

St. Andrews by the Lake

Alumni Newsletter



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Welcome to our July-August issue of *St. Andrews by the Lake*. We hope this online newsletter helps keep you up to date on what's happening here on campus, and also shares news of what is going on in the lives of our alumni community.

With students and some of the faculty away, summer is a quiet time on campus. The lake is shimmering, fish are jumping, and the temperature is high! We are looking forward to the second annual Summer at St. Andrews this month, an affordable, academic camp for rising 8th through 12th graders across the country. Courses include Writers' Workshop, Computer Game Art, Veterinary Science, Forensic Science, Studio Arts: Painting, Drawing and Sculpture, among others.

In May, six of our students, led by Veterinarian in Residence Dr. Laura Kellam, were in South Africa on the Shimongwe Limpopo Veterinary Experience. They worked with local wildlife veterinarians to assist sick and injured wildlife, assisted with the translocation of various species, conducted blood sampling to ensure disease-free buffalo breeding populations, and learned safety procedures

related to the use of drugs to sedate large game animals such as elephants and rhinos.

Professor Neal Bushoven is taking 12 students to India this month, on what will be his 25th trip to the subcontinent. Who could ask for a more delightful and seasoned "tour guide?"

The University's fiscal year ended May 31, and the St. Andrews community thanks all of you who provided financial support to our alma mater during the year. We also want you to know how grateful we are to all of you who continue to advocate for this remarkable place.

We are looking forward to more alumni get-togethers in the coming year, and hope that April 17-19 is already on your calendar for Alumni Weekend, 2015.

Happy Summer!

Ellen Thompson
Director of Alumni Relations



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Upcoming Events



Raleigh Area
Alumni Event
July 10, 2014



Scotland
County
Highland Games
October 4, 2014



Alumni Council
Meeting
October 17-18,
2014



Bed & Breakfasts *Our Alumni Innkeepers*

St. Andrews alumni have a diverse set of occupations. We all know about our Peace Corps, church, and social workers, but we recently found that some of our alumni took a different path after successful careers in other fields.

This is the story of four of our alumni innkeepers -- Greg '92 and Lori '87 Dusenberry, Michael McOwen '79 and Beth Storie, and Bruce Taylor '74 and Corinne Taylor. All three couples own and operate bed & breakfast inns on the eastern seaboard, from the Chesapeake Bay to South Carolina. Here are their stories.



Equestrian
Open House
October 17-18,
2014



Admissions
Open House
November 16,
2014



Save the Date
Alumni Weekend
April 17-19, 2015

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Lori and Greg are both SA alums and were both Philosophy majors, but did not attend St. Andrews at the same time. They met several years later at a gathering of SA alums who all lived in Chapel Hill/ Durham, NC.

Lori says, "As far as starting the B&B, we really just went out on a big limb in that we had no idea what the hell we were doing. We had only stayed in one B&B in our life, (yep, first time for both of us), and only really got into this mess as we wanted to escape our everyday "corporate" jobs. We also realized we needed to move closer to my parents who were getting older and experiencing health problems. So, we came to the middle of nowhere in 2008, and found an awesome place on the water for sale. We went in with my parents to buy it to start a B&B. I cried a lot when the stock market dropped dramatically after we signed all the papers. But we had already jumped off the cliff. We did a total remodel of our property, and opened an eco-friendly B&B in May 2009. Since then, we have won several awards ([click here](#)), all of which we are very proud. We are most proud of our latest listing among the Top 10 in the US for B&B's."

"We continue to try and offer our guests the most relaxing, enjoyable, and authentic Chesapeake Bay experience on every level, and our reviews reflect this ([click here](#))."

"We have had the wonderful experience of several SA alums visiting the Inn, and we offer a 10% discount to all alums who stay with us in the future--simply mention the St. Andrews connection upon booking."



Cameron House Inn
 Owners Michael McOwen
 & Beth Storie

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Beth and Michael sold their guidebook company, *Insiders' Guides*, in 1998 and had the opportunity to take a few years off with pay due to non-compete clauses in their contract. Michael said that after 19 years of working 60-hour weeks in publishing and constantly being on the road (they operated in 69 U.S.markets), this was a VERY welcome change.

The historic building next to Beth and Michael's home in downtown Manteo became available and they made an offer on it, partly because they had always loved the Arts & Crafts style, and partly because, as Michael said, "A number of wacky options were being proposed for the site that didn't feel like something we wanted next door." To their surprise, they won the bid.

"We worked with an historic architect to figure out how to restore and upgrade the building and found that, amazingly, adding bathrooms to serve the existing 5 bedrooms was actually possible. We discovered that with changes the building was well-suited to become an historic inn."

Michael continues, "The best part for us was that we now had the opportunity to become manual laborers. We spent the next year working side by side with experienced carpenters, plumbers, cabinet makers, furniture restoration specialists and built what we have today."

"Owning an inn has been great fun. We don't operate the day-to-day aspects of the inn like cleaning rooms or cooking breakfasts. We now have other jobs -- yes, back into publishing -- but it is still a great diversion and we love meeting our guests, figuring out how to provide a great experience for them, and running the business aspect. Cameron House has now been in operation for 15 years and I'd make the same decision today that we did back in 1999--even knowing what I know now. We've learned a lot -- such as how to not get burned out when you are hosting 70-80 new people each week and how to make it through the winter season when you aren't hosting anyone. And mostly, what a great experience it is to put a lot of love and energy into a space and invite people to share and enjoy it."



The Pelican Inn

Owners Corrine & Bruce Taylor

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As a student, Bruce Taylor '74 so enjoyed a trip to Pawley's Island in 1971 that he returned time and time again. Dick Prust and Ron Bayes had rented a house then for a week-long South Carolina coastal experience for SA faculty and students. In 1983, Bruce stayed at the Pelican Inn for the first time.

The Pelican Inn was a family-run business, and Bruce and his wife Corinne became friends with the owners, the Evanses. At one point, the Evanses told Bruce and Corinne that they should come work for them. Bruce is a successful lawyer in Atlanta, and was a long-time member of the Board of Trustees at St. Andrews. Corinne is a pediatrician at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Still, the Taylors began to think about the next step in their lives.

In 2009, the Pelican Inn went on the market. Designated a National Historic site, it was featured in an issue of *National Historic Magazine*. Bruce and Corinne sat down and thought hard, but had to answer a couple of questions. The first was how they could possibly run an inn on the coast while still maintaining their professions in Atlanta. The second was how they could afford to purchase the property.

The Inn is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Taylors found they could work in Atlanta the rest of the year, and their employers turned out to be flexible about that schedule.

The solution to the second problem, finances, came in the form of a creative revision of Bruce's retirement fund. With all of that settled, they closed on the Inn in March, 2010.

Corinne spends the summer season running the Inn, and Bruce drives over on the weekends to help with the busier part of the week. In the fall, Corinne resumes her professional life as a doctor.

Featured in *Garden & Gun Magazine* ([click here](#)), the Pelican Inn provides gracious coastal Southern hospitality. The Taylors would welcome alumni who would like to stay at the Inn.



Giving to the Annual Fund at St. Andrews

We want to thank all of you who made gifts to St. Andrews during the fiscal year that ended May 31, 2014. Your generosity and spirit of giving is so appreciated! Occasionally we include in this newsletter an alumni's expression of how St. Andrews has influenced his or her path in life and we wanted particularly to share this with you as another reason alumni give back to their alma mater.

Recently, **Dr. Heath Rada '66**, who was elected in June as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) shared with us a blog post he had written for his website. In it, he spoke of an organ recital he had attended in Asheville, NC. Among the St. Andrews alumni participating in the program were **Barbara Johnson McLean '67** and **Robert Gant '66**. A number of other St. Andrews folks were in the audience: **John Pfaff '67**, **Tom Beason '66**, and **Carolyn Roberts Clifton '66**.

In his blog post, Heath writes "...One of the extraordinary things that happened was when Barbara introduced the program to the audience by telling them what St. Andrews had meant to us. She referred to the great successes of so many graduates from our era. She related how we were taught to think critically, to determine our own minds insofar as culture, theology, and interpersonal matters were concerned. We all said that we knew many people who had had wonderful educations at other institutions, but that the St. Andrews experience was a step ahead when it came to preparing people for life. And we celebrated one another with pride and affection."

"St. Andrews lives today as St. Andrews University in Laurinburg. It has come through some challenging years as is the case with many small liberal arts colleges. But it is succeeding. It is moving forward. It is welcoming new and larger classes with additional options for majors and extracurricular offerings. This small little school far away from any major metropolis is once again emerging as a secure center for creative thinkers, and people who want to be prepared not only for a job, but for life."

"Today we raised our glasses to our alma mater. We thanked one another for our lifelong bonds which hold us together even after so many years. And we expressed special thanks to God for St. Andrews University. Long may it live!"

What a wonderful tribute to St. Andrews. You can read the entire blog post ([click here](#))





More Ways to Give

RECENT GIFTS TO THE ST. ANDREWS ARCHIVES

The St. Andrews University Archives, located in DeTamble Library, was visited by a lot of folks from various classes this past Alumni Weekend. It's made up of a number of collections that document the heritage of St. Andrews, Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs, NC (1896 - 1961) and Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, NC (1929 - 1961.) Mary McDonald, Library Director, welcomes visitors any time.

Here are some recent donations to the Archives. Thank you!

Elaine Batts Percival '62 donated a huge box of great items including FMC plates and SAPC mugs, a framed college cross-stitch, SAPC baby bib, photographs, and the best of all – a complete FMC kilt with all the parts, even the socks. Elaine's ceramic graduation statue was truly one of a kind.

Nancy Shoemaker donated a FMC sports letter and photographs from her athletic mother, **Eunice Davidson Thompson**, a 1933 graduate of Flora Macdonald College.

Nancy Spann '63 sent donations of handbooks, booklets ("Your Roommate's Roommate"), a SAPC sweatshirt, and more.

The daughter of **Rebecca Palmer Rogers Wilson**, FMC Class of 1941, donated an FMC plate, silver spoon, and class ring along with many magazines, postcards, calendars, and photographs.

Lillian Britt Shelton '66 continued her generous giving to the Archives with a donation of FMC College Bulletins to add to her previous SAPC memorabilia.

Gay Mothershed '59 sent programs, choir photos, a pipe cleaner highland dancer, and her graduation tassel.

Helen Gustafson's daughter, Sheryl Dawson, donated a lovely framed print of the Bridge in the FMC Garden, along with her mother's framed 1951 diploma and her freshman beanie.

Stevie Daniels '74 sent the Library signed copies of her books, *Easy Lawns* and *The Wild Lawn Handbook*.

Clint Werner '83 stopped by and donated a copy of his book, *Marijuana: Gateway To Health: How Cannabis Protects Us From Cancer And Alzheimer's Disease*.



Library Project Honors Dr. O.E. Smith

-Mary Harvin McDonald '79/Library Director

Any of you who took education classes at St. Andrews from 1975-2005 probably had Dr. O. E. (Gene) Smith as a professor. Dr. Smith was many things – we all have our memories. He was an enthusiastic teacher, a caring mentor, and a terrible driver. I'm sure you could add more descriptions. He would go the extra mile to help his students find success both in class and out. His life was a model of human love and compassion. Dr. Smith retired in 2005 and died in 2012. He was active in the community and on campus; he was honored in 2012 for 37 years of scorekeeping for the basketball team!

One passion of Dr. Smith's was Children's Literature. If you took his "Kiddie Lit" class, you remember reading and annotating 100 books from the shelves of DeTamble Library. I recall how he was inclusive and sensitive to social issues such as race, death, suicide, and homosexuality before it became the popular thing to do. He made sure we read, discussed, and evaluated books on a wide range of subjects. He invited his friend, Katherine Paterson to visit and read from her Newbery Winner *Bridge to Terabithia*. I still have my signed copy. Dr. Smith had an open mind to go along with his open heart.

DeTamble Library still acquires Award Winning Children's book titles each year and St. Andrews still offers excellent courses in Children's Literature, both from the Education and the Literature point of view. Sadly, many of our Classic titles have become old and worn and are in need of replacement. Many of you will recognize Caldecott (outstanding illustrations) and Newbery (outstanding literature) prize winning books from your

own childhood or from ones you read to your children (and dare I say it – grandchildren).

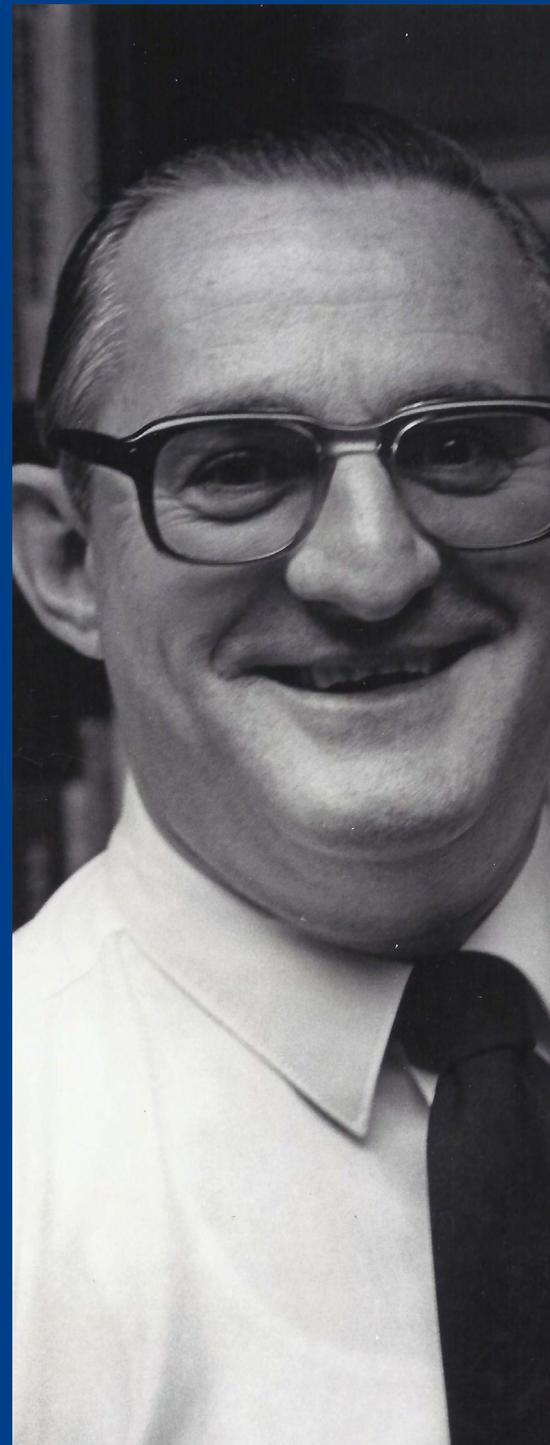
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Just as Dr. Smith's legacy lives on in

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many of you who have pursued an education career, I believe this project provides a meaningful and practical way to honor his life's work, his passion for children and books, and for the students he taught at St. Andrews.

If you have any questions or would like to donate a title that is not on the wish list, please contact me at: mhm@sapc.edu.



Class Notes

Betty McLean Ritchie '50 was honored last fall by the North Carolina Library Association as their Volunteer of the Year.

Alumnus **Heath K. Rada '66** and former St. Andrews trustee was elected in June to be the Moderator of the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). As the new leader of the denomination, Heath will travel widely around the country visiting churches and missions of the church, as well as being the primary spokesperson for the Presbyterian denomination.

Linda Culpepper '86 has been named director of state Division and Waste Management by the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Linda graduated from St. Andrews with a B.A. in Chemistry and earned her Master's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill's Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering.

Dr. Maggie Brewinski Isaacs, M. D., M. P. H. '98, is a physician board certified in both Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine. She serves as a Lieutenant Commander in the US Public Health service Commissioned Corps. She is currently a medical officer at the National Institutes of Health in the Office of Research on Women's Health, where her focus areas include global health, HIV/AIDS, pediatrics, adolescents and violence against women. Dr. Brewinski Isaacs notes that the knowledge and supportive guidance she received from the Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics departments at St. Andrews provided her the skills and perseverance needed to complete her medical training. In addition, she credits her 1997 trip to India with Dr. Bushoven with solidifying her passion for pursuing a career in global health.

Julie Midden '10 has lived in Korea since 2012, and has been teaching English there. Starting this September, she will be a Master's student at Hankuk University in Seoul studying International Development.

Chris Parsons '14 is teaching 4th grade at Star Elementary School in Montgomery County, NC.

In Memoriam

Dr. Robey Thomas Sinclair, Jr. '33 died on May 25, 2014 at age 100. After attending Presbyterian Junior College, he graduated from Georgetown University Medical School. He was instrumental in establishing Cape Fear memorial Hospital in 1957, as well as the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation.

Archie L. Smith '35 died in Asheboro, NC on May 16, 2014.

Ruth Elizabeth Hart Butler '40 passed away on September 26, 2013. Some of her most precious memories were of her time at Flora Macdonald and ones she loved to share often with her family.



In Memoriam

Margaret Cromartie Calhoun '41 died on June 17, 2014, in Laurinburg, NC. She was a Flora Macdonald alumna and grandmother of St. Andrews alumna **Katie Gentry '98**.

Roy C. Bradbury '47 died October 12, 2013 in Chapel Hill, NC.

Edwin Lane Purcell '51 died June 20 at his home in Clinton, NC. He was the brother of long-time St. Andrews trustee Dr. Bill Purcell.

Mildred "Mickie" Braxton Petree '53 died on May 27, 2014 in Burlington, NC.

Kay McClanahan '67 died on Saturday, June 14. A Fine Arts (Theater) major at St. Andrews, she went on to earn a Master of Art in Linguistics at The American University in 1972. She earned a Ph.D. in Linguistics at the University of Illinois. Her research interests led her from Illinois to Seoul, Korea to work on the interaction of grammar and pragmatics in negation in the Korean language. After 12 years in Korea, Kay settled in Laurinburg, joining the faculty of UNC-Pembroke. She eventually became the Department Chair of English, Theater, and Foreign Languages at Pembroke. Kay was a beloved member of both the St. Andrews and the Laurinburg community.

John Patton '80 died on June 24, 2014 in Des Moines, IA, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Tara Laws McGill '97 died on May 3, 2014 at her home in Aberdeen, NC..

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