

The Innkeeper



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preserving the past, enriching the future



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Friends advocate for historic Ivey-Ellington

Location, location, location. It's still key, even after 146 years

by Barb Wetmore

“The amenities that are on Main Street, the specialty retail and the architecture and all that, are what drive people wanting to live there and build homes there and move their corporations there. All of that is the Main Street, the historic part of town, it's the honey to all the bees. We need to save small-town America, man. Because that's the roots of our country.”

– Mike Wolfe, creator of American Pickers

If you visit the Cary Museum on the third floor of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center – and you should – take a good look at the diorama and accompanying illustration showing what downtown Cary looked like in the late 1800s. You might have a hard time recognizing anything because many buildings dating from the 1800s have been lost over time. However, in the first block of West Chatham Street, the oldest commercial area in Cary is still standing: the Scott Dry Goods Store (home to Elizabeth's) and Everybody's Store (where Creative Images now resides) date to the turn of the century. The Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house, the little house next to Elizabeth's that many people think is a church, was built near the time the Town was incorporated, in the early 1870's. You can understand why the Friends were concerned to learn that one of these buildings could be seriously impacted by proposed new development.

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Not a church

That building is the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house. And no, it is not and never was a church. Built around 1870, it was the residence of Thaddeus and Mary Downes Ivey and family, and later the J. Harrison Ellington family and Cary's first fire chief, H.H. Waddell. Its rare Gothic Revival architecture, not common in rural residences at the time it was built, is one of the characteristics that earned it a National Register of Historic Places designation in 2008. During the 1890s, drovers frequently took a rest on the front lawn during the cattle drive from Chatham County to Raleigh. Today, the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house is owned by the Town of Cary and its front lawn is used to host public gatherings for festivities and markets.

Relocation could result in loss of National Register designation

Since learning in April that proposed new mixed-use development could result in the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house being moved from its present and original location, the Friends have taken action to try to persuade the developer, Northwoods Associates LLC; Town Council members; and the public that the house should stay where it is. As stated by the National Register of Historic Places, "...significance is embodied in locations and settings as well as in the properties themselves. Moving a property destroys the relationships between the

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property and its surroundings and destroys associations with historic events and persons. A move may also cause the loss of historic features such as landscaping, foundations, and chimneys, as well as loss of the potential for associated archeological deposits.” Sadly, a relocation of the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house could result in the loss of its National Register status.

The Friends quickly began alerting the public to the two best scenarios for the historic house: keeping it in its original historic location, or moving it closer to Chatham



Street and its neighbor, the Scott Dry Goods Store. These choices would likely keep the house on the National Register. In addition, the Friends notified the public about our other concerns: the impact of a 4-story office building and additional curb cut (wide 2-lane drive) to the new stores

and parking deck that are part of the proposed new development. The Friends also suggested that a most appropriate use for the historic house would be as a Welcome Center and Museum, giving the entire community the opportunity to learn about Cary’s rich history and the phenomenal opportunities that Cary provides for its citizens.

Action plan

Actions taken by the Friends to advocate for the house remaining on its original site included:

- Distribution of fliers about the plan to move the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell House to those who attended the Farmers’ Market on the front lawn of the house, and to community groups.
- Letters sent to those who were involved in the restoration and celebration of the Page-Walker Hotel over 30 years ago asking them to let Council know of their support for the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell House.
- Meetings with each Council member explaining the importance of safeguarding our historic treasure, and a presentation at a “Public Speaks Out” on May 12.
- A formal resolution from the Friends’ Board of Directors sent to the Cary Town Council on June 1 explaining our concerns. You can read that resolution [here](#).

The developer of the Northwoods project, George Jordan, graciously invited a small committee of the Friends to meet with him on July 12 to discuss his development and the impact on the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house. He told the committee that he was no longer proposing moving the house behind Elizabeth’s (part of the original proposal), which was a great relief. However, he would need to meet with his architecture/design team to discuss the implications to his development if the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell House were to remain on the streetscape of West Chatham Street. In a follow-up meeting on September 8, George and his partner Jordan Gussenhoven told the committee that while the architecture/design team determined that the house could remain on its original site if moved slightly to the east

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and closer to Chatham Street, the negative impact to scale, density, walkability, and vehicular access to the parking garage made it unlikely that they could support such a plan. George suggested that perhaps moving the house to a prominent site on Academy Street near the new park might be an alternative. The Friends continue to take the position that the first and best choice for preserving the historic story of the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house would be to keep it in its current location.



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With thanks

The Friends are grateful to the following for their input and willingness to listen: Cary Town Council; Town Manager's Office; Planning Department and Downtown Redevelopment Branch; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department; Claudia Brown, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

We are also grateful to George Jordan and Jordan Gussenhoven for listening to our concerns and investigating ways that our historic treasure can be honored for generations to come.

And we are grateful to the many citizens who have written to the Town Council and local media in support of the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house, while stressing the importance of respectful development, integrating historic and new, and connecting us to our past.

Share your opinion

If you haven't already, please write or email the following to tell them how you feel about the Ivey-Ellington-Waddell house.

Email to full Town Council

council@townofcary.org

Mailing Address

Town of Cary, P.O. Box 800, Cary 27512

Mayor Harold Weinbrecht – harold.weinbrecht@townofcary.org

At-Large Representative Lori Bush – lori.bush@townofcary.org

At-Large Representative Ed Yerha – ed.yerha@townofcary.org

To find your District Town Council representative, use the Election Polling Places app [here](#)

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District B: Don Frantz – don.frantz@townofcary.org

District C: Jack Smith – jack.smith@townofcary.org

District D: Ken George – ken.george@townofcary.org



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
PEGGY VAN SCOYOC

Strong Partnerships, Big Accomplishments

I feel so privileged to have become the president of the Friends in July 2016. This is a very exciting time for us, with so many things being planned and recently introduced. Our seventh annual **Herbfest** was once again a huge success in May. A **pollinator garden** was planted on the grounds of the Page-Walker Hotel and has already won national certification. The project was a collaboration of Town of Cary's Adopt a Spot Program, the Cary Woman's Club, the Cary Garden Club, the Friends of Page-Walker and Girl Scout Olivia Loyack. Olivia's project is called "The Plight of the Honey bee" (see page 8). Another Girl Scout project, a **walking tour of downtown Cary**, was recently completed and includes drawings of historical buildings and information about each one. These brochures are available at the Page-Walker. And a walking tour of Cary's **Hillcrest Cemetery** has been completed. Brochures have been placed at the entrance to the cemetery, with a map of the graves and information about their occupants.

Lazy Daze this year was on Town Hall campus, including the Page-Walker, and was extended to two days to celebrate the event's 40th year (see page 12). The second annual **Paint the Page** youth event took place on October 2 with a reception following on October 9 (see page 16). On October 25, our much acclaimed preservation program series continues with "**More Mysteries and Secrets: Exploring Cary Area Cemeteries,**" which you don't want to miss (see page 13). We are very excited to host our third **Antiques Appraisal Fair** on November 5 with the returning appraisal team of Ken Farmer from the Antiques Road Show (see page 14). He will give a talk at a wine reception the evening of November 4. And in December, our winter concert series begins with the **Cary Youth Voices Treble Choir and Concert Choir** (see page 11). Also in December, our **Holiday Open House**, happening from 4 to 6 pm on Saturday, December 3.

The Friends are so blessed to have such a strong partnership with the Town of Cary, the support of the Town Council, the Cultural Arts department and all of the Page-Walker staff, as well as the Public Works department. Together with all of them plus so many volunteers, we are working hard to bring such wonderful programs and events to our beloved town.



Peggy Van Scoyoc, Sarah Welsch Win Major Awards

Each year the Town of Cary recognizes Volunteers for Cary Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources who donate thousands of hours each year to help make it possible to provide programs and services for the citizens of Cary and surrounding communities. This year, like many previous years, award winners include board members of the Friends.

Friends President Peggy Van Scoyoc received the Cultural Arts award and Teen Council liaison and Young Friends of the Page-Walker leader Sarah Welsch won the Outstanding Teen award. Congratulations Peggy and Sarah! Visit the [Town of Cary Volunteer Hall of Fame](#) to see all award winners.

Sarah was also selected as one of three Cary Notable Teens by *Cary Magazine* this year. Read all about it [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.

UPCOMING EVENT

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL Fair



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

Saturday, November 5

9 am to 4 pm | \$10 per item

Tickets purchased in one hour time slots

Make plans to attend the Friends of Page-Walker's Antique Appraisal Fair. Noted PBS Antiques Expert, Ken Farmer from Farmer Auctions and his team of experts, will examine your item and give verbal assessment.

Proceeds benefit the Friends' ongoing historic preservation and archival efforts.

SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT PRESENTATION & RECEPTION

Tales from the Road and New Discoveries by Ken Farmer

Friday, November 4 | 7 pm | \$25 per person



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 his own firm. Wine, cheese and dessert reception. Seating is limited.

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Special trees at the Page-Walker add to its history

by Lois Nixon

Three very common native trees of special interest are located on the Page-Walker Arts and History Center grounds.



The Memorial Brick patio in the courtyard of the Page-Walker Hotel is shaded by a large old Willow Oak, *Quercus phellos*, estimated to be more than 50 years old. Although it is unlikely that it is as old as the hotel, the tree was given a Capital Trees Program award in 2000 in the Historical category for its location on the historic Cary site, adjacent to the hotel. The tree is also in healthy condition and adds important ambiance and cooling shade to the hotel site.

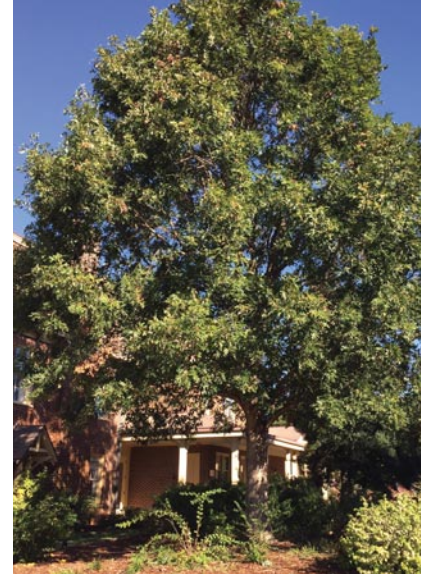


The former director of Archives and History, Dr. Henry Crittenden at the site of the marker and now absent oak tree in 1955 Raleigh. Image courtesy of Department of Archives and History.

Lois Nixon is a longtime Friends volunteer and Chair of the Capital Trees Program
www.tjcog.org/capital-trees-program.aspx



A tree that has become a Cary landmark is the Eastern Red Cedar, *Juniperus virginiana*, used as the Town of Cary Christmas tree. It received Capital Trees Program recognition in 2002 and is the centerpiece for the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony followed by a reception at the Page-Walker. The Cedar was moved to the Town Hall Campus in the late 1980s by horticulturalist Shaub Dunkley in cooperation with former Cary Mayor Harold Ritter and the Cary Appearance Commission, for the purpose of establishing a town holiday tradition. The tree had been growing in a local pasture before it gained its star status!



The young White Oak, *Quercus alba*, located on the left of the Page-Walker entrance at the south end of the front porch, is a seedling from the famous



Henry Clay Oak that grew in the Blount St. section of Raleigh until it died of disease in 1991. It became famous after it reportedly

shaded noted politician and Presidential candidate Senator Henry Clay on his April 1844 campaign visit to Raleigh, where he wrote his "Raleigh letter" to the media opposing the annexation of Texas. Prior to the tree's death, acorns were collected and seedlings were distributed to schools and others for planting on public property. The current tree was provided by the Capital Trees Program to honor the long service of Page-Walker volunteer and Board Member David Grant.

New Pollinator Garden Wins National Designation

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Addresses “Plight of the Honey Bee”

compiled from Town of Cary and CaryCitizen

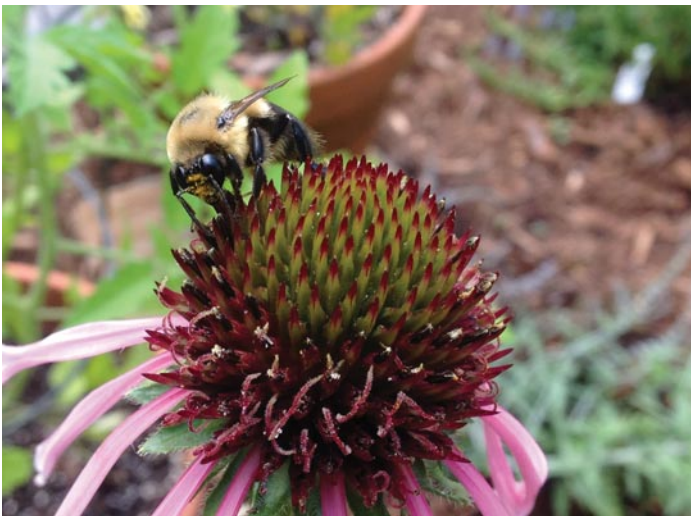
The pollinator garden just outside the Page-Walker Arts & History Center entrance was recently designated a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certified Wildlife Habitat. The garden was created this spring and sponsored through the Town of Cary’s Adopt a Spot Program. The Cary Woman’s Club, the Cary Garden Club and the Friends of Page-Walker partnered together to make this garden possible. The organizations worked together to help design the space, purchase and plant plants, and have taken turns maintaining the garden. There is a decorative stone in the Pollinator Garden designating it as an NWF-certified wildlife habitat and educational pamphlets are available near the garden as well.

This garden was also part of a Girl Scout Gold Award project by Olivia Loyack, daughter of Friends board member John Loyack., as reported in [CaryCitizen](#):

Olivia Loyack, a student at Cary High School, received the Girl Scouts’ Gold Award for her project, The Plight of the Honey Bee. Since the 1950s, the number of bee colonies worldwide has been reduced by more than half and Loyack had the idea to work on pollinator-friendly gardens to help struggling bees around town. To earn the Gold Award, Girl Scouts have to take a leadership role in the project so Loyack branched off and got her community members working on a pollinator garden at her church, where she also gave talks on the importance of creating habitats for bees.

In addition to creating pollinator gardens at her church and home, Loyack also helped work on the pollinator garden at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

The Friends are proud of this wonderful new addition at the Page-Walker and we thank The Town of Cary, the Cary Woman’s Club, the Cary Garden Club and Olivia for their efforts.



FLOWER PHOTOS BY OLIVIA LOYACK.

ANNE B. KRATZER EDUCATIONAL

Gardens



Plants & Pokemon

by Kay Struffolino

Since spring, the Anne B. Kratzer educational gardens continue to be a Pokemon Go attraction with dozens of folks wandering around day and evening!

After near-perfect spring growing conditions, we are beginning to see the ripple effect of the summer weather extremes (7 1/2" rainfall that produced flooding in the downtown area, several weeks of extreme heat and so on) as well as the approach of fall and plants entering into that phase. The Hyacinth Bean teepee continues its slow-motion tilt, contributed to by a number of factors this year. As is always the case with gardening, there are many challenges and surprises but "job security" for our garden volunteers is a sure thing!

The garden committee will continue the two-week maintenance schedule until October 29th (weather permitting), at which time they will prepare the gardens for winter. During the cold season, the committee does chores as needed to maintain the perennial plants and the general area.

When you visit the gardens, you'll notice that the benches were all refinished and look spectacular! The Friends thank our partners at the Town of Cary, especially the Public Works department.



PHOTOS BY KAY STRUFFOLINO

Past President Makes Us Look Good

by Barb Wetmore

Many thanks to our Friends immediate past president, Leesa Brinkley, who not only did so much good for the Friends, but also made us look so good! Leesa served on the board for five years, actively participating on many committees, including historic preservation, events, museum, newsletter, holiday decorating, walking tours and the young Friends. She was instrumental in engaging teens with the Friends, helping to start the Young Friends and orchestrating a very



successful Teen Talent Show in 2014, one of the first performances at The Cary theater one week after its opening. Leesa also worked closely with the Young Friends to put on the first “Paint the Page” event in 2015 for young artists, who spent a day at the Page-Walker learning about Cary history and capturing their

inspiration of the old railroad hotel using the medium of their choice. “Paint the Page” returned in 2016 and was another great success (see page 16). Cary Teen Council liaison to the Friends, Sarah Welsh, was fortunate to have Leesa as a mentor. Sarah counts Leesa’s guidance as a factor in her success.

Leesa served as vice president for a year before becoming president in 2015-2016. During her term as president, the Friends celebrated our 30th anniversary and Leesa led the effort to recognize this milestone. The highlight of the recognition activities was a reunion of Friends old and new at the Page-Walker, including original founding members and Cary Mayor Harold Weinbrecht who proclaimed the day “Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel Day.” As part of the 30-year anniversary celebration, Leesa also helped with the effort to rename the Page Educational Gardens to the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Gardens in honor of the Friends’ beloved founder.

Leesa also served as the Friends’ liaison to the Cary Cultural Arts Commission and kept the public informed about Friends’ goings-on through Facebook and social media.

As a professional graphic designer for over 20 years, Leesa used her amazing talent and skill to enhance just about everything the Friends did! From buttons proclaiming “Born in Cary” or “Cary by Choice” to event posters and flyers to brochures about gardens and cemeteries to signs and banners and even the award-winning newsletter that you are reading. Leesa’s artistic hand has touched them all.

Thank you Leesa for all you did for the Friends! You will be missed, yet we appreciate your continued involvement in making us look good, including producing *The Innkeeper*.



WINTER Concert SERIES

By Trish Kirkpatrick

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

We are pleased to announce the performances and dates for the upcoming 2016 – 2017 series. The Friends of Page-Walker Winter Concert Series offers intimate Sunday afternoon concerts that begin at 4:00 p.m. in the main gallery of the historic Page-Walker Arts and History Center. Light refreshments are served at intermission. Please join us for what we hope will be a most enjoyable experience.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Cary Youth Voices – Treble Choir and Concert Choir

What better way to get in the holiday spirit than to listen to delightful voices of children performing choral music and holiday classics? The Cary Youth Voices, including the Treble Choir and Concert Choir, provide young singers, grades 4 through 12, with the skills and experiences that are conducive to life-long music-making. Performing in the beautifully decorated main gallery of the Page-Walker, this concert is a wonderful way to begin your holiday season.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Celtic Moods and Melodies

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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 (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.

Friends in the Community

You may have seen some of your Friends out and about lately in Cary! The Friends participated in the first ever Fest in the West in May and the 7th annual Cary Scavenger Hunt in September greeting visitors and sharing Cary's history at our information table. We also held down the front porch during Cary's 40th year Lazy Daze festival in August. If you ever see us out and about, please stop by and say hello!

Lazy Daze 2016 saw thousands of visitors to the Page-Walker, many for the first time! There was plenty for them to see and do, too, including hands-on quilting by the Professional Art Quilters Alliance-South; German baked goods, beer and music in the garden by the Sister Cities Association of Cary; a special 40th Lazy Daze Festival anniversary display featured on the second floor; music inside the main gallery courtesy of our Bluegrass Jam Campers and the Motley Tones; and of course The Friends made everyone welcome, hosting each area of the building and sharing some of our local history.



Brent Miller shared a smile at The Cary Scavenger Hunt, which saw a record 69 teams begin and end at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, with the Friends and the Town of Cary among 28 event sponsors.



It was a blustery day in May when Leesa Brinkley greeted our friends 'out west' in the first ever Fest in the West, sponsored by CaryCitizen and held at Parkside Towne Commons in west Cary.



PHOTOS BY LAURIE MILLER



[HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS]

compiled by Brent Miller

George Unchurch House Wins Anthemion Award

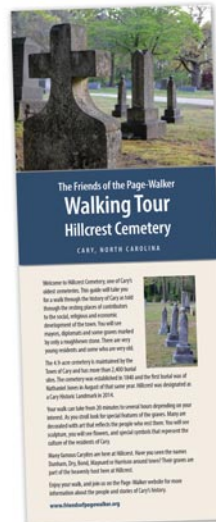
The George Unchurch house on Waldo Road Boulevard in Cary recently won Capital Area Preservation’s Anthemion Award, which recognizes outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in historic preservation in Wake County. Owners Kent and Whitney McLeod, along with David Price Construction, LLC and Thorne Cope Interior Design, were honored on September 26 at CAP’s annual awards reception.

The history of this house begins when George Upchurch (born 1870) purchased 67 acres for \$1,200 from his parents William B. and Sally Upchurch and two other nearby tracts in 1894, about a year after his marriage. His brother Rufus Merrimon Upchurch bought an adjoining 128 acres from his parents for \$800 in 1896. Despite the severe economic hardships following the depression of 1893, these two brothers were able to build substantial residences on their small farms by following in their father’s footsteps and growing the lucrative and increasingly popular bright leaf tobacco.

Both houses were moved to nearby properties when new developments were built on the original sites. The George Unchurch house was moved across Waldo Rood Boulevard in June 2013 (see the Friends “time lapse” video of the move on our YouTube channel [here](#)) and was recently beautifully restored by the McLeods. The house includes a preservation easement that ensures it will be preserved for future generations.

Many parties were involved in saving the George Unchurch house, including Capital Area Preservation, the previous owners, the developer of the site, the Town of Cary and the Friends. We congratulate the McLeods on this significant award that recognizes their commitment to historic preservation in our community.

New Walking Tour Created for Hillcrest Cemetery



The Friends recently completed a walking tour brochure for the Hillcrest cemetery, a local historic landmark owned by the Town of Cary. Visitors can pick up brochures at the cemetery entrance, as well as at the Page-Walker, the Cary Arts Center and the Cary Theater. The guide highlights the history of Cary through information about many Caryites who are buried there.

Program Series Relates Cary History

The Friends of the Page-Walker offer a free series of illuminating programs that share local history, ways to preserve your treasures and other preservation efforts.

Mysteries and Secrets: Exploring Cary Cemeteries

Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 pm

A fall favorite! Don’t miss this year’s installment, covering Green Level Baptist Church Cemetery – located in one of Cary’s

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Don't miss our...

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL Fair



Plus Reception with Ken Farmer of Antiques Roadshow

Back by popular demand, the Friends of the Page-Walker cordially invite you to a weekend of antiques at the Antiques Appraisal Fair at the historic Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

The weekend begins with a special presentation **Friday evening, November 4**, at 7 pm featuring "Tales from the Road & New Discoveries by Ken Farmer" where Ken will share some of the interesting adventures he has encountered working with the Antiques Roadshow as well as his own firm. Tickets are \$25 per person and the evening will include a wine, cheese, and dessert reception. Seating is limited..

Don't miss the Appraisal Fair on **Saturday, November 5** from 9 am to 4 pm. Noted PBS Antiques Expert, Ken Farmer of Farmer Auctions, and a team of experts will examine your item and give verbal assessments. Tickets are purchased in one hour time slots, and fair-goers will be able to have up to three items appraised at \$10 per item.

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A downtown Cary boutique inn with luxury dining.

These events are co-sponsored by the Town of Cary and The Friends of the Page-Walker. For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#), or call (919)460-4963.

Preservation Program Series

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three historic districts. Come and learn about the Green Level residents buried in the cemetery and how they contributed to the area's early history.

Our series continues in 2017 with several new programs, including:

Celebrating 25 Years of the Page-Walker Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 7:30 pm

Celebrate with us and discover how the historic Page-Walker Hotel was saved and learn about our 25 year history as Cary's popular arts & history center.

Why Do They Call it That? The History Behind Cary's Street Names

Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 pm

Ever wonder why Harrison or Dry Avenue are named that? Join the Friends of the Page-Walker as they reveal the name origins of some of Cary's popular thoroughfares.

What Have We Got to Lose? Annual Survey of Historic Properties

Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 pm

Join the Friends of Page-Walker to learn the status and significance of many of Cary's historic properties. Hear interesting tidbits about the people associated with these local treasures.

These programs are offered at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center and are free to the public. For more information, visit www.friendsofpagewalker.org or call (919) 460-4963.

Another significant historic preservation effort is the Friends' advocacy for saving the Ivey-Ellington house, a significant downtown historic resource. Our cover story provides the details.



Herbfest

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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.’



Our second annual Young Friends of the Page-Walker bake sale was an overwhelming success, thanks in part to the efforts of Sarah Welsch and Barb Wetmore. The sale raised over \$500 and those funds went to prize money awarded to our 2nd annual Young Friends event – Paint the Page – that was held on October 2 (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, Peggy Van Scoyoc, who oversees the silent auction; our Garden Committee, who share their knowledge of the plants in the garden; our Events Committee, who manage all of the planning for this event and Cary Teen Council for their helping hands throughout the day.



See you in spring 2017!

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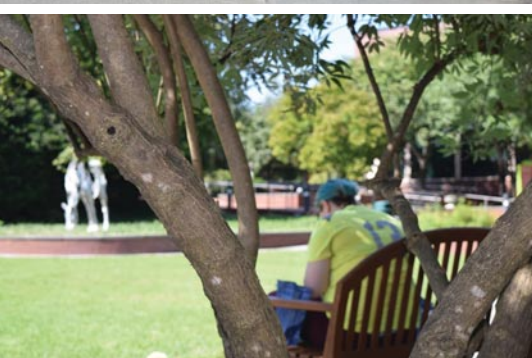
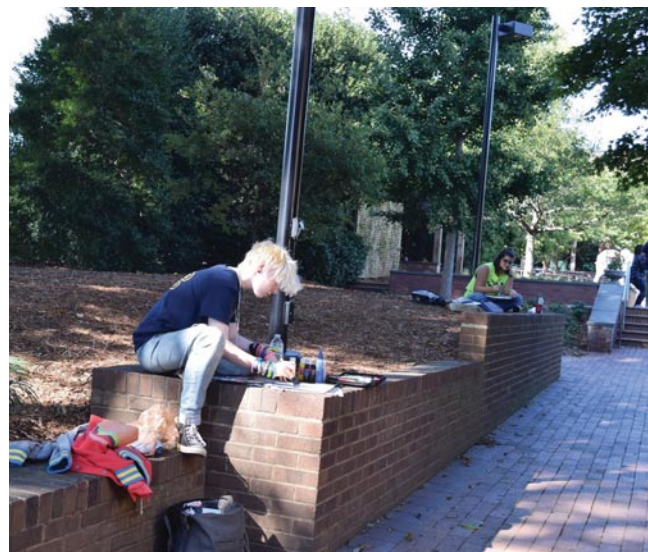


Twenty-two teen artists came out on a beautiful fall day and captured their inspired impressions of the old railroad hotel that is now the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in the second annual Paint the Page! event on October 2. Family, friends and the public got to experience their talent at an open exhibition and reception in the main gallery the following weekend. Thank you to our young artists; their art teachers; our judges, Kris Carmichael, Anne Kratzer, and Leesa Brinkley; the Town of Cary; and the community who made this event possible through their support of the Young Friends. Award recipients were:

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| Best in Show <i>shown top left</i> | Michael DiGruccio |
| Best Use of Media | Karuna Gangwani |
| Best Use of Detail | Madison Cross Sugg |
| Best Unique Perspective | Gengyi Li |
| Best En Plein Aire | Sean Haley |
| Best Draftsmanship | Jeehe Han |
| Best Emotional Impact | Ken Wear |



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





History Education & Cultural Arts

Visit, learn and explore at the Page-Walker

from Kris Carmichael & Jennifer Hocken

It's never too early to plan a little history education! Check out these spring classes at the Page-Walker. Enroll and tell a friend! All classes are held at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Registration for these classes opens in December.

Owney the Postal Dog

age 2-7 with caregiver
Monday February 6, 2017
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Do you know Owney? Learn about Owney the Postal Dog who rode the rails with the mail in the 1880s! We'll have crafts, activities, worksheets, and story time. If your child loves trains, dogs, or visits from the mailman, this is the program for you! Instructor: Maggie Witter.

Fees: \$14 (Resident)
\$18 (Non-resident)

Herb Fairies Fun Day

age 5-12
Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Discover the magical world of healing herbs with Herb Fairies! We will celebrate the natural world and heritage using the setting of the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Garden as our inspiration. Make your own lip balm and dried herb sachet, start an herb journal and a mini apothecary!

Instructor: Maggie Witter

Fees: \$25 (Resident)
\$32 (Non-resident)

History of Cary

age 16 & up
Wednesday, March 8, 11 am to noon
or Wednesday, April 12, 2 to 3 pm

Ever wonder why Cary is where it is, or how Cary became "Cary"? Learn about the history of the community we call home! Class ends with a trip to the Cary Heritage Museum.

Instructor: Veronica Bucki

Fees: \$6 (Resident)
\$8 (Non-resident)

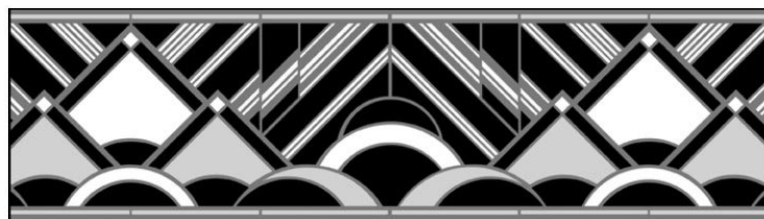
**HAUNTED TALES OF YESTERYEAR
AT THE PAGE-WALKER**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
7 P.M. & 9 P.M.**

Spooky stories, ghostly legends with a bit of mystery dramatized by the Cary Players and held in the historic 1868 Page-Walker.
Sure to send a chill up your spine!

Recommended for 12 & older. Tickets are \$17, and available at The Cary Theater box office or online at ETIX.COM.
For more information call (919) 460-4963.

TOWN of CARY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES



SALON: THE JAZZ AGE

**An Evening of Arts & Culture
at the Page-Walker**

Friday, November 18 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy music, art, theater, refreshments and more all for \$20. Tickets available at The Cary Theater box office and at etix.com.

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Oral HISTORY

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

On May 12, Peggy Van Scoyoc held interviews with eight long-time members of the Cary Woman’s Club (CWC) to document some of the club’s history. CWC has existed since 1935 and has spearheaded several initiatives that have greatly benefitted Cary in so many ways.

On June 24, Peggy interviewed Charlott Ellington. Her mother was a German World War II bride, with harrowing tales of her family’s survival through the war. Charlott’s stepfather was Robert Pleasants, chief sheriff of Wake County for decades. She gave us lots of history about the Pleasants family in Cary. To her knowledge, Charlott is not related to the Ellingtons connected to the Ivey-Ellington house.



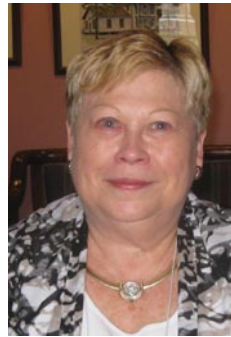
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Lillian Smith



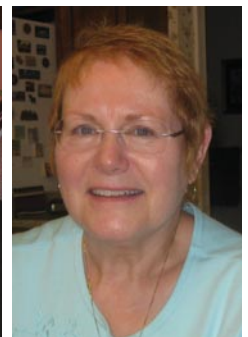
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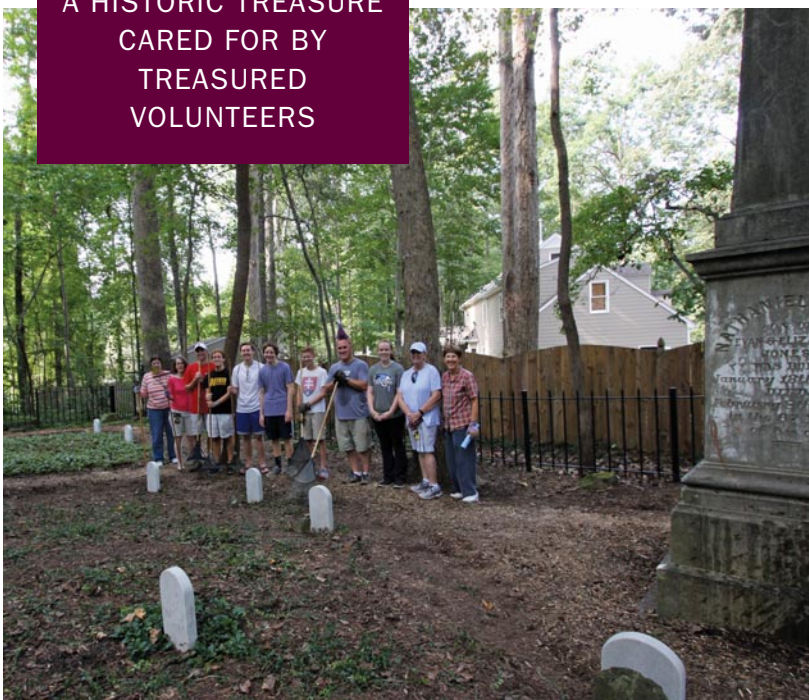
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Charlott Ellington

White Plains Cemetery

A HISTORIC TREASURE
CARED FOR BY
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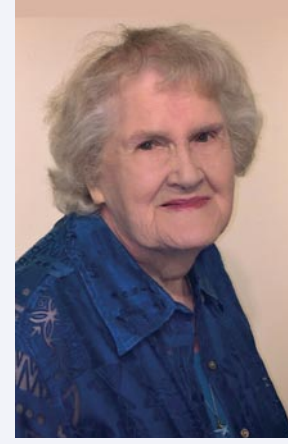


by Barb Wetmore

Thanks to the many volunteers who came out in June and September to clean up the resting place of one of Cary’s earliest settlers, Nathaniel Jones and his family. The White Plains Cemetery is truly one of Cary’s oldest historic treasures, still situated on its original plot of land.

Though sitting in the midst of the Maynard Oaks housing development now, visitors are able to see its place in Cary’s history, and to understand its setting and former environment on the vast property of Nathaniel Jones that once encompassed so much of western Wake County. We are so grateful for the Town of Cary employees and the neighbors and volunteers who show their respect for this piece of history, and honor it with their care.

[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@friendsofthewalker.org to learn more or volunteer.

Meet John Loyack

John is in his second year on the Friends board of directors and has actively participated with his family on the White Plains Cemetery committee for several years – being the next-door neighbor of this resting place of Nathaniel Jones.

- Vice President of Global Business Services for the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, where he leads a team that supports North Carolina businesses in everything from starting up a new enterprise to expanding an existing business to the development of export strategies aimed at increasing international sales
- Previously worked in new product development for NC-born companies including MercuryMD
- BA in Economics and Spanish from Gettysburg College; MBA in International Business Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management
- Fluent in Spanish
- Holds a US patent and is a Certified Global Business Professional (CGBP®)
- Member of the Board of Advisors for the NC Japan Center; past member of the Executive Committee of the Triangle Chapter of the British American Business Council
- Soccer coach with FC Cary over the past 10 years
- Married to Elaine; two children, Olivia and Charlie
- Enjoys gardening, traveling, spending quality time with family and cheering loudly for FC Barcelona and Tottenham Hotspurs

Meet Olene Ogles

Olene is one of the longest-serving Friends board members, volunteering with the Friends for about 20 years. She helped to start the Friends Historic Preservation committee and has served on it for many years. You will see Olene at most Friends events and activities, volunteering for whatever tasks need to be done.

- Born Somerville, Alabama (northern Alabama with lovely hills)
- Education in Secretarial Science in Alabama, Associate Degree in Secretarial Science from University of Baltimore
- Married a career Army man
- Taught at business school in Alabama
- Worked for ChemStrand (later Monsanto), first company to move to RTP in 1960; retired 1984
- Worked at IBM for 10 years, responsible for word processing center, accounts receivable in branch office. Retired again 1993, became a full-time volunteer.
- Has lived in Germany; France; Raleigh (1960-1975) and now Cary
- Instrumental in seeing the vision of a Cary Senior Center come to fruition; member of Cary Senior Center board of directors.
- Volunteers with AARP Cary chapter & state office; program director and past president of Cary chapter; member of state legislative committee
- Recipient of Town of Cary Senior Volunteer of the Year award in 1998 and 2014; recipient of AARP NC Volunteer of the Year 2000
- Leads a book club for seniors; active in church
- One daughter, Pam; one granddaughter Kelly

[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.

In July, Rose Cornelious took over as the new President of the **Heart of Cary Association (HoCA)**. New this year are some changes to the meeting schedule – in addition to the regular morning meetings, HoCA will hold some meetings in the evening and at lunchtime to provide more opportunities for downtown business owners to attend. HoCA is emphasizing increasing membership and encouraging members to take part in one or more of the many working committees.

Cary's new **Town Manager, Sean Stegall** was introduced at the September meeting and he gave a bit of his background as well as high praise for our community and his hopes as we move forward. The renovations to Academy Street continue with the road re-opening to two-way traffic. Landscaping, placement of benches and

lighting and other work will continue thru the end of 2016.

New businesses continue to move into the downtown area and the large development project on the eastern part of Chatham Street is rapidly moving along with some businesses already operating. The new downtown park fountain, library and parking deck at the intersection of Walnut Street, Dry Avenue and Kildare Farm Road are in various stages of design, bidding and construction. For more information about HoCA, including how to become a member, visit <https://www.heartofcary.org/>.

The **Cary Chamber of Commerce** remains a valued partner of the Friends and continues its work in the community. To see the many events the Chamber holds, visit <http://web.carychamber.com/events>.

heartfelt APPRECIATION

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



• John Duncan for constructing and donating three new brochure boxes. These sturdy and attractive structures house brochures at the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Gardens, Cary Pollinator Garden and Hillcrest Cemetery so that visitors can take a brochure to learn about these special places. A former

Town Council member and former Friends board of directors member, John has been a long-time Friend!

- Anne Kratzer, Barb Wetmore, Carla Michaels, Bob Myers and Peggy Van Scoyoc for representing the Friends in meeting with Northwoods Development and the Cary Town Council, and compiling a detailed report and set of

recommendations, as we jointly seek the most appropriate outcome for the historic Ivey-Ellington House.



• Sean Stegall, Cary's new Town Manager, for attending the meeting of the Friends and complimenting all who contribute to the Town's success, particularly in doing things "The Cary Way"

• Chris Ashworth, new member of the Friends board of directors, for assisting with the Friends publicity and public relations efforts.

- 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.



Speakers Bureau On Tour

Free Presentations to Community Groups

The Friends speakers bureau was invited to speak to two community groups recently. On February 11, 2016, Peggy Van Scoyoc spoke to the Cary Woman's Club about early Cary history about Cary. The Cary Woman's Club has existed for over fifty years, and a few of their projects were included in that early history.

On January 29, Brent Miller presented "Cary Before it was Cary" 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.

Popular Topics

- **The Page-Walker Hotel**, a local historical landmark: how this gem was nearly lost to the ages and how "it took a village" to save it to become one of Cary's most valuable assets. Includes our new video presentation!
- **Cary Before it was Cary**: how our town came to be, and who started it
- **How Cary got its Name**: founder Frank Page looks beyond our borders for our town's namesake
- **Keeping up with the Joneses**: odds are that your house sits on "Jones land" – but which Jones?
- **Cary's Most Famous Native Son**: the life and times of Walter Hines Page, son of the town's founder
- **Just A Horse-Stopping Place**: Peggy Van Scoyoc discusses the amazing stories about businesses, schools, families, ghosts and more, from her first book of Cary oral history compilations
- **Desegregating Cary**: Peggy Van Scoyoc discusses early African-American life, Cary's leadership in desegregation and more, from her second book of Cary oral history compilations
- **The School for the Arts**: the history of schools, including Cary Elementary and Cary High School, at the end of Academy Street and how the school became the Cary Arts Center
- **The Friends of the Page-Walker**, a Town of Cary partner: the mission and accomplishments of our non-profit organization, the recipient of the 2011 Town of Cary Partner Organization of the Year
- **Mysteries and Secrets of Local Cemeteries**: excerpts from our annual presentation about the history and mystery of selected local cemeteries
- **What Have We Got to Lose?**: excerpts from our annual presentation about historical structures in and around Cary

Schedule a talk

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



Find us online today!

www.friendsofpagewalker.org
www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel
www.twitter.com/FriendsofPW
<http://www.youtube.com/caryhistory>

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

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

Chris Ashworth
Lisa Banks
Bryan Craddock
Don Frantz (Cary Town Council liaison)
Kirk Fuller
Jimmy Gibbs
Jim Kay
Trish Kirkpatrick
Anne Kratzer (life member)
Camille Eckerd Lambe
John Loyack
Kerry Mead
Carla Michaels
Brent Miller
Bob Myers
Olene Ogles
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 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.



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

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

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 2016 - 2017, please do so today.

You will receive an email notification when your membership is due for renewal. You can check, begin and renew your membership online through our web site. Our new membership management system now sends annual renewal reminders.

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



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
www.friendsofpagewalker.org

Information about the Friends

President Leesa Brinkley (919) 460-7535

Plan a Visit

Page-Walker Hotel is located at 119 Ambassador Loop
Directions: Located on Ambassador Loop on Town Hall Campus. The campus is off North Academy Street, between Chapel Hill Road and Chatham Street in downtown Cary.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday: 10 am – 9:30 pm
Friday: 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm
Friday Evening – Sunday by reservation

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

Please visit the updated Friends' web site. It's a great way to learn about the history and mission of the organization and to find out about and register for upcoming events. If you aren't receiving email notifications from us, register on the site and join the hundreds who already do.

It's also an easy way to become a member! You can join the Friends, make a donation and purchase tickets, all online using your favorite credit card. We greatly appreciate the support of our loyal membership. We couldn't continue to provide the variety of services that we do without you!

And you can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Please share this issue of The Innkeeper with a friend!

Begin or Renew Your *Membership* Today!

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

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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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:

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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