

The Innkeeper



SPRING 2016

preserving the past, enriching the future

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.

At the November 19, 2015 Council meeting, Anne B. Kratzer received the Hometown Spirit Award, bestowed annually on a resident who enhances the quality of life in Cary by preserving, promoting and carrying out positive and quantifiable traditional small-town community values and traits.

Anne's nomination stated, "For more than 40 years, Anne has demonstrated leadership and a sense of community to preserve Cary's history. We believe that Anne Kratzer epitomizes Cary's hometown spirit. Her contributions to our community are significant, highly visible, valuable and long-lasting."

Anne started preserving Cary's history in 1973 when she and like-minded friends planted an educational herb garden around the Page-Walker's smokehouse in hopes of preserving the structure. She continued her preservation journey by forming the Cary Historical Society to save papers from the 1800s that were stored in the basement of Cary Elementary School. She then formed The Friends of the Page-Walker to restore, renovate and finally create what is now the Page-Walker Arts and History Center. Since that time, Anne has also overseen the restoration of the White Plains Cemetery and helped create the Cary Heritage Museum. Congratulations Anne!

Learn more about Anne on page 11.



Anne with fellow nominees Brent Miller and Desiree Kettler.



Amazing Anne!

Friends Founder Honored with Hometown Spirit Award

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
LEESA BRINKLEY

As the Friends dove into our 31st year, the board strategized about where the next 30 years might take us. We spent some time planning and discussing goals and program ideas. From those discussions several new initiatives are currently in the works. In the coming months, look for some new history education tools available to the community. We are currently working on putting our Preservation Speaker Programs pertaining to area cemeteries and the annual inventory of historic properties in an online format easily accessible from our website. We are also busy at work on two walking tours – one of downtown Cary and one of Hillcrest cemetery.

2018 will mark the 150th birthday of our beloved Page-Walker building and our minds are brimming with ideas on how to celebrate that milestone.

Spring is fast approaching and we will usher it in with our 7th annual Herbfest event on May 7, and our volunteers bring the Page Educational Garden back to life and spruce up the historic Nathaniel Jones cemetery. Another new initiative we are proud to be a part of is the Pollinator Garden coming soon on the grounds of the Page-Walker.

None of this happens without the tireless efforts of our board, members and volunteers. We can't accomplish what we do without your support. Please get in touch if you're interested in helping with activities. We also thank the Town of Cary for being a remarkable organizational partner with the Friends. We appreciate the support of the Town Council and the wonderful staff of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Cultural Arts department and Public Works department.

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
1st day of June of the year Anno Domini
Two Thousand and Sixteen,
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 1, 2016 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!

JOIN US!

Tuesday, March 22

7:30 pm

Scott Garlock, Photographer

Garlock shares his passion for North Carolina's old, abandoned structures and the unique stories he's experienced in capturing images featured in his most recent book, *Whispers from the Past*.



FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

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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.

UPCOMING EVENT

Herbifest

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER



**butterfly
release**
11:30 & 2:30

saturday, may 7

9 am to 3 pm

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

119 Ambassador Loop, Downtown Cary

Buy herbs and plants, visit our craft booths, stroll the beautiful grounds of the Page-Walker, tour the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Herb Garden and see our new pollinator garden. Food trucks, artist demos, silent auction and kids activities, too.

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or shine.

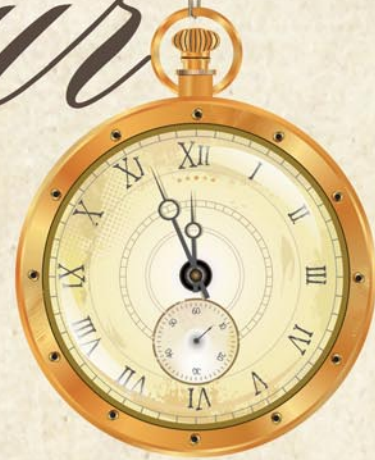


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PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL RESOURCES

UPCOMING EVENT

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL Fair



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, November 5

9 am to 4 pm

Page-Walker Arts & History Center
119 Ambassador Loop, Downtown Cary

Save the Date as noted *Antiques Roadshow* expert, Ken Farmer returns to examine your treasures.



Ken will host a special **Friday night presentation** with proceeds benefiting the Friends' ongoing historic preservation and archival efforts. In what promises to be an enlightening and entertaining evening, Ken Farmer will share some of the interesting adventures he's encountered working with the *Antiques Roadshow* as well as at other appraisal fairs.

Two other experts will join us for the Saturday Fair – including our very own Friends board member, Michael Edwards who will be examining jewelry. More details to follow.

Sponsorship opportunities available.

Email info@friendsofpagewalker for details.



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[HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS]

Program Series Relates Cary History

by Bob Myers, Peggy Van Scoyoc and Brent Miller

Our historic preservation program series continues to be popular, often playing to standing-room-only crowds at the Page-Walker.

On October 27, 2015, we presented **Documenting Cary's Past Through Oral Histories**, a program highlighting the Friends' oral history project. For the first half of the program, Peggy Van Scoyoc shared how the project came about, who had been interviewed thus far and what Cary has learned about its history from the people who personally experienced it. Once completed, the audio recordings and written transcripts from all interviews are submitted to the Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill where they have become part of the Southern Oral History Program (SOHP). The interviews can be found online via the Friends' website. The second half of this program was presented by Ms. Jaycie Vos, Coordinator of Collections at the Southern Oral History Program at the Center for the Study of the American South at UNC-Chapel Hill. Jaycie gave a history of the SOHP and what it contains. She then explained the benefits of the inclusion of Cary's interviews in the program, and how they are processed, preserved and made accessible to the public.

On January 26, expert art preservationist Janet Hassling described the step-by-step process of her restoration of a local treasure, a **portrait of Marcus Baxter Dry**. Dry was principal of Cary High School from 1908 to 1942. The portrait was created in 1948 by Mabel Pugh (1891-1986) a popular North Carolina illustrator, printmaker and portrait painter. The restored portrait was unveiled at the end of the program and will be hung in the Cary Arts Center. The Friends of the Page-Walker received a grant from the Town of Cary's 2014 Lazy Daze Arts & Crafts Festival that was used toward the fees to restore the painting.

Coming up on March 22, **Scott Garlock** of Macon, North Carolina will speak about his photographs of abandoned North Carolina structures. Venturing where few photographers would dare to go, Scott specializes in old and abandoned images. His primary focus is long forgotten rural southern homesteads, their architecture, landscapes, artifacts and abandoned American Iron left behind. *See page 3.*

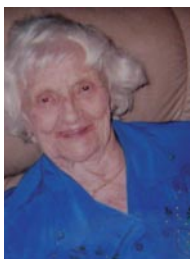
All of the Friends Historic Preservation programs are held at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center unless otherwise noted. The programs are free, open to the public and include refreshments.



Oral HISTORY

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

On October 15, 2015, **Dr. Phil Upchurch** was interviewed by Michael Edwards. Dr. Upchurch talked about the extensive genealogical research he is conducting for his family in North Carolina. His branch of the family settled in the Swift Creek section of Cary where they had a farm. There are many branches of the Upchurch family throughout the Triangle area and North Carolina, and he is tracing as many as possible.



In February we conducted three interviews. The first was **Colleen Booth Spencer** who shared the stories of her family going back to the early 1800s in Cary. Her grandfather, John Wesley Booth Jr., ran a general store on Reedy Creek Road. Her father taught for a few years at the Reedy Creek one-room school near the general store. A Cary native, Colleen remembered attending Cary High School on Academy Street and her life in downtown Cary.

The Booth family story continued with Colleen's brother, **Russell Booth**. He told us more details about the store, the school where his father, Guy Booth, taught before becoming a farmer and how the family farm encompassed the land that was bought by SAS to build their campus. The Booth family homestead stood where the SAS Academy driveway is today.



Barbara Mayton Fraser told us about her grandparents, Cary mayor Robert Waverly Mayton and his wife Ruth, who owned the Mayton house (recently moved from Academy Street to the site of the Mayton Inn) from 1950 to 1972. Robert Mayton was the mayor of Cary from 1937 to 1947, according to *Around and About Cary* by Tom Byrd. After her grandparents passed away, Barbara and her parents lived in the house for a few years until her father died, and then it was sold in 1976. The house was recently moved to be restored as the private residence of Colin and Deanna Crossman, the owners of the Mayton Inn.



Remodeled Web Site

By Bob Myers

If you haven't been to friendsofpagewalker.org in awhile, check it out! And try it from your mobile device. We are always adding new information to the site and we have recently revamped it so that it is user-friendly whether you visit from your desktop, tablet or smart phone. There is must-read information about upcoming preservation programs, concerts, our scholarship program and the 7th Annual Herbfest. There is also a wealth of information on the history of the Friends. Learn about us the next time you have a few free minutes and a phone.

Our Oral History page. Click on the 'listen up' graphic on the homepage, then scroll down to the list of interviews. The headphone icons (🎧) represent the audio interviews available for download. To listen, you might need to load the Music Player for Google app. You may also click on any of the names listed to read the interview transcripts.

ANNE B. KRATZER
EDUCATIONAL

Gardens

by Kay Struffolino



After the garden committee prepped the beds for winter toward the end of November, Mother Nature decided this beautiful spot should continue to show off. The plants agreed, so with lots of rain and warm temperatures, another growth spurt lasted well past the holidays. Finally, we are in winter mode! However, as with all gardening, there is “job security” – pruning of spent and dead plant parts, watching for anything that threatens a healthy garden and keeping the space tidy! So our wonderful gardeners continue their vigilance and maintenance.

The bay tree on the north side never fully recovered from winter damage two years ago. With the help of the grounds crew from Public Works, the decision was made to cut it back in the hope that it will successfully rejuvenate itself as the west-side tree did last year. The smokehouse’s “aging woes” continue and the appropriate folks are looking into some needed repair.

With spring just around the corner, our next big event will be planting day April 2 (weather permitting), when each garden committee member signs up for two-week slots to perform any necessary maintenance throughout the growing season. On Earth Day, April 22nd, the fourth-graders from Cary Elementary visit for a bit of environmental fun and education, then the annual Herbfest will be held on May 7.

All are welcome to come visit, get a brochure (available year round from the box under the fig tree) and enjoy the plants, birds, bees & butterflies.



Ready for Spring!



“Leaf” It To Our Volunteers!

Thanks to the great crew of volunteers who cleared a literal mountain of leaves from the White Plains Cemetery on December 5 and hung a cotton-adorned wreath on the gate for the holidays. L-R: Charlie Loyack, John Loyack, Olivia Loyack, Cheryl McClean, Lisa Hmelar, Carla Michaels, Barb Wetmore.



Holidays at the Page-Walker

It was a busy and fun holiday season at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Just after Thanksgiving, volunteers dressed up the building in holiday finery. During the Town’s Heart of the Holidays celebration, the Page-Walker hosted hundreds of visitors at an open house, where the Friends assisted Town staff and others with children’s activities, refreshments, entertainment and horse and carriage rides. The Friends annual holiday party included treats of good food and outstanding entertainment by the Cary High School Acappella Group. The Friends once again participated in the town’s Gifting Tree project, decorating a tree with key events in Cary’s history.



The Friends were invited on a hard hat tour of the new Mayton Inn on Academy Street just before it opened for business. We were led by the inn’s general manager, Sherrill Baker, on a tour of the Inn’s lobby, bar, restaurant and hotel rooms. The Friends are pleased to welcome the Mayton Inn and owners Deanna and Colin Crossman to Cary. We are especially pleased that this project included saving two of downtown Cary’s historic treasures, the Waldo house and the Mayton house, both of which were moved to the inn property and will be restored and preserved there.

Friends Wrap Up Winter Concert Series

By Trish Kirkpatrick

The 2015 Winter Concert Series completed another successful season of sold-out performances that delighted audiences. This season’s concerts continue the tradition of great local performers – **The Raleigh Boychoir** on December 13, 2015; **Celtic Moods and Melodies** (with Mara Shea and Roger Gold) on January 17, 2016 and **Brian Reagin** (North Carolina Symphony Concertmaster and 1st Violin) on February 21, 2016.

Now in its seventh season in its current format, it seems that both the audience and many of the most accomplished artists in the area have spoken and the Winter Concert Series is becoming a tradition. The series has found its “sweet spot” in the combination of the wonderful acoustics in the Page-Walker’s Main Gallery, the artists’ opportunity to perform in an intimate hall for a very appreciative audience and the hospitality of the Friends, the volunteer organization that sponsors the series.

Audience members are quick to share their opinions of the concerts. They’ve told us:

“For our family, The Raleigh Boychoir concert performing in the beautifully decorated Main Gallery is a wonderful way to enjoy the holiday season and we look forward to coming each year.”

“I am from Ireland. The Celtic Moods and Melodies concert this afternoon was wonderful. The music was as good as or even better than music I’ve heard in Ireland.”

“An artist of Brian Reagin’s exceptional caliber performing in the Main Gallery is an extraordinary experience. I would expect to travel to New York and stand in line at Carnegie Hall for such a concert.”

In addition to perennial favorites – The Raleigh Boychoir and Brian Reagin – the series has invited other artists including Bill Leslie of WRAL and various other North Carolina Symphony musicians for repeat performances. We also received requests to bring back returning favorites Tony Williamson of bluegrass fame and more Celtic music.

We hope and expect that the 2016 – 2017 Winter Concert Series will meet our audiences’ expectations. In combination with the November 2016 “Salon: An Evening of Arts and Culture” sponsored by the Town of Cary, audience members will have multiple opportunities to enjoy the exquisite acoustics and the outstanding performances in the Main Gallery of the Page-Walker Arts and History Center.

[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 Carla Michaels

Carla is in her second year on the Friends board of directors and is an active contributor to the Friends and to documenting Cary's history.

- Several generations of the Jordan and Yates families preceded Carla in Cary
- In her parents' brief time living away from Cary, Carla was born in Savannah, GA. Her parents thought better of it and moved back to Cary when Carla was 5 months old
- Attended 1st through 12th grades here, graduated from Cary High School and NCSU
- After college, Carla wandered the world through her husband's naval career and landed back in Cary "by choice" in 2009 after his retirement
- Member of Asbury Station NSDAR, Peace Presbyterian Church and Bible Study Fellowship International
- Family: husband Mike Michaels; one daughter, Anna, has chosen to live in Cary, too!
- Interests: family genealogy research, researching and reproducing antique needlework samplers (has stitched reproductions of over 50 historic samplers!) and reading Victorian-era novels



Meet Bob Myers

Bob has served on the Friends board for 14 years; as vice president from 2003-2006 and president from 2006-2008 and 2014-2015. He chairs the Friends historic preservation committee and is responsible for technology, including our web site.

- Born in Teaneck, NJ; family migrated to Greensboro in 1965
- Lived a few blocks from and attended same elementary school (Foust) as future wife Lisa Myers
- Married Lisa in June 1982; have two grown daughters, Jennifer (Greenville) and Anna (Cary)
- Lisa's father and grandfather are also named Bob Myers
- Graduated from Georgia Tech with Mechanical Engineering degree
- Hired by IBM in Boca Raton in 1983 where Bob first met a young software engineer named Brent Miller; stints with IBM in Charlotte, Lexington and Endicott NY before transferring to Raleigh in 1992
- Currently works for Toshiba Global Commerce Solutions in RTP
- 35 US Patents in printer design, self-checkout systems and other retail products and processes
- Graduate of inaugural Cary School of Government in 2003
- Received Town of Cary History & Heritage Award in 2007

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- Served on Wake County Historic Preservation Commission from 2008-2016 (Vice chair 2009-2015)
- Named to Cary Historic Preservation Commission in 2014 (Vice-Chair)

Meet Anne Kratzer



Anne is the founder of the Friends and a lifetime member of the board of directors. Anne and husband, Jerod, are perfect examples for the Friends' "Cary by Choice" button. After growing up in the northeast and then living in Nebraska, Thailand and California while Jerod served in the Air Force (1967-70) during the Vietnam War, upon discharge, they opened a map to decide where to live, and North Carolina seemed to hold a promise of everything good. With no jobs, and James Taylor singing "Carolina In My Mind" as they crossed the border into N.C. in 1971, they arrived in a small town called Cary (pop. 7000).

For Anne, the wonder years followed, which include:

- experiencing the total joy of having two phenomenal children, Alicia and Suzanne, and now precious grandchildren;
- meeting passionate neighbors and friends who joined in achieving success in opening preservation doors via the Cary Historical Society and Friends of the Page-Walker;
- treasuring the partnership of the Friends and the Town staff as the Page-Walker meets and exceeds all dreams; and
- loving every minute of 30+ years of watching K-6th grade students experience the joy of creation as their art teacher.

All might not have come to pass if an army recruiter, in 1966, had not rejected Anne and her friend's wish to join the army and be a part of the USO. Fresh off an outdoor stage performance for the troops at Fort Dix, N.J., they thought it would be great fun to continue their singing career. To this day, Anne is so grateful for the wisdom of the recruiter!

Farewell Friends

Several of our board members have moved to new places or new commitments. We regretfully but fondly bid farewell to:

- Mercedes Auger, a longtime board member and pillar of the Cary community
- Saskia Leary, our ever-present photographer
- Wil Trower, who led our public relations efforts
- Charles McDarris, whose legal expertise helped us revise our bylaws
- John Shaw, who reliably volunteered to help with whatever was needed
- Delaney Burns, who went off to college in fall 2015

We will miss each of these wonderful people and wish them the very best. Although they can't be replaced, we are always looking for new board members who want to share their time and talent with the community. If you're interested, contact us at info@friendsofpagewalker.org.

Speakers Bureau On Tour

The Friends speakers bureau was invited to speak to two community groups recently. In February, Peggy Van Scoyoc spoke to the Cary Woman's Club about early Cary history. The Cary Woman's Club has existed for over fifty years, and a few of their own projects were included in that early history.

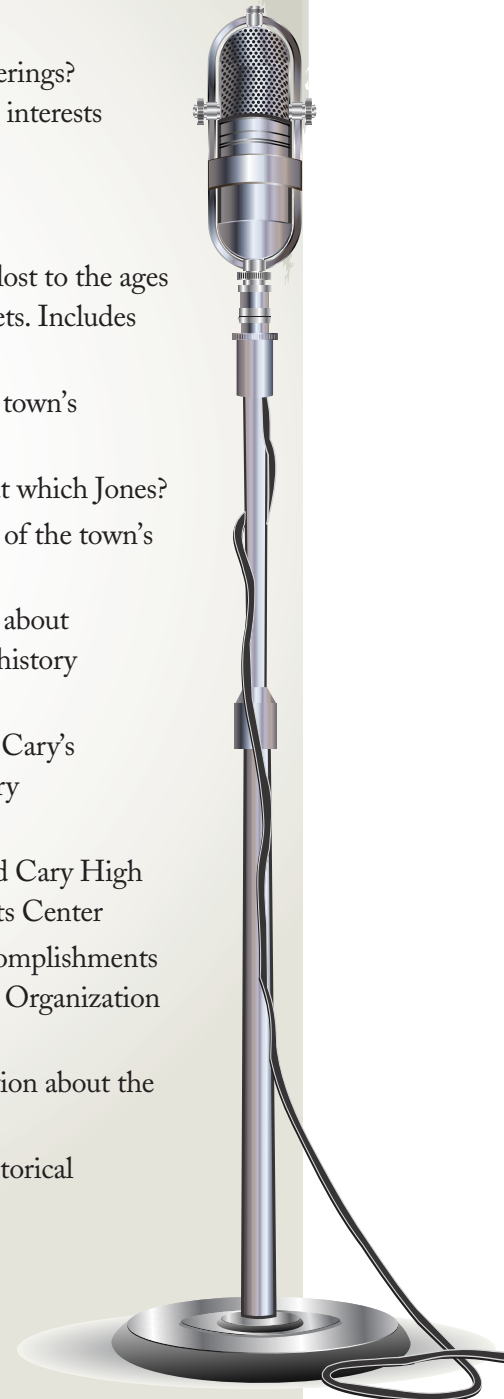
In January, Brent Miller presented **Cary Before it was Cary** – how our town came to be and who started it – to the Cary-Page Rotary Club. The club was chartered in 1989 and like the Page-Walker, traces its name to Cary's founder, Frank Page. The Cary-Page Rotary Club supports many organizations with service and financial assistance.

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.

Other 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!
- **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

To schedule a speaker, contact us at info@friendsofpagewalker.org.





A FUN SUMMER AWAITS AT THE

Page-Walker

Have you registered your children for summer camp? There is still time, and the Page-Walker Arts & History Center is offering several new history & heritage camps this year.

Herb Fairies (age 7-11)

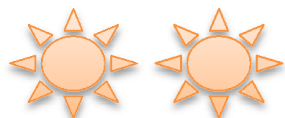
With the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Garden as a classroom, campers will discover the magical, natural world of herbs with Herb Fairies. Heritage uses of herbs, including culinary, medicinal and artistic uses will be explored through reading, writing, art and cooking.

Time Travelers: Life in Early Cary (age 10-16)

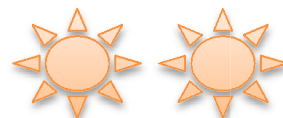
Travel back in time to Cary's founding! Campers will learn what life was like back in the mid-19th century through food, music, clothing, games, art and stories from the era. They will discover how Cary got its start in the 1868 hotel built by Cary's founder, Frank Page, and hear about the day the Civil War marched into town. Perfect for the young history buff!

For more information, visit classweb.townofcary.org for the complete program guide or call the Page-Walker front desk at (919) 460-4963.

TOWN of CARY



Page-Walker Arts & History Center Summer Camp Experiences



DRUMMING

CARY YOUTH VIDEO PROJECT

Bluegrass Camps

Traditional Lawn
& Board Games

Herb Fairies

Video Game Design

Scrapbooking

CARY CLOWN
COMEDY CAMP

Discovering Model Trains

Time Travelers

PHOTOGRAPHY

Pick up a copy of the **School's Out! Summer Camp Guide** to see the full list of camps. Available at all Town of Cary facilities. For more, call (919) 460-4963 or visit www.townofcary.org

[NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS]

by Kay Struffolino

In addition to being a partner organization of the Town of Cary, the Friends also collaborate with the Heart of Cary Association and the Cary Chamber of Commerce, where we are organizational members.

Heart of Cary highlights

The Heart of Cary Association (HoCA) began the new year focusing on the organization — who are we and where are we going? HoCA goals include supporting each other, increasing membership and attendance at monthly meetings, increasing social media presence, developing and monitoring the budget and making sure the organizational structure serves HoCA needs.

In January, HoCA was introduced to Cary's newest fire station #2, located on E. Chatham Street (this station replaces old station #2 located on Maynard Road, which could no longer house the personnel and equipment needed for the area it serves). The Assistant Chief of Operations and Assistant Chief of Logistics gave an overview of the new facility and interesting information:

- Depending on circumstances, response time into downtown is projected to be 2 - 3 minutes
- Cary has 222 paid members of the fire department
- The fire department responds even when 911 calls ask just for ambulance, because all personnel are certified as first responders
- All Cary fire stations also serve the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction and work with other municipalities as needed

Kyle Greer, vice president of Economic Development for the Cary Chamber of Commerce, gave HoCA members an overview of economic development in Cary and why it's necessary. Communities with a strong economy create an environment where people want to live in and businesses want to locate. With only about 17% undeveloped land left within Cary's jurisdiction, the challenge is to make decisions about the best use of this land along with redevelopment of existing parcels that might not be best serving the community.

In business and construction news:

- The Mayton Inn is now open
- The new coffee shop and concession area in The Cary, operated by "Brew", is now open
- Bond Brothers Brewery expects a grand opening in April
- Streetscape construction is dealing with weather-related delays but the connections of Walnut Street to Kildaire Farm Road and Dry Avenue to Harrison Avenue are expected in March
- Belle at the Jones House restaurant has closed; a new tenant will be sought

Cary Chamber of Commerce highlights

- The annual Breakfast with the Mayor was held January 27
- Parent chats with Bill Fletcher, Wake County School Board member representing Cary, continue on the first Thursday of each month from 1:00-2:00. No appointment is necessary; simply drop in
- The Chamber's weekly newsletter is now digital and available online
- The annual Day of Service will be March 22. Several local agencies need help; register at the Chamber of Commerce
- The annual Elected Officials Reception will be April 27 at MacGregor Downs Country Club
- The annual Honor-A-Teacher event will be May 9 at Koka Booth Amphitheatre
- The annual Member-Guest golf tournament will be June 13 at Prestonwood Country Club
- A trip to Ireland is planned for fall

Details on all these events can be found on the Chamber website (<http://www.carychamber.com/>) or by visiting the office in downtown Cary.

Thanks to Kay Struffolino for serving as liaison to both organizations.



**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.

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

Carla Michaels, Peggy Van Scoyoc, Bob Myers, Pat Sweeney, Leesa Brinkley, Pat Fish, Wil Trower, Brent Miller, Jack Level, Jim Bustrack, Ralph & Daphne Ashworth, Ed & Carolyn Yerha, Hal Bowman & Mercedes Auger
Kay Struffolino, Charlotte Ellington

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*.

If you have articles, suggestions or ideas to share, please send them to Brent at brent@posmoroda.com.

BOARD MEMBERS

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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 on page 3.

Begin or Renew Your *Membership* Today!

To join the Friends, or renew your existing membership, visit www.friendsofpagewalker.org or fill out the form below and bring it to the Page-Walker or mail it with your contribution to:

Friends of the Page-Walker
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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. 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:

Friends of the Page-Walker

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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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