

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

# The Innkeeper 30



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*Celebrating 30 years of preserving the past, enriching the future*



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Milestone!

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## Finding my path to 'Friend'ship

*I remember finding, on the Friends web site, Anne Kratzer's 9-part series about those early years and reading them back-to-back because I was so captivated by the amazing journey the early Friends went on and how hard they worked! I'm still in awe of what that small group of dedicated citizens were able to accomplish and so thankful to them for never giving up! Look at what we and future generations have gained from their efforts. Today, I am still in awe of this group of people who are still so passionate about preserving Cary's historic treasures!*

**T**his is what I submitted when asked to give a favorite Page-Walker memory for the Friends 30th anniversary homecoming event. Barb Wetmore, from our board, had a great idea to put together a memory book and asked all invitees to send her their memories. As the deadline for submission approached, I found myself trying to come up with something significant to say. Thinking back on all my wonderful Friends memories – the people and the events – I kept coming back to what first inspired me about this organization.

If you've never explored our web site, I would encourage you to spend some time clicking around, as there are treasures to be found. I certainly felt like I had uncovered a treasure when I found Anne Kratzer's series. As I read through her memories, I thought back to where I was in 1985. A high school senior, so young, who had no idea where life would take her. I certainly didn't have a clue as to what was going on four states away in Cary, North Carolina. But now, 30 years later, how grateful am I that those who came before me worked so hard and persevered to save this wonderful place that I now hold dear.

That's why I was so pleased when the board agreed to acknowledge our own history and celebrate with two August events. We had a bit of our own history lesson during the months spent planning. Anne dug up her old photos (which she took during the '80s and early '90s) that visually documented the process of saving the Page-Walker. The meeting where the committee first viewed the slides felt like Christmas to us! I hope you were able to view our video at either of

our events as it tells a wonderful story of the importance of historic preservation.

And I couldn't be more pleased with how both events went. The homecoming event was really a special day spent welcoming back those early Friends, Town staff and elected officials who helped get the Page-Walker back on track all those years ago. Our open house during Lazy Daze had the place buzzing with energy all day long and it felt awesome!

I am so grateful for all the Friends and volunteers who have contributed to our organization over the years. Your dedication, time and passion continue to serve as an inspiration for this generation and for *many* generations to come!

I would like to welcome our newest additions to the Friends board – Lisa Banks, Camille Eckerd Lambe, John Loyack and Cary Teen Council liaison Jonathan Chen. We are excited about the new talent and energy they bring to the organization.

As we embark on our 31st year, I encourage you to join us at the Page-Walker and learn more about this special place! Upcoming events can be found [here](#). I hope to see you soon!



P.S. If you need another reason to explore our web site, here you go! Our *Innkeeper* newsletter began publication in 1985. Thanks to board member Carla Michaels, all of the early editions of the newsletter are now available [here](#).

**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.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!



## Coming Home

The Page-Walker main gallery was packed as the Friends welcomed guests, including original board members and others who traveled across the state for the homecoming event on Sunday afternoon, August 9. Friends founder Anne Kratzer and former president Brent Miller recounted highlights of the past 30 years and Mayor Harold Weinbrecht presented a proclamation naming the day “Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel Day.” Guests were entertained by the Never Home 4 barbershop quartet, who arranged a custom tune for the occasion based on the melody of “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad.” Reminiscent of some of the Friends earliest fundraisers, guests enjoyed ice cream sundaes supplied by Ashworth Drugs along with homemade tea cakes baked using Helen Walker’s 100-year-old recipe.





## Thanks for the Memories

For the homecoming event, Barb Wetmore collected all sorts of memories shared by Friends over the years. Here are excerpts from some of those memories.

**From Anne Kratzer** – One evening, as I was preparing spaghetti sauce for my hungry family, the phone rang. The caller identified herself as a representative from SAS. She said that SAS would contribute \$20,000 for the third floor gallery space! She then said, “AND we want to also fund the first floor gallery!” I was speechless for only a moment and then was ecstatic. SAS became the largest contributor at \$45,000! Whenever I cook spaghetti sauce, I remember SAS and that evening of joy.

**From Peggy Van Scoyoc** – The Friends Guild was planning the first ever tea to be held in the main gallery. On the day of the tea, we all wore black skirts, white blouses and aprons. We had beautiful platters of tea cakes and cookies and we served each guest. As I was making the rounds with my platter, I scooped up a tea cake onto my silver serving spatula and was horrified to watch it slip off and right into the lap of the woman I was trying to serve. She was very gracious about it and laughed as she forgave me. For the rest of the tea, I found another way to serve tea cakes. Fortunately, nobody else saw what had happened and the tea was a huge success.

**From Barb Wetmore** – I was a young, full-time working mother when the call for a volunteer to water the great maple trees on the side lawns of the Page-Walker went out. They had been damaged some during the reconstruction and an hour of root soaking in the evenings would hopefully strengthen them. “I can do that!” I said. My little boy, Nathan and I would go down to the Page-Walker after supper, haul the hoses out of the smokehouse, hook them up to the faucets, and then sit on the porch for an hour while the roots soaked up the water. What a wonderful time we had, just talking, and watching the bunnies come out to nibble on the lawn. And when a train came by, oh boy! What a thrill!

**From Lindsey Chester** – We at CaryCitizen have had our Cary Scavenger Hunt at the Page-Walker for three years and we have enjoyed the outdoor and indoor facility VERY MUCH. The garden is a wonderful place to host events with all the native plants and sculptures. Love the Page-Walker.



The Page-Walker, circa 1995.

**From Gail Grant** – One of my favorite memories is the ice cream fundraiser during Lazy Days in 1986. The First Baptist Church graciously let us use the lawn in front of the Church and the property next door. A generous event supplier delivered and set up tables and chairs for us. Hershey’s donated the ice cream freezer and Coke gave us a soda machine for the day. We had several flavors of ice cream and a variety of toppings for sundaes. We had a lot of help pouring sodas and scooping out ice cream and although I do not remember the amount of the profits, I do know it was successful and worth the effort put into the day.

**From Kay Struffolino** – The gardens provide a peaceful, beautiful spot for town employees and the public. Each year on Earth Day, the 4th grade class from Cary Elementary walks down to enjoy a hands-on activity and a tour of the gardens. The plants are also a host site for bees and butterflies. However, gardening can also present a challenge or two ~ have you ever tried to conquer mint? After a solid year of pulling out bagful after bagful of the little traveler that migrated under, through and over the sidewalks and walls, I’m convinced it’s a lifetime challenge!

**From Anne Kratzer** – The Hotel was deteriorating at an alarming rate due to a leaky roof. The Friends began to raise funds for a tarp to cover the roof. As I was walking toward the Hotel on Academy Street, just in front of the Methodist Church, a Cadillac pulled over and the driver, a stately older man, leaned over and asked if I were a member of the group trying to raise funds for a tarp for the old hotel. I said that I was, and he took out his wallet and handed me a hundred dollar bill asking me to put it toward the tarp. I was shocked, as I had never seen a hundred dollar bill before, and so grateful for his support. It turned out that he had been a previous mayor of Cary, Mayor Rood.

*If you have a special Page-Walker memory to share, please email it to us at [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org).*



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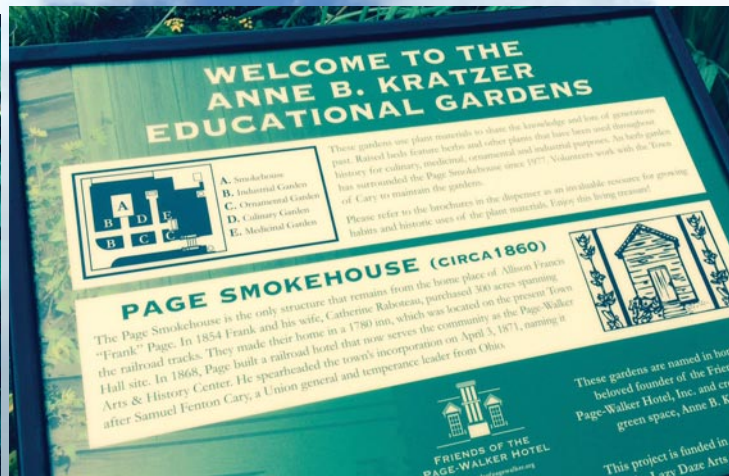


## Lazy Daze Fun

Just a few weeks after our homecoming, the Friends hosted visitors to the Page-Walker during Cary's Lazy Daze festival on August 22. The front porch welcomed folks where they could take advantage of a special \$5 membership drive. We handed out lots of buttons created for the occasion that announced wearer's status as either "Born in Cary" or "Cary by Choice." Many had their photos taken in our old-time photo booth created by Wade and Kris Carmichael. The Town Crier from Markham, Canada, one of Cary's sister cities, proclaimed the celebration of the Friends 30th anniversary. Inside, visitors found videos about the saving and restoration of the building and children's activities highlighting Cary's history. High Clouds duo performed in the main gallery. The weather was perfect and a fun day was had by all!







Anne with the Cary Town Council, July 23, 2015.

## Gardens Renamed for Friends Founder

Although an herb garden has complemented the smokehouse since 1977, the Page Educational Gardens were formally dedicated on April 1995. In our 30th anniversary year, the Friends wanted to honor our beloved founder and creator of the green space, Anne Kratzer.

On July 23, Town Council officially approved our idea and the Page Educational Gardens will now be known as the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Gardens.

Anne led the decades-long effort to restore the Page-Walker Hotel and led the group of garden volunteers for three decades. Thank you to the Cary Town Council and Town staff for their assistance in this endeavor. The Friends are pleased with this fitting tribute to Anne.

PHOTOS BY BRENT MILLER AND LEESA BRINKLEY



# DIDJA EVER WONDER?

## CARY HISTORY Q&A

**C**ary residents are interested in their community's history. We compiled a list of questions received from visitors at Cary's Lazy Daze festival, and Kris Carmichael and the Friends have done some research to supply the answers.

### Q: What happened to the Cary High School boys' dormitory on Academy Street?

There were at least two. The earliest one burned down; the later one was torn down to make way for later school buildings on the same site.

### Q: Is the Lane Bennett House still on Ebenezer Church Road?



PHOTO BY BRENT MILLER

Yes. The Lane-Bennett house was moved to Ebenezer Church Road sometime in 1980. It's a private residence now, and it's a Local Landmark and individually listed on the National Register. It now has a modern addition that is consistent with the original house. Pharis Yates (of Yates Mill fame) owned the house and left it in his will

to the daughter of his first marriage, Eugenia Yates. She married Joseph Z. Bennett, thus the second half of the current name of the house.

### Q: How many bedrooms were there in the Page-Walker Hotel?

Ten

### Q: How many people did the hotel hold?

Assuming double occupancy, twenty

### Q: Was the library one of the bedrooms?

Yes

### Q: In the photo of Kildaire Farm (on display in the library) – which direction is north?

The bottom of photo is north, with the view looking south



### Q: Who was Laura Duncan?

We don't have a definitive answer yet for this one – it might be more relevant for Apex history. We found several famous Laura Duncans throughout history, but none with a local connection.

Do you have a question about Cary's history? Send it to [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org) and we will try to find the answer and publish it in *The Innkeeper* and on Facebook.



On Sunday, August 9 at our homecoming, we were blessed to have the barbershop quartet, Never Home 4 kick off the event with this song they arranged specifically for us! Thanks guys!

Out across the tracks in Cary, stands a grand hotel.

Welcoming all weary strangers as they travelled through our town.

Then her Friends pitched in together, to give her a brand new day.

Now her spirit shines forever, Page-Walker here to stay!

Cary here we go, your spirit is aglow,

The arts have a brand new home.

Cary here we go, your spirit is aglow,

Hear the future call.

Can't you hear Page-Walker calling, I depend on you!

Thank you all good Friends and neighbors,

you sure pulled her through (and singing...)

Fee Fie fiddle-ee-i-oh!

Fee Fie fiddle-ee-i-oh!

Fee Fie fiddle-ee-i-oooooh!

Page-Walker is aglow!



PHOTOS BY LAURIE MILLER

## [HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS]

### Programs Remain Popular with Community

by Brent Miller

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

Our **March** program moved to The Cary theater for a presentation by Paul Klamer, (above left) Video Lab Supervisor at the Library of Congress, who traveled from Virginia to present “Preserving America’s Memories: Film, TV and Sound at the Library of Congress.”

In **April**, local Civil War authority and Executive Director of the City of Raleigh Museum Ernest Dollar presented “Civil War 150th Commemoration: The End of the War in North Carolina” to a packed house at the Page-Walker.

In **September**, another full house heard “Stories in Stone: A Look Back at Umstead’s Past.” Inspired by Tom Walker’s book *Stories in Stone: Memories from a Bygone Farming Community in North Carolina*, the program shared memories from the community that once existed on the land now occupied by William B. Umstead State Park. The program was co-presented by the Friends of the Page-Walker and the Umstead Coalition in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the park. Cheryl Hannah of the Umstead Coalition; Joe Grissom, who grew up on the land that’s now the park, and Peggy Van Scoyoc, oral historian (above middle) presented a fascinating history of this community treasure.

#### Mark Your Calendar

Our next historic preservation program is **October 27** on “Collecting and Sharing Oral Histories in the Digital Age.” At its core, an oral history interview is story telling. Learn how the Friends have been actively capturing the stories of our

community. Then in partnership with the Southern Oral History Program of UNC’s Center for the Study of the American South hear how they are shared online so that historians, students and curators alike can learn more about what makes Cary the community it is today.

At our program on **January 26, 2016**, “Caring for Our Treasures: The Restoration of the Marcus Baxter Dry Portrait,” expert Janet Hessling shares the step by step process of painting conservation, specifically how she restored this local treasure. 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.

On **March 22, 2016**, we are delighted to welcome Scott Garlock, an abandoned genre photographer from Macon, NC. 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. He also enjoys photographing beautiful wildlife and animals that he has been fortunate to have met along the way. As a naturalist and historian, Scott believes in the preservation of the structures, their contents and surrounding landscapes. Nothing is ever disturbed and always left as discovered.

We have a great group of dedicated individuals on our preservation committee but we can always use fresh ideas. If you are interested in the preservation of Cary buildings, neighborhoods and artifacts, please contact Bob Myers [bob.myers.cary@gmail.com](mailto:bob.myers.cary@gmail.com).





# Herbfest

FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER

## 6th Annual Herbfest was a Great Success

by Brent Miller

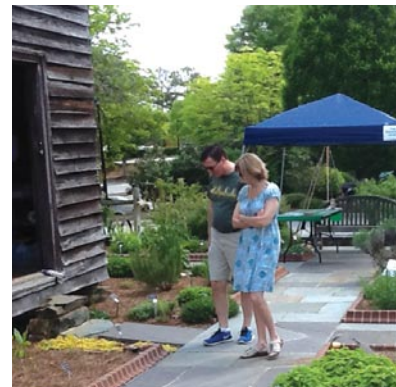
Herbfest continues to grow and has become a community tradition that is well attended by vendors and visitors alike. In addition to the herbs, garden accessories and related products for sale, activities this year included guided tours of the gardens, an overflowing silent auction, children's activities, advisers from the Wake County Extension Master Gardeners and of course, a visit from The Butterfly 'Lady.'

For the first time, we held a bake sale that was organized and run by our newly formed Young Friends of the Page-Walker. This initiative was started in an effort to raise awareness of Cary's history and cultural arts with the teens of our community. The sale raised over \$300 and those funds will be used toward our first official Young Friends event – Paint the Page – that was held on October 4 (see next page).

The popularity and success of Herbfest is a result of the efforts of many people. The Friends especially thank the Town of Cary staff, including Kris Carmichael, Lyman Collins, Jennifer Hocken and the fantastic public works staff who set up and take down all of the tents and tables; Peggy Van Scoyoc, who oversees the silent auction; our Garden Committee, who offer tours and share their knowledge of the plants in the garden; our Events Committee, who manage all of the planning for this event; Sarah Welsch and the Young Friends steering committee and Cary Teen Council for their helping hands throughout the day.

Save the date for next year's event – Saturday, May 7!

PHOTOS BY KAY STRUFFOLINO AND LEESA BRINKLEY







On Sunday, October 4, 2015, The Young Friends of the Page-Walker invited teens ages 14 to 18 to paint, draw or sketch their artistic impression of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. The following Sunday, a reception was held to showcase the 16 inspired entries. Thank you to our fantastic judges – Kris Carmichael, Jerry Miller and Anne Kratzer who awarded six prize packages donated by our phenomenal sponsors:

- Jerry's Artarama
- Askew Taylor
- Frantz Automotive
- Great Harvest Bread
- Paint Your Pot
- Publix
- Starbucks
- Town of Cary
- Twisted Scissors Salon

Learn more about the Young Friends of the Page-Walker [here](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org).



Above, our Best in Show entry will hang in the Page-Walker until the end of the year.





# WINTER *Concert* SERIES

By Trish Kirkpatrick

The Winter Concert series began in 1992 as the first programming element at the newly restored Page-Walker. At that time, only the first floor of the building was open to the public. For its upcoming 19th year, the Winter Concert series is certain to remain popular with the community. A mix of new and returning acts will delight audiences in the parlor of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, which was once described as having acoustics that “are the finest in the Triangle for chamber music.”



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

### Raleigh Boychoir Performing Choir and Young Men’s Ensemble

What better way to get in the holiday spirit than to listen to heavenly voices performing holiday classics? Choir members have performed at the White House, Carnegie Hall, and the National Cathedral. Led by Resident Choir Director Danny Yancy and accompanied by Megan Yohman, the Performing Choir and the Young Men’s Ensemble will bring an afternoon of wonderful choral music to the Page-Walker.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

### Celtic Moods and Melodies with Mara Shea and the Elftones

You’ll find it hard to resist dancing to this Celtic fiddle and guitar duo. Mara Shea and Roger Gold are The Elftones, known for their lively music from Scotland, England, Ireland, and North America. Their music is lyrical, playful, melodic and upbeat – it can lift your spirits and make your heart sing. Roger’s beautiful, rhythmic, and complex guitar style compliments Mara’s sweet, strong playing and the rich voice of her 5 string fiddle.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

### Brian Reagin Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert\*

Brian Reagin, violinist and Concertmaster of the North Carolina Symphony, returns as a favorite to the Friends Concert Series. 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 are \$16 (tax inclusive). Tickets may be purchased at The Cary Theater (122 E. Chatham St). Box Office hours are T-F, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; online at [etix.com](http://etix.com) (search for “Page-Walker”) or by phone at 1-800-514.3849. Visit our [web site](http://www.friendsopagewalker.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.



## [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 Sarah Welsch

- Sarah is serving her second year on the board as our Cary Teen Council liaison.
- Junior at Panther Creek High School
- Cary resident since 4th grade
- Also serves her community as her school's Key Club President
- Panther Creek Yearbook Chief Editor
- Favorite hobbies include reading, running and playing with her golden doodle, Callie
- Favorite food: pasta!
- Only member of her family with red hair for over four generations!

### Meet Pat Fish

- Pat is a lifetime member of the Friends board of directors and our longtime treasurer.
- Born in Illinois, grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida

- Husband, Hugh; one son and one daughter; four grandchildren
- Has lived in East Tennessee, Washington DC area, Dallas and Austin, Texas and Cary
- Stayed home with her children for 14 years while earning a BS in Accounting degree
- Accounting profession spent in the cable television industry in Dallas, Austin and North Carolina, and private accounting firms in Cary and Raleigh
- Has proudly served on the Friends board for more than 20 years
- Activities include spending time with grandchildren, exercise (walking, running, biking), travel, cooking, Bible study
- Hugh and Pat are enthusiastic sports fans, highlighted by passionate support for the Duke men's basketball program – Go Duke!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Haunted Tales of Yesteryear

Saturday, October 24 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$17

Spooky stories, ghostly legends, and a bit of mystery dramatized by Cary Players will send a chill up your spine! Experience macabre scenes performed in the historic rooms of the 1868 Page-Walker, and then enjoy apple cider and other tasty treats! Recommended for ages 12 & older. Purchase your tickets online at [etix.com](http://etix.com) or at The Cary Theater box office.

### New SALON event

Friday, November 6 | 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$20

Modeled on historic European salons in which guests gathered in the homes of the elite for art, food and conversation, attendees will enjoy performances by poets, musicians and thespians while surrounded by fine art in the Page-Walker gallery. Refreshments that reflect the event's inspiration will be served. Purchase your tickets online at [etix.com](http://etix.com) or at The Cary Theater box office.

### Holiday Open House

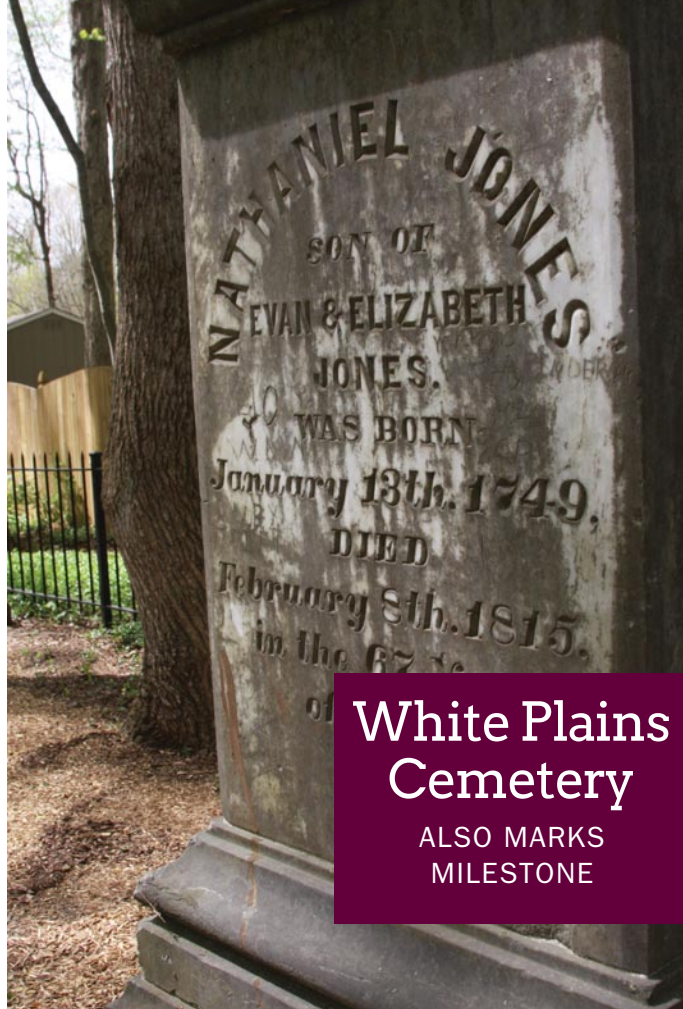
Saturday, December 5 | 4 to 6 p.m.

FREE

Get into the holiday spirit! Learn about Victorian holiday traditions while touring the 1868 historic hotel. Listen to Victorian Carolers and take a horse-drawn carriage ride. Kids can participate in a hands-on holiday craft. Taste holiday treats and view historic rooms decorated for the season by the Friends of the Page-Walker.

For more information, call (919) 460-4963 or [click here](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org).





## White Plains Cemetery

ALSO MARKS  
MILESTONE

by Barb Wetmore

2015 marks not only the 30th anniversary of The Friends of the Page-Walker, but also the 200th anniversary of the death of Nathaniel Jones, who is buried in one of Cary's oldest and most historic sites, the White Plains Cemetery.

Who was Nathaniel Jones? Besides being the owner of 10,000+ acres of land that comprise much of present-day eastern Cary, Jones (1745-1815) served as a Wake County Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, member of the General Assembly and delegate to the Constitutional Convention in Hillsborough in 1788. In 1792, he offered his land to the state for the future capital of North Carolina, but land owned by Joel Lane was eventually selected in nearby Raleigh.

Jones named his plantation White Plains after its fields of white cotton. His family cemetery, located in the Maynard Oaks subdivision, contains not only his grave, but that of his second wife, Rachel Perry Jones, and at least 9 other descendants thought to be children. The Jones family home stood on Walnut Street until the 1950s. The cemetery, which likely dates to 1780, had fallen into disrepair by the 1970s. Through a 35-year collaborative

effort between the Cary Historical Society (from which The Friends of the Page-Walker was formed), the Town of Cary and SunSouth Homes, the cemetery was restored and formally welcomed as an historic site on October 22, 2011 at a Remembrance Day celebration attended by Town representatives, Friends of the Page-Walker, Cary Historical Society members, Maynard Oaks residents, Daughters of the American Revolution and descendants of the Jones family.

Jones is noted for his last will and testament, in which he requested that his slaves be set free, 50 years before the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation. In his words:

I suppose it will be asked my reason for Emancipating my Negro Slaves (as soon as) the laws of the State will admit or Tolerate it, which reasons are as follows:

*Reason the first, agreeable to the rights of man, every humane person, be his colour what it may, is entitled to Freedom, when he or she or they arrive at mature years.*

*Reason the second, my conscience the grate Criterion condemns me for keeping them in slavery.*

*Reason the third, the Golden Rule directs us to do unto every Humane Creature, as we would wish to be done unto, and shure I am, that there is not one of us would agree to be kept in slavery during a long life.*

*Reason the fourth and last, I wish to die with a clear conscience that I may not be ashamed to appear before my master in the future world.*

In this the 200th year since Nathaniel Jones was laid to rest, the Town and a group of volunteers teamed up to give the cemetery a spring refresh, planting new ground cover and azaleas, transplanting a Redbud tree, and spreading new mulch in the planting areas and the trails.

Thank you to the dedicated group of volunteers from the Maynard Oaks neighborhood, the Friends of the Page-Walker, and the Town employees with whom they continue to partner to care for and maintain this historic treasure: the John Loyack Family, The Matthew Lietzke Family, The Jerred Copeland Family, Kay Hawkins, Anne and Jerod Kratzer, Carla Michaels, Sarah Welsch, Barb and Nelson Wetmore, Rhonda McKay, Camille Lambe, Beverly Samuelson, Lisa Hmelar, Ray Mann, Jay Labau, Kevin Steed, Lenny Lloyd.



ANNE B. KRATZER  
EDUCATIONAL  
*Gardens*



## Ready for Fall

*by Kay Struffolino*

The educational herb gardens continue to flourish heading into fall and provide artistic “sculptures” from plants going dormant for the season while also providing host plants for butterfly wannabes. Volunteers continue to lead tours of the gardens, including a group of Cary Elementary fourth graders who visited on Earth Day.



Our fantastic, colorful new brochure is now at the garden and available for visitors!

Lazy Daze #39 is in the record books. This year saw a new location and lots of changes. According to those participating or attending, it was a resounding success. The herb garden area was the location for the beer garden, sponsored by Cary’s Sister Cities Association, and with thousands of folks in and around that space, the gardens were enjoyed but undisturbed. The community continues to be amazed by this delightful place, which is maintained totally by volunteers – thanks much to all of them and to the Town of Cary’s Public Works department for their support and help!





# Oral HISTORY

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

Since the last *Innkeeper* was published, we have talked to three more people, bringing our total to 84 oral history interviews that preserve

Cary's history. On April 1, 2015, J. Raoul Maynard told us about growing up in Cary and some great stories about Cary High School. On April 14, 2015, Ron Barbee gave us a full history of the Barbee farm on Davis Drive, his ancestors and many of the other families on the west side of today's Cary. And on August 19, 2015, Ray Sparrow told us about the book he is writing about all of the people who helped to make Cary what it is today, covering the time from 1950 – 2000. Mr. Sparrow had his own construction company and built many houses and commercial buildings throughout Cary. He was also involved in North Carolina politics. All three of these latest interviews add so much to our knowledge about our wonderful town.



J. Raoul Maynard



Ron Barbee



Ray Sparrow

The first 55 interviews conducted by the Friends were recorded on cassette tapes. To celebrate the Friends' 30th anniversary, in July, 2015, all of those recordings were converted to a digital format. They have been uploaded to the Southern Oral History Program's cloud at UNC-Chapel Hill, and they are also now in the Friends cloud. You can listen to the actual voices of all the people interviewed and hear firsthand their fascinating stories. Click [here](#) to find those voices and learn more about our town's past.

## Have Your Cake and Learn Something Too!

Victorian Tea Party birthdays are now being offered at the Historic Page-Walker! These unique parties combine history education, costumes, kids and cake.

Children ages 5-12 can have a birthday party hosted by an instructor dressed in Victorian clothes, at which they will learn about tea party etiquette while having fun and celebrating. They will also make a craft from the Victorian era. Parents provide the cake and decorations, and staff provides the lesson and craft. To book a party or learn more, call the Page-Walker staff at 919-460-4963.





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

### Upcoming Heart of Cary events

- Downtown Harvest Festival: October 24, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. with lots of games, food, vendors
- Ole Time Winter Festival: December 5, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Upgrades and renovations to the Cary Chamber of Commerce building have been completed and additional landscaping will be done this fall.

### Upcoming Chamber events

- Parent chats with Bill Fletcher, Wake County Board of Education representative, continue each month on the first Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and third Monday at 11:00 a.m. – no appointment necessary
- Annual Member Recognition event October 7
- Annual Business Expo Wednesday, November 4 at Prestonwood Country Club
- Leadership Cary sessions begin November 10

## *heartfelt* APPRECIATION

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

- The fantastic support of Lyman Collins, Robbie Stone, Kris Carmichael and Jennifer Hocken – taking care of so many details to ensure successful, enriching events for our community.
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- For our garden and White Plains Cemetery committees for their continued dedication to the upkeep and beautification of these two important pieces of land.
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- > Judy Rysdon for her donation of important membership information.
- > Lauren Tuttle Figg, daughter of former Board President Phyllis Tuttle, for lending her grandmother's historic clothes for display in the 2nd floor cabinet.
- The many people who made our 30th anniversary events a great success, including:

**Board members:** Brent Miller, Pat Fish, Anne Kratzer, Leesa Brinkley, Barb Wetmore, Sarah Welsch, Ed Yerha, Carla Michaels, Kay Struffolino, Peggy Van Scoyoc, Pat Sweeney, Kirk Fuller, Wil Trower, Bob Myers, Camille Eckerd Lambe, Jonathan Chen, Renate Thompson, Olene Ogles and Saskia Leary

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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!

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

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

## 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](mailto: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, Kris Carmichael, Jennifer Hocken and Robbie Stone.

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 19.



## Friends Speakers Bureau available for your next function!

Need a speaker for monthly meetings, luncheon programs or special gatherings? The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel offer educational and entertaining talks on a host of topics.

Presentations can range from 20 minutes to an hour and can be tailored to fit the interests of your group. Although we always attempt to meet the needs of your group, volunteer availability may affect scheduling.

### 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](mailto:speakers@friendsofpagewalker.org) or (919) 460-4963.







**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



**FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL**

**CONTACT THE FRIENDS**

Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel  
Box 4234, Cary, NC 27519  
(919) 460-4963 program information  
email: [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org)  
[www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org)

**Information about the Friends**

President Leesa Brinkley (919) 460-7535

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 2015 - 2016, 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](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 Hotel**  
Box 4234  
Cary, NC 27519

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

## Individual, family, and civic group memberships:

- Individual \$30
- Family \$50
- Community Partner \$100
- Sustaining Member \$150 (Includes your choice of *Around and About Cary* or *Just a Horse-Stopping Place* book)
- Silver Sustaining Member \$250 or more (Includes 2 winter concert series season tickets)
- My employer, \_\_\_\_\_ has a matching gift program.

## Business memberships:

- Business Member \$250 (Includes 2 winter concert series tickets)
- Business Partner \$500 or more (Includes 2 winter concert series tickets)

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**NAME/ORGANIZATION**

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**ADDRESS**

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**CITY/STATE/ZIP**

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**TELEPHONE**

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**E-MAIL ADDRESS**



# COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ORDER FORM

Be A Part Of History And Make Your Mark

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

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

**Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel**  
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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