



# Trinity Park news



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# President's report

## President's Report: 2021 in Review

By Karalyn Colopy, TPNA President

In 2021 we made progress in adjusting to life with Covid. We resumed publication of this newsletter after a pandemic pause, held some of our traditional annual community events, and committed to have a Home Tour in 2022.

*Some highlights:*

### Meetings

The Board actually considered meeting in person at a few points during the year when Covid case counts were low, but we never quite got there. So we continued to meeting via Zoom, enjoying several guest speakers: in January, **Dale McKeel** (City of Durham Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator) about the Shared Streets Program on Watts St.; in March, **Laura Stroud** (Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association) about efforts to mitigate erosion along the creek; in September, **Rabbi Nossen Fellig** (Chabad House - the old Kings Daughter's Inn), introducing himself and his organization as our new neighbors; and in October, **Chayla Hart** and **Ellen Reckhow** (Keep Durham Beautiful), about eco-friendly ways to deal with autumn leaves.

### Advocacy

In July, TPNA held a forum for neighborhood concerns relating to property damage, disruption and safety hazards that had been created by Verizon / Globe Communications digging in the neighborhood for many months to install fiber optic cable and 5G. At a special meeting over Zoom,

City staff, three Verizon representatives, and about 30 Trinity Park neighbors and board members discussed the issues. TPNA wrote and sent a resolution to the City to request better handling of the situation.

### Clean-up efforts

Thanks to **Julia Borbely-Brown**, we held several litter pick-up efforts in the neighborhood and along the Ellerbe Creek Trail, as well as weeding and planting days in the traffic circles and medians. We established a new on-going litter pick-up program, where individuals adopt a block, pledging to pick up trash along the block a few times a month. We still need more volunteers for the adopt-a-block program in the northern and southern ends of the neighborhood, and to adopt the Watts traffic circle and Markham median. Contact Julia Borbely-Brown ([julia.borbely-brown@self-help.org](mailto:julia.borbely-brown@self-help.org)) if you can help.

### Neighborhood improvements with Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership

Along with 12 other neighborhoods adjacent to Duke, Trinity Park is part of the DDNP, to build relationships and catalyze neighborhood improvements.

In 2021, Duke offered grants to DDNP members. Trinity Park was awarded 3 grants: 1) With the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, \$9000 for invasive species removal along the Ellerbe Creek trail, and for a cultural display featuring prominent African Americans who grew up in the watershed. 2) With the Trinity Park Foundation, \$1400 to create and install brass plaques for three of the sculptures in the park, and 3) With the George Watts Montessori Elementary School PTA, \$1100 for rain garden maintenance and a rain garden workshop attended by about a dozen neighbors. Thanks to **Sarah Musser** and **Annie Ambrose** for leading!

### Monitoring local developments

TPNA continues to monitor developments in the broader vicinity that affect our neighborhood: Crime and Safety (monitored by Ron Gallagher), the South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands redevelopment project at Trinity Ave. (monitored by Scott Doron and Mollie Flowe), the Northgate Mall redevelopment project (monitored by Waugh Wright), and Traffic/Bike/Ped concerns (monitored by Beth Emerson and Mollie Flowe).

## Community Events

Although the Spring Egg Hunt and Durham Symphony Pops in the Park concert were both canceled due to Covid, we did hold our annual National Night Out celebration on August 3 and had a great turn out. We also enjoyed a beautiful Halloween in the park with several hundred trick-or-treaters. We gave out candy and glow sticks and sponsored an alien-themed photo booth, all of which attracted a big crowd, eager for a chance to socialize. Thanks to **Steve Falzarano** and **Waugh Wright** for organizing these events, and to **Missy Crawford-Smith** for awesome alien artwork. We finished the year with with Luminaria Night on December 19, organized by **Mollie Flowe** as a fundraiser for the Riverside HS PTA.



**National Night Out** (August 3, 2021)



**Halloween**  
(October 31, 2021)

## Goodbyes and Hellos

Finally, at our Annual Meeting on January 12, we said goodbye to several long-serving members as they completed their terms. To fill their shoes, we elected three new board members and one returning member.

### THANK YOU to our out-going Members!

**Kevin Kearns**, 3 years as a Board member  
**Beth Emerson**, 3 years as a Board member  
**Adam McClellan**, 4 years as Treasurer  
**Waugh Wright**, 4 years as Secretary (and now continuing as a Board member)



**Luminaria Night** (December 19, 2021)



## Meet our in-coming Members!

**Annie Ambrose** (Board member) has lived in Durham since 2001, first in Watts-Hillandale and now in Trinity Park for the past 11 years, with her husband Jarrod and two kids. Their kids are at DSA and George Watts, and Annie loves that they can both walk to school. They recently got a new and very energetic goldendoodle puppy, Maisie. Annie grew up in Chicago, went to Cornell for college and then made her way south via a two-year stint in D.C. followed by graduate school at UNC for a master's in city and regional planning. She works at Self-Help Credit Union with a national affordable housing mortgage program. She loves walks in Trinity Park, Durham restaurants, and in-person school.

**Bill Brown** (Treasurer) and his wife Jane met at Duke in the 90s, moved away after graduation, and then moved back to Durham in 2004. They wanted to live in a walkable neighborhood and found a place in Trinity Park on Dollar Ave. They have three daughters, two out of high school and the youngest at Riverside High School. Jane works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NC, and Bill is an entrepreneur. He has helped spin several technologies out of Duke's biomedical engineering department, including his current company that is focused on reducing the cost of retinal imaging. Bill and his family have enjoyed Trinity Park for the past 18 years, forming many happy memories of days in the park on the swings and jungle gym, of Halloween parades and luminaries, and much more.

Now that he has some extra time, he's paying back the work that was done by others before him to help make Trinity Park a great place to live. Bill was first elected to the TPNA Board as a Board member in 2021, now will serve as the TPNA Treasurer.

**Missy Crawford-Smith** (Secretary) has called Trinity Park home for the last 7+ years. Born and raised a Buckeye, with a stint in DC Metro prior to settling in Durham in Trinity Park, Missy is a social worker and works with people with disabilities. You will find her walking her goldendoodle Gromit most days in the Park. She loves hiking and traveling. Missy was first elected to the TPNA Board as a Board member in 2021, and is now stepping up to serve as the TPNA Secretary.

**Tiffany Florestal** (Board member) grew up on Long Island, spent a decade in Chicago, and finally settled on Watts St. when her son started at George Watts in 2014. She is a member of Durham Friends Meeting (silent shout out to all Quakers), drinks a lot of coffee, likes getting her hands dirty, exercises sometimes, supports childhood education always, and loves when friends drop by unannounced to say hello: all of which can happen right here in Trinity Park! After several years at the JB Duke Hotel she has relocated to a new work home at CIMG Residential Mortgage.

**Mimi Kessler** (Board member) was born in Boston and came to Duke in 1974. After graduating from the nursing program, she worked as a staff nurse and progressed in nursing management positions in North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Georgia. She lived in Atlanta for 25 years, where she got married, earned an MBA, and worked in project management and IT related to healthcare. She also owned a restaurant ("Mimi's in a Minute" gourmet food to go) for several years, which she ascribes to her "first midlife crisis." She has one son, who is a computer programmer and lives in Atlanta. She returned to Durham in 2011. She is now "retired" from her career jobs and works part-time as the personal assistant.

**Waugh Wright** (Board member) served as TPNA Secretary for four years and has been a TPNA resident for twice that. (After completing two terms as Secretary, Waugh is now serving a term as a regular Board member.) He was a public school science teacher for 14 years, the last two at DSA. He is currently the Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager at the Institute for Transportation Research and Education at NC State, where he also works on transit and pupil transportation issues. Pre-pandemic he went to lots of concerts in the Triangle. He makes excellent guacamole and often has fresh cuts on his hands from shucking oysters. He has published two young adult science fiction books and is the editor of the Music That Doesn't Suck trivia quiz book series (first books out in Spring 2022!).

## Free N95 Masks

Come and get 'em! High quality, Honeywell N95 masks with head straps. Pick-up locations:

- 705 Watts St (home of Jo Darby)
- Little Free Library at 1010 Knox St
- Little Free Library at 410 Watts St
- Little Free Library at 824 N Buchanan Blvd.

In mid-February, the Trinity Park Neighborhood Association received 1,800 of these masks from the NC Dept of Health and Human Services to pass on to the community. Many other neighborhoods and organizations have also been given their own supplies. So please take some (recommend 2 per person in your household)! TPNA has already given out more than half, including a few hundred delivered door-to-door at several apartment complexes thanks to **Tiffany Florestal**. Questions? Contact Jo Darby, [jdarby002@nc.rr.com](mailto:jdarby002@nc.rr.com)



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# Community Events

## Trinity Park Home Tour Planned for October

By Karalyn Colopy



The Trinity Park Home Tour is our neighborhood's largest fundraiser and has been a beloved tradition since the mid-1970's. In both 1978 and 1980, longtime Trinity Park neighbors **Linda and Bill Wilson** opened their home to the tour. Their historic house at 302 Watts St. was built in 1895 as the original Watts Hospital. Linda recalls:

*"Many who came to the original tours were young people considering where to buy a first home. There were some curiosity-seekers, wondering who would be crazy enough to buy one of these big old drafty places. There were also a number of people who had grown up in the neighborhood who came to see if and how things had changed. In 1980, an elderly woman came to our house and told me about growing up next door, playing in "the bamboos" in the backyard. She told us that the owner of our house had made bathtub gin in the basement, and remembered bottles of liquor hidden in the shrubs. She also described car chases around our corner as Treasury agents attempted to arrest presumed "revenooers!"*

This year we are planning to once again host a Home Tour, which will be our first since 2018, tentatively scheduled for October 16. You can expect to visit and learn the history of 8-12 homes on the tour.

**But first, we need your help!** Putting the event together takes many volunteers

- planning, researching, finding sponsors, selling tickets, and working as docents. We encourage you to get involved to build the community spirit that keeps our neighborhood thriving. If you'd like to help, contact Karalyn Colopy ([karalyncolopy@gmail.com](mailto:karalyncolopy@gmail.com)).

## New Cultural Signage for Ellerbe Creek Trail

By Karalyn Colopy

Last summer, TPNA and Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association collaborated with NCCU history professor **Dr. Charles Johnson** and with local history buff **Algin Holloway** to research African American heritage in the watershed. The outcome is a new cultural display to be installed along the trail, featuring the stories of three distinguished African Americans who grew up in the watershed: 1) Dr. Elmira Mangum,

President of Florida A&M University, 2) Steve Wilson, professional football player and coach, and 3) Maj. Ellison Capers Wynn, a decorated Korean War veteran. Thanks to **Kevin Kearns** for design and layout. We envision this to be the first in a series of displays that together will be the **Ellerbe Creek Watershed Hall of Distinction!** Due to supply-chain issues, it took much longer than expected for the sign to be printed. But it's finally here and ready to be installed. Stay tuned for news of the installation!

### Ellerbe Creek Watershed

#### HALL OF DISTINCTION

Historic African-American neighborhoods in the Ellerbe Creek watershed include Walltown, East End, Albright, East Durham, Merrick-Moore, and Bragtown. Residents and former residents of these neighborhoods have not only greatly contributed to our local community, but have created important legacies through their careers and service to our country. Each of our Ellerbe Creek Watershed Hall of Distinction honorees grew up in our watershed.

A grant from the Duke University Doing Good program made this sign's creation and production possible.



Dr. Elmira Mangum

Dr. Elmira Mangum was the first permanent female appointed as president of Florida A&M University (FAMU) in the 130 year history of the University. As president, Dr. Mangum helped obtain the largest individual gift in the institution's history and led the acquisition of the single largest land transfer from the USDA to a land-grant institution — 3,800 acres. Her recognitions include being on Ebony magazine's "Power 100" list and Diverse: Issues in Higher Education naming her "Female HBCU President of the Year" in 2015 and also "Outstanding Female Leader."

Born in Durham, North Carolina, Dr. Mangum grew up in the Walltown community. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Department of Geography at NCCU in 1974.



Steve Wilson

Steve Anthony Wilson is a former National Football League (NFL) defensive back and a Black College national championship football coach. Wilson grew up in the Bragtown community and was a standout wide receiver and defensive back for Northern High School. He is still the all-time leading receiver and kick returner at Howard University in Washington, DC, his alma mater.

Wilson played professionally for the Dallas Cowboys and the Denver Broncos. He was a member of the Broncos in 1988 when they played in Super Bowl XXII. In 1989, Howard University hired him to be their head coach. Wilson recruited future NFL quarterback Jay "Sky" Walker to Howard. Wilson coached the Bison to two Black College National championships: 1993 and 1996.



Maj. Ellison Capers Wynn

1st Lt. Ellison Capers Wynn received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism during a military operation in the Korean War. A former resident of the historic Walltown community, Wynn was born on December 30, 1914.

On the evening of November 25, 1950, with Wynn in command, Company B of the 9th Infantry Regiment captured a strategic position near Kunmu-ri, Korea. When two additional companies of enemy soldiers launched a fierce counterattack on what remained of Company B from an adjacent hill, Wynn single handedly held them off by returning fire until he was out of ammo, at which time he began to strategically throw grenades. Wounded during the fighting, Wynn held the position until ordered to withdraw.



# Big Win for Pedestrian Safety

By Karalyn Colopy and Marc Philips

While Trinity Park's walkability is one of our best neighborhood's features, heavy traffic can make crossing our north-south streets dangerous, especially during rush hour.

Now, thanks to vocal neighbors and the City of Durham's Signal Shop Crew, we have a pedestrian-activated flashing-light signal at the Urban Ave./Buchanan Blvd. crossing. Thanks to all who worked to make this happen, especially to **Pete Nicholas**, with the City's Department of Transportation, for securing the funding and seeing the project through.

You may remember that we used to have buckets of fluorescent flags at this intersection, for pedestrians to use and wave as they crossed the street. TPNA created and installed these flags in 2014, inspired by a Seattle tradition.

***Marc Philips** shares the origin story of the fluorescent flags:*

- *Once upon a time, in the land of Microsoft, Amazon, and Starbucks, neighbors had the idea to attach bright orange squares to short poles along roads frequently used by both humans and chickens to get to the other side. The presence of the devices alerted drivers to the location of likely crossings, and also provided pedestrians (and poultry) with additional attention-getting power, waving or holding the flags high to encourage cars to briefly pause in their journey until the pedestrian (or poultry) was safely across.*
- *In response to the proliferation of these homemade flags, the City of Seattle eventually adopted the program in several neighborhoods and provided a more robust supply of official "crossing flags" and custom-made holders affixed to poles at key intersections.*

- *Inspired by the citizen-city partnership on the left coast, TPNA hatched a homemade flag effort here in 2014, in similar "guerrilla" fashion, hoping it might lead to the City adopting the system in Trinity Park and throughout Durham. Over the years, both flag and holder quality and design have evolved, as both flags and holders disappeared mysteriously in the night or disintegrated under harsh weather conditions. And while the persistent progenitors of these devices cannot yet claim the success of becoming a City-sponsored program, the "graduation" of the flag station at Buchanan and Urban into an officially marked crosswalk with pedestrian-activated flashing lights is truly a beacon of hope.*



## Traffic / Bike / Pedestrian Updates:

NC Department of Transportation estimates that the East End Connector will be completed and open to traffic in spring/summer 2022.

The Neighborhood Bicycle Routes project is scheduled for implementation in spring/summer of 2022; Watts Street is one of the routes. The City of Durham is currently finalizing the public outreach plan for the construction phase. More at <https://durhamnc.gov/3763/Neighborhood-Bike-Routes>

The City of Durham was recently awarded a \$9 million grant for the construction of the Belt Line Trail. Design work is underway. (more at <https://durhamnc.gov/3818/Durham-Rail-Trail>)

# Community Events

## Braswell Apartment Complex Update

By James Dobbins

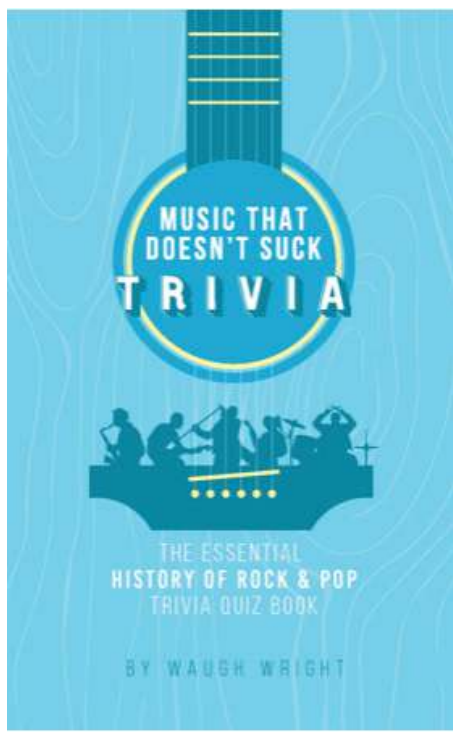
In mid-December, news broke that the 14 families residing in the Brawswell Apartments on Buchanan Blvd. near Englewood Ave., were going to be evicted at Christmas time, due to the property being sold to a new owner who intends to level the structures and build something new. Finding affordable housing in Durham is difficult, if not impossible, and takes time, especially around the end-of-year holidays. The tenants organized meetings to assess their predicament and held a press conference to draw attention to the difficult situation. Dozens of community members attended to show support. Trinity Ave Presbyterian Church set up a community fund dedicated to the tenants' needs as they navigate this crisis (to defray the costs of moving, application fees, security deposits, boxes, moving people etc). About \$20,000 was raised and distributed to the tenants. As of mid-February, four families remained in their apartments, still working.

Tenants shared their frustrations in seeking basic repairs over the years from the landlord, and the hardships they face in trying to re-locate so quickly (some of them have lived there for 40+ years!), especially during the holiday season and given the shortage of affordable housing. With the help from the group Bull City Tenants United, the tenants are formulating a list of their needs and demands and a plan of action.

## Trinity Park Neighbor Launches Music Trivia Book Series

By Annie Ambrose

Local author **Wagh Wright** is launching a new series of music trivia quiz books. **Annie Ambrose** took a few minutes to talk with him about the series.



**AA:** What motivated you to start editing and publishing your own series of quiz books?

**WW:** Well, short answer: the pandemic. But really it just came from a realization that I could do it. I've been a music geek all my life, from biking down to the local record shop as a kid, to working as a college DJ, to decades of concert-going to all sorts of music, as long as it was cheap. And I get easily caught going down the rabbit hole of learning about music history, so I've loved doing the research

for these books.

**AA:** You seem to cover a lot of genres. What types of music are you focusing on?

**WW:** I'm releasing three books in the initial phase. The first is *The Essential History of Rock & Pop Trivia Quiz Book*, although it hits blues, country, and hip hop. Then there's *The Essential Women Who Rock & Pop*, which covers just as many styles. And finally there's *The Essential American/Alt.Country/Cowpunk*, which is a bit more focused.

**AA:** Cowpunk?

**WW:** The intersection of punk and country. Punk bands like X and Social Distortion started playing Merle Haggard and Johnny Cash in the 1980s, and up to present day with bands like Pittsboro's Sarah Shook. My goal for some of these books was to have a small but dedicated audience, and cowpunk certainly fits that. I then realized that cowpunk might rely too much on local DIY scenes, so I expanded it to Americana, bringing in artists from John Prine to Jason Isbell.

**AA:** What's the format of the books?

**WW:** Multiple choice questions, along with matching quizzes, album anagrams, and a few other formats. What separates the "Music That Doesn't Suck" series from other books is that it hopefully teaches you about the artists, some you know about and some you want to learn about. The answer to each question drives you deeper into the story of



each artist. And I'm also intentionally being positive throughout it, trying to introduce new bands and uplift old ones; "Music That Doesn't Suck" means that I'm just ignoring those bands.

**AA:** Such as?

**WW:** Well, I'm not saying. That's part of being positive. But if I don't mention your favorite band, you might want to reevaluate your music collection. Frankly I've discovered a lot of artists that I didn't think I liked but now I do, or at least have realized why other people do.

**AA:** Any ideas for future books?

**WW:** So many. Next up might be one for musicals, if I can draft my daughter into service. Indie rock, blues, music of the South, plus some artist-specific ones, like Bob Dylan and David Bowie. I'll see what kind of reception I get and what people want to read about.

**AA:** Where and when can we get these books?

**WW:** They'll be published this March. You can purchase the books, find playlists, and join the mailing list at [musicthatdoesntsuck.com](http://musicthatdoesntsuck.com). They will also soon be available through your favorite local bookstore, like the Regulator. And don't forget to follow us on Twitter @musicthatdoesn1, on Facebook, and to write your reviews on Amazon and other sites.

## Trinity Park

# TRIVIA

Courtesy of Diane Amato and Tom Miller

You may have heard the old legend that the north-south streets in Trinity Park were originally named "Duke," "Hated," and "Watts" reflecting Brodie Duke's feelings towards his rival George Washington Watts. This is true! The original Duke tobacco partnership in the early years was led by Washington Duke, his eldest son from his first marriage, Brodie Leonidas Duke, and his two sons from his second marriage, Benjamin Newton Duke and James Buchanan Duke. To raise capital and grow the business, they sold a 20% stake in the company to George Washington Watts, the educated scion of a well-to-do Baltimore family engaged in the tobacco business there. Watts came to Durham, and the firm became known as W. Duke, Sons & Company. Watts fit right into the enterprise and became a valuable friend and ally to the Dukes - except for Brodie, whose susceptibility to women and drink caused him to be squeezed out of the firm. He switched his business interests to real estate, and early 20th century his developments across the northern rim of town included Trinity Park. The oldest plats for the neighborhood indeed show "Hated" Street. When TP came within the city limits, the City, not enjoying the joke so much, changed the name of Hated Street to Gregson Street. When this occurred, the street had very few houses on it. Gregson Street itself already existed when Hated was platted, but the two streets did not connect. The original Gregson was a short lane running south from Main Street next to the Duke warehouses we know as "Brightleaf Square." Gregson was later cut through the block to the north to connect to the southern end of Hated. This was a convenient time to change the street's name.

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# Community Events

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## Trinity Park Foundation Update

by Shelley Dekker

The Trinity Park Foundation spent the last few months of 2021 fundraising! Normally, the majority of the Foundation's funds come from TPNA's biennial Home Tour; and since the Home Tour wasn't held in 2020, we needed to raise funds to make up for what we normally would have counted on from the Home Tour. With the help of board members **Waugh Wright** and **Dale Pahl**, we launched a new website, [trinityparkfoundation.org](http://trinityparkfoundation.org), and with help from Treasurer **Buster Black** we can now accept donations online via our PayPal account. Our fundraising goal was \$18,000, and 79 households contributed over \$13,500. Check out the list of donors on the website under the 2021 Fall Fundraiser tab. Thank

you, neighbors, for your generosity! If you missed the opportunity to give in last fall/winter, fear not! You can give any time of year! Donate online or mail a check to The Trinity Park Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 725, Durham, NC 27702. We would love your help in meeting our \$18,000 goal!

Our 2022 projects include purchasing and installing additional bronze labels for our public artworks, working with the Blossom Garden Club to maintain the garden beds surrounding The Trinity Park, restoring/repairing the granite steps that lead to the Bug Walk and adding an iron handrail, talking with Duke Energy about replacing the utility light pole in the Park with an LED streetlamp, meeting with Durham Parks & Rec to discuss how we might better maintain the Park's open green spaces (which have been worn down

to dirt and have very little grass), and continuing toward beautification of the neighborhood's medians and traffic circles. In addition, we will continue to work on our website, adding information about TPF's history and the history of our neighborhood's treescape. We will also begin to think about ways to underscore the importance of Trinity Park's historic homes by putting research from former home tour booklets and Preservation Durham plaque applications onto PD's Open Durham website, and then linking this to individual addresses listed on the Foundation's website.

If you have questions or project ideas or would like to volunteer to help with any of our projects, please email the Foundation at [trinityparkfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:trinityparkfoundation@gmail.com). Thanks again for your support.

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## Food Gets Delivered with Farmer Foodshare

By Sarasvati Ishaya

I recently met with Scott "Esko" Brummell, one of the volunteers of Farmer Foodshare, to talk about this organization's shining efforts to get fresh food to Durham residents in need. Esko was educated at Bowling Green, later doing his Masters in Bio Ethics/Science Policy at Duke. He's still at Duke, working in the Science and Society Department while volunteering at Farmer Foodshare.

Founded in 2017 by Duke doctors for their patients, and working cooperatively with Reinvestment Partners, Bull City Cool, Root Causes and the NC Food Bank, Farmer Foodshare delivers a bag of groceries every two weeks to neighbors who qualify for the program. They've expanded their service due to COVID, now making 400 deliveries per month. 30 volunteers work to make the service happen—15 doing deliveries, 10 doing the packing, and 5 working the telephones while writing grants,

fundraising and doing research. Half of the food comes from the NC Food Bank and half comes from local farmers (including Duke Campus Farm). I asked Esko if we could take a field trip and get a tour of Duke Farm! If you're interested in joining me in a small group to take a tour, please contact me at [sarasvatiishaya@hotmail.com](mailto:sarasvatiishaya@hotmail.com).

For more information, see <https://www.rootcauseshealth.org/>

## Plein Air Durham Arts Festival—Labor Day Weekend, Still Looking for Volunteers

by James Keul

The inaugural “Plein Air Durham” arts festival will happen on Labor Day Weekend, Fri-Sun, Sept 2-4, 2022, which also coincides with the Makers Market on Sept 3 at the Golden Belt Campus (800 Taylor Street).

During the 3-day festival, 18+ artists from the Triangle and beyond will paint scenes within Durham County from direct observation (without the use of

photographic references), culminating in a “wet paint” sale and awards ceremony. In addition, there will be a timed “paint-off” on Sunday, Sept. 4, where participants create paintings within a 4-hour period, which are then judged, and awards are given. The paint-off will be open to artists of all ages. All artwork created during the event will be available for purchase by the public.

Plein air festivals have become hugely popular throughout the United States in recent years. They have the potential to bring in participants and supporters of the arts from far and wide. They are a boon to local businesses as well as an

important way for plein air painters to gain recognition and make some sales.

In an effort to encourage more out-of-town artists to participate, we would like to be able to offer some of our non-local artists the option of staying with locals. We are still looking for neighbors who are willing to offer lodging Friday and Saturday nights (Sept 2-3). If you are willing to host an out-of-town artist and would like to learn more about the festival and what hosting would entail, please email James Keul at [keulcreations@gmail.com](mailto:keulcreations@gmail.com).



Photo caption: A plein air artist painting at the Eno



# Upcoming Events



**Spring Egg Hunt** Saturday Apr 16

**National Night Out** Tuesday Aug 3

**Trinity Park Home Tour** Sunday Oct 16

**Halloween in the Park** Monday Oct 31

**Luminaria** Sunday Dec 18

## TPNA MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Wednesdays @ 7pm

APRIL  
**6**

MAY  
**4**

JUNE  
**1**

JULY  
**6**

AUG  
**3**

SEPT  
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OCT  
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*All Trinity Park residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Look for confirmation of meeting details, including zoom link, on the Trinity Park listserv and Facebook*

## STAY CONNECTED!

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