

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS



falconbridge alliance

April 2016

NEIGHBORHOOD *NEWS*

Each Mon. & Thurs. 1:30pm

MAH JONGG

paulaclarke@nc.rr.com

Each Tues. • 1:00pm

STUDIO TIME FOR ARTISTS

Painting, Mixed Media, Collage

annnoble@nc.rr.com

Tues. April 5 • 7:00pm

FCA BOARD MEETING

jnoble43@nc.rr.com

Wed. April 6 • 7:00pm

BOOK CLUB

ronitw1950@yahoo.com

919-493-8296 (Bill Brown)

Fri. April 1, 15, 29 • 5:30pm

TRAVELING PUB

falconbridgepub@gmail.com

Thurs. April 7 & 21

9:30am-11:00am

WOMEN'S COFFEE KLATCH

judyedholland@gmail.com

Sat. April 9

7:00pm-9:00pm

GAME NIGHT

RSVP: jimandbarb@nc.rr.com

Wed. April 13 • 7:30pm

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

michelle.wolff1@gmail.com

Sat. April 16 • 6:00pm

DINING CAR

lhallgren@nc.rr.com

Sat. & Sun. April 16-17

11:00am-2:00pm

CLUBHOUSE OPEN HOUSE

GRAND REOPENING!

Tues. April 19 • 11:30am-2pm

SPORTING LIFE CLUB

FOR WOMEN & MEN

Pool/Darts/Games @ Bailey's

guyhickey@aol.com

Wed. April 20 • 7:00pm

3RD WED. POKER NIGHT

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falconbridgealliance.org

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Presidential Musings and Updates

I can't see you! I'm old and don't see as well at night as I used to, and YOU are wearing DARK clothes! Please, if you are walking in the neighborhood after dark, wear some kind of reflector. Small lights just don't do it. Just because you are in front of my headlights, don't assume I'm aware of you until it is too late. I often see a dog before I see its handler because the person is wearing dark clothes. (See "Safety First" article on page 12.)

PSNC has finally returned to finish, grade, and seed the pipeline easement. I'm going to miss the orange silt fences (NOT)! The new problem will be how wonderful and inviting the beautiful lawns through the single-family neighborhood will be for people to walk on or let their dogs do their business. Please DON'T GIVE IN to the temptation, because you will be trespassing on private property.

Renovations at the Clubhouse were delayed again due to cabinet-delivery errors and reordering. We are back on track, though, and should be very close to being finished by the time you read this. A grand opening event is scheduled in April. You will be amazed at the change! (See "Back in the Clubhouse Again!" article and photos on page 2.)

[Photo by Rae Thompson]

Message from Our President

The Alliance Board is polling the single-family households to determine how the majority of you want us to proceed with regard to annual dues (for single-family homes only). We thank all those who have paid this year's modest voluntary Alliance membership dues and ask those who have not, why not? Please take the time to respond so we know. (See "The Falconbridge Polls Are Open" article on page 5.)

— John Noble



INSIDE: Clubhouse Reopening! • Community Poll and Community Pool
Yard Sale/Consignment Sale Details • Neighborhood Poker & Books
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Back in the Clubhouse Again!

After a few hiccups, the Clubhouse renovation is proceeding apace. The fence and gate between the upper deck and the stairs have been installed. The aging pergola has been razed, and most of the old lumber found a new home before it was hauled away in the dumpster. The ramp and railing from the back door (necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act) have been installed, and they've passed inspection—yay! Inside, closets have been installed and the counters are nearly finished. Countertops, sink, and floor yet to go. Fingers crossed. We're looking good for reopening this month.

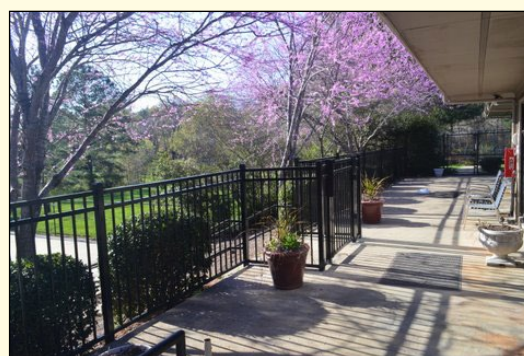
The Open House will be held the weekend of April 16 and 17 from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm, with bagels and mimosas on Saturday and donuts and coffee on Sunday. Check your mailbox for a flyer with details.

— Mike Mayo

CLUBHOUSE GRAND REOPENING! APRIL 16-17, 11am-2pm



Come
and
see
our
new
space!



[Photos by Mike Mayo]

April 9 Game Night: Come Join the Fun!

If you enjoy playing board games or card games or even Charades, come join your neighbors on our next Game Night—Saturday, April 9. It will be hosted by **Jim and Barb Carroll**, 6731 Glen Forest, from 7:00-9:00 pm. If you have questions or wish to attend, please respond to jimandbarb@nc.rr.com. Bring your favorite game and be prepared to have fun.

— Barb Carroll



ATTENTION: Get Out Your Cameras, Cell Phones, and iPads!

Spring is always a great time to capture Mother Nature at her finest...or young children at play...or older folks out walking or working in their yards and gardens! Send your best shots of life in Falconbridge to me (attached to an email), and you might just see your photo in an upcoming newsletter. No formal contest this time, but we will definitely give you credit for your submission if it's used! Send photos to rthompson1970@nc.rr.com.

— Rae Thompson



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NEW THIS YEAR: Yard Sale Options!

Two years ago, we had a neighborhood yard sale in Falconbridge. A lot of people worked very hard in preparation for it, getting the word out in all the right places, and we got lucky with a beautiful warm sunny Saturday. It was a thorough success.

Now, we're doing it again on Saturday, May 14, with one important difference: For those who are interested in donating their junk (oops, treasures), this sale can also benefit the Clubhouse renovation. Here's how it works.

SELL ON YOUR OWN

Alliance members who wish to sell items at their homes should get in touch with Harriet Crisp at hcrisp@gmail.com by May 1. Those who do that will be listed on a site map that's given to everyone who drives in the main entrances. (We need 25 homes to make the sale work.) The map identifies your address and gives a summary of your wonderful and only slightly used merchandise. (When we did this in 2014, I got rid of virtually everything I set out.)

Contact **Conni Rivers** at riversbayswater@gmail.com or 919-294-6703 for details on these two options.

The 2014 sale was so popular that we deliberately skipped a year in hopes that our residents would have time to accumulate more wonders. We trust our visitors will remember how good our 2014 sale was. Now if the weather will just cooperate...

— Mike Mayo

FALCONBRIDGE ALLIANCE

COMMUNITY YARD SALE SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Start collecting your treasures for the big Falconbridge Alliance Yard Sale!

Each home conducts its own sale and keeps the proceeds.

**The deadline to sign up for the sale—and get on the MAP—is
Sunday, May 1.**

Contact Harriet Crisp at hwcrisp@gmail.com to participate.



DONATE/CONSIGN

Should you not wish to spend your Saturday haggling in your driveway, but want to divest yourself of superfluous clutter, the Recreational Facilities Committee has two other options.

- 1. DONATE ITEMS** (no clothes, please): The RFC will sell them and use the money for furnishing the Clubhouse. (Tables, chairs, table settings.)
- 2. CONSIGN ITEMS:** Offer items valued at \$50 or more on consignment. The RFC will take care of selling them and split the profits with you.

In-Demand Items to Sell at the Yard Sale



- 1. Costume jewelry**
- 2. Like-new items**
- 3. Clothing by the bag**
- 4. Vinyl records**
- 5. Tools**
- 6. Americana home decor**
- 7. Books**
- 8. Beat-up wood furniture**
- 9. Retro toys and dolls**
- 10. Kid and baby clothing**
- 11. Antiques**
- 12. Seasonal items**



New Exercise Class Begins!

**Seated Yoga begins on Thursday, April 7, at the Clubhouse.
Class 1 at 8:30 am; class 2 at 9:30 am.**

Reimagining Falconbridge: Moving to Phase 2

PHASE 2 VOLUNTEERS • SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, MAY 21

We have successfully completed Phase 1's Blue Sky reimagining process, meeting with eight small groups totaling nearly 50 Falconbridgers over the past three months. Thanks to all the participants for your thoughtful, and often lively, contributions! We will now analyze and synthesize the extensive data collected as we prepare for Phase 2's workshop. It will be at the Clubhouse on Saturday, May 21. If you have volunteered to take part, please mark your calendars and plan for a full day. More details will follow.

— Rae Thompson



L to R: Paula Clarke, Marian Cannell, Mia Prior, Bonni Geier, Linda Sheer
[Photo by Karen Blase]



L to R, Bob Rogers, Walt DeGrange, Maxine Foster, Ronit Weingarden, Darragh Davis
[Photo by Rae Thompson]

Seeking Art Sales Partner

Although I exhibit at a number of excellent galleries, I'd like to take better advantage of the immense residential and corporate growth in our area. I'm seeking a partner to help me reach potential collectors to view the full array of paintings, wall hangings, and sculpture on display at my home studio on Tottenham. All will be done in a spirit of partnership, on your own time.

I gladly offer a one-third to fifty percent commission on all sales that are generated from this partnership. Let's stir up the pot! Let's let everybody know that we are here!

Contact Vincent Daddiego at 919 490-6098



LIVING SPIRITUALLY IN A DIFFICULT WORLD

with
BARBARA HEBERT

Sunday, May 1, 2016 • 1:30-4:00 pm
Falconbridge Community Clubhouse




Sponsored by Triangle Area Theosophical Study Group

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For more information contact Rae Thompson at
rthompson1970@nc.rr.com.

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The Falconbridge Polls Are Open—Please Respond!

The Falconbridge Community Association (FCA) neighborhood poll opened on Wednesday, March 23, and will close at midnight on Saturday, April 30.

240 single-family homeowners should have received Survey Monkey email notices with a link to the poll; and the 51 homes for which we have no email addresses should have received a hard copy letter, paper survey, and a stamped envelope for submitting their completed questionnaires.

If you're a single-family homeowner and have not received an email link to (or hard copy of) the poll, please check your spam/junk email folder for a 3/23/16 message from falconbridgealliance@gmail.org, or contact **Ed Holland** at 919-489-9809 or edholland@hotmail.com.

This non-binding and anonymous poll will help the FCA Board determine what the owners of single-family homes think about a requirement

Deadline Saturday, April 30
Let your voice be heard!

to contribute to the costs of operating the Association by way of a modest annual assessment. Depending in part on the results of this survey, the Board will decide whether or not to proceed with such a proposal.

When mandatory assessments were first discussed last year, many homeowners objected to a provision that unpaid assessments would be subject to foreclosure. Since that time, the FCA Board decided to drop that provision; that is, foreclosure will no longer be an option for collecting unpaid assessments under any new proposal. Collection would either be by payment of an annual invoice or by a lien that would accrue and be collected when the property is sold or refinanced.

The FCA Board also decided to conduct this non-binding neighborhood poll to better understand what homeowners think about being part of the FCA. If community sentiment



favors an annual assessment, the Board will move forward with arrangements necessary to establish it. FCA and Falconbridge Village Association (FVA) bylaws would need to be amended, but mandatory assessments could not be implemented until individual consent documents were signed by at least two-thirds of all single-family owners and then filed with the Durham County Register of Deeds.

We will report the results of our community poll sometime after it closes on April 30.

Thanks in advance for everyone's help.

—Ed Holland

● ● Message From Our Board

What's Up?

The Alliance Board wants you to know what we discuss and decide, so here's a summary of our February meeting. And we welcome your attendance at our monthly meetings, held on the first Tuesday of every month.

—Alliance Board

Summary of the Falconbridge Alliance Board Meeting, March 2, 2016

Topics included the financial report, Clubhouse Open House on April 16-17 plans, the need for confidentiality concerning families being helped by Village Neighborhood Services Committee, and preparations to help those who might need extra help in a neighborhood-wide emergency or power outage. The board also discussed the possible need for a digital community directory: a neighbor-

hood resource for IT help by members of the community; and details of the membership drive.

A more detailed version of these and other board minutes will soon be available on the Falconbridge Alliance website. Stay tuned!

ANNOUNCING:

First Falconbridge Art Walk!

- WHEN:** Sunday, September 18, 2016, from NOON to 5:00 pm.
- WHAT:** Neighborhood-wide displays of original art for sale—acrylic, oil and watercolor paintings, mixed media, handmade books and boxes, jewelry and more!
- WHERE:** At individual artists' homes and possibly the Clubhouse. Maps and brief descriptions of artist and medium/a will be provided.
- WHO:** Any artist who is a member of the Falconbridge Alliance and has original "creations" to sell.
- HOW:** For more information—and to take part in the show—contact **Ann Noble** at annnoble@nc.rr.com or **770-313-0657**. And start getting ready now!

SAVE THE DATE



Fernando, the Official Falconbridge spokesfalcon, reminds all Alliance members that the pool opens for the season on **Saturday, May 14**. New membership plans are available. For all the details [CLICK HERE!](#)

—Mike Mayo

● ● Did You Know?

TOP THREE APRIL FOOL'S DAY PRANKS

Are you a prankster? Research of the history of April Fool's Day pranks revealed these top three hoaxes, as judged by creativity, historical significance, the number of people duped, and notoriety.

NO. 3: THE ERUPTION OF MOUNT EDGECUMBE

APRIL 1, 1974: The residents of Sitka, Alaska, woke to a disturbing sight. Clouds of black smoke were rising from the crater of Mount Edgecumbe, the long-dormant volcano neighboring them. People spilled out of their homes onto the streets to gaze up at the volcano, terrified that it was active again and might soon erupt. Luckily it turned out that man, not nature, was responsible for the smoke. A local practical joker named Porky Bickar had flown hundreds of old tires into the volcano's crater and then lit them on fire, all in a (successful) attempt to fool the city dwellers into believing that the volcano was stirring to life. According to local legend, when Mount St. Helens erupted six years later, a Sitka resident wrote to Bickar to tell him, "This time you've gone too far!"



NO. 2: INSTANT COLOR TV

APRIL 1, 1962: Sweden's SVT (Sveriges Television) brought its technical expert, Kjell Stensson, onto the news to inform the public that, thanks to a new technology, viewers could convert their existing sets to display color reception. At the time, there was only the one TV channel in Sweden, and it broadcast in black and white,

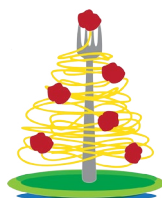
so this was big news. Stensson explained that all viewers had to do was pull a nylon stocking over their TV screen, and the mesh would cause the light to bend in such a way that it would appear as if the image were in color. He proceeded to demonstrate the process. Thousands of people were taken in. Many Swedes today still report remembering their fathers rushing through the house trying to find stockings to place over the TV set. Regular color broadcasts only commenced in Sweden on April 1, 1970.



NO. 1: THE SWISS SPAGHETTI HARVEST

APRIL 1, 1957: The respected BBC news show Panorama announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied, "Place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best." Even the director-general of the BBC later admitted that after seeing the show he checked in an encyclopedia to find out if that was how spaghetti actually grew (but the encyclopedia had no information on the topic). The broadcast remains, by far, the most popular and widely acclaimed April Fool's Day hoax ever, making it an easy pick for No. 1.

NOTE: Be sure to ask Rosemary Hutchinson about her experience with spaghetti trees!



Help *Boost* Alliance Membership

As of March 31, Alliance membership comprises 149 of 289 single-family households (about 52 percent) and 68 of 163 townhomes addresses (42 percent). That's a total of 217 of 452 addresses (48 percent of all households). While that is great news, we can do much better!

You can help. We're asking 2016 Alliance members to encourage their neighbors to join the Alliance. Help us promote the benefits of living in Falconbridge (access to great programs, connections to neighbors, and influence

in the future of our community), as well as well-maintained entrances, mailbox maintenance, the Friends group, and more.

This month we will make knock-on-doors visits to encourage residents who haven't joined to do so. If you are interested in helping us visit your neighbors to boost Alliance membership, please contact **Jamie Ashmore** at **919-699-3263**.

We're glad you joined. Will you help us encourage others to join?

— *James Ashmore*



More Groups to Consider!

As we did in February and March, we're profiling some of the many groups and ongoing activities there are to choose from in Falconbridge. Try something new this month. Or start your own group!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB:

Interesting Books and Wonderful Neighbors!

The Women's Book Club was started in November 2010. The intent was, and continues to be, a social/literary get together—for women only, from the neighborhood, preferably members of the Alliance. We meet every second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Clubhouse when possible. Due to recent Clubhouse renovations we have been gathering in each other's homes. We meet from September through May, breaking for the summer months. We do, however, choose a book for summer reading to be discussed in September. Our books are recommended by members, discussed and chosen for the year at our September meeting. Our selections are a delightful mix of fiction and nonfiction, current best sellers, and classics.

Although we are currently at full membership and have a waiting list, I'd be happy to help you start a new book club group if you're interested. Contact me at **919-401-6609** or michelle.wolff1@gmail.com.

— *Michelle Wolff*



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The Book Club will select next season's books in May or June. While the majority of books we read are novels, we also have read some excellent non-fiction. Our discussions are generally facilitated by the person who recommended the book. That person provides information about the author and poses questions to ponder and discuss. Discussion about the book often leads to a lively interlude about related topics of interest. Contact **Ronit Weingarden** at ronitw1950@yahoo.com.

Convenient, Cheap, and Fun!

Deuces and Jacks and King with the Ace and a pair of natural sevens take all! Blind Baseball, Low Spade in the hole splits the pot, Shopping Mall, Texas Showdown, Straight Seven, Five-card Stud, etc. Alliance Members' Poker at the Clubhouse every third Wednesday beginning at 7:00 pm is a lot of fun. Bring your own beverage and snacks and a \$5 donation. Stakes are nickels, dimes, and quarters, with a two-raise limit. Dealer calls the game, no matter how crazy. It's a cheap night out with friends, laughter, and suspense! Come join us. Be sure to sign up with **John Noble** at jnoble43@nc.rr.com so we know how many people are coming.



Kudos to Eston Campbell who has provided landscaping services voluntarily for many years. He now needs help, as his time and energy are somewhat limited. Judy Drost was very helpful to him this Spring, trimming and cleaning up, while Eston recovered from a hand injury. Barbara Koch has also offered to help.

A man with white hair, wearing a blue and red baseball cap, a white polo shirt with dark horizontal stripes, and khaki pants, is kneeling in a garden. He is wearing white gardening gloves and is surrounded by a large pile of brown pine needles or mulch. In the background, there is a wooden sign that reads "e Road" (part of "The Road"). The garden is lush with green grass and various flowers, including blue irises. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

property, so what to do? In the past, Eston did plant some flowers and landscape plants at these sites, but since this requires watering, it also requires some more work, either by volunteers or the owners of the properties where the corners are located. Now, the task mostly involves keeping weeds out and mulching occasionally.

So I'm asking you to sign on. Otherwise we will have to pay our landscaper more money to do the same. Please contact me at jnoble43@nc.rr.com or Eston at estoncampbell@aol.com and volunteer to help keep our neighborhood looking great!

— John Noble

Glen Forrest, Ridgefield and Glen Forrest, Huntingridge and Glen Forrest, and Dunbrook and Falconbridge. A few others need attention, but all of them are private

Want to Volunteer? Meet & Eat Saturday, April 30

*Get Involved in
Aging in Place and
Neighborhood Support*

The Falconbridge Friends volunteer recognition meeting and lunch is at 11:30 am on Saturday, April 30, at the Clubhouse. All past and current volunteers are invited,

and new volunteers are welcome. This group promotes a neighbor-to-neighbor philosophy of assisting people in the community with things like meals, errands, transport, social visits, and minor household tasks. You volunteer only for what you are comfortable doing. It is a non-medical support system developed initially for Aging in Place but available to all Alliance members. We will report on recent activities and solicit interest in helping develop new leadership.

— Paula Clarke

**Meeting and Lunch
at the Clubhouse
11:30am Saturday, April 30**

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

is available for loan to Falconbridge Alliance members through the **Falconbridge Friends**.

Supplies include

walkers,

bedside commodes,

shower chairs,

and more.

Please contact **Claudia Stephens** at
919-490-1397 or 919-593-5828.

Do You Know What Falconbridge Friends Can Do?



The Falconbridge Friends group has been quietly and effectively serving our community for several years. But not everyone is clear about what tasks its members perform. This may be due to the discreet nature of its activities, or because most of us have not needed these valuable services. Whatever the reason, you now have the chance to find out.

What would you like to know? Send your questions about Falconbridge Friends to **Rae Thompson** at rthompson1970@nc.rr.com in April and look for the answers in May's newsletter!

Need Help? Please Ask!

What do you do when you're told you need surgery and won't be able to drive afterward while taking pain medication, and you live by yourself? Or if you suddenly find yourself unable to do things around your home? Or if you're a caregiver who needs a break? And what if you are alone with young children and there is a sudden situation requiring you to leave?

**You don't have to cope alone
—just pick up the phone!**

Contact:

Paula Clarke (919-489-0133)

Ronit Weingarden (919-489-9975)

Nona Saling (919-419-7888)



We will work to find neighbors who will help you discreetly. You can also get practical support

- **social visits**
- **prepared meals**
- **someone to drive you to appointments**
- **grocery and medicine runs**

P.S. If you need transportation services (including rides to the airport), go to the Falconbridge website and click on Neighbor Services to find volunteers.

Spring Has Arrived!

So Has the 11th Annual Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour—April 30/May 1

It is wonderful to see Falconbridge gussy up for spring. All our beautiful trees, shrubs, and bulbs are putting on their annual show. I have lived in Falconbridge more than 30 years and am still awed to see our gardens awaken after winter. I have also been a member of the Chapel Hill Garden Club for more than 20 years, joining in 1995 before the very first tour in Spring 1996. Each biennial tour provides a new idea, a new favorite plant, and a delightful weekend! I invite you to come, learn, and be inspired!

Over the years we have showcased many beautiful and varied Chapel Hill gardens, raising funds for the North Carolina Botanical Gardens and other club service projects. Since that first tour the Garden Club has donated more than \$200,000 to the NCBG! This year's tour will feature seven private gardens including a historic spotlight garden, and the North Carolina Botanical Garden. Plein air artists, select vendors, and musicians will add additional charm to several gardens. Go to chapelhillgardentour.net



to learn about the featured gardens, ticket prices and vendors, tour hours, group discounts, and more.

I hope you will join me in celebrating spring here in Falconbridge and at the tour. I have a limited number of tickets available for sale, so if you are interested or have questions, please contact me at peg.pratt@yahoo.com.

— Peggy Pratt

LITTLE CHIPS FROM A CRACKED POT

You mulched, right? Now it's time to fluff! Yep, fluff it up without disturbing emerging plants, check if the amount is right (two inches). If not, don't be hasty to add more; let the soil dry out and warm up a bit.

Like that plant? Going to bring it home? Check carefully (on the undersides of the leaves and petals) for easy riders like aphids, mites, scale, or whatever. If you really want that plant, ask the clerk to hose it off. And don't be shy about checking the roots. Gently remove the plant (if it is not too large) from the pot, and look at the roots; white is good, all brown is not good. If buying a larger plant, shrub, or tree, have the clerk take it out of the pot, and look for circling roots—not good, but those circling roots can be, and must be, undone.

— Mary McClure

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”
— Albert Einstein

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Editor's Note: We hope you're enjoying these snapshot bios of fellow Falconbridgers. Feel free to nominate one of your neighbors (or yourself) by contacting **Rae Thompson** at rthompson1970@nc.rr.com.

Cindy Hickey

A Very “Moving” Life Story



Cindy Hickey's father was a career naval officer, which meant she moved a lot. Although born in Richmond, Virginia, she started school in Newport, Rhode Island. By age 8 she was attending a Dutch public school while her father was posted to The Hague, Netherlands. Of course she had to learn Dutch. When she was 11, the family returned to the

United States, and Cindy attended three high schools in four years. Yet spending summers at her grandmother's farm outside of Petersburg, Virginia, gave her a sense of permanence.

After high school, Cindy enrolled at Radford College in Virginia, majoring in education and later specializing in teaching the gifted. After graduating, she met her husband-to-be in Seaford, Delaware, while teaching first grade. They married just before Guy, who was in the U.S. Naval Reserve, began his tour in Vietnam. Cindy lived in Long Beach, California, working as a bank teller and waiting for Guy's return.

Once Guy left the Navy, Cindy found herself moving again, first to Gibsonville, North Carolina, where Guy attended Elon University, then to northern Virginia. A friend once told Cindy she “didn’t know how to spring clean, only how to move.” But then, 31 years ago, the couple bought a townhome in Falconbridge, where they’ve been ever since, moving only recently to a single family home on Ridgefield Drive.

Before retiring, Cindy taught gifted and talented students in the Durham Public School System for 20 years. Like her parents, she remains passionate about maintaining a high standard for public schools. She is also interested in genealogy and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Colonial Dames XVII Century.

John Gregory

Jewelry Designer and Dentist to the Stars



John Gregory was a dentist to the stars in Los Angeles for 30 years, yet had many lives before that. His mantra seems to be, "Don't do anything you don't love."

At 17 John ran away to join the Navy, becoming a gunner and aerial photographer. Always interested in the arts, after his military service he went to Chouinard Art Institute in LA to

study jewelry making—working with silver, gold, and hardwoods. Very much the entrepreneur, he soon started a jewelry business from his home, selling to both Saks and Bullocks (department stores).

When a friend challenged him to take the firefighter test, John did so and stayed on the job for three years. A bit of a daredevil, he also raced automobiles, particularly Hot Rod Roadsters. At 21, he clocked the fastest speed (148 mph) at the U.S. 32 Ford Roadster Hot Rod Show. And in his thirties, John took up karate and received a second-degree Black Belt.

But that's not all. John was also an all-American gymnast, which led to two scholarships—one for USC and one for Pitt. He didn't take the scholarships, however, deciding instead to study dentistry at USC. He practiced aesthetic dentistry in Hollywood and was proud to help people feel confident, and smile again, after being ashamed of crooked or dull-looking teeth. Daniella, now his wife, was his dental assistant.

After retiring in 1989, the couple wanted to move from Los Angeles for a quieter lifestyle. They checked out various states and decided on Chapel Hill, N.C. Here John's interest, training, and expertise in jewelry came full circle as he worked for a jeweler in Hillsborough for 17 years, designing and making beautiful one-of-a-kind pieces.

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John Gregory continued on page 12

Spring is Here

... and that means the burglars are again in bloom

Recently, burglars attempted to break into a Falconbridge residence. They were successful getting into an attached storage area, possibly in the belief that it was an entrance. They had not been successful with the home's front door, which is almost certainly because the conventional strike plate (the metal piece attached to the door jamb) had been replaced with a high security strike plate held in place with four 3-inch screws.

The strike-plate replacement was done as part of an Alliance safety program when we arranged with Cedar Grove Maintenance to replace strike plates in the neighborhood at a discounted price. We hope to do that again this Fall. But, actually the replacement is not too difficult in most cases. (If the door is old or in bad shape, or if the locks have been replaced multiple times, it is more challenging.)

[CLICK HERE](#) for a good explanation of the job by Family Handyman.

The website also has these tips to identify your home's potential weaknesses and to protect you from burglars.

— Mike Mayo

Odds of Home Burglary*

Your house is at greater risk if it...

- sits on a corner lot (more visible to a browsing burglar and a natural place to stop and ask for directions)
- is located close to a major highway exit (less than one mile)
- is located on a through street, which gives a burglar a quicker escape (dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs are safer)
- is in a wealthier neighborhood
- features no signs of young children living there (burglars avoid as someone may be home)
- was recently purchased (burglars know you haven't yet developed close familiarity with neighbors)

Effective burglary deterrents include...

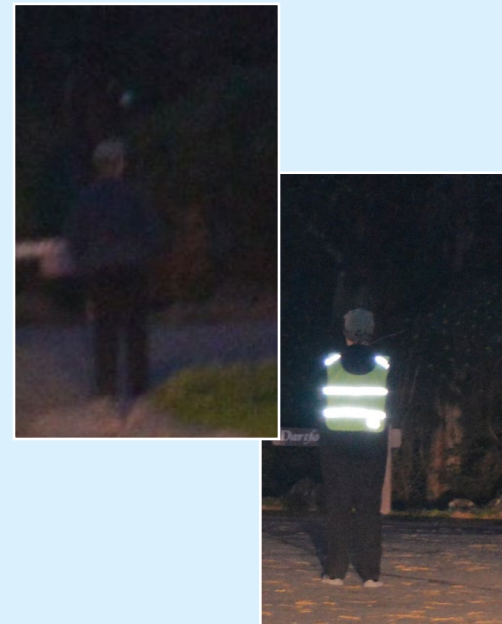
- burglar alarm
- deadbolt locks on all doors
- an occupied house
- newspapers picked up
- lights and noise (TV, radio) inside house (set on timer when gone)
- car in the driveway
- motion-activated exterior lights
- dog in the house

*Taken from a research study, "Knowing Your Odds: Home Burglary and the Odds Ratio," by S. Hakim, G. Renger and Y. Shachamur-ove, City College of New York and University of Pennsylvania, Sept. 2000.

SAFETY FIRST: *Make Sure We See You!*

Note to my fellow Falconbridge walkers: Please remember to stay on the left side of the road when you're taking your daily constitutional, and wear brightly colored clothes. It's particularly important early in the morning, at dusk, and at night. I know that many dog walkers wear reflective materials, and I've seen a couple who have jackets with bright reflective stripes on the right sleeve. But some others routinely wear dark shirts and trousers, and those are practically invisible to a driver in many circumstances.

Take a look at these two grainy photographs taken on Brookhollow Lane about 7:30 pm with available light from a streetlight and a 1998 Honda Accord.



● ● Getting to Know You

Cindy Hickey continued from page 11

In Fall 2014, while traveling in Europe, Cindy and Guy took time to find the Dutch house where she had lived. As they walked through the neighborhood, Cindy was flooded with good memories, thinking "every choice (and move) I made brought me to where I am today."

— Rosemary A. Hutchinson

John Gregory continued from page 11

John and Daniella moved to Falconbridge last year. They are happy to have found our neighborhood and enjoy the friendly people and activities. Daniella graciously led the 2015 luminary effort, but that's another story!

— Rosemary A. Hutchinson

Falconbridge Calendar: April 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			BOOK CLUB 7:00pm		1  TRAVELING PUB 5:30-7:30pm	2
3	4 MAH JONGG 1:30pm	5 ARTISTS STUDIO 1:00pm ALLIANCE BOARD MEETING 7:00pm	6	7 SEATED YOGA 8:30 & 9:30am COFFEE KLATCH 9:30-11:30am MAH JONGG 1:30pm	8	9 GAME NIGHT 7:00-9:00pm
10	11 MAH JONGG 1:30pm	12 ARTISTS STUDIO 1:00pm	13 WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB 7:30pm	14 MAH JONGG 1:30pm	15  TRAVELING PUB 5:30-7:30pm	16 OPEN HOUSE GRAND REOPENING CLUBHOUSE 11am-2pm DINING CAR 6:00pm
17 OPEN HOUSE GRAND REOPENING CLUBHOUSE 11am-2pm	18 MAH JONGG 1:30pm	19 SPORTING LIFE 11:30am-2:00pm ARTISTS STUDIO 1:00pm	20 POKER NIGHT 7:00pm	21 COFFEE KLATCH 9:30-11:30am MAH JONGG 1:30pm	22 	23
24	25 MAH JONGG 1:30pm	26 ARTISTS STUDIO 1:00pm BOWLING 6:00pm	27	28 MAH JONGG 1:30pm	29 TRAVELING PUB 5:30-7:30pm	30 FALCONBRIDGE FRIENDS Meeting/Lunch 11:30am

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* Must be a member of the Alliance to participate



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With your Alliance Membership you can:

- Stay up to date on neighborhood news with our newsletter and website
- Share information with your neighbors via our listserv
- Look up a neighbor in our Falconbridge directory
- Meet your neighbors at our numerous social events
- Pursue interests with a variety of sponsored social groups
- Participate in special members-only events
- Feel more secure with our Neighborhood Watch
- Be reassured that trained neighborhood volunteers can help your family with transportation, meals, and other services if you have a short-term health or other crisis

CLICK HERE TO JOIN TODAY

Single-family homes = \$50/year, \$75 (2 or more)

Townhomes = \$20/year, \$30 (2 or more)

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