

# Paul Green Foundation

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## North Carolina Botanical Garden

As you know, the Paul Green Foundation has had a long and successful relationship with the **North Carolina Botanical Garden** in Chapel Hill. Our history goes back even before 1991 when the cabin, which sat behind the Green's former home on Greenwood Rd., was moved to the Garden to become part of the **Mountain Habitat Garden**.



Paul Green had written in that cabin from the time he brought it from northern Orange County “log by log” in 1939, until he and Elizabeth moved to Old Lystra Rd. in 1965. Here on the left is how it looked when Paul Green was using it. Then, in 1991, the cabin was loaded onto a flatbed trailer, the roof and chimney removed, and, to the amazement and delight of the community, with folks lining both sides of Fordham Blvd. on 15/501, it made its way to its new home.

The history of the NC Botanical Garden is a history of the people and botanical legacy of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In

1903, **William Chambers Coker**, the University's first professor of botany, began planting a teaching collection of trees and shrubs on the central campus.

This collection was to become the **Coker Arboretum**. Starting in the late 1920s, Coker and his student **Henry Roland Totten**, proposed a more complete botanical garden south of the main campus. In 1952 the UNC Trustees dedicated 70 forested acres for botanical garden development and to this tract were added 103 acres of dramatic creek gorge and rhododendron bluffs, donated by **William Lanier Hunt**, a horticulturist and former student of Coker and Totten.

– Dr. Coker, 1941



We met recently with **Damon Waite**, the new (and first full-time) director heading up the Garden, to talk with him and his education director **Nancy Easterling** about how the **Paul Green Cabin** can be repaired and greatly updated to provide better space for information about Paul Green and to be a more adequate space for various activities. We'll keep you updated as we continue to discuss with them a possible plan.



Here is a follow up to our September NEWS on the **National Theatre Conference** Person of the Year **George Takei** and his choice for the **2016 Paul Green Award to Elena Wang**.

They are pictured here at the Award Ceremony in December in New York City with NTC President **Risa Brainin**.

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