

# Paul Green Foundation

## NEWS – July 2012



### News at the Foundation

- ❖ Please note that our telephone number has been changed when we switched servers at our house.  
**Paul Green Foundation phone: (919) 942-6434**
- ❖ I'll be on vacation in July but Katherine Kubel will be in the office in my absence.
- ❖ The Restructuring Committee met on June 23 and is making progress toward their recommendations to the Board for ways to secure the vitality of the Foundation.
- ❖ The final report to the North Carolina Humanities Council was submitted on July 7<sup>th</sup> thereby completing our work on the very successful Paul Green Festival.



Co-chairs, **Jim Clark** and **Goldie Frinks Wells** are pleased to announce that the North Carolina Freedom Monument Project, established by the Paul Green Foundation, has received final approval from the Council of State for the land on the corners of Lane and Wilmington Streets in Raleigh. This has been a long time in coming and their Board of Directors is delighted to finally be able to see a successful fundraising path forward – and with the lovely new logo above.

**BIG NEWS!** **Branford Marsalis** has agreed to serve as an honorary chair for the Fundraising Campaign.

### Remembering Mary



"She Lived to Do  
Good for Others"

In memoriam:  
Mary D.B.T. Semans

**Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans**—lifelong philanthropist, civic leader, humanitarian, and great-granddaughter of university namesake Washington Duke—died January 25 at the age of ninety-one. The only daughter of Mary Lillian Duke and Anthony Drexel Biddle Jr., Mary served on the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation throughout her life. Through her parents, Mary was introduced to the transformative power of the arts, the importance of educational opportunities, and the imperative of helping others. These guiding principles shaped her life and were augmented by her trademark graciousness and resolve. When she was fourteen, Mary moved from her home in New York City to Durham to live with her grandmother Sarah P. Duke, for whom the Duke Gardens are named. She enrolled at Duke as a fifteen-year-old, and in 1938 married Josiah Charles Trent, a medical student

who later became chief of Duke Hospital's thoracic surgery department. The couple had four daughters. After Dr. Trent's death, Mary remarried in 1953 to urologist James Hustead Semans, and the couple had three children together.

Mary was a long-time friend of the Paul Green Foundation and served energetically on the Advisory Board, chaired by Dr. John Hope Franklin, of the NC Freedom Monument Project established by the Paul Green Foundation.