

PAUL GREEN FOUNDATION

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Meet Paul Green

...at the North Carolina Botanical Garden Celebration



And what a celebration it was!

Pictured above are Mebanesville musicians, Iryna Tkachenko, Jane Davis, Larry Vellani and Peggy Boswell; script writers Debra Kaufman and Marsha Warren; actor Ray Dooley (who played Paul Green). We weren't quick enough to get our second actor Kathryn Hunter Williams in the photo, so here she is, too!

This **March 31, 2019** celebration, featured two of PlayMakers most esteemed actors who took the various parts of Paul Green's stories, plays and incidents in his life. The "Meet Paul Green" play script, interspersed with musical selections that matched the narrative, was performed by Mebanesville. Following the hour-long program, refreshments were served and then the audience members (over 200 of them) made their way to the Paul Green Cabin to see the newly curated display – "**The Life and Work of Paul Green.**" Paul Green wrote in this cabin, behind his Greenwood home, for 26 years. It was moved to the Garden in 1991.

Green family members came from all over the country – as far away as Colorado – to participate in this celebration.



Paul Green Legacy

The trustees of the Paul Green Foundation have recently assumed a new focus in their work. The grants for Arts and Human Rights continue, but they believe that now is the time that steps should be taken to strengthen the legacy of Paul Green. They've developed a long list of projects they plan to pursue. We'll report to you from time to time. As Dr. Laurence Avery (Paul Green scholar and president of the Foundation) wrote in the *NC Literary Review*: "A devotion to fundamental human equality – which developed in Green on a farm along the Cape Fear River during childhood and in France as a soldier during World War I – such devotion made him quick to spot violations of equality in the social system around him." And he responded to those inequalities in his writing and actions.