The Celebration Continues!

"This program is one of the best Williamsburg has to offer. Thank you so much for having the foresight to launch CWA 25 years ago." Barbara Morris

Twenty-five years ago Wayne and Ruth Kernodle founded the Christopher Wren Association under the William & Mary umbrella. Today CWA is a self-funded, volunteer-led program which has grown from just 16 courses and 105 students to over 150 courses and activities and over 1400 members this fall.

Members of the Christopher Wren Association enjoyed a grand party in April to recognize this silver anniversary and we are continuing our celebration into the fall. You already may have noticed our new logo and updated newsletter, which now goes
by the name *The Wren Pen*. In honor of our anniversary, Christopher Wren name-tag lanyards and bookmarks will continue to be given to those members who did not receive them during the spring term.

## Parking Hangtags

As a reminder, you must complete one form for each driver needing a hangtag. If you have not done so already, please mail the parking registration form along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Parking Services, 201 Ukrop Way, PO Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187. You may also go to parking services to obtain a hangtag. Hangtags are valid from September 2016 through April 2017.

(Parking registration forms can be found on page 51 of the catalog as well as on our website.)

## 2016-2017 CWA Board Members

The new CWA Board held their first meeting on August 15th for the upcoming academic year.

"At this first meeting, the board discussed a number of items including budget, catalog, and board term lengths, and reviewed the status of the upcoming semester which appears very promising. The key item was recognition of the tremendous work done by the staff and the Technology Integration Committee on the new registration system which was successfully implemented this semester."

Bill Riffer, President
Wait List Procedure

If you were not assigned a seat for a requested course, our new software system automatically placed you on the wait list. You will be notified if a seat becomes available via email. Please respond promptly as to your desire to be added to the class. Until you receive notification from CWA staff, you may not attend classes for which you have been wait listed.

May 2016 CWA Member Survey

In May of this year we surveyed all recent registrants of the Christopher Wren Association to help us identify what is working well for us as well as those areas that may need more attention. Your board is always open to new ideas. Our goal is to keep the CWA program fresh, vibrant, meaningful and functioning well. Nearly 600 members responded to this survey, well within normal expectations.

One survey question solicited feedback from those members as to why they had not registered for classes during the two prior semesters. The largest response referenced scheduling conflicts or other personal issues. Those that couldn't find a subject matter that they were interested in dropped from 17.3% in 2015 to 12.4%, a very positive sign for the program offerings. We knew, and expected, that many members took issue with the difficulties incurred in trying to register for classes utilizing our old software. Fortunately, we had a great startup with our new software this semester with a few minor bumps in the road, as would be expected with a new implementation and its learning curve.

Last year we had a very low response rate to the scheduled Special Events. It appears these offerings did not mesh with our members’ interests, as 80% responded they are still interested in special events if they are heavily weighted towards historical sites and museums.

The ratings for classroom technology support remains high with 88% rating it excellent or good.

Lastly, we asked you whether it would be an issue if you had to print your own class handouts from an email. Only 14% indicated it would be a problem for them.

We appreciate those who took the time to respond to this survey.

Thank you,

Gary D. Drake, Chair, Program Evaluation and Analysis
An Evening at a Chef's Kitchen

There are only a few seats left!

You don't want to miss this night of fine, inspired cuisine and great wine from one of Williamsburg’s premier chefs!

Log in to your CWA account and add A Chef's Kitchen to your registration. You will be prompted for payment at checkout.

Register today!

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W&M Events

Did you know that as a member of Christopher Wren Association you are able to attend events hosted by the College? Events range from book signings to concerts to plays, just to name a few. Here is one happening this month:

**Ewell Concert Series-Aimo Pagin, Pianist**

Sunday, September 25, 2016
4pm, Ewell Hall
221 Jamestown Rd
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Admission is free!

For other information, click on the "What's New at W&M" link below.

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WMAA Travel Program

**Travel with Tribe!**

The William & Mary Alumni Association offers an extensive travel program that is open to all alumni and friends of the College, including members of the Christopher Wren Association. Trips include luxury cruises, land journeys and educational programs, both in the U.S. and abroad. From Antarctica to Zimbabwe and all points in between, there is something for everyone and we would love for you to join us. For more information, visit [www.wmalumni.com/travel](http://www.wmalumni.com/travel), or call Donna Coggins at 757.221.1176.