

Villa Pinea



Villa Pinea (1959) The Bill and Chicita Culberson House (5501 George King Rd., Durham, NC) was designed by Terry Waugh and built by Charlie Parker. The two greenhouses were added in the late 1970s-early 1980s. The Culbersons chose Waugh by wandering around Morgan Creek and asking owners of the most interesting houses about their architect. In 2005, Chicita secured a conservation easement on the property with NCBGF as the easement holder. In 2007, she donated the property to the Foundation and established a trust for its upkeep and maintenance.

Chicita Culberson (1931 – March 5, 2023) Chicita graduated from Duke University with a Ph.D. in chemistry. She had a distinguished career as a lichen chemist at the Biology Department at Duke University, alongside her husband, who was a professor of botany and former Director of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. She analyzed thousands of lichen specimens for the Duke Herbarium, as well as for colleagues around the world. She was the author of many scientific papers on lichen chemistry, as well as a highly recognized text on the subject, which is still frequently cited.

Bill Culberson (1929 – 2003) In 1955, Culberson joined the botany department at Duke University. He subsequently managed Duke's acquisition of the lichen-centric herbaria of Julien Harmand and Johan Havaas. He served as the Hugo L. Blomquist Professor. He also served as president of the Botanical Society of America and the American Bryological and Lichenological Society and as director of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. In 1953, Dr. Culberson married fellow lichenologist Chicita F. Forman.

Terry Waugh, AIA (1913 – 1966) Architect Terry Waugh immigrated to the US in 1941 and worked as a structural designer for Fluor, as an aircraft engineer, and as a set designer for Columbia Pictures. He was recruited by Dean Henry Kamphoefner in 1948 to teach at the University of Oklahoma. Kamphoefner was later appointed first Dean of the School of Design at North Carolina State University and recruited Waugh to Raleigh in 1948. In 1952, he opened his own firm, Edward Waugh Associates, at 2426 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh and continued it when he became campus planner for NCSU in 1957.