the 7 local historic landmarks, including the Page-Walker Arts and History Center, that are the crown jewels of Cary historic properties. The presentation also included three properties that have been recommended to become Cary Historic Landmarks: the Cary Arts Center, the James Jones house and the White Plains Cemetery. The Friends support designating these properties as local landmarks.

Upcoming preservation programs are “Celebrating 150 Years at the Page-Walker: Giving it a New Life” on February 27, 2018 and “Celebrating 150 Years at the Page-Walker: Exploring its People and Past” on May 22, 2018 (both at 7:30 p.m. at the Page-Walker Arts and History Center).

If you weren't able to attend these programs, you can view recordings of many of them on our YouTube channel, youtube.com/caryhistory. Thanks to our videographer Nelson Wetmore for producing these videos!

COMING SOON! Walking Tour of the Page-Walker



In preparation for the Page-Walker's 150th birthday next year, the Friends plan to launch a walking tour brochure for the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in early 2018. Visitors will be able to pick up brochures at the Page-Walker and take a room-by-room self-guided tour of this historic building and Cary treasure.

Speakers Bureau On Tour

On September 11, Brent Miller led a historical bus tour for residents of Glenaire. The brainchild of Maria Shevzov, Glenaire's new Life Enrichment Coordinator, this driving tour proved to be so popular with Glenaire residents that two additional tours were given in October. The tour visited local landmarks and landmark candidate properties in the downtown area, including two cemeteries, and concluded at the Page-Walker, where residents toured the galleries, Cary Heritage Museum and the gardens.

Please contact us at info@friendsofpagewalker if you would like to have someone speak to your community group about Cary's history.

See more on page 15.



News from the Page-Walker

Visit, learn and explore at the Page-Walker

from Kris Carmichael

Welcome Matthew Champagne

Kris is delighted to announce the hiring of a new part-time program assistant, **Matthew D. Champagne**. Matthew is an experienced tour guide, lover of art and enthusiastic advocate for public history. He is currently enrolled as a Ph.D. student in North Carolina State University's Public History program. In addition to many academic accolades, Matthew has more than 5 years of experience delivering guided tours of historic houses around America. He has also undertaken historical programming for such clients as Columbia University, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Harvard University. He has experience working with collections and archives and will be a great help to Kris and the Friends in cataloguing and managing them.



Summer Camp season at the Page-Walker ended with another record breaking year. We served 363 students and took in \$54,493, a 5.9% increase over last year. Above, one of our many activities was Drum Camp.

Circus Wagons at the Page-Walker

by Peggy Van Scoyoc

From oral histories, the Friends have learned this fascinating story from the Page-Walker's past, as told by Cary citizens.

Warren Williams: My father, John Williams, was a railroad man at a time when circuses shipped everything from town to town on the train. From that, the circus became a big



hobby for him. After he bought the Page-Walker Hotel in 1941, we put a shed out on the backside of the property where Daddy kept his circus wagons. He built 15 or 20 cage wagons by hand

and put them on exhibit and had pony rides at the North Carolina State Fair for 10 years while Dr. Dorton was in charge. Daddy built so many of them he had them in the Duke Homecoming parade in Durham. Car dealers would hook a new car to each wagon. They would put some of the pretty Duke girls on the wagons, and they would ride through the parades. We had the circus wagons up on Hillsborough Road where Daddy owned this place known as Williams Park. We had these circus wagons there and ponies that we had trained to go around in the rings, and we

had dogs and monkeys to ride the ponies. In other words, it was a true dog and pony show. My daddy started all that.

From Daddy's hobby, we got to know all the circus people throughout America. The big circuses, including Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus, Cole Brothers Circus, The Daily Brothers Circus, the John Robertson Circus, and all types of circuses would come to Durham. My daddy knew all these people, so he learned how to build wagons and kept them right in Cary. A lot of people in Cary would come over to visit my father just to get to see these cage wagons that he had built. A year or two prior to my father passing on, he sold his wagons to the wrecker/raising department in Fayetteville. He sold the Page-Walker in 1970.

Mary Crowder: Mr. John Williams bought the Page-Walker Hotel after the Harris' moved out. The Williams family renovated it and fixed it up. I used to visit because they had ponies. They even let me ride them sometimes. They took them to the fair in the fall and would have the pony rides there. Mr. Williams' boys would go do that during the fair. They had beautiful little ponies and they let the children ride them right behind the Page-Walker. They had a barn behind the hotel and their pasture was about where the parking lot is now.

White Plains Cemetery

HISTORIC
LANDMARK
CANDIDATE



PHOTO BY LAURIE MILLER

The White Plains Cemetery has been recommended for local historic landmark status by Cary's Historic Preservation Commission. The Town Council will make the final decision about whether this historic treasure achieves landmark status at an upcoming council meeting. Cary Historic Landmarks are properties recognized as important historic resources worthy of preservation. Cary currently has seven landmark properties; in addition to the White Plains Cemetery, two others have been recommended as new landmarks — the Cary Arts Center and the James Jones House.

At the Historic Preservation Commission's public hearing, Friends president Peggy Van Scoyoc and lifetime member Anne Kratzer spoke in favor of the landmark designation. The Friends also helped with research on the cemetery to fill in some gaps about its history; this information was included in the report that will be presented to Town Council.

In our Spring 2018 issue, we plan a more detailed story about the resting place of Nathaniel and Rachel Jones, and at that time we hope to report that the White Plains Cemetery is a landmark.

Kudos to...

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

- **Anne Kratzer**, for her selfless recognition of others (including coming up with almost all of these kudos for every edition of *The Innkeeper*).
- Town of Cary Planner **Anna Readling**, who reached out to the the Friends for input and background as she researched the three sites being considered for landmark status. She also provided the results of her research to the Friends.
- **Leesa Brinkley**, for her graphic design support in the Friends publications, including the *Innkeeper*, *Walking Tour of the Page-Walker*, and the *Paint the Page* event.
- **The Town of Cary Public Works staff**, who partner with the Friends in caring for the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Gardens and the White Plains Cemetery.
- **Carla Michaels**, for being our “resident researcher,” including finding information about the candidate landmark properties, sharing her research on street names as part of our preservation program series and scanning early Cary High School records to protect and preserve the information.
- **John Loyack**, for making it possible for the Friends to give the “President’s Volunteer Service Award” to extraordinary volunteers.
- **Bob Myers**, for chairing the Friends Historic Preservation Committee, coordinating the Friends’ Preservation Program Series and managing our website.
- **Barb and Nelson Wetmore**, for serving as our “resident photographers,” supplying so many of the images you see in this newsletter; additional thanks to Nelson for filming and posting videos of our preservation series and to Barb for coordinating the third successful “Paint the Page” event.
- **Trish Kirkpatrick**, for chairing the most popular Winter Concert Series, and for spearheading the organization of the Cary Preservation Foundation.
- **Pat Fish and Kris Carmichael**, for coordinating the *Lazy Daze* efforts and spending most every hour of both days of the festival as the “go-to” people at the *Page-Walker*.



[MEET THE BOARD]

Our Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the Friends of the Page-Walker, a non-profit corporation and partner 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 to learn more or volunteer.

Meet Don Frantz

Don (above left) has served as the official Town Council Liaison to the Friends for several years (he's also the Town Council Liaison to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Board). He has served as the District B representative on the Cary Town Council since 2007.

- Don and Lisa Frantz are the proud parents of six children and the owners of Frantz Automotive Center in Downtown Cary.
- Don and Lisa have been active members of the Cary Elementary PTA and Cary IMP Club, and they serve as boosters for numerous area civic groups.
- Don served as president of the Heart of Cary Association from 2005-2007.
- Member of North Carolina's National Federation of Independent Business Leadership Council and the Cary Chamber of Commerce.
- Received multiple awards and recognitions from business colleagues.
- Races stock cars at Wake County Speedway and enjoys good bourbon - just not at the same time!

Meet Kirk Fuller

Kirk is a long-time board member of the Friends, having served multiple terms over the years, along with his wife Linda, beginning in the 1980s. Kirk has participated in many activities promoting the Friends' programs and services.

- Native of Kinston, North Carolina.
- Undergraduate and graduate degree in History from Wake Forest University, where I met my soulmate, Linda Fuller, more than 40 years ago.
- We have two married daughters and have lived in Cary since 1976
- Members of First United Methodist Church and FUMC Men's Ministry.
- Served 21 years in US Navy and Navy Reserve with cruises to the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and the Black Sea; participated in operations in the Azores, Israel, United Kingdom, Cuba and many ports on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.
- Historian for NC State Parks, Public Affairs officer for NC Department of Natural Resources, President of Fuller Insurance and Investment Services; currently a semi-retired insurance agent for senior resources.
- Active volunteer for many civic and non-profit organizations in the Cary area including Past President and Lt. Governor of Cary Kiwanis Club, Cary Civitan and member of the Cary Kildaire Rotary Club.
- American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Team Captain for 15 years and volunteer for Lazy and Spring Daze for more than 25 years
- Served on the Parks and Recreation Commission in the 1980s and 1990s; helped start the Cary Teen Council in 1989, which currently has more than 1,000 students.
- Kirk's two "not-so-secret vices" are a love of international traveling and that he "documents" visits to several countries with photos of himself eating hot dogs — his favorite being a Danish stuffed hot dog roll!



Speakers Bureau On Tour

Free Presentations to Community Groups

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.

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
- **The School for the Arts**: the history of schools, including Cary Elementary and Cary High School, at the end of Academy Street and how the school became the Cary Arts Center
- **The Friends of the Page-Walker**, a Town of Cary partner: the mission and accomplishments of our non-profit organization, the recipient of the 2011 Town of Cary Partner Organization of the Year
- **Mysteries and Secrets of Local Cemeteries**: excerpts from our annual presentation about the history and mystery of selected local cemeteries
- **What Have We Got to Lose?:** excerpts from our annual presentation about historical structures in and around Cary

Schedule a talk

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



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

The Friends are pleased to remind you of our presence on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube!

We invite you to visit our web site, *like* us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. It's the best way to stay up-to-date on all the Friends happenings.

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

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Peggy Van Scoyoc (president)
Michael Edwards (vice president)
Pat Fish (treasurer, life member)
Barbara Wetmore (secretary)

Lisa Banks
Bryan Craddock
Don Frantz (Cary Town Council liaison)
Kirk Fuller
Jimmy Gibbs
Jim Kay
Andy Kirk
Trish Kirkpatrick
Anne Kratzer (life member)
Camille Eckerd Lambe
John Loyack
Kerry Mead
Carla Michaels
Brent Miller
Bob Myers
Olene Ogles
Ariana Purifoy (Teen Council liaison)
Cathy Richmond
Kay Struffolino
Pat Sweeney
Wil Trower
Ed Yerha (Cary Town Council liaison)

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

ABOUT THE INNKEEPER

The Innkeeper is the newsletter of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel. First published in 1985, and restarted in 2003 after a hiatus, the newsletter offers member and community outreach communication. *The Innkeeper* is a team effort of the Friends. Brent Miller edits and Leesa Brinkley designs the newsletter. We welcome your contributions to *The Innkeeper*. If you have articles, suggestions or ideas to share, please send them to Brent at brent@posmoroda.com.



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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 2017, please do so **today**.

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](#). 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 the next page. Please print, complete and return it today!

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:

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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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COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ORDER FORM

Be A Part Of History And Make Your Mark

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

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

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- I wish to order (___) (Quantity) of Bricks at \$50 per brick. Enclosed is the total of \$ _____
- I do not wish to have a brick inscribed but enclose \$ _____ to help in your effort.

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

Brick 1:

Brick 2:

Please call Pat Fish at 919-467-5696 if you have any questions.
Please note that brick orders are placed when a cumulative total of 10 brick orders have been received.



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