



# The Innkeeper

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

spring 2017



**EDUCATION** The mission of the Friends of the Page-Walker is to enrich the community by serving as  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION** 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.

**F**riends board member and Secretary **Barbara Wetmore** was honored at the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources “Heart of Gold” volunteer appreciation banquet as this year’s Cultural Arts Award winner.

According to the Town of Cary, award winners are “worth their weight in gold, these gems of citizens provided thousands of hours of service and were recognized for their commitment to the Town and its citizens. Mayor Pro Tem Ed Yerha shared with the audience at the Herb Young Community Center that the Town’s volunteers set the gold standard when it comes to their contributions to keeping Cary’s parks, recreation and cultural programming great.”



## Barbara Wetmore Honored

2017 Cultural Arts Award Winner



**Herb fest**  
saturday, may 6  
9 am to 3 pm  
Page-Walker Arts & History Center  
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Barb was recognized with the Cultural Arts Award, which is presented to an individual who lends leadership and support to the Town’s arts programs, including literacy, performance and visual arts. Her nomination letter described Barb’s tireless efforts serving our community advocating for cultural arts.

We are proud of and delighted for Barbara; please add your congratulations when you see her!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
PEGGY VAN SCOYOC

**I**t is thrilling to be part of all that has been happening at the Page-Walker. Since the last *Innkeeper* was published, the Friends hosted Ken Farmer and his staff from the Antiques Roadshow last November for another Antiques Appraisal Fair. It was a sell-out event, where many Caryites received information about their treasures. See page 4.

This year's Historic Preservation Speaker Series included the fascinating history of the Page-Walker Hotel, a standing-room-only program about how Cary streets got their names, and coming next month, we'll discuss our annual inventory of Cary's historic buildings. See page 5.

Also next month – the Friends' eighth annual Herbfest in the historic gardens of the Page-Walker on Saturday, May 6. See next page.

In December, the Page-Walker Arts and History Center celebrated its 25th anniversary during the Town's holiday open house. A touch-screen, oral history station was introduced in the library as part of that event. This new station features five local citizens telling their memories about Cary's history. See page 7.

The Friends have received the President's Volunteer Service Award certification that honors volunteers throughout the country. Approved applicants to our program will have their volunteer hours verified by the Friends, and will receive certificates through the Thousand Points of Light federal program.

As evidenced by all of this activity, the Friends and I have been very busy, and will continue on as we make many more exciting plans for the coming months.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING. PLEASE JOIN US!

The Publick will kindly take notice that the Friends of the Page-Walker shall meet assembled on the 7th day of June of the year Anno Domini Two Thousand and Seventeen, at six and Thirty o'clock in the evening, in the Parlour of the Grande Hotel of the Page Family in Cary, North Carolina, located in particular on the way known as Ambassador Loop, next to the Iron Horse tracks near the centre of towne.

The business to be transacted shall include the election of a board of directors and officers of the corporation, and such other legitimate business as may be laid before the body assembled by the President, who shall preside at the meeting.

***Yes, our annual general membership meeting is June 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center and all members and prospective members are invited and encouraged to attend. Celebrate the year with us and enjoy some delicious sweet and savory treats. We hope to see you there!***

# Herbfest: The Tradition Continues

**Don't Miss Our 8th Annual Festival**

Join the Friends of the Page-Walker as we host our 8th annual Herbfest on the beautiful grounds of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in downtown Cary on Saturday, May 6, rain or shine, from 9:00-3:00. Guests will have the opportunity to stroll through craft and herb booths that will be selling a wide variety of herbs and plants and crafts related to gardening, herbs, and nature.

We are excited to welcome nine new vendors to the event this year and pleased that the Wake County Herb Society is joining us again and will be celebrating the herb cilantro which is the 2017 Herb of the Year.



Festival guests will be inspired to start their own herb gardens by touring the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Herb Garden, including a close-up look at the historic 1850s Page smokehouse. Guests can also visit the Pollinator Garden at the Page-Walker, a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat that features native plants. This garden was created and is maintained by a unique partnership

including the Cary Woman's Club, the Cary Garden Club, the Friends of the Page-Walker and the Town of Cary. Other event highlights include kid activities, our spectacular silent auction featuring beautifully unique garden-related items, and returning by popular demand, our must-see butterfly releases at 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. The Young Friends will be hosting their popular bake sale featuring delicious baked goods and coffee, which will include some herb-related choices this year. Ty's All Natural, a local Food Truck, will be selling their delicious waffled fried chicken and a variety of sandwiches at lunchtime.

*Herbfest, which is co-sponsored by the Town of Cary and the Friends of the Page-Walker, is free and open to the public.*



**FRIENDS OF THE  
PAGE-WALKER HOTEL**

#### CONTACT THE FRIENDS

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#### Information about the Friends

President Peggy Van Scoyoc (919) 461-0443

#### 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.

# ANTIQUES APPRAISAL Fair



## Antiques Appraisal Fair a Big Success

by Pat Fish

The Friends cordially invited the community to join us last Fall for our third Antiques Appraisal Fair. The events began on Friday evening, November 4, with a presentation, “Tales from the Road & New Discoveries by Ken Farmer.” We

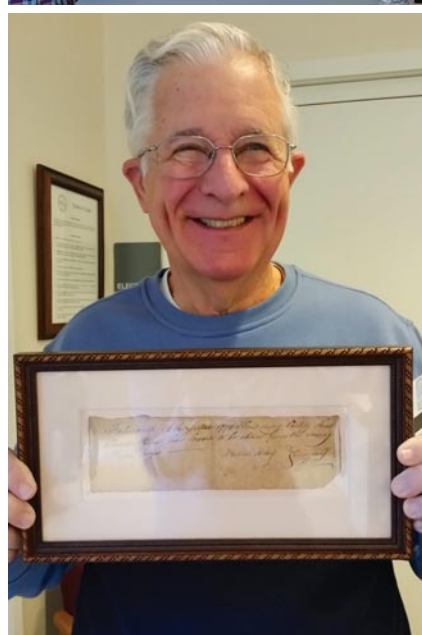


were so pleased that Ken, well-known Art & Antiques Advisor & Appraiser from Charlottesville, Virginia, was able to join us for the second time. During his presentation, he shared interesting and entertaining stories from his years of appraisal experience with his own firm and as a noted antiques expert for PBS. Ken’s passion for his work and

his vast knowledge about the world of antiques coupled with his charming and friendly manner were much appreciated and enjoyed by the audience. The presentation was followed by a wine, cheese and dessert reception hosted beautifully by Carla Michaels and Peggy Van Scoyoc.

On Saturday, November 5 the Page-Walker was transformed into a mini Antiques Roadshow with our three appraisers in the main gallery and our guests with their treasured items to be appraised streaming through the side entrance. Ken Farmer and his colleague, Emilia Penney, also from Virginia, served as two of our appraisers. We were very excited that our own Friends’ board member, Michael Edwards, an expert gemologist, volunteered to serve as our jewelry appraiser. The fun atmosphere created by our guests’ excitement and anticipation about their items being appraised was enjoyed by everyone – appraisers, guests and volunteers.

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the following businesses that served as sponsors for the event: George H. Jordan III Development Company, Inc.; JM Edwards Fine Jewelry; Edwards Commercial Real Estate; HomeTrust Bank; and the Mayton Inn. We also wish to share our very special thanks to Michael Edwards who graciously volunteered to seek the sponsorships.



[HISTORIC PRESERVATION]

**Cary's History Comes to Life**

*by Bob Myers and Brent Miller*

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

In February, town staff presented “Celebrating 25 Years of the Page-Walker”, which described how the historic Page-Walker Hotel was saved and discussed our 25-year history as Cary’s popular arts & history center.

In March, Friends board member Carla Michaels presented “Why Do They Call it That? The History Behind Cary’s Street Names”, a fascinating program based on her research that drew an overflow crowd.

Our annual “What Have We Got to Lose?” program, a survey of historic properties in and around Cary, will be presented on Tuesday, May 23. This year’s program will describe the history behind many of the properties that have been lost and also highlight our local landmarks and other historic treasures that have been saved.

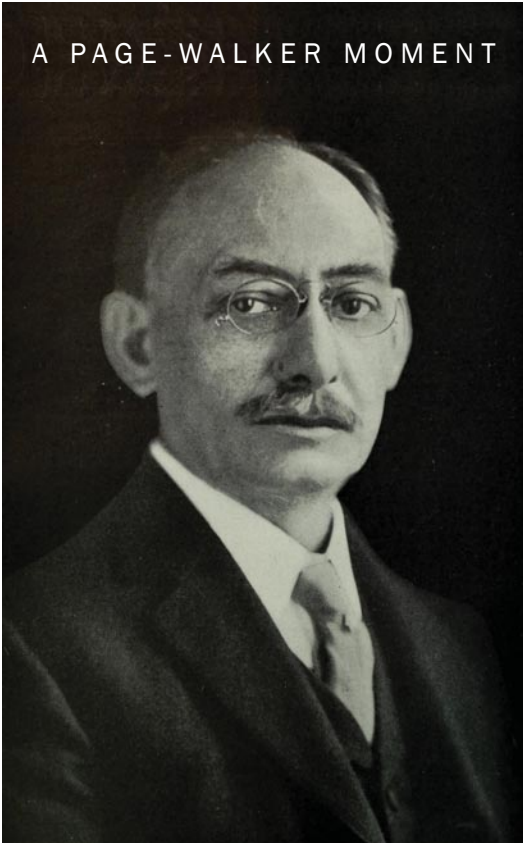
If you weren’t able to attend these programs, you can view recordings of many of them on our [YouTube channel](#). Thanks to our videographer Nelson Wetmore for producing these videos!

**Rev. Meadows Collection on Display**

The Page-Walker was fortunate to host a display of a collection of items from Rev. John William Meadows, one of the most prominent and influential people in this area’s black community in his time. Rev. Meadows was a minister and the principal and teacher at the Cary Colored School from 1900 to 1935. He retired just one year before that school was burned down. His great-grandson, Friends board member Jimmy Gibbs, related many interesting details about Rev. Meadows’s life in a 2014 oral history interview – find out more in Peggy Van Scoyoc’s Cary News article [here](#).



A PAGE-WALKER MOMENT



## WALTER HINES PAGE IN WWI

**W**alter Hines Page, son of Cary's founder Allison Francis "Frank" Page, was a diplomat, journalist and publisher. He served as US Ambassador to Great Britain during World War I and is one of only three Americans honored with a plaque in Westminster Abbey.

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the US's entry into WWI, in which Walter Hines Page played a key role. In January 1917, German foreign minister Arthur Zimmermann sent a coded telegram to the German ambassador in Mexico, Heinrich von Eckardt. That telegram advised of Germany's imminent "unrestricted submarine warfare" and postulated that this action might cause the US to enter the war, but if so, Germany would ally with Mexico against the US. Unbeknownst to the Germans, British Naval Intelligence intercepted the telegram and sent it to the British Ambassador – our own Walter Hines Page. Page then transmitted the telegram to President Woodrow Wilson, who authorized it to be printed in newspapers nationwide. The resulting outrage in the US set the stage for America's entry into WWI.

Sources: Walter Hines Page, Wikipedia; Smithsonian's National Postal Museum Blog, <http://postalmuseumblog.si.edu/2017/03/the-zimmermann-telegram-and-the-power-of-the-printed-word.htm>



## Friends to Award \$1,000 Scholarship

**A**pplications are now being accepted 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.

The \$1000 award is given to a high school senior who is a Cary resident, and may be used for any educational-related expenses. In addition, the recipient's name will be displayed on a permanent plaque at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

To be eligible, students must submit a 600-1,000 word essay on a local history topic, along with an application and letter of recommendation from their High School history instructor or counselor. The 2017 Scholarship essay topic is The Impact of Growth on the Culture of the Cary Community.

Hurry! Completed applications are due by May 9, 2017. The scholarship recipient will be notified by May 25, 2017 and recognized at the Friends' Board of Directors meeting on June 7, 2017.

For full eligibility requirements, instructions and the application form, visit [friendsofpagewalker.org/scholarship](http://friendsofpagewalker.org/scholarship)



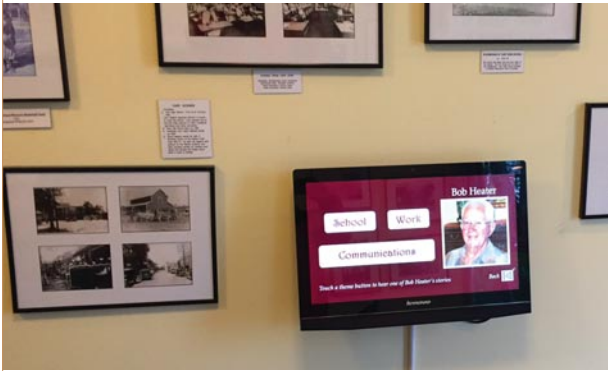

# Oral HISTORY

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

## Jon Bartley Shares Memories

**O**n March 23, 2017, Peggy Van Scoyoc interviewed **Jon Bartley**, the son of the owners of the 100-acre Bartley Farm on Penny Road that is now owned by the Town of Cary. Part of the farm has been turned into the Jack Smith Park. Mr. Bartley talked about growing up on the farm. The house was originally built by one of Cary's very earliest white settlers, Barnabus Jones, in 1830. A second story was added to the house later, and it has been modernized over the years. At one time, there were many outbuildings on the property.

Descendants of Barnabus Jones were neighbors living on either side of the farm when Jon grew up there. The old Jones cemetery still exists near the farmland. The Bartleys raised cattle and sheep, and grew only feed for their animals. The farm also had fruit trees that at one time had been part of an orchard. The historic house is being preserved by the Town of Cary and will eventually be re-purposed as part of an expansion of the park.



## Past Meets Future in New Oral History Station

### Town of Cary Grant Enables History to Come to Life

By Brent Miller

**T**he Friends, with the cooperation of, and a 2015 Cultural Arts funding grant from the Town of Cary, have implemented a new oral history station at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. This update and renovation of the oral history component of the Cary Heritage Museum is located in the second-floor library and uses modern technology to make history come to life through the voices of key figures who helped make Cary history.

Using oral histories recorded by Peggy Van Scoyoc, the touch screen audio-visual station lets visitors choose the pieces of history they want to see and hear, as told by Vijaya Bapat, Bob Heater, C.Y. Jordan, Jean Ladd and Herbert Bailey. The new technology enables this content to be changed and expanded so that other oral histories can be played in the future.

We are especially indebted to Kris Carmichael and Wade Carmichael, who, with assistance from Friends Peggy Van Scoyoc, Anne Kratzer, Bob Myers and Brent Miller brought history to life at the Page-Walker.



## Friends in the Community

### Hope You'll Stop by at Spring Daze!

The Friends will share a booth with the Town of Cary Historic Preservation Commission at Spring Daze 2017. Please visit us on the Cultural Arts Row. Spring Daze will be held Saturday, April 29, 9:00 - 5:00 at Fred G. Bond Metro Park on High House Road in Cary.



## Holidays at the Page-Walker

*By Brent Miller*

The Page-Walker Arts & History Center was hopping in December for our annual holiday open house. Hundreds of visitors stopped by to enjoy hot cider, cookies, holiday music and horse and carriage rides. Cary Mayor Harold Weinbrecht greeted guests and volunteers on his way to the annual town Christmas tree lighting.

The Friends annual holiday celebration was well attended by members and their families and featured the usual amazing pot luck dinner and entertainment by classical lute musician Laudon Schuett.

The Friends once again decked the halls of the Page-Walker with holiday decorations and decorated a downtown Christmas tree for the Gifting Tree project. We also took part in the annual Barnes & Noble gift wrapping event.





**A**fter a very unusual winter weather pattern, it looks like spring is finally here. Planting day for the gardens was April 1 and everything is sprouting nicely. The smokehouse had some badly needed repair and maintenance work done recently, so the structure has a two-toned look but time will take care of that. We also recently dedicated one of the benches to Rachel Dunham. See story next page.

**ANNE B. KRATZER  
EDUCATIONAL**

# *Gardens*

*by Kay Struffolino*



Members of the garden committee cover general chores of overseeing the space, with each volunteer taking a 2-week shift throughout the growing season. We are also supported by Town of Cary Public Works department, who provides the irrigation system as well as staff assistance as needed.

The gardens provide a wonderful sanctuary for staff and visitors to sit, relax, eat lunch and just enjoy the beauty of the space! We will be involved in the annual HerbFest event on Saturday, May 6 with gardeners available to answer questions, give mini tours and provide brochures.

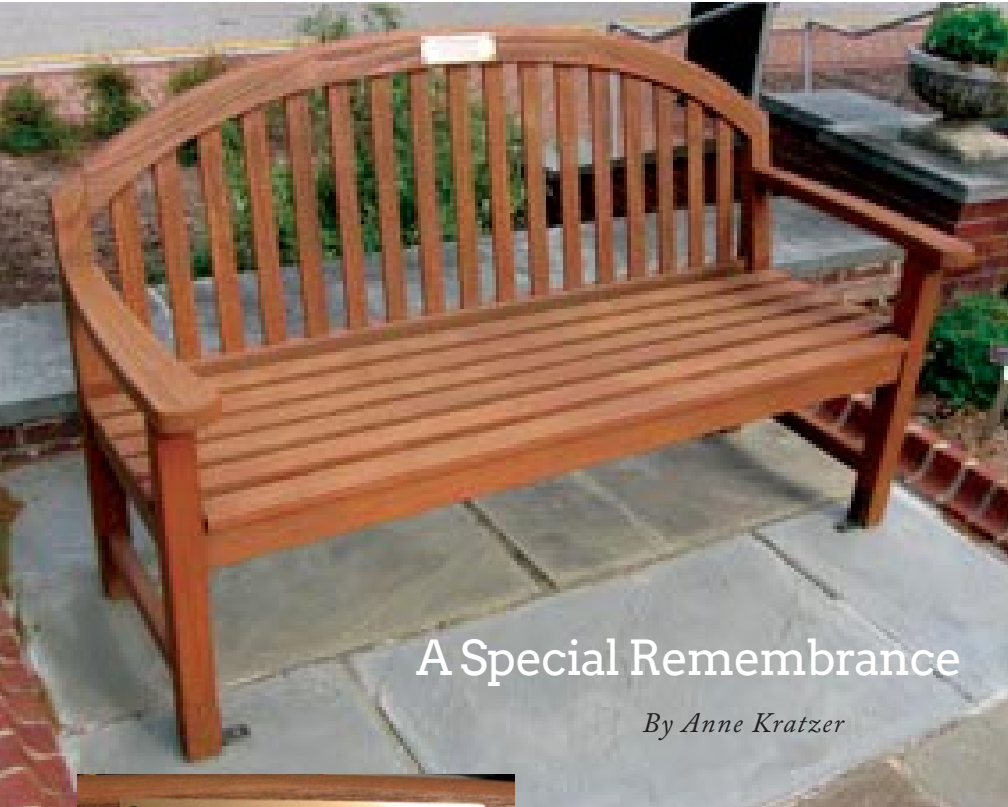
## WHITE PLAINS CEMETERY



### **"Leave" It To Our Volunteers!**

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who cleared many leaves from the White Plains Cemetery this past fall and then tidied it up for spring. The cemetery is looking splendid with the addition of some transplanted sweet flag and hellebores from the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Gardens on the grounds of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Thank you for sharing, garden volunteers!





## A Special Remembrance

By Anne Kratzer



Upon your next trip to the Page Smokehouse and beautiful herb gardens, take a moment to sit on the handsome garden bench and breathe in the wonderful fragrances. One of the individuals responsible for this retreat, and much more, is Mrs. Rachel Dunham who is recognized on a plaque recently affixed to the bench.



Who was Mrs. Dunham? A long-time resident of Cary, she and her husband, R.S. "Dad" Dunham, lived on a 30-acre tract on the corner of Kildaire

Farm and Cornwall roads, now the site of the Glenaire Retirement Community. Mrs. Dunham was a well-known horticulturalist, always sharing her plants with gardeners.

She also was a charter member of the Gourd Gardeners who were responsible for Cary being known as "the nation's gourd capital."

Mrs. Dunham loved Cary and encouraged like-minded individuals to preserve the important 100-year-old educational papers that were being stored in the basement of Cary Elementary School (now the Cary Arts Center). In the effort to preserve the papers, the Cary Historical Society was formed to complete the task. Mrs. Dunham also pointed out the importance of the smokehouse located on the estate of Frank Page, soon to be the site of the Cary Town Hall. In the 70s and 80s, she provided the plants for an herb garden around the smokehouse to protect the structure. In 1991, the smokehouse was moved to its present site, and Mrs. Dunham continued her interest in the gardens. Some of the plant material seen in the gardens, such as the hellebores, ginger and orris root, are reminiscent of Mrs. Dunham's garden.

A few members of the Cary Historical Society eventually formed a new organization, Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel, to restore the 1868 historic structure near the smokehouse, now the Town-owned Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Through her love of Cary, all can enjoy the vestiges of Cary's rich history.

A special thanks to Kris Carmichael, Supervisor of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, and Vincent Florio of Cary's Public Works Department, for the plaque installation.

*Rachel Dunham photo courtesy of The News & Observer.*

## [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](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org) to learn more or volunteer.*



### Meet Peggy Van Scoyoc

Peggy has served on the Friends board for 19 years. She is the current President of the Friends, having also served in that role from 2008 - 2010, as well as many years as secretary and oral history committee chair. Peggy serves on the

Friends' Speakers Bureau and has given many talks to community groups about her books and the history of Cary.

- Born in Johnstown, PA, famous for the Great Johnstown Flood of 1889 that my ancestors survived (or I wouldn't be here.) Their stories are incredible.
- Uncle made tombstones in his shop across the street from the largest cemetery in Johnstown. Spent many childhood Saturdays playing among the 777 unidentified flood victims' memorial section in the cemetery and looking throughout for stones with that same date: 5/31/1889. Family stories of the flood began Peggy's interest in history.
- Moved with family to Southern California at age 10. At age 30, moved to Silicon Valley and continued my first career as administrative assistant
- Returned to college, received B.S. from University of San Francisco; began second career in facilities management. Joined Cisco Systems 1991; transferred from California to Raleigh 1994 to establish east coast corporate campus in RTP. Retired from Cisco 1999.
- Completed 90 oral histories interviews to date; compiled many of them into two self-published books: *Just a Horse-Stopping Place* (2006), *Desegregating Cary* (2010).  
*[Ed. Note: Peggy generously donates substantial proceeds from her books to the Friends]*

- Received Town of Cary History and Heritage Award 2004; received Town of Cary Cultural Arts Award 2016; received Historic Preservation award from local Yates Mill chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Family's emigrating ancestor arrived in New Amsterdam from the Netherlands in 1636 and established a farm on what is now Wall Street. Genealogical research completed by a distant cousin traced the family to a farm in a small village in the Netherlands that they built in 1357. In 2005, Peggy traveled to the Netherlands, visited the farm that still exists, and was invited inside the house by the current owner. The house has been expanded and modernized, but the original section still stands, along with one outbuilding.
- Enjoys travel, genealogy, artwork, writing, reading, volunteering, family and friends



### Meet Cathy Richmond

Cathy is a 22-year board member of the Friends, having served multiple terms as Secretary. She consistently volunteers behind the scenes, setting up and providing goodies for the many Friends special events. Her legendary

sangria is a welcome addition to those events!

- Moved to Cary in 1994 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Soon after, read an article in the *Cary News* requesting volunteers for the Page Walker Guild; attended the meeting and has been an active member of the Page Walker ever since

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[MEET THE BOARD] *continued*

- Enjoyed the adventure watching the Page-Walker Friends organization grow
- Employed as Industrial Hygienist and owner of an environmental consulting firm in Cary, LRC Indoor Testing & Research
- Cathy and husband Tony have two boys and four beautiful, smart, talented (she could go on and on!) grandchildren – two in Raleigh and two in Montana
- Between working and family, manages to play tennis several times a week and is working on her golf game

- Bachelor of Science, Computer and Information Science, The Ohio State University
- He and his wife of 32 years, Laurie, have two grown sons, Benjamin and Andrew
- Senior Technical Staff Member and Master Inventor at IBM Corporation
- Holds more than 20 patents
- Recipient of Town of Cary History and Heritage Award, 2009
- Was part of the original group that developed Bluetooth wireless technology and principal author of the best-selling book about that technology, *Bluetooth Revealed*
- Also volunteers as chair of Cary’s Historic Preservation Commission; at the Koka Booth Amphitheatre; with Cary’s Citizens Assisting Police (CAP) team; and at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh. Previously volunteered with Boy Scouts, Northwoods Elementary PTA and as chair of Cary EMS board of directors
- Graduate of Town of Cary School of Government, Cary EMS Citizens Academy, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) basic training, Cary Police Citizens Academy, NC Institute of Political Leadership
- Enjoys travel, concerts, photography, reading, cooking and spending time with family



**Meet Brent Miller**

Brent has served on the Friends board for 12 years, including two as president. He is a member of the Friends Historic Preservation committee, produces the Friends annual “What Have We Got to Lose?” program and, with Leesa Brinkley publishes this newsletter.

- Born in Findlay, Ohio; also lived in Boca Raton FL, Charlotte NC, Lexington KY and Apalachin NY. Lived in Cary for 23 years.

**Another Great Season of Music at the PW** *By Trish Kirkpatrick*



The 2016-2017 Winter Concert Series was another successful celebration of music in the Page-Walker’s acoustically amazing parlor. Leading off the season was the Cary Youth Voices – Treble Choir and Concert Choir on December 11, followed in January by Celtic Moods and Melodies. Finishing the season, by popular demand, was NC Symphony concertmaster and first violinist Brian Reagin.

We are pleased to announce the performances and dates for the upcoming 2017 – 2018 series:

**Holidays in Rhythm with the Gregg Gelb Jazz Quintet**  
 Sunday, December 10, 4:00 p.m.

**Musique Accordeon with David DiGiuseppe**  
 Sunday, January 14, 4:00 p.m.

**Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert with Brian Reagin**  
 Sunday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

Visit our [website](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org) and for up-to-date event information and ticket purchases.

# Listen Up!



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**.

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 18. Please print, complete and return it today!

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

Carla Michaels  
Peggy Van Scoyoc  
Bob Myers  
Pat Sweeney  
Leesa Brinkley  
Pat Fish  
Brent Miller  
Jack Leavell  
Jim Bustrack

Ralph & Daphne  
Ashworth  
Ed & Carolyn Yerha  
Wil Trower  
Hal Bowman &  
Mercedes Auger  
Kay Struffolino  
Charlotte Ellington  
Camille Lambe

## Kudos to...

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

- Wade Carmichael for constructing and programming our new oral history station in the library of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. This new technology updates our outdated audio-only equipment in the museum and enables viewers to watch changing, on-demand audio-visual oral histories as told by icons in Cary's history.
- Cary Town Clerk Virginia "Ginny" Johnson, who visited the Friends at our April board meeting to share some of the amazing artifacts of the Clerk's office, including past and current official town seals, historical newspaper articles and official Cary Town Council meeting minutes dating back to the first half of the twentieth century.
- Anne Kratzer and Leesa Brinkley, with assistance from Peggy Van Scoyoc, Bob Myers, Barbara Wetmore, Carla Michaels, Kerry Mead, Brent Miller, Kris Carmichael and Jennifer Hocken, for producing the new Walking Tour for the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. This new brochure, scheduled to be published next year in conjunction with the building's 150th anniversary, will guide visitors to the Page-Walker and impart the building's history.
- Pat Fish for, so many things she does for the Friends, including leading many special events such as Herb Fest, Spring Daze, Lazy Daze and our Antiques Appraisal Fair – and also for applying her grant writing skills on behalf of the Friends, who are fortunate recipients of many grants that advance our work in the community.



## Speakers Bureau On Tour

### Free Presentations to Community Groups

On January 11, Peggy Van Scoyoc spoke at Heritage Pines, giving a new speech that tells Cary's history story through its buildings. It was very well received, with more than 50 attendees in the winter weather.

### 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

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.



LET'S BE  
FRIENDS!

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.

Find us online today!

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[www.twitter.com/FriendsofPW](https://www.twitter.com/FriendsofPW)  
<http://www.youtube.com/caryhistory>

## BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

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  
Cathy Richmond  
Kay Struffolino  
Pat Sweeney  
Sarah Welsch (Teen Council liaison)  
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 and Jennifer Hocken.

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. 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, Leesa Brinkley, Anne Kratzer, Kay Struffolino, Peggy Van Scoyoc. If you have articles, suggestions or ideas to share, please send them to Brent at [brent@posmoroda.com](mailto:brent@posmoroda.com).

# 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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**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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