

SEARSTONE *seasons*

The latest news from SearStone Spring 2008



Entrance Features Begin To Showcase SearStone

The dream of Bill Sears is becoming a physical reality, as SearStone's entrance shifts from ink and paper to masonry and landscaping.

As a distinctly different community for seniors, SearStone was designed with natural beauty and "walkability" in mind –promoting a sense of community by encouraging residents to take strolls and meet their neighbors.

Shopping, dining and other amenities are pathways from each other – and from residences. For those who prefer, they can zip around the community in eco-friendly golf carts.

SearStone members will enjoy walks through lush landscapes composed of native trees and plants, or they can walk over to the conservatory to enjoy concerts and other events or stroll around the community's tree-lined lake.

Beautiful design and architecture will enhance the natural surroundings through elegant features such as a piazza, fountain and this beautiful entrance.

With private patios and open spaces, residents will enjoy the luxury of choosing their own private outdoor niche or enjoy the community at large in a beautiful setting.



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SearStone Ambassadors



Thanks to our SearStone Ambassadors

With the gracious help of SearStone Ambassadors, we're well on the way to a successful groundbreaking. Our first Ambassadors, Bill and Joan Dayton, hosted a cocktail party in the beautifully decorated Model Home for friends. Gloria Hallisey also brought a group of friends there for a catered luncheon.

Thanks also to members hosting club gatherings at SearStone – Al and Greta Port on behalf of their Wisdom Club, Jane Fink and her Red Hats, Margaret Moore and her Retired Military Wives Club, and Mary George Brewer and her Book Club.

The Ambassador Program is open to Members who have deposited 10% toward their SearStone home. As an additional benefit, SearStone Ambassadors will receive a special thank you gift when a new referral places their deposit. The SearStone Team thanks Ann Mills for recently referring her friend who became a new Member.

For more information on the Ambassador Program, contact a SearStone Team member.

Dear SearStone Depositors and Friends

We hope this first issue of *Seasons* will keep you informed and excited about SearStone and its progress.

As many of you know, I have lived here in Cary all my life – most of it on the Sears Family Farm.

While helping my parents look for a place to live, I realized that nowhere in this area is there the kind of place that caters to engaged, intelligent seniors – a place where you can walk to most everything, and yet feel open and free to go and play golf, travel, take grandchildren to the park, or just admire the natural beauty here in Cary.

Nothing like that existed.

Since I'm an architect, I figured I'd design one – right here on the family farm we've owned since the 19th century. I'm preserving a lot of open space to accommodate a lake, an orchard, open land, nature trails and a planned botanical conservatory to be gardened by university students. Now, SearStone (my mother's family name is Stone) is getting closer to becoming a reality, and my parents and I, along with many other new wonderful residents, look forward to moving in.

I'm writing this to all our Depositors, prospects and supporters to update you on the great events on the horizon. If you haven't been by the Model Home and Information Centre at 106 Walker Stone Drive lately, please come by and chat with Susan or Laura. Over six home styles have already sold out and there is never a better time to protect your estate with a 100% refundable entrance fee at SearStone.



Bill Sears, Architect and Future Resident

Our Specialty Retail Village, composed of select dining venues and shops, will break ground in the summer of 2008.

We are also welcoming new members to our Board of Directors, consisting of local residents who will assure that Cary will be proud of SearStone for its solid not-for-profit management and its ecologically sensitive development.

My family and I are excited that our dream is becoming a reality – and right here in our hometown of 156 years. I'm glad that you can be part of that dream as our neighbors at SearStone, a distinctively different community for seniors.

Personal Financial Consultation

SearStone is now offering professional financial advice from a Certified Financial Planner™ professional.

Schedule appointments directly with Melanie Reeve, CFP®, vice president and client advisor with SunTrust's Private Wealth Management division. Melanie will be available to assist with your investments, estate planning and other financial needs.

Melanie will be available to meet with you at whatever location is most convenient for you – the SearStone Information Centre, at your home, or at Melanie's office at 1400 Crescent Green, Suite 120, in Cary.

To contact her directly to schedule an appointment, call 919-380-1979 or e-mail Melanie.Reeve@suntrust.com. Or call Debbie DeRosa at 919-466-9366 to help schedule an appointment at the SearStone Information Centre.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Where in the world are the Nagles?

Some people collect stamps. Others collect bottles. Lanie and John Nagle collect countries.

John, a member of the Searstone Board, is pastor emeritus of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary. Lanie is a retired middle school science teacher. Together, they've visited more than 80 countries on every continent except Antarctica and all 50 states as well.

On a recent trip to Greece, the Nagles toured with some future neighbors – SearStone Members Alex and Marilyn Knittel, Gary and Judy Stivland, and Mary Lee Dandro. They've recently begun leading their own group tours, including a trip to Egypt this past January. A trip to Israel in November is already fully booked.

Lanie and John are cruising the Dalmatian coast in May and will visit Iceland and Greenland in late July. Why there? Because some folks predict that global warming may cause Greenland to melt soon – and the Nagles don't want to miss a thing. It certainly sounds like they won't!

When asked what their favorite place to visit is, they reply, "Wherever we are at the time."



John and Lanie Nagle

Upcoming Events

May 20 – Garden Supply Company Presents “The Right Plant, Right Place”

June 7 – North Carolina Symphony Party & Concert (for 10% Depositors)

June 21 – Paintnc.org Art Show Open House

July 15 – Great Harvest Bread Presents “Benefits of Whole Grain”

Please call for times and locations. Stay tuned for more information about these events, as well as other seminars we are planning on travel and personal finances. Please note: events are subject to change.



Directions

SearStone’s Information Centre and Model Home are located just seconds from the intersection of Davis Drive and High House Road in Cary, NC. From I-40, take Exit 287 onto Harrison Avenue, right onto Cary Parkway, right onto High House Road and left onto Davis Drive and SearStone is just two tenths of a mile on your left.

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