

Celebrating the Life of Carol Fuqua (from page 2)

by Carol: four red hot chili pepper potholders tied together with colorful twine. Every time I cook, Carol's smiling face and giving nature come to mind."

An Elgin Street friend: "I remember the wonderful Halloween costume she made for herself- Maleficent! Complete with those magnificent horns!"

Former NPNA President: "Her willingness to be an officer of the board despite limited experience, and contribute quickly in unfamiliar terrain, when keenly needed; always stepping up to help with neighborhood events – her service to our community was a treasure."

Charity collaborator: "Being a sewer, I sought Carol's help for a Beaver Queen contestant – ask? She was 'in' with the RQ scarcely spoken! The contestant became people's choice winner & her dear friend. It was the first of many fabulous collaborations for pageant entourages, charity events, Mardi Gras Krewes – and the coming together of a new gang of hilarious friends who had many adventures."

A special gift recipient: "Carol & I had many things in common - a week apart in birthdays, a love of creating things and of the outdoors, and just gabbing away. When newsletters were to be distributed, I would get her to walk with me for a little while. We would talk of many things...of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings! She kept saying, "Girl, you're crazy. I've got a friend you need to meet. You'd love him." She called me one night in October and said, "My friend is here, come on over." He and I met, touched tendrils, fell in love, and married. Thank you Carol for being matchmaker!

A note from Debra Hawkins, who compiled this remembrance: Special thanks for the nudge to curate this, from someone who became friend, fan, then hero in Carol & her family's time of need (as she has for so many others) – our own Nancy Rizzo. Warm wishes to Nancy & her loved ones, and a Bright New Year to all.



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Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- Saturday Dec. 9, Northgate Park clean-up, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 10 – Luminaries/Durham Festival of Lights, 2-6 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec 17 – Rain Date for Luminaries Celebration, 2-6p.m.
- Thursday, Jan 18 – NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb 15 – NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 15 – NPNA meeting, Civitan Club, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 22 – 2018 Food Truck Rodeo Season Opener, 5-8:30 p.m

2017 Luminaries Celebration in the Park, Sunday, Dec. 10

Join us as we celebrate our fun Durham night of lights tradition!

On Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the large picnic shelter in Northgate Park, we'll have a toasty fire, music, food and fun activities for all. (Rain date will be Sunday, Dec. 17):

- * Seasonal craft activity hosted by resident artist Gene Dillard at 2 p.m.
- * Free hot mulled cider, refreshments (some vegan/allergy free) & pet snacks!
- * Special (Free) Raffle for park lighting / 2017 NPNA volunteers

Per custom, we'll ring the park/paths and shelter with luminaries and lights. Luminaries are also available in sets of 10 for home decoration purchase, and look lovely throughout the neighborhoods as part of this fun Durham festival. (see NPNA & INC on Facebook's riding/walking guide for a sparkling evening of light-peeping!). Thanks & see you then!

Clear our streets of trash!

If you walk in the park or throughout the neighborhood often with your kids, family, friends and/or dogs to enjoy a peaceful stroll, you're likely to notice the trash. Some of it stays in situ long enough that you'll see the same pieces of trash for an extended period of time.

The City does not have a formal street cleaning program yet so unless we're lucky enough to have a conscientious neighbor or member of P&R going above and beyond, that trash will end up in.....Ellerbe Creek!

How can that be? Well, all of the storm drains in Northgate Park drain direct in to Ellerbe Creek and do not pass through the water treatment plant. The consequence is that piece of trash you see in the gutter only has to make it as far as the next drain and then it's on its way to Falls Lake, trashing the creek, endangering wildlife and polluting drinking water.

Please help stop that trash making its way in to our creeks by picking up the trash you see on our streets or in parking lots and help improve the health of Ellerbe Creek and Falls Lake.

Cankerworm Banding Time is Near!

Put up your bands anytime this month, BUT apply sticky material on the bands mid-Dec, when most leaves have fallen. QUESTIONS/NEED HELP? Check NPNA on Facebook (notes tab) for banding & application FAQ, or <https://durhamnc.gov/272/Cankerworms>.

Join the NPNA listerv at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NPNA> click "join this group" OR send an email to npna-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Community Assets Special Edition: Celebrating the Life of Carol Fuqua

Carol, 7-year Northgate resident, mom of 3, grandma of 5, was a talented seamstress, gardener and cook. Many were benefactors of her skills, tips – and time. Despite circumstances that could throw up impediments, Carol forged boldly into neighborly and civic life, contributing to many local endeavors.

A free spirit who was at Woodstock; a former limo driver for Trump Enterprises; a rambling rose with guitar who lived in TX, NJ & WVA, she eventually landed in the Tar Heel State, and as always, made herself at home. Here are some fond memories from neighbors whose lives she touched.



A customer: "I got to know Carol as a valuable seamstress resource in the neighborhood, eventually as a big-hearted friend. She was very creative & seemed to love being a part of our wonderful neighborhood. She was a devoted mother to her adult daughters and grandchildren."
Fellow Krewe member: "I love the galaxy-print cape she made for my Mardi gras regalia - think of her dearly whenever I wear it at creative events in Durham."

Housemate: "She was a fun person to live with – inclusive yet respectful of your space. She loved to cook & garden, was a big fan of British TV on PBS – and family feud, which she got me into!"

A fellow costumer: "One afternoon Carol was saying how hard it was to flat pattern a witches' hat. I remember telling her 'I know you've got the skills for that! You build an ice-cream cone with a large piece of paper to fit your head and cut off the excess.' In no time, she had a pattern for her hat. She could do anything!"

Gal's nite pal: "The first Ladies Night I can remember was at Carol's house. It was a South of the Border theme. Don't know what I did to deserve it but won a prize, lovingly made

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A chat with Ginny Bowman, local owner, Northgate Mall

What made your family decide to build Northgate Mall?

"My father bought the land, once a tobacco farm, for a soda bottling facility. When rezoning couldn't be gained for this, Willie York (Cameron Village developer) approached him about a shopping center. They partnered for a CV-like center with similar vendors." (Kerr Drug, Thalheimer's, Huggins H/W, Wills Books – for those that may remember!)

How many jobs are in/connected to the Mall?

From 100 to 2,500 local jobs depending on tenants, city partnerships etc. at any time."

How many customers do you serve?

"We estimate at 5 million per year! – and that's not including the Bank of America or the outer Shops @ Northgate."

How many community events & partnerships does the Mall host over a year?

"At least three community events or more per month! Plus, what our tenants do on their own. Just a few examples: Many book sales @ Friends of Durham Library shop, events in the Maker's Space & NC Special Collection spaces; Dress for Success holds 3 or more events a year, and Kidcycle/NC Diaper Bank host two charity pop-up sales events here per year too!"

What do you enjoy the most about your enterprise and your role each day?

"Every day's different. It's a constant challenge to stay on top of things happening in & around the busy shopping complex - it's like running a small town!"

What excites you most about the future of Northgate Mall?

"The ability to change with the Durham marketplace. As downtown, 9th/Broad Street & North Durham change, development is moving back this way. It's our goal to transition to a more mixed-use complex, allocating space to different uses alongside retail. Many don't realize that Northgate's been home to 70,000 SF office space since 1993! We added an additional 23,754 SF with Measurement, Inc.'s new Scoring Center last January. We'll continue a focus on leasing space to office and entertainment, dining & services uses." -- Interview conducted by Debra Hawkins

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