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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By *Leon P. Socha*

2019 has been a great year for the Frank H. Kenan Chapel in Landfall! Thanks to the generosity of the Family of Frank H. Kenan and numerous supporters, the Board of Directors continued in our mission: To provide a tranquil, serene setting for spiritual, ceremonial and cultural events for residents of Landfall and of the larger community. The Kenan Chapel hosted many new and emerging musicians for our free monthly concert series, including the talented students from The University of North Carolina School of the Arts. It hosted numerous weddings, both local and destination, and replanted many trees and shrubs that were damaged during last year's hurricane.

Our intimate Kenan Chapel remains a place of quiet reflection and the Memorial Gardens offer many welcoming park benches for peaceful contemplation. This is in a beautifully landscaped setting of mature, indigenous trees meandering along a pathway through the Chapel Woods and the well-maintained Labyrinth with numerous interesting statues interspersed throughout.

As the "Crown Jewel" of our Landfall community, the Kenan Chapel remains a local favorite for numerous spiritual and ceremonial events including baptisms, weddings, vow-renewals, and memorial services, as well as a quiet place for meditation and prayer. It has been blessed and sanctified by all major faiths. Please visit at www.kenanchapel.com or www.weddingwire.com and follow us on "Facebook" and "Instagram" as our story continues to unfold.

For those of you who have attended our free monthly Sunday evening concerts, you are familiar with the architecturally designed acoustics that enhance the

diversity of cultural programming we plan for our music series. The 2018-2019 season brought artists of varied backgrounds from around our city, state and nation to play to full audiences. It is my pleasure to lead our board in ensuring that the Kenan Chapel is available for the continued use and enjoyment by residents of Landfall and our community at large.

The Kenan Chapel Board of Directors, in conjunction the Great Oaks Club and the Landfall COA, coordinated the 18th Annual Fall Festival in Landfall. Numerous volunteers worked hard to plan an event that was fun for all ages. Our signature fundraising event, the 2019 Festival saw record breaking attendance and numerous new attractions. It was praised by many as the best Fall Festival to date. We are very grateful to Chair Mike Kane and his numerous volunteers for making this such a successful, traditional event for Landfall residents.

Unique to the Landfall community, the Kenan Chapel also provides a final resting place for you or your loved one's remains when you pass on. Memorial trees and plaques are also available to purchase to honor loved ones. The Kenan Chapel has several options, all designed to meet your specific wishes and requirements. Please call me at 910-256-2011 to discuss the options.

As President of the Board of Directors, it is my duty and pleasure to lead us in the operation of our busy Chapel. Our bi-monthly meetings are productive and engaging with leaders emerging to manage many aspects of Chapel business. Without the trusted advice and guidance of our Board of Directors, we would not function. Each board member contributes talents and innumerable hours to keep our Chapel operating and meeting our community's needs.

Wishing you a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

ARRANGEMENTS



Front Row (L-R): Ginny Tyndall, Olof Preston, Chairwoman, Trish Boyd, Peggy Neathery, RoseMary Russo
Back Row (L-R): Pam Moody, Terri Littlejohn, Carol Earey, Barb Nevin, Catherine Bonnette, Sue Thompson, Cindy Humphreville, Judi Cody
Not Pictured: Melissa Danelowski, Dottie Griffin, Les Sloan, Gayle Van Velsor

By Trish Boyd

Brides from across the country continue to find Kenan Chapel on WeddingWire, Facebook, and Instagram. The Chapel has hosted more than a dozen weddings in 2019, with more yet to come, and quite a few are booked for 2020 and 2021.

Memorial services continue to be a specialty, both inside the Chapel and/or in the gardens. Services can be booked for either or both locations. Arrangements can also be made for military honors, including taps, when those honors are warranted and requested by the families of our brave and selfless veterans.

Two-thousand and nineteen found us hosting both a wedding and a memorial service with military honors. The Chapel also served as the venue when two brothers were married two months apart, with a third brother performing the nuptials for both happy couples. Mary Lee and Ryon Plummer were united in holy matrimony on July 20 by brother, Reid Plummer; on September 14, Dana White and Will Plummer exchanged their vows before (same!) brother Reid. What wonderful family events, and we were delighted to share these family memories at Kenan Chapel.

We, the Kenan Chapel Board and I, are again so very thankful for the work done by the Arrangements Committee - they make this process look easy! Their enthusiasm and expertise contributes much to the well-oiled machine that is the Kenan Chapel. Thanks to Catherine Bonnette, Judi Cody, Melissa Danelowski, Carol Earey, Dottie Griffin, Cindy Humphreville, Terri Littlejohn, Pam Moody, Peggy Neathery, Barb Nevin, Olof Preston, RoseMary Russo, Les Sloan, Sue Thompson, Ginny Tyndall and Gayle Van Velsor.



Your work with the Arrangements Committee is much appreciated!

Thanks also to Mike Williams at the COA office for intercepting calls and messages for the Chapel, and our "chair men" Denis Brown, John Littlejohn, and Kurt Schwerdt, as well as scribe Leslie Silloway.

Our Arrangements Committee is always looking for new members; training is provided - no experience is necessary! - and you can expect this volunteer opportunity to require only 8-20 hours a year.

Please contact Trish Boyd at 484-951-3680 or info@kenanchapel.com if you would like more information about any of these volunteer opportunities.

From The Music Committee

By Anne Leister

The Kenan Chapel Music Committee is dedicated to bringing outstanding talent to the Kenan Chapel throughout the year with its beautiful concerts. The committee meets periodically to decide on a variety of programs, many stressing young, emerging artists and the free concerts are often followed by a reception in the Country Club of Landfall.

From the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, there were three concerts. The Chapel is very fortunate to have music from the school which is part of the University of North Carolina. In February, Faculty Members Allison Gagnon, pianist, and Ida Bieler, violinist, played to a very enthusiastic crowd, using the lovely grand piano, a gift from Annice Hawkins Kenan Smith, Frank Kenan's daughter.

The March concert was also from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, and three very talented young people presented a second program again using the piano from the Kenans.

The third in the series of concerts from the School of the Arts was the Chrysalis Wind Quintet. Highlighting the special acoustics in the Chapel made this a particularly nice program.

Mothers' Day brings the Tallis Chamber Orchestra to Wilmington each year. Their concert is always very popular with our Landfall audience.

2019 was the 11th year of the Port City Music Festival, and, as in the past, the inaugural concert was held in the Kenan Chapel, followed by a reception in the Landfall

Club. The Kenan Chapel and the Port City Music Festival plan to further explore the possibilities regarding the Emerging Artist Program with the Port City Music Festival.

On September 29, Lilac 94 performed a program composed of several pieces that were commissioned by the harp duo. Christina Brier and Kathryn Sloat have given international concerts with their two harps, and the Kenan Chapel was fortunate to have them in Wilmington.

To round out the year's programs were two concerts featuring emerging artists. On October 27, the Kenan Music Scholars came to town bringing about 20 of their outstanding music scholars from Chapel Hill. The concert featured wind players, string players, pianists, and vocalists. They presented a concert with solos and small group chamber music, including classical standards, jazz, and original compositions. The Kenan Scholars are favorites in our Chapel.

The November program, entitled Winners, included four young people who were winners from two different competitions. The Wilmington Symphony winners were Tanya Hanano, mezzo soprano UNCW winner, and Douglas Han, pianist, the middle school winner. The Brooklyn Arts Music Academy Bach Double competition winners were Isabella Garcia and Joshua Gibbs, both violinists. The program featuring these four winning musicians was very special.

Plans for concerts in 2020 will continue to feature more outstanding musicians in our lovely Kenan Chapel.

2020 Kenan Chapel Music Concerts

Concerts are held at 5 p.m. and complimentary tickets are available on the Monday preceding each Sunday concert at the NE branch of the Library.

A reception follows all concerts, except for Mother's Day, at the Country Club of Landfall.

January 19, 2020

Coastal Strings featuring Christine Maynard, Diane Stephens, Kathy Meyer

February 23, 2020

Violin/Piano Duo featuring Kevin Lawrence, Dmitri Scheinberg from UNCSCA

March 22, 2020

Flutes! from UNCSCA

April 19, 2020

Guitars! from UNCSCA

May 10, 2020

Tallis Chamber Orchestra

May 31, 2020

12th Annual Port City Music Festival Inaugural Concert

October 18, 2020

Danijela Zvezelj-Gualdi and Paolo Andre Gualdi

Remember to mark your calendars!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 5PM

A Holiday Tradition Continues at Kenan Chapel.

Save the date for the 5th Annual Christmas Carol Sing accompanied by the Salvation Army Brass Band. Join your neighbors and friends at the Chapel on Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 for this joyful holiday tradition.

Of course, Santa will make his usual appearance and will take part in the reception to follow at the Country Club of Landfall. Adults and children of all ages are encouraged to participate.



Fall Festival News

18TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Since early Spring of this year, Fall Festival event chair Mike Kane and his trusted team of volunteer coordinators planned and implemented the largest Landfall Fall Festival to date. With the event cancellation last year because of the hurricane recovery efforts, Mike and numerous eager volunteers meticulously mapped out the best Fall Festival in Landfall with activities for all ages. Near the park's entrance, attendees were greeted by volunteers of the Great Oaks Club who hosted a bake sale with a large selection of baked goods to enjoy on site or at home. A robust silent auction lead by Kathy Sartarelli and John Ballance gave folks a chance to bid on items donated primarily by Landfall-based businesses. Our annual 50/50 raffle prize winner won \$1,078.

The Car Show "steered" by Van Hemphill and Phil Rodilosso boasted over 25 entries of every conceivable vintage. The children's games were reimagined and upgraded to the delight of many children. The crowd favorite was the cucumber squash races with wheels donated by the Boy Scouts of America and an anonymous Landfall resident. Numerous vendors lined the recreation site with flowers, decorated pumpkins and mums for sale. The Children's Museum, Keep New Hanover Beautiful, and Wilmington Compost

Company offered information centers to help spread the word and good works of their agencies. A crowd and children's favorite was the interactive exhibit from "We Use Worms" which introduced Landfall residents to the uses of vermiculture. TamaTea, The Donut Inn, Kale Me Crazy and Nothing Bundt Cakes offered festival-goers samples of their delicious goods.

Monte Coughlin donated his generous time and gift of gab to direct attendees to various attractions including the pony rides from J&S Farms, hay rides, games, pumpkin and face painting, sand art creations, the traditional savory cookout manned by the Country Club of Landfall cooks and other volunteers, and the ever popular root beer float saloon featuring ice cream generously donated by Kilwin's. The Landfall COA staff graciously helped set up the event and lent a hand when attendees or exhibitors needed help.

The success of the Fall Festival is attributable to the numerous smiling volunteers who helped throughout the day and many days leading up to the festival, our incomparable Coastal Carolina weather and most importantly, you -- the friends and families who attend our traditional festival year after year.



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Communications

All the news you need to know about Kenan Chapel can be found in this newsletter, on Facebook, Instagram and our website. Like and follow us to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings at the Kenan Chapel. It remains a favorite location for destination weddings and those locals who want an intimate, elegant wedding venue. A look through our newsletter lets you know that we are an active facility that hosts numerous free community concerts throughout the year, plus weddings,

vow renewals, baptisms and interments. The Chapel and our four acre gardens and walking path are the perfect place for reflection and reconnection. Our dedicated volunteers Jim Martz and Taylor Johnson capture images and submit articles to local publications to keep Landfall residents informed. Volunteers welcome. Please reach out to us at info@kenanchapel.com to learn more and help out!



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by Myrna Brown

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Endowment Fund ensures the Chapel will continue as it has to benefit the Landfall community and the greater Wilmington area.

Kenan Chapel is the venue for concerts open to the public, private weddings, and memorial services. The Memorial Gardens serves as a burial place for the ashes of a loved one, or for yourself in the future. Providing a space for contemplation and remembrance, the Memorial Gardens enhance the Chapel by their grace and beauty.

With a pledge of \$1000 over four years or an outright donation of the same or more, a brick marker inscribed as you prefer will be placed in a specified area at the rear of the Chapel beneath the stained glass window.

A contribution form is provided below. If you wish to discuss a gift of stock or an IRA contribution, contact Myrna Brown at 910-509-0112 or email mrsmlbrown@ec.rr.com. The Chapel is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Give today and consider making it a part of your legacy in the future. Your support is greatly appreciated. You may use the form provided below.

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