

A complimentary copy of this newsletter has been sent to you if you are not currently a member of the Chapel Hill Historical Society. We invite you to rejoin the CHHS. Membership fees support the organization's mission and activities and entitle you to newsletters and invitations to the Society's upcoming programs as described in this bulletin.

Please send your check for \$35 to the Chapel Hill Historical Society, P.O. Box 9032, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516-9032.



A Tip of Our Historical Hat to...

The UNC Band for welcoming, during the opening football game, members of the US Navy B-1 Band, which was the first all-black band organized by the US Navy and was headquartered in Chapel Hill as part of the Navy's pre-flight school at UNC during World War II. Most of the Band's members were from North Carolina.

The Board members of the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill, the Chapel Hill Museum, and the CHHS for meeting as the Heritage Alliance and sharing resources and strategies to benefit the community and all three organizations concurrently.

Chapel Hill Historical Society Board Members "Old and New" – June 2007



Front row (left to right) Terry Barnett, President, Eleanor Morris, Vice President. Second row: Mitch Virchick, Cat Williams, Margaret Skinner, Charlene Register. Third row: Emilie de Luca, Carolyn Sturgess, Treasurer, Nancy Tannenbaum, Secretary, Laurie Norman, Vicki Threlfall, Catherine Carpenter. Fourth row: Skip Brown, Harry McLean, Moreton Neal, Kimball King, Tim West. Not Pictured: Kathie Heffner, John Hawkins, Tony Hawkins, Laurie Paolicelli, Steven Petrow, Rosemary Waldorf, Mary Webb

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Making the Past Present

Fall/Winter 2007-2008 Newsletter

Coming to you —
Following a summer break, fall and winter fun!

MONTHLY MENTAL STIMULATIONS...
Sunday, November 18,
2:00 - 4:00pm

at the Villa Teo (Whitehall at the Villa) "Papa D's Legacy: A Look Back at the Danziger Restaurant Dynasty in Chapel Hill". A panel discussion featuring Ervin Danziger and friends and employees of the Danzigers, followed by refreshments.

Saturday & Sunday,
December 8th & 9th,
1:00 - 5:00pm

at CHHS headquarters
Holiday Cheer during the House Tour. This year's CH Preservation Society's Christmas House Tour will feature Franklin Street homes. As you tour, join us at our Franklin Street headquarters for wine, cheese, and good cheer among our own collection of historic memorabilia.

MARVELOUS MONTHLY CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHTS...



Friday, November 9,
7:00pm at The Carolina Club SLEUTH — Introduction by Freddie Kiger, Civil War historian. If it was murder, where's the body? That was the tagline for this 1972 film. And there's no butler to have done it. Based on the hit play by Anthony Shaffer, directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz, the film was nominated for four Oscars. Starting at 6pm — A Conversation With Rosemary Mankiewicz, Widow of the director and Freddie Kiger, moderator.

To make reservations, call
The Carolina Club - 962-1101 -
and indicate you are a
member of the
Chapel Hill Historical Society.

\$5,000 Towards the — "History of Franklin Street"

On October 11th, 2007, the Chapel Hill Museum opened its exhibit on the history of Franklin Street. The CHHS contributed funds and members furnished time and artifacts, to this celebration of our central artery. Walk, pedal, hitchhike, or drive, but get to this exhibit this fall. We are proud to be a benefactor of this important exhibit

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And More Community Activities...

At the Chapel Hill Museum...

Oct. 2007 — **The History of Franklin Street**

The tale of the town's most beloved thoroughfare is now opened as a permanent exhibit. Through the people of Franklin St., this exhibit will illustrate the places, events, and commerce that make up the eclectic history of a street known nationally for sporting event celebrations and regionally for its vibrancy.

At UNC's Wilson Library...

Thursday, November 8 — **The Free Men**

A Discussion of John Ehle's Newly Reprinted Book. John Ehle's book describes the experiences of a handful of dedicated students, both black and white, during the 1963-64 civil rights protests in Chapel Hill. Ehle and several of the key participants will talk about their experiences and memories, including key organizers Quinton Baker; Karen Parker, the first African American undergraduate at Carolina; and Josh and Matt Dunne, sons of the third leader, the late John Dunne. Wayne King, former editor of *The Daily Tar Heel*, and Jim Wallace whose photos appear in the book will also participate. Books will be on sale by the Bull's Head Bookshop. 5:00 p.m. Reception, Melba Remig Saltarelli Room. 5:45 p.m. Program, Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library.

Tuesday, November 13 — **Words Can Do Little**

Spike Saunders's World War II Correspondence University Archivist Janis

Holder will speak about J. Maryon "Spike" Saunders, long-time executive secretary of UNC's General Alumni Association and father of CHHS' Board Vice President, Eleanor Morris. During World War II, Saunders tirelessly kept the university's many alumni in the military connected to their beloved Chapel Hill. This talk celebrates Saunders's personal commitment to those alumni serving during this war. The talk coincides with the opening of the related exhibit, "A Nursery of Patriotism: The University at War, 1861-1945." 5:00 p.m. Reception, Manuscripts Department, 4th Floor Wilson Library. 5:45 p.m. Program, Pleasants Family Assembly Room.

At the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill...

Bring your lunch to the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill and enjoy a lunchtime lecture! Each monthly talk begins at 12 noon in the Horace Williams House. The Horace Williams House is located at 610 E. Rosemary Street. For more information call (919) 942-7818 or chpreservation@mindspring.com.

November 7, 2007 — "The Roads and the Founding of Chapel Hill" - Tom Magnuson

January 23, 2008 — "Southern, Black, and Gay: Richard Kaplan and the Influence of Morality on Alternative Sexualities" - Dr. Trudier Harris

February 28, 2008 — "Tribal Blood: Early Indian Conflicts in North Carolina." - Dr. Kathleen Duval.

Letters to Our Soldiers:

Two Generations of Alumni Service

J. Maryon "Spike" Saunders, was executive secretary of UNC's General Alumni Association and tirelessly kept the university's many alumni in the military connected to their beloved Chapel Hill during WWII. His daughter, Eleanor Saunders Morris, our CHHS Vice President, has continued that tradition as a board member of the UNC General Alumni Association among other community roles. Spike's letters to servicemen will be featured in UNC's Wilson Library Program on Tuesday November 13th for a 5:00 p.m. reception and a 5:45 p.m. presentation.

J. Maryon "Spike" Saunders
(photo courtesy of Friends of UNC Library)



Join the Chapel Hill Historical Society & Invite a Friend

By Terry Barnett, President

Fall is membership season. Please renew your membership and ask a friend to join. With your aid, we will, this year:

- ◆ Surpass our 300th monthly educational program.
- ◆ Make our fifth annual grant to a Chapel Hill-Carrboro public schoolteacher to bring local history alive to our students.
- ◆ Continue our series of films of historical significance at the Carolina Club.
- ◆ Complete our 20th year of monthly historical columns in local newspapers.
- ◆ Donate historically significant items to UNC and other local institutions.
- ◆ Provide substantial financial and volunteer support to the historical efforts of other groups.
- ◆ Inspire neighborhoods to record their history, continuing our series of "neighborhood history" meetings.
- ◆ Make available items of local significance at our office.
- ◆ Renew our program of installing historical plaques around town.
- ◆ Appropriately recognize local citizens who have made and preserved our town's traditions.
- ◆ Publish our 41st year of regular newsletters for members.
- ◆ And host our annual "Evening With..." fundraiser, to be held on April 20th at the Carolina Inn featuring a fascinating local personality.

If you have not already renewed your membership, we ask that you please do so. Your tax deductible contribution may be matched by your employer.

Michael Brown Murals in Chapel Hill to be Refurbished



"Musical Youth" by Michael Brown
Art Supply Store - W. Franklin St.

The CHHS and the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill are working jointly to fund a survey of the condition of artist Michael Brown's murals located throughout the town. Brown's large-scale works depict a variety of moods and themes consonant with Chapel Hill buildings and community. The CHHS and Preservation Society will contribute matching funds to assess the work needed to refurbish and preserve these important community landmarks.

CHHS Educational Grant

Connecting with Chapel Hill Students

Bob Brogden, recipient of the Society's Educational Grant in 2006-07 brought 20 of his students from East Chapel Hill High School to our May 2007 meeting. These students, part of the grant-funded project "Changes in Our Community," made videos and presentations that tracked changes in Chapel Hill over the last 30 or 40 years through interviews with long-time residents, existing oral histories and other sources of information. Topics included Traffic in Chapel Hill, the Music Scene, Black-White Relationships, Restaurants in Chapel Hill, and the Japanese influence in the area. Bob showed videos developed by the students to describe the changing patterns in Chapel Hill.

This year, Bill Melega, a history teacher at Chapel Hill High School, has been awarded the 2007-2008 Educational Grant. His students will explore connections between Hawaii and Chapel Hill's hometown heroes during World War II.