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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Al Newsom, President

As I reflect on what the Frank H. Kenan Chapel at Landfall has provided since it was built and dedicated in 2001, the Labyrinth in our Memorial Garden stands out as an important addition and asset for our community. Landfall residents who have used the Labyrinth have expressed sincere appreciation for this addition to our Memorial Garden. The Labyrinth is located in the wooded area behind the Chapel and offers a serene area for meditation, the enjoyment of nature, and remembrance of our loved ones. Dedicated in October of 2009, it was designed and constructed under the supervision of Landfall resident Jack Leister, and Ed Hearn contributed his sculpture of a great blue heron for the Labyrinth's center. Around the forty-five-foot circle of the Labyrinth are eighty-eight locations for the burial or scattering of ashes by approved reservations--each of which becomes memorialized with an engraved granite marker. The response for use of the Labyrinth has exceeded our expectations, and currently only eighteen locations now remain for reservations.

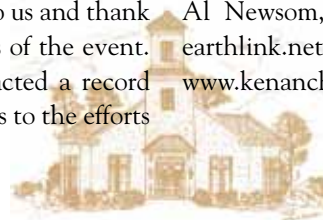
Concerning other activities of the Chapel, please note Kate Keenan's article on weddings. Our Chapel continues to be a popular and desirable site for marriages and included our first full dress military wedding this year. The Arrangements Committee, under Kate's leadership, is a group of truly working volunteers providing outstanding assistance to brides and grooms.

Our Music Programs at the Chapel, co-chaired by Chris Farley and R.V. Fulk, Jr., continue to draw a full house, and this year's Benefit Concert at the Burkeholder's home was a great success. We thank Barry and Janet for opening their home to us and thank Anne Leister and Pam Bradley, co-chairs of the event. The 2011 Fall Festival in October attracted a record attendance and was the "best ever" thanks to the efforts of Phil Bloedorn and his committee.



The Kenan Chapel is opened daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., unless an event is being held. I hope you will visit the Chapel. While there, take a journey into the grounds of the Memorial Garden, perhaps walk the Labyrinth, and experience the natural beauty of this special place.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I thank the community for the continuing support we receive. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for a Chapel committee, please contact Taylor Johnson, at 910-256-6881 or email [taylor.johnson@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:taylor.johnson@alumni.duke.edu). For other information about the Chapel contact Al Newsom, at 910-256-5727 or email [alnewsom@earthlink.net](mailto:alnewsom@earthlink.net), any Board Member, or visit our website at [www.kenanchapel.com](http://www.kenanchapel.com).



# MAKING ARRANGEMENTS



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By Kate Keenan

A total of 31 weddings, 7 Memorial services, 1 eighth-grade graduation, and 8 concerts filled the Kenan Chapel calendar in 2011. Wedding requests were generated for the first time from print advertising, and these plus continued “word of mouth” and website leads kept the Arrangements Committee busy once again this year. Increased visibility through membership in the Cape Fear Wedding Association and opening up the Chapel to be included in two “Bridal Show” tours, were additional ideas to bring further exposure to the Kenan Chapel. Although weddings are

down in numbers across the board, our thoroughness in performing our duties for each and every wedding has not diminished.

The Arrangements Committee continues to take great pride in welcoming the Brides, Grooms, their families and guests whether from Landfall, Wilmington, or beyond.

Our first formal Military Wedding was captured by Board Member and resident photographer, Taylor Johnson. It in turn was preceded by another “first”—a wedding at which only about 6 or 8 of us spoke English! The Japanese Bride and Groom and family and guests from all across Asia enjoyed the beauty of the Kenan Chapel and the joy of the day in traditional attire complete with kimonos and obi sashes.

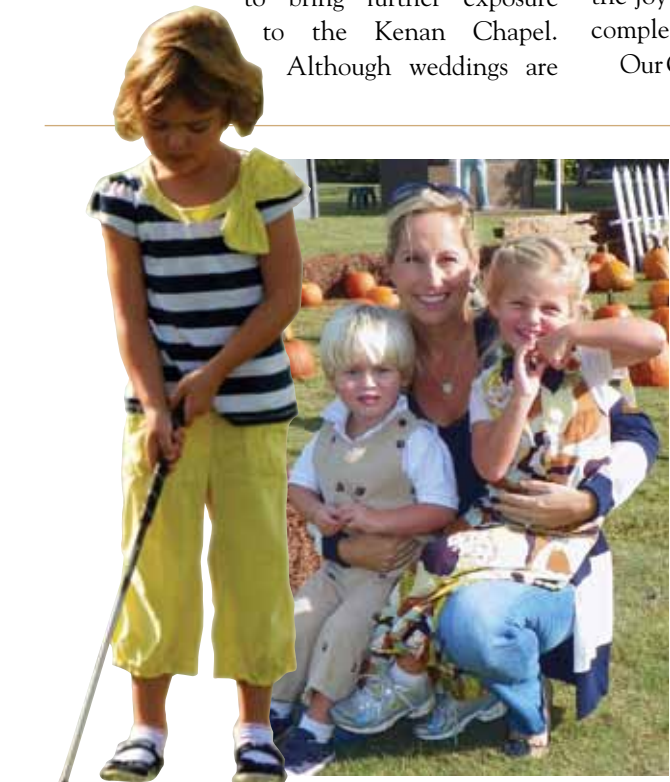
Our Committee is primed to be ready

for the unexpected and to help, whatever the circumstances, to structure the event in the framework of the Chapel guidelines with professionalism and smiles.

Volunteers, one and all, include Jeanette Baker, Kay Brockdorff, Judi Cody, Lynette Forrest, Sue Homestead, Suzanne Gram, Kate Keenan, Dottie Kosicki, Lori Marette, Chris Reid, and Carla Schwerdt.



Megan Drury and George Stotz, April 16th



## FALL FESTIVITIES

By Phil Bloedorn

Warm weather and dazzling sunshine on October 8 greeted the tenth annual Landfall Fall Festival and its hundreds of attendees. The Festival featured activities and events for kids of all ages including a Food Center with “Spooky Meals”; a scrumptious selection of baked goods and other food items; Fall planting materials and pumpkin sale; hay and pony rides; kids face decorating, pumpkin painting and sand art; a new Carnival Row featuring challenging games and lessons; the Root Beer Float Saloon; Mr. Magic, the ever popular Balloon Man; Mascot Mania featuring Sledge (Hammerheads), Sharky (Sharks), Raz (CFCC) and Little Caesar, as well as an entertaining Mascot Competition; the CFCC Cheerleading Squad; Landfall’s Bluebird Project; a great vendor’s market, including the Beauty Bar and a



# Musically Speaking



Main: Tallis Chamber Orchestra  
Left Inset: UNC School Of Arts  
The Baroque Flutes  
Right Inset: UNC School Of Arts  
Halcyon Wind Quintet

By Chris Farley

The Kenan Chapel Music Committee, headed by Chris Farley and R.V. Fulk, Jr. is more than a committee; it is a great group of dedicated individuals! Each member is reliable and conducts his or her tasks perfectly....And this is the resounding reason the Music Program at the Frank H. Kenan Chapel has been so successful.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a wealth of local musical talent, and this year Chapel audiences enjoyed exciting performances by a number of professors of music and students from UNCW. Mothers Day was special once again with the Tallis Chamber Orchestra performing, what has turned out to be a tradition. Another tradition was honored with the hosting of the Camerata Philadelphia at the third annual Port City Music Festival. Each year audiences are also treated to programs from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston Salem. These concerts are always fabulous

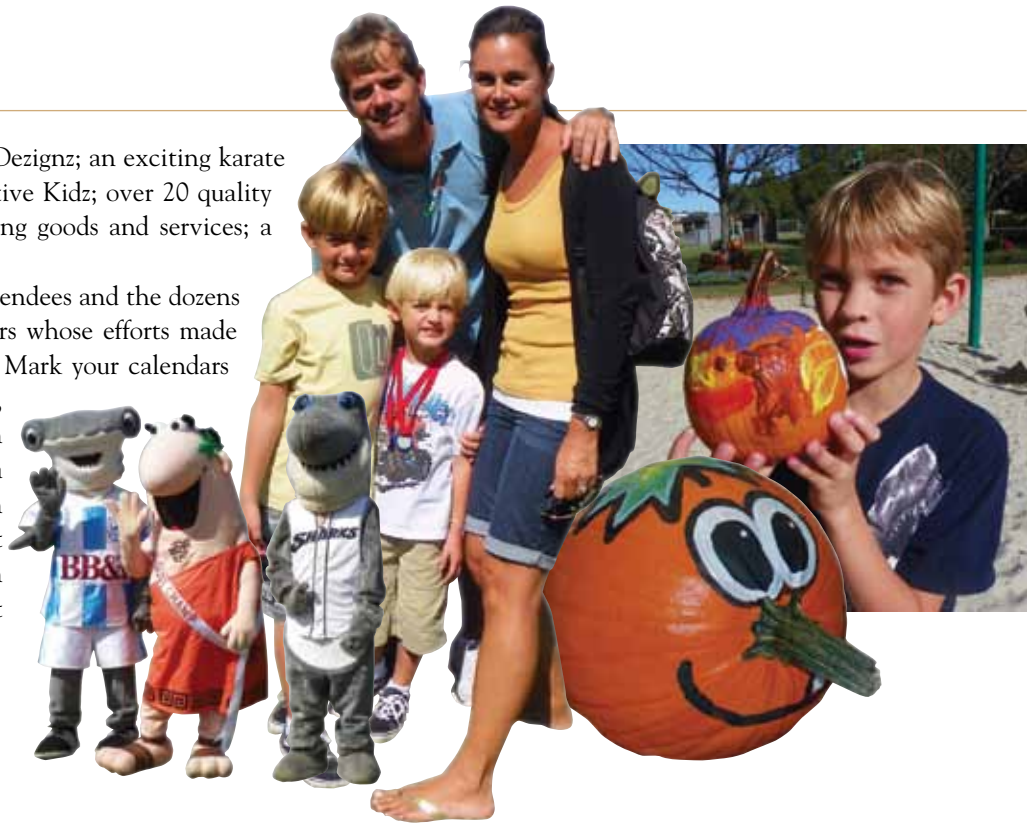
thanks to the guidance of committee member Anne Leister and Joe Mount from UNCSCA. A highlight of our relationship with UNCSCA was the Chapel's annual fundraiser event, held this year at Janet and Barry Burkholder's wonderful home, where attendees were entertained with a medley of Broadway tunes from the School's Drama Department, followed by an elegant catered dinner. The 2011 concert season ended on a high note with a wonderful barbershop holiday program.

For a schedule of 2012 concerts visit our website ([www.kenanchapel.com](http://www.kenanchapel.com)). Tickets are complimentary and available on a first-come first-served basis at the Northeast Branch of the Library two weeks prior to each concert. With audiences that are so appreciative, we never have a problem finding individuals to play in this fabulous acoustically sound Chapel. We are forever grateful to the generosity of the Kenan Family for our Chapel in Landfall.



return of Duck Duct Dezigz; an exciting karate demonstration by Creative Kidz; over 20 quality Silent Auction items offering goods and services; a 50/50 Raffle; and more.

A BIG Thank You to all attendees and the dozens of volunteers and COA staffers whose efforts made our 2011 event the best ever. Mark your calendars now for October 13, 2012, when we'll celebrate our 11th year. The Fall Festival...a great Landfall tradition where all proceeds benefit the Frank H. Kenan Chapel and the Great Oaks Club.



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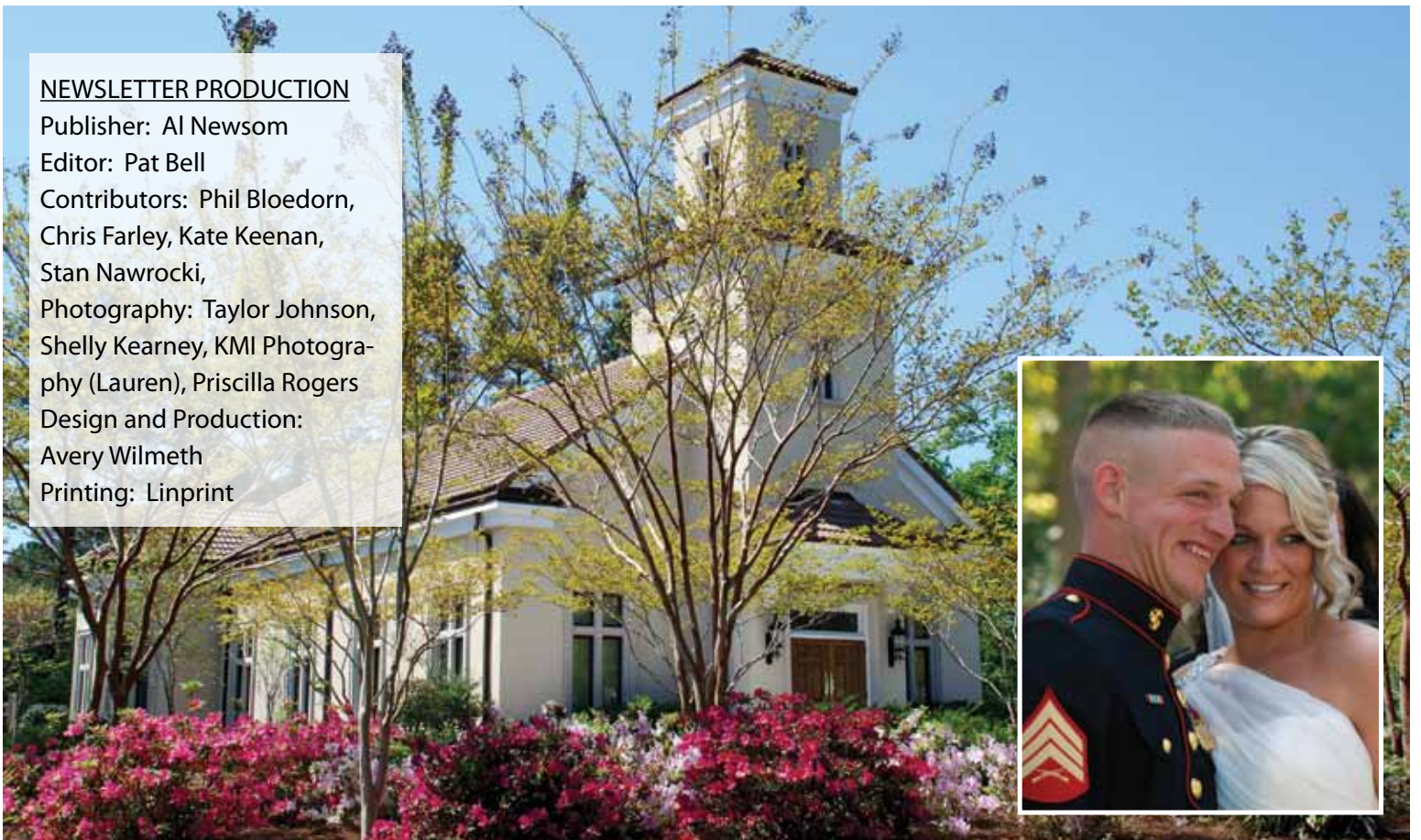
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