Buchanan Hall

2016 Annual Report

Photograph by Camden Littleton
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Buchanan Hall,

I am happy to report that Buchanan Hall had a good year in 2016. The Hall continued to fulfill its 501(c)3 charitable mission by hosting a series of community-related events, including breakfasts and picnics, nonprofit meetings, and performances. In addition, the Hall’s annual general appeal in late 2016 raised sufficient funds to, along with kitchen and building rental fees, ensure payment of the bills for the current year.

We unfortunately also experienced sadness this past year with the passing of Al Barber, a leader of the Buchanan Hall renovation effort and a long-time supporter and friend of the Hall. As those of you who knew him know, Al was a wonderful, kind-hearted, talented, successful, smart, hardworking and generous man. We are extremely lucky that Al and his wife Lynn moved to the area after he retired from his position as the Vice Chancellor of the University of California Los Angeles. In recognition of all that Al did, a group of his friends made a joint gift of several thousand dollars to Buchanan Hall in his memory, and Lynn held an impressive and moving memorial event in the building. We owe the existence of the beautiful renovated building to our friend Al, and we will miss him terribly.

Looking forward, the Hall’s activities continue to expand. Most recently, we received a $25,000 grant from the PATH Foundation in Warrenton that was used to launch a new American “roots” music concert series at the Hall that includes five concerts this year representing America’s fundamental music forms, from gospel to blues to country to folk to jazz. The funds were used to upgrade the building’s sound system, purchase new chairs and high top tables, build a stage backdrop, fund the web based marketing effort, subsidize the performers fees, and hire a professional management team to deliver the entire enterprise. The VIP season tickets for the series, called “The American Roots Revue”, sold out before the first show in May, and all tickets for the first show sold out in advance, but tickets remain available for the remaining shows, and so please go to the website and buy now: http://www.americanrootsrevue.live.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who supports the Hall by donating, renting the building, volunteering, and attending the events. Please come see us during 2017!

Sincerely,

Stormy Stokes
President, Buchanan Hall
Events at Buchanan Hall in 2016

- The Community Music School of the Piedmont’s Master Singer concert and the Elizabeth Temple Classical piano concert
- MARE organization dinner
- The Virginia Horseman’s Benevolent and Protective Association annual membership meeting
- Two Mosby Heritage Area Association membership meetings
- The Upperville Garden Club’s 53rd Annual Daffodil Show and its membership meeting
- The Upperville Community League’s spring and fall community breakfasts
- The Middleburg Montessori School spring graduation event and its winter holiday performances
- Buchanan Hall’s “Come as you Are” community picnic
- The Hill School Graduation party
- The Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Luncheon
- The Crooked Angels CD Release Party
- The Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Fashion Show luncheon
- The Fauquier Sheriff Department’s annual Upperville public meeting
- The Middleburg Film Festival – 4 days of films
- Multiple weddings, private parties, and memorial services
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GOVERNANCE

The Buchanan Hall governing structure includes a Board of Directors and a non-voting Board of Advisors. The day-to-day operations are run by a Board Executive Committee and a part-time Administrative Director.

The Board of Directors

- **Allyson Alto** joined the board in 2013 and was elected Secretary in 2015. She serves on the Executive and Development Committees. Allyson lives in Upperville with her husband Michael and five children. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in Marketing and Design, she has been the owner of the interior design firm **Allyson Ford Design** since 1994. In addition to being a mother, Allyson enjoys historic preservation, gardening and beekeeping.

- **Carmen Arwine** joined the board in 2015 and serves on the Events Committee. Mrs. Arwine grew up in Waterford, Virginia and later taught second grade in the Loudoun County school system. She and her husband Jason, an Upperville native, live in Upperville with their daughter Patty. Carmen has always cherished her local heritage and has called Upperville home for nearly two decades. When the opportunity presented itself, Carmen didn’t hesitate to help further the success of such a charming piece of our community.

- **Brandon Barker** joined the board in 2014 and serves on the Marketing Committee. An Upperville resident for 14 years, Brandon runs a web marketing and communications business in addition to writing short fiction for literary magazines. A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, Brandon was born in Cambridge, England and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas.

- **Pan Benefield** joined the board in 2009 and serves on the Development Committee. She is a resident of Delaplane where she lives with her husband Chuck, her three children Tre (21), Elle (18), and RI (14), as well as numerous cats, dogs and other furry critters. She is a member of several other nonprofit boards in the area and spends her non-volunteer time working the family farm.

- **Britton Condon** began his second stint on the board in 2015 after having served from 2010 to 2013, and serves on the Building and Grounds Committee. He has lived in the Upperville/Middleburg area for over thirty years. Along with his wife Teresa and two small children, Mr. Condon is an active participant in all aspects of local sporting events and community functions. His daily commute is only to Middleburg where he works in the family business. His wife, Teresa, is a member of the Upperville Garden Club and is an accomplished equestrian, and his children attend The Hill School in Middleburg. He and his family never have to travel far from Upperville to enjoy all their pursuits.
• **Betsy Cragon** joined the board in 2015 and serves on the Marketing Committee. She brings extensive marketing experience including previously serving as Vice President of Marketing for GridPoint, Inc., a leading cleantech company. Prior to GridPoint, she founded Cragon Communications, a public relations firm specialized in serving high-tech startups. She began her career in the high-tech industry as the Director of Communications for Proxicom, one of the first e-commerce development companies to the Fortune 500. Ms. Cragon holds a bachelor of science in advertising from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kent State University. She currently advises several emerging technology companies and is getting to know the joys of Upperville living.

• **Joylyn Hannahs** joined the board in 2015 and chairs the Events Committee. She founded Joylyn Hannahs Photography, LLC in 2003, which specializes in wedding, special events, and portrait photography. Ms. Hannahs received the Best of Loudoun Award for 2013-2017 for both “Event Photography” and “Photography”. She graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in English and Communications and received her Masters of Education from Marymount University. Ms. Hannahs also serves on the board of Loudoun Cares, an organization strengthening non-profits in the community. She also serves on the Ladies Board for Inova Hospital. Joylyn lives in Purcellville with her husband, Ed Riccobene, and their two children.

• **Sheila Wiley Harrell** joined the board in 2015 and serves on the Events Committee. Mrs. Harrell grew up in The Plains, VA and attended The Hill School and Oldfields School in Glencoe, MD. After graduating Denison University, she spent the next 20 years working her way back to The Plains, VA where she lives with her husband Martin and their two children Molly and Will. She also currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Oldfields School.

• **Peter O. Hitchen** joined the board in 2015 and serves on the Building and Grounds Committee. Mr. Hitchen owns and operates Tilton Enterprises, an excavation company he founded in 1997 that specializes in equestrian projects, and BAC, a roll off dumpster service that donates a portion of revenues to the Jay Fund. Mr. Hitchen graduated from The Hill School and Loudoun Valley High and received his bachelor of arts from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. In addition to his work, he enjoys serving as a licensed professional Mate and Captain on sport fishing boats. Mr. Hitchen is devoted to the community and participates in a number of local nonprofit organizations, including Trinity Episcopal Church and Blue Ridge Hunt, among others. He lives with his wife Melanie and daughter Madilyn in Berryville.

• **Margaret Mullery** joined the board in 2014 and was elected Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee in 2015. Ms. Mullery supports historic preservation and land conservation and advocates for community involvement; all issues relevant and important to Buchanan Hall. Meg is a licensed realtor with Washington Fine Properties in Middleburg, Virginia where she lives.
• **Christopher Patusky** joined the board and has been Vice President since 2013. He serves on the Executive Committee and chairs the Development Committee. Chris lives in Upperville with his wife Kiernan and their children Luke (14) and Ali (11). He previously worked as a lawyer, university administrator, and state transportation official, and currently serves as Vice Chairman of United Therapeutics Corporation. Chris also helps manage his family’s Upperville businesses *Slater Run Vineyards, The Local Taste*, and *The Upperville Country Store*. He is a member of the Fauquier County Broadband Advisory Committee, the *Middleburg Montessori School Advisory Board*, and the "Art of the Piedmont" charity art auction host committee.

• **Erik Scheps** joined the board in 2012 and serves on the Buildings and Grounds and Marketing Committees. Mr. Scheps is a previous council member, elected in 2014, for the town of Middleburg. He is an Oncology Pharmaceutical Sales Executive, with close affiliations in MD/DC/VA. Mr. Scheps currently lives in Middleburg with his wife Amanda. Their daughter Hannah is in college and Sophie, a UVA graduate, is working as an Account Assistant with Bendure Communications in Middleburg. Erik is a member of the *Health Center Advisory Board* in Middleburg and is also on the board of the *Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department*.

• **Stormy Stokes** joined the board in 2010 and was elected President in 2015. She serves on the Executive and Development Committees. Stormy is a founding partner of *PWC*, a Lifestyle & Fashion public relations agency in NYC, and serves on the board of The Hill School. After 23 years in NYC, she moved home to Upperville, where she grew up, to raise her son Peter.

• **George Fletcher Slater** joined the board in 2015 and serves on the Building and Grounds Committee. Mr. Slater is a native of Upperville, where he lives with his spouse Caitlin McNaughton. He acts as General Manager of *West View Title*, a real estate title insurance agency based in Upperville. Mr. Slater follows in the footsteps of his father, Nick Slater, a former trustee of Buchanan Hall and resident Chauncey Brown Band aficionado.

• **Tony Thomas** joined the board in 2014 and serves on the Building and Grounds Committee. He was born and raised in Middleburg where he lives with his spouse Shawn Thomas who is a special education teacher for Loudoun County Public Schools. They have two adult sons, Jake and Hunter. Tony owns and operates *TLLC*, a lawn and landscape construction business. He is a familiar face to many as he bartends at local equestrian events and holiday parties throughout the year.

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**ADVISORY BOARD**

The Buchanan Hall Board of Advisors are available to the directors to provide advice and support regarding the Hall. During 2016, the Advisors were:

Isobel Ziluca, Chair  Ellen Hall  Bill Ridge
Al Barber  John Hanna  Andrea Scamardo
Donald Brennan  Sandy Lerner  Molly Spencer
Childs Burden  Margaret Mangano  Helen Wiley
Donald Childs  Donna Dashiell  Sarah Eaves
THANK YOU 2016 BUCHANAN HALL SUPPORTERS

Master ($5,000 to $9,999)
Kiernan Slater and Christopher Patusky
Stonehall Farm
Wise Foundation

Huntsman ($3,000 to $4,999)
Lynn & Al Barber
Ellen & Sydney Hall

Whipper-In ($1,000 to $2,999)
Michael & Karen Crane
Mr. & Mrs. Robert deButts
East Texas Communities Foundation
Frank Mangano Foundation
J. Preston Levis Charitable Foundation
Nicky Perry & Andrew Stifler
Peter & Andrea Scamardo
The Luminescence Foundation

Fox ($500 to $999)
Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Bishop
Elizabeth A. Cragon
Joy Lee Powell Gebhard
Timothy B. Harmon
Joan Moore
Phillips & Dorothy Robbins
Erik & Amanda Scheps
J. Carter and Erica Wiley
Mr. & Mrs. Rene R. Woolcott

Hound ($100 to $499)
Michael & Allson Alto
Andrews Family Foundation
Howard Armfield
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bates
Matt Sheedy & Vicki Bendure
Andrew & Jill Blunt
Catlett Boyce
The Brennan Family Foundation
Heather K. Briggs
Patricia Callahan

Henry O. Chapman III
John & Daphne Cheatham III
Dennis & Martha Cotter
Brad Davis
Josephine De Give
Hunter deButts, Jr.
Hasseltine & Dorsey deButts
Anna & Stanley Dees
Thomas & Gayle Delashmurt
Jim & Christy Donovan
Guy O. Dove
Philip Dudley
Thomas U. Dudley
Nancy Duggan
Glenn Epstein
Raymond R. Figgins, Sr.
Raymond & Sheila Harrell
Paul & Victoria Hasse
Gregg Helvey
Michael & Kathleen Howland
Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Jackson
Patricia & James Jarvis
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Jeffries
Virginia W. Jenkins
John & Kelly Johnson
Walter & Frances Kansteiner
Colonel Thomas W. Kaugher, Jr.
Gordon & Robin Keys
Ken & Stephanie Knapp
Margaret Church Littleton
Helen MacMahon
Malcolm Matheson, III
McGraw Foundation
Stephen & Sally McVeigh
John Miller
Mitchell & Company Raymond
C. Moffett, Jr.
Joyce & David Mullins
Linda Newton
Oak Grove Meadows
Roy & Denise Perry
Frank Ripley
G.P. Royer
Carolyn Saffer

John & Roma Sherman
Alice S. and Robert R. Slater
Nick and Bucky Slater
Edie & Bruce Smart
T. Garrick Steele
Edward & Sara Stettinus
Stilhope
S. B. Stokes
Mrs. William S. Stokes, III
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip S. Thomas
James Thompson
Vincent Tompkins
Wayne & Ann Travell
Valley Drilling Corp.
Deadria Van Metre
W. S. Wood
Isobel Ziluca
John F. Zugschwert

Horse (up to $99)
Wendy Bebie
Mr. & Mrs. John Bonsee
Andrea Brown
Leonard H. Brown, III
Anne Clancy
Cynthia T. Curtis
Mary & Edmond Deberry
Alice V. Duggan
April Gannon
Thomas B. Glascock
Katylo Gray
Tony Horkan
Robert & Blair Lawrence
William H. McCormick, VMD
Jeffrey and Linda Milligan
Vicky Moon
Network for Good
John M. Ramey, Jr.
David & Mimi Regamy
Mr. Richard C. Riemenschneider
Beth Ann Slater
James Stine
George R. Thompson
James Wright & Frances Triplett