

PAUL GREEN FOUNDATION

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The Paul Green Cabin Gets its Horseshoe Back!

The Paul Green Foundation is **lucky** indeed to have been assigned a steward for the Paul Green Cabin at the NC Botanical Garden. **Karen Burns** is faithful to checking on the cabin each week, sweeping it out and making sure everything is in order. We're particularly **lucky** because she noticed that the Paul Green Cabin no longer had a horseshoe over the door – she'd seen it there in a photograph of the cabin when it was behind the Green's home on Greenwood – AND she'd also seen it in person as a child. I asked her to write up her story.

CABIN HORSESHOE

Superstition has it that hanging a horseshoe above a door brings good luck. If it is hung as a "U" it collects good luck, while hanging it in the opposite direction allows the luck to flow out to be shared with others. This little story is about a special horseshoe that hung from a special cabin many years ago.

As an 8-year-old, I, along with a handful of other naughty neighborhood children and our roaming dogs, ventured beyond the woodsy boundary we'd been told *not* to go beyond. On the other side of Battle Creek, we came upon a small, rather dilapidated cabin sitting in a weedy clearing. It just so happens this was Paul Green's cabin located far behind his house on Greenwood Rd ~ 25 years prior to its being moved to the NC Botanical Garden in 1991. I cannot tell you if the old horseshoe I saw that day hanging from the cabin's exterior hung as a "U" or otherwise, but I can definitely tell you it leant a mystical, magical quality to the old cabin, something that I'll never forget.

For this reason, when I volunteered as the Paul Green cabin's "steward" a little less than a year ago, I found myself on a mission to see that a horseshoe hung from it once again. I asked about a horseshoe for the cabin but was told, "But no one knows where the original one is." Thus began my quest for trying to find the old, original horseshoe. I was

kindly assisted by NCBG's very first employee, Ken Moore, and Paul Green Foundation Director, Marsha Warren. Ken questioned NCBG staff members hoping to find that the horseshoe had survived the cabin's move to the garden and that someone would know of its whereabouts, while Marsha questioned Betsy and Byrd - Paul's daughters. Unfortunately, the horseshoe could not be located. Ken and garden volunteer, Joe Ellis, kindly offered horseshoes from their personal collections. I'm happy to tell you this mission came to an end this summer when the NCBG's Director, Damon, tacked one of the old, offered horseshoes to the front of the cabin. In my heart of hearts, the cabin is now complete. – **Karen Burns**

Paul Green Foundation Archives Now Upstairs in the Cabin

When the NC Botanical Garden asked the Paul Green Foundation to help fix up the Paul Green Cabin a few years ago, we were delighted, and the work began. An HVAC system was put in to make it comfortable throughout the year, the exterior was re-chinked where needed, a railing was installed for the ADA ramp and lighting was improved. And, because the Foundation was going to have access to the second floor, doors were installed to close off the space to the public. We're all set up now upstairs with an additional air conditioner, a table, lamps and shelves for our books and materials. Because many school children are among those who visit the cabin, I designed this special sign to hang on the stair railing if we're working up there and they hear noises! ~.~

Archiving –

– *in progress upstairs.*

It's not mice you hear!



Paul Green Foundation staff are busy at work!

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