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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Frank H. Kenan Chapel at Landfall-- The Jewel in the Crown of Landfall



By Leon Socha

It's hard to believe another year has passed so quickly. We've been busy at the Chapel as you will see by the other articles in this newsletter. We have no paid staff, so all of the planning and execution of our Sunday concert series, weddings, interments, and the Fall Festival are done by the volunteers who are on the Board of Directors or are members of the special Committees such as Arrangements, Landscape, Chapel Maintenance or Fall Festival.

My sincere thanks and appreciation go to them for the hundreds of hours they put into managing Chapel affairs and organizing events for Landfall and Greater Wilmington residents. Without them, the Chapel could not function. Of special mention and thanks is the outstanding work that Avery Wilmeth puts into the design and production of this newsletter and her management of our website: [www.KenanChapel.com](http://www.KenanChapel.com) and many other behind-the-scenes actions.

Hump-Back Bridge - After the original interment Memorial Garden was started in 2003, the Labyrinth was built in 2009 and the Chapel Woods was completed in 2014. Along with many other individuals, Jack Leister was key in the design and production of these projects. In designing Chapel Woods, he envisioned a hump-back bridge spanning the swale between Chapel Woods and the Chapel parking lot. The Board of Directors thought this was a great idea but did not fund it at the time thinking that this could become a special



fund raising project to be initiated in the future.

The future has arrived and now is the time for us to ask for your support to accomplish this project. The project, including sidewalks and landscaping, will cost approximately \$25,000. This is an appeal for your generosity. The Board hopes to approve this project, pending availability of sufficient funds. Please send your generous contributions to the Chapel annotating that the gift is for the Hump-Back Bridge. We would like to have the project completed by spring 2016.

We are so lucky to be living in beautiful Landfall. Some of you may say it was not luck but due diligence that brought you here, and I'm sure that for many this may be the case. In addition to the fabulous golf courses and country club, the beautiful homes and landscaping in Landfall which we enjoy on a daily basis during our lives here, we have the opportunity to have our cremains

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# FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE



By Reuben Allen

The Kenan Chapel Music Committee, chaired by Reuben Allen, is dedicated to bringing exemplary talent and concerts to the community. The Music Committee is comprised of persons who help make this a reality. Usually, the concerts perform to a full house with standing ovations at the conclusion of the concert. Not only are the concerts free, but a reception is provided after most of them at the Country Club of Landfall.

We began 2015 with a piano concert with Barry Salwen from UNCW. We were pleased to have the Tallis Chamber Orchestra return for the Mothers' Day Concert. This is the seventh year The Port City Music Festival has begun its concert series at the Chapel. John Tabler gave an outstanding concert using the Chapel organ. Nancy King and students from UNCW performed in September. In

November the Kenan Scholars from UNC gave an excellent concert.

The North Carolina School of the Arts rewarded us with three outstanding concerts in 2015. The first was a pianist and partners concert in February followed by the Gianini Quartet in March. In November, the Fletcher Opera performed operatic pieces and treated us to popular music at the reception. The UNCW Chamber Singers, under the direction of Joe Hickman, performed both secular and seasonal music at our November concert

In 2016, the Tallis Chamber Orchestra and the Port City Music Festival will return as well as other great performances providing a variety of entertainment. Our goal is to bring emerging artists to our community, and we will continue on the same path in the future. Please see our schedule at: [www.KenanChapel.com](http://www.KenanChapel.com).

## 2016 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.*

Sunday, January 24  
*Coastal Strings Chamber Music*

Sunday, February 21  
*Flutes - UNCSA*

Sunday March 27  
*Piano Collaborative - UNCSA*

Sunday, April 17  
*Wilmington Girls Choir*

Sunday, May 8  
*Tallis Chamber Orchestra*

Sunday, June 5  
*Port City Music Festival*

Sunday, September 18  
*Peter Borgia, Pianist*

Sunday, October 6  
*David Heinzman, Organist*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

interred here after we die. The Chapel Memorial Gardens offers final resting places in the Original Memorial Garden, the Labyrinth and the Chapel Woods.

I have had the opportunity to witness many Chapel memorial services. All were personally arranged by family members and loved ones, and each has been unique, the result of all the love and personal attention that have gone into the preparation and planning of the event. The Chapel volunteer staff works diligently to meet your wishes and needs. Very often the surviving members offer their thanks that the decedents had the good forethought to make the interment arrangements themselves and had not placed that task on the survivors. I am available to give you a tour of the Memorial Gardens or to answer any questions you might have regarding interments at the Chapel.

In addition to individual contributions and weddings, the major fund raiser for the Chapel has become the annual Fall Festival. This has become a much anticipated event for Landfall residents, particularly the children. This year's event, co-chaired by Steve Burdt and Mike Kane, was well publicized by Sue Patterson and the media. The success could not have been possible without the joint efforts of the Landfall Council of Associations, the Great Oaks Club, the Country Club of Landfall and the many volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time and treasure. It was a huge success and is reported on in depth in another article in this newsletter.

The Board of Directors wishes you a very happy holiday season. Your kind thoughts, active participation, and contributions allow us to provide quality services to Landfall and Greater Wilmington residents.





Music photos by  
Taylor Johnson

# Exceptional Performances

## THE KENAN MUSIC SCHOLARS AT UNC - CHAPEL HILL

By Jim Martz

Many of you enjoyed a most wonderful musical opportunity to see and hear 12 outstanding Kenan Music Scholars in concert at our Kenan Chapel on Nov. 8. These very special young musician scholars from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill presented a concert of solo and chamber music, including classical standards, jazz and original compositions. They were joined for this concert by five students from the UNC Department of Music.

Each of the Musician Scholars has been awarded a four-year, full-tuition scholarship (fees, room and board). The Kenan Music Scholarship is the premier scholarship of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Music. Each year four incoming students are awarded this generous scholarship, not only for tuition and fees, but also for enrichment activities (summer programs, master classes, travel and research). Each of them specializes in various music concentrations such as vocals to tuba, flute, and violins. In addition, they are encouraged to combine their musical studies with coursework or a second major at UNC, one of the nation's most prestigious research universities.

All of the resources to enable this world class music program came about because of the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust that has a long history of supporting the arts across North Carolina.



The first class of Kenan Music Scholars started in 2007 with an endowment gift of \$4 million from the Kenan Trust. Another \$4 million gift was awarded to complete construction of the Kenan Music Building in 2008. Additional gifts from the Kenan Trust have had transformational effects for the entire Department of Music including \$5 million to inaugurate a campaign to renovate Hill Hall.

Through the generosity of the Kenan Family, arts programs in North Carolina have flourished and are world class. And, yes, Kenan Chapel is a proud part of this legacy.

# ARRANGEMENTS



Laura Jelf & Andrew Wittwer  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
Photo by Dana Laymon



*By Trish Boyd*

The Arrangements Committee had a busy year of transition, as Kate Keenan retired as Chair of the Committee after 14 years of enthusiastic service. Kate did a brilliant job of heading up the Arrangements Committee over the years and left very large shoes to fill.

With the help of a dedicated committee with years of experience, I am doing my best to keep the Arrangements Committee on track as

we head into our 16th year of special events at Kenan Chapel.

I want to thank the ladies on the Arrangements Committee who have worked with Kate for some time and were so gracious in staying on the committee and assisting me through this transition. They are Kay Brockdorff, Judi Cody, Suzanne Gram, Dottie Griffin, Chris Reid, Carla Schwerdt, and Diane Torgersen, as well as the steadfast Kate Keenan.

In addition, Denis Brown and Kurt Schwerdt are always available for chair set-up, and Leslie Silloway continues as the Scribe. Special thanks to Avery Wilmeth for keeping our ever-changing calendar and website up-to-date. I would welcome having all of these ladies continue on the Arrangements Committee – they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience which will be difficult to replace.

But I also recently welcomed several new ladies to the Arrangements Committee and look forward to working with them in the future.



*AJ Blue & Malia Melvin*

They are Catherine Bonnette, Melissa Danelowski, Carol Earey, Cindy Humphreville, Peggy Neathery, Olof Preston and Wendy Sedlacek. I thank all of you for your willingness and dedication to making Kenan Chapel one of the best wedding venues in Wilmington.

We were very busy in 2015, with 26 weddings and 6 memorial services, and calls are coming in for 2016, with 6 weddings already scheduled. Although many weddings are scheduled months, if not a year or two, in advance, we hosted two weddings this year

that were in the planning stage for a month or less, and both were beautiful events. One of these events, as well as another wedding back in the summer, took place mid-week. There is no deterring a determined bride! They both had their separate reasons for being married mid-week, and I am sure they found their many vendors happy to work with them on a day other than Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

An invitation is extended to anyone interested in learning more about Chapel Arrangements. Please contact Trish Boyd at 679-4420 or email [info@kenanchapel.com](mailto:info@kenanchapel.com).



# The Fall Festival

By Steve Burdt

We were lucky! On Oct 10, the rain held off until the 14th Annual Landfall Kenan Chapel Fall Festival was completed. The event itself was a beautiful example of Landfall fun and cooperative spirit.

The Council of Associations (COA) athletic field was crowded with activity that produced record attendance by Landfall families enjoying a wide range of events and activities. The event also produced record revenue to support the programs offered by festival organizers, the Frank H. Kenan Chapel, the Landfall Great Oaks Club and the COA. Thank you, Landfall, for your generous support.

The bake sale, organized and staffed by volunteers from the Great Oaks Club, was a big success with all baked goods sold. The 50%/50% raffle was won by William Flaherty, who made a very generous donation to the Chapel. Long lines of youngsters eagerly waited for pony rides and the hayride around the park, since our "Haunted Forest" was too wet from the recent rains. The CCL Director of Golf Instruction Greg Guman's staff organized a very active kid's golf chipping clinic.

Festival goers were hungry, so food and drink were very popular. "Spooky Meals" and hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by CCL Chef Robert were served by volunteers. CCL offered beer and wine to go with the great food. Also, soft drinks, and root beer floats, featuring Boombalatti's ice cream, were Fall Festival beverage favorites.

Carnival Row was very active with numerous kids' games, including face

painting, sand art, pumpkin painting and the beauty bar. Pumpkins, handsomely painted or plain of any size, along with multi colored chrysanthemums, pansies and snapdragons, were hauled off to waiting car trunks to decorate Landfall homes for the fall season.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Magic; the Balloon Man; mascots Little Caesar and the Hammerhead's Sledge. The Cape Fear Community College Cheerleaders performed and encouraged future cheerleaders to participate.

All of these events were highlighted and narrated by the "Voice of Landfall" Monte Coughlin, who MC'd the event and kept all Festival goers informed and excited about the action.

This year's Festival enjoyed community-wide support from sponsors shown in the accompanying box. In addition, 46 individuals, merchants, restaurants and companies donated items to a very successful silent auction. Valuable support was provided by the Landfall Council of Associations, Landfall Realty and the Great Oaks Club.

A communitywide effort, with broad financial and volunteer involvement, produced a day of all-American family fun for the benefit of the Frank H. Kenan Chapel and the Great Oaks Club. Both organizations are grateful to the Landfall community for its support.



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## The Endowment Fund

By Dennis Danelowski

The Endowment Fund for the Frank H. Kenan Chapel at Landfall was created ten years ago with a very generous seed contribution from the Kenan Family Foundation. The Fund's goal is to have a principal amount of \$500,000 invested to generate a meaningful level of income to help cover Chapel expenses. As of now, we are \$45,000 short of our goal.

Many of you have enjoyed a Chapel Concert, attended a wedding, strolled the Memorial Gardens or admired the beautiful

chapel building and grounds as you drive by. Why not help ensure that the Chapel will continue to be a memorable venue and to be a positive benefit for Landfall and the greater Wilmington area into the future? Become part of the legacy and have your name or that of a beloved family member or friend engraved in a brick marker on the Chapel grounds. With a donation to the Kenan Chapel Endowment Fund of \$1000 or more, a brick marker will be placed in the recognition plaza, at the rear of the chapel underneath the stained glass window. If you pledge \$1000 or more over

four years or less, a marker will be installed upon completion of the pledge. We currently have 35 bricks remaining in our recognition area ready to be engraved.

Your contributions are needed to reach our goal! You may use the contribution form included with this newsletter, or if you wish to discuss a gift of stock or a IRA contribution contact Dennis Danelowski at 910-256-6692 or email [dennis2031@att.net](mailto:dennis2031@att.net). The Chapel is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We greatly appreciate your support.

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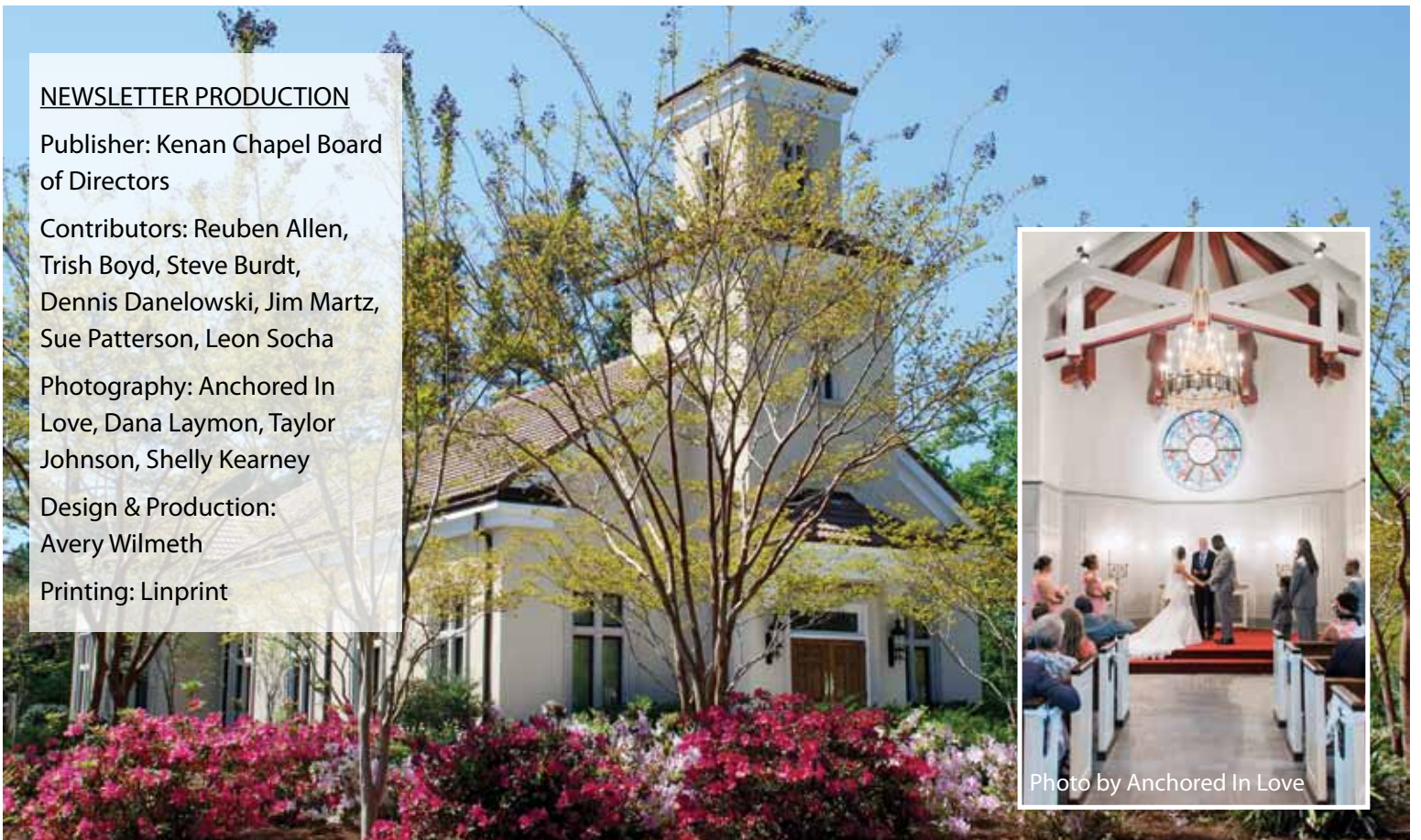


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