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FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Al Newsom, President

The year 2009 has been a very eventful and active one for the Frank H. Kenan Chapel and hopefully a meaningful year of service for our community. Activities include 40 Weddings, 10 Concerts, 4 Memorial Services, 2 Baptisms/Christenings, a special Religious Service, and an Eagle Scout Ceremony, as well as use of the Chapel and its Memorial Garden for meditation, prayer, or simply peaceful reflection.

Foremost this year was the expansion and beautification of the Kenan Chapel Memorial Garden with the Labyrinth. I am pleased to report that the Labyrinth and walkways were constructed without using any existing Chapel or reserve funds. The work was financed through a number of Landfall residents making reservations to use the grounds and the Labyrinth area for burial or scattering of ashes, through generous gifts from those interested in expanding the Memorial Garden, and through the tireless design work and construction supervision by resident Jack Leister. Special thanks go to John and Judy Talbert for their gift of resident Ed Hearn's giant blue heron sculpture. An article on the Labyrinth appears on page 2.

Weddings continue to be the Chapel's most used activity. Fees from them are the major income to defray our operating costs. Chaired by Kate Keenan, the Arrangement Committee continues to provide outstanding service for the Chapel and couples marrying there. They are present for all rehearsals and ceremonies, providing assistance and assuring compliance with Chapel use guidelines. My thanks to Kate and her dedicated committee.

The Chapel continues to provide great music programs for our community, under the leadership of Christine Farley, R.V. Fulk and their committee. This year's Benefit Concert, with Joan Rodgers as chairperson, was a truly enjoyable evening, enhanced by Barbara Hopper's elegant decorations and the added feature of Ray Kennedy's Broadway cabaret entertainment during the reception at Bill and Pat Bell's new home. Extra thanks to the Bells for the use of their home.

Many thanks also to Bill Schild for all his time and effort to keep the Chapel in good order and repair while keeping costs down. The recent addition of a well is just one cost effective improvement initiated and supervised by Bill. The Chapel has no paid staff, and his daily volunteer work as Chairman of the Property Management Committee is greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to say that the Chapel is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (unless a service or program is being held) and I hope all of our residents and guests will visit it and also enjoy the peaceful and serene area of the Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth. On behalf of our Board of Directors, let me express our gratitude for the generous support that the Landfall and surrounding community has provided for this year and for the future of the Chapel through the Endowment Fund. It is especially appreciated during this period of economic downturn.

If you have any questions about the use of the Chapel or the Memorial Garden, making a contribution to our Chapel, or becoming a volunteer, please telephone me at 910-256-5727 or email alnewsom@earthlink.net or contact any of the Board Members. For further information and updates, please visit our website at www.KenanChapel.com.



By Anne Leister

The Kenan Chapel's beautiful Memorial Garden has been further enhanced this year by a Labyrinth, completed in September after six months of construction. Board President Al Newsom presided as the Labyrinth was officially dedicated on October 15 with a large crowd, including local press, in attendance. Participating in the dedication were Reverend Bob Bauman of Wrightsville United Methodist Church and musicians Maggie Earley and Ted Ortiz.

In addition to the traditional walking path, benches are provided in this quiet retreat area for relaxed contemplation of the natural environment. A bronze sculpture of a great blue heron by Landfall resident Ed Hearn

adds visual enjoyment to the setting. Special recognition is due those who helped make the Labyrinth a reality for our Landfall community, including Jack Leister (design & construction management), Earthforms Inc. (grading), Decorative Concrete Solutions (concrete), Stone Garden (stones), Swicegood LLC (carpentry), Freeman Landscaping (landscaping/irrigation), Ruth Arnold Graphic Systems (signage), G.A.Coates & Sons (painting), Fitness Tree Inc. (arborist work). Please take a few minutes to come by the Chapel grounds to experience the added beauty and serenity now present.



Jack Leister and artist Ed Hearn



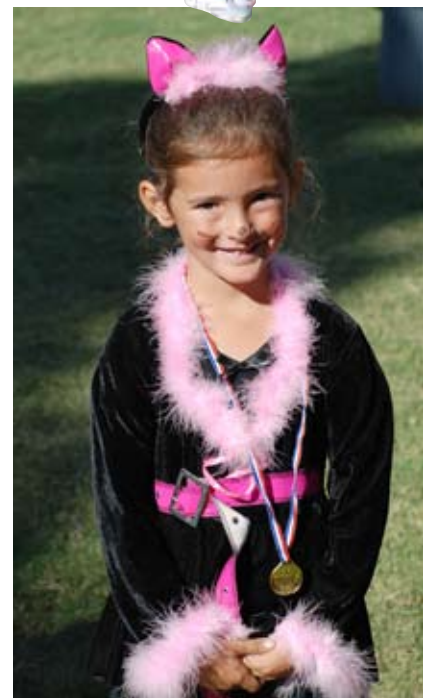
FALL FESTIVAL

By Pat Bell

October 10 felt more like a summer day than autumn as families and friends gathered under brilliant sunshine on the grounds of the COA for the much-anticipated annual Landfall Fall Festival. Activities included pony rides, hayrides, pumpkin and face painting, sand art, Mr. Magic's wonderful balloon creations, a plant sale, crafts sale, and raffle of fabulous prizes.

Attendees were also treated to a special visit from Sammy Seahawk.

Complementing the hot dog stand this year was a bake sale table of homemade pies, cakes, and cookies and a sellout root beer floats "bar." The Festival benefits the Kenan Chapel and Great Oaks Club.



EVENT ARRANGEMENTS

By Kate Keenan

The economic downturn revealed itself in several interesting ways at the Kenan Chapel. This year saw an increase in Saturday morning weddings, plus weddings on different days of the week, with the apparent intent to reduce reception costs. The Cape Fear Wedding Association had intimated that weddings might be put off a year or so, and whether or not this is the reason, the Kenan Chapel already has 31 weddings on the calendar for 2010--far more by this time of year than in past years.

The Chapel continues to be a popular venue for destination weddings. Coming the farthest this year was a bride from Texas, serving in Iraq with her military fiancé, as well as an Iraq-stationed but Japan-bound Marine and his fiancée. Both couples needed to change dates a few times due to shifts in deployment. Our Arrangements Committee consisting of Jeanette Baker, Kay Brockdorff,



Barbara Brooks, Lynette Forrest, Suzanne Gram, Kate Keenan (chair), Judy Larson, Pat Rathburn, and Carla Schwerdt helped those couples and 36 other brides and grooms tie the knot, as well as assisting with baptisms, renewal of vows, and memorial services throughout the busy year. Our "chair" men, Dick Kapsa, Jim Magee, and Kurt Schwerdt, see that seating is in place for the larger events; and Ken Garrett, Al Newsom, Ken Robinson, and Leon Socha serve as ushers for memorial services. Leslie Silloway continues as our faithful scribe. Assisting in the Chapel, Memorial Garden, or in the new Labyrinth, this entire well-oiled team handles all events in a helpful, caring, and professional manner.

An invitation is extended to anyone interested in learning more about Chapel Arrangements. Please call Kate Keenan at 262-8500 or email at kate.keenan@att.net.



Benefit Chair Joan Rodgers with hosts Bill & Pat Bell



The Ray Kennedy Opera House Theatre Company



Benefit Performers: Domonique Launey, David Meyer & Christine Meyer

Music at the Chapel

By Chris Farley

Thanks to the farsighted beneficence of Frank H. Kenan and his family, the Landfall community is extremely fortunate to have the lovely Kenan Chapel. As an important part of its mission, the Chapel presents an annual series of high-quality concerts for residents of the Wilmington area. The focus is on showcasing emerging North Carolina artists, through a close partnership with the North Carolina School of the Arts and other organizations. The sold-out Sunday evenings are usually followed by a meet-the-artists reception at the Country Club of Landfall.

Tickets are complimentary and can be picked up at the Northeast Branch of the Library two weeks prior to each event. An extra treat for concert goers and a high point in this year's concert season was the Chapel's participation in the Port City Chamber Music Festival, held during June at three Wilmington venues and featuring the Philadelphia Camarata.

Once a year the Chapel holds a fund-raising gala concert and dinner. The 2009 event, on October 18, showcased the talents of the Meyer twins, violinist Christine and cellist David, accompanied by pianist Domonique

Launey. A dinner reception followed the concert at the home of Bill and Pat Bell, where guests were further entertained with a cabaret performance of excerpts from *Smokey Joe's Café* by Ray Kennedy and the Opera House Theatre Company.

Behind the scenes, a hard-working Music Committee labors to make the Chapel concert programs happen. Members include Chris Farley and R.V. Fulk, Jr. (co-chairs), Peg Atkinson, Betsy Balas (tickets), Pam Bradley (receptions), Barbara Burdette (programs), Janet Burkholder, Blake Cardwell (operations), Barbara Hopper, Dick Kapsa, Anne Leister (UNCOSA), Jim Magee (operations), Frances McMillan (website and historian), Stan Nawrocki (accounting), Al Newsom, Hank Phillips, Joan Rodgers ('09 gala coordinator), Lou Schult, Pete Schult, and Ginny Walker.

The Chapel is only able to offer its exceptional series of free concerts because of our dedicated volunteers and donations from the Landfall Foundation and our community supporters. We sincerely appreciate your continued generosity. A 2010 save-the-date calendar is listed in this newsletter and is updated regularly on the Chapel website at www.kenanchapel.com as well as on Landfall bulletin boards.

For further information, call Chris Farley at 256-7475 or email christinefarley1@mac.com.

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Through your generous gifts the Endowment Fund is growing, but contributions are still needed in order to reach our goal. Four ways you can support the Chapel are by 1) sending a check to the Kenan Chapel along with the contribution form included in this newsletter, 2) donating publicly traded stock, 3) making an initial contribution together with a pledge to make additional contributions over time up to a certain amount, and 4) using a distribution from your IRA if you are eligible. The Chapel is a 501(c)(3) charity, and a stock donation or an IRA distribution may provide additional tax advantages.

For donations of \$1,000 or more a recognition area of engraved brick markers has been established on the grounds at the rear of the Chapel underneath the stained glass window. A marker will be reserved for you if you pledge \$1,000 or more over four years or less, and it will be engraved and installed upon fulfillment of the pledge. More than half of the markers have been engraved so far and we would really like add one with your name or the name of a loved one. Please contact Al Newsom (256-5727 or email alnewsom@earthlink.net) or any Board member if you wish to discuss a gift. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

MUSIC CALENDAR

December 6, 2009

Holiday Program - Petite Arpeggio Amateur Orchestra

January 10, 2010

Amy Davis

February 7, 2010

Elizabeth Loparits - Piano & Rob Nathanson - Classical Guitar

February 21, 2010

UNC School of the Arts - French Flutes

March 28, 2010

UNC School of the Arts - Guitar Recital

April 25, 2010

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May 9, 2010

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December 5, 2010

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