



## Changes in the Board

The Board of the B. W. Wells Association experienced changes at the annual meeting on September 20th. Long term board members Jean Harrison and Patty Ray came off the board and Amy Sawyer and Vickie Cumbee joined it. Jean was instrumental in archiving documents and materials found in B. W. Wells' studio in the early days of the association's rebirth. She contributed in major ways to the understanding of the history of Rockcliff Farm and its context within the Stoney Hill Community. Patty joined the board to assist with the archiving task and served on the nominating committee.

New board member Vickie Cumbee is the art director for NC Wildlife Magazine. She is a graphics artist who has immediately kicked into gear and is working on displays for the eleven new display cases we have installed at Rockcliff Farm. Amy Sawyer is an artist who can advise Vickie and the board about producing the displays. She comes with strong experience in environmental advocacy and is presently considering how to involve herself in the work of the association.

Earl Creutzburg, longtime Director of Education decided to resign from the board due to an overload of duties. Earl works for CARQUEST and serves on several community boards. In resigning, Earl stated he will continue to help with various tasks and projects of the association. Earl was instrumental in researching and purchasing the eleven new display cases now at Rockcliff Farm.

John Pelosi, Johnny Randall, Jean McCamy and Bill Williams agreed to continue in their current positions as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

John Pelosi, President,

B. W. Wells Association



## Upcoming Events

**March 5 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

B.W. Wells : "Tarheel Ecologist" Teacher Workshop

**March 11 - 9am - noon**

Voluntrer work day at Rock Cliff Farm. Help clear trails and prepare grounds

**March 21 - 9am - noon**

Adopt a Highway clean up of Bent Road

**March 28 - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m**

B.W. Wells Heritage Day

*To sign up or learn more visit the web site at [www.bwwells.org](http://www.bwwells.org) or [email](mailto:).*

## Heritage Day March 28

Mark your calendars for March 28 to attend Heritage Day. The association is planning for GOOD WEATHER this year and hopes to gather a large crowd to participate in three different kinds of tours, children's games and other activities. Our website provides additional detail: [www.bwwells.org](http://www.bwwells.org).

We will have a free native plant raffle sponsored by the NC Botanical Garden. B. W. Wells/Rockcliff Farm items will be on sale, including replicas of B. W.



Wells well known painting of Zeagle's Rock, available in poster and Tee shirt form. We hope to have copies of the book, "The Natural Gardens of Rockcliff Farm, Home of B. W. Wells", available for order.



## Ray Noggle Donates Paintings

Dr. Ray Noggle has donated two of his three paintings to the association. The paintings were given to him by B. W. Wells. Dr. Noggle was a colleague of Dr. Wells in the botany department at NCSU and served as treasurer of the B. W. Wells Association for several years. Dr. Noggle is a LIFE Member of the association.



## Cub Scout Troop Hike

Hugh Nourse and John Pelosi led a Cub Scout troop on a tour of Rockcliff Farm on October 12th. Scoutmaster Timothy Fennell helped plan the tour and hike for Pack 325 at the Hayes Barton Baptist Church. The scouts had camped overnight at the B. W. Wells Group Campsite and toured on Sunday morning. About fifteen scouts and their parents attended. Hugh stressed the geology of the area much to the delight of the scouts since this topic is one of their projects. Several scouts were very knowledgeable about the topic. The group hiked to Zeagle's Rock and then to the Wells homesite to learn about B. W. Wells.

## Ecologists view of Rock Cliff Farm

Hugh Nourse has been researching why certain plants grow where they do and has organized this information into a new presentation entitled "An Ecologist's View of Rockcliff Farm. He has scheduled his first presentation to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, at the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce conference room, 350 S White Street, Wake Forest.

The room seats only about 20 people so those wanting to attend should reserve a seat by emailing Hugh at [hughen27@aol.com](mailto:hughen27@aol.com) or calling him at 919 556 0799. His presentation covers the geology of Rockcliff Farm, how geology and flora interact along with a depiction of the flora at the farm. Hugh says he will schedule additional sessions if interest is sufficient.

## B.W. Wells Weekend At The Coast

Jerry Reynolds, Educator, NC Museum of Natural Sciences is planning a field trip to the coast from Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26. The field trip is jointly sponsored by the museum and the B. W. Wells Association. Members of both the museum and the association are eligible for reduced rates for the trip. Those attending will follow in the footsteps of Dr. B. W. Wells visiting many of the special places he studied during his botany career in North Carolina. Carolina bays, longleaf pine savannas, dense pocosins and other coastal vegetation communities will be explored during the weekend. Ken Moore, long time Assistant Director of the NC Botanical Garden and LIFE Member of the B. W. Wells Association will co-lead the tour with Jerry Reynolds. Contact the Museum for additional details.



## Wake Forest Garden Tour

The Wake Forest Garden Club is one of our key sponsors and the association shares many members with the club. They are having a garden tour this spring and we invite you to attend the tour. Details are as follows.

Timeless Inspiration. A Tour of Gardens in Historic Wake Forest

Saturday, April 18; 9:00am to 4:00 pm - (Rain Day April 19)

Join The Wake Forest Garden Club in celebration of the club's 85th year and the Town of Wake Forest Centennial. The tour includes nine very special gardens in and around the Wake Forest historic homes district, along with live music, art and refreshments. Ticket Sales begin in February - \$10 in advance, \$12 day of tour. For information, phone (919) 496-3235 or email [wfgardentour@yahoo.com](mailto:wfgardentour@yahoo.com)



*2008 Annual Meeting*

## Membership Report

Pamela Andrejev has worked hard to keep our membership stabilized and increasing. She sent out renewal letters to the 67 members who are not Life members. Ten members renewed at the annual meeting. We gained nine new members at the meeting. We have added three new members and 23 renewals since the annual meeting. We have also had donations of \$75 and \$25 since the annual meeting. Thanks to Pamela for her diligence and to all of you who have joined and renewed as members.

## Annual Meeting Report

Ken Moore presented the key note address at the association's annual meeting on September 21, 2008. Ken talked about meeting B. W. Wells and befriending him. He recounted a number of visits to Rockcliff Farm, exploring the trails for their unique wildflowers. He talked about the early days of the association formed after B. W. Wells' death. Ken displayed two small paintings done by Wells as well as photographs of B. W. Wells at a meeting of the NC Wildflower Society at a Methodist Camp near Rockfish in Hoke County in May, 1966. Ken raffled off several wildflowers to the members courtesy of the NC Botanical Garden.

Jimmy and Alice Ray donated a real Pig Pickin' again this year with the help of several of their friends and relatives. It was a "trash free meal" as last year, with practically all remnants recyclable.

John Pelosi reviewed the year's accomplishments of the year, including purchasing and installing eleven professional display cases, providing various educational events, hikes and tours and completing the manuscript for a book about Rockcliff Farm, which should be available by Heritage Day, March 28, 2009. Ed Osborne repaired a damaged section of flooring in the studio. Several members helped with cleanup before Heritage Day and the annual meeting. They helped with the membership table at both events. Pelosi thanked Vice President Johnny Randall and the NC Botanical Garden for donating several thousand wildflower seedlings to be planted at Rockcliff Farm.

Brian Bockhahn and Ed Osborne were honored by awarding them with wooden bowls. These wooden bowls are reminiscent of the wood from the historic oak tree the fell across the rock wall next to the Wells homesite. Brian worked hard in so many ways to the benefit and revitalization of the association. Ed Osborne donated his time amounting to over 300 hours to repair the porch on the Wells homesite and the floor of the studio.



# B.W. Wells Association

## Membership Information

### MEMBERSHIP DUES:

___ Student/Senior	\$10
___ Membership (Individual)	\$15
___ Membership (Patron)	\$50
___ Family	\$30
___ Club/Partner Organization	\$75
___ Life Membership	\$100

### BENEFITS:

- Organized walks and lectures
- Interpretive Displays
- Meetings and Newsletters
- Maintained hiking trails
- Educational project for students of all ages

### *Mission Statement*

The B.W. Wells Association will strive to educate the public about B.W. Wells, North Carolina's first plant ecologist, and promote his conservation ethics. The Association will achieve its mission primarily by assisting the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to preserve, restore and interpret the unique cultural and natural resources at Rock Cliff Farm, the site of Wells' retirement.

### *Vision Statement*

*The B.W. Wells Association will be the leading resource for educating the public about B.W. Wells and his philosophy of "man living in harmony with nature." The Association will play a major role in restoring Rock Cliff Farm so that it becomes a living legacy of the environmental ethics of B.W. Wells and a source of inspiration to future conservationists.*

"Man living in harmony with nature." - B.W. Wells

Visit the B.W. Wells  
Association web site at:

[www.bwwells.org](http://www.bwwells.org)

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** If you haven't already renewed your membership in the Association, please consider doing it. Membership extends from the annual meeting in September to the next annual meeting. If you have renewed, consider making a small donation. Contributions to the B. W. Wells Association (including membership dues) are tax deductible under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(a)(vi) of the Internal Revenue code.

## B.W. WELLS ASSOCIATION

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - John Pelosi  
Vice President - Johnny Randall  
Treasurer - Bill Williams  
Secretary - Jean McCamy  
Committee Chair - Earl Creutzburg

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Adolphsen (Buildings)  
Hugh Nourse (Education)  
Fran Shapiro (Archiving)  
Vicky Cumbee (Education)  
Vacant (Ways and Means)  
Jimmy Ray (Membership)  
Liz Ford (Grounds)  
Amy Sawyer  
Larry Earley

### ADVISORY BOARD

Margaret Pridgen, Ken Moore, Benson Kirkman  
Brian Bockhahn (Newsletter, website)

***Rock Cliff Farm is open for  
guided tours only.***

See [web calendar](#) for dates.