



# APPLAUSE

## CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI

**Chris Weiss Pfeil '70** is a member of the first graduating class of Lake Ridge Academy in 1970 which is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year!

After graduating, Chris went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts from Sweet Briar College in 1974 and her Masters in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan. She is a Science Instructor at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Chris has accomplished many wonderful things throughout her lifetime. She, and her twin sister Cathy Thompson '70, were both members of the National Honor Society and graduated Phi Beta Kappa, cum laude in 1974. Chris is also a founding member of the Rocky River Green Team and the Recreation Department's Invasive Plant Chair. In addition, she was Co-Chair of the Rocky River City Council Animal Control Ordinance Review Board, Treasurer and Chair of Ways and Means for the Association of Interpretive Naturalists, Chair of Cleveland Yachting Club's yearbook, sailing fleet, Wet Hens and women's racing program. Chris is also Past President of the Natural History Museum's Women's committee and the 2009 Auction Chair.



Chris was the first alumna invited to serve on the Lake Ridge Academy Board of Trustees, a position she held for 16 years, President of the Parents Association and is currently serving on the Alumni Council.

She is the mother Lake Ridge Academy "lifers" Lee '05, a recent RIT graduate and Carrie '07, a Denison junior currently studying at the Glasgow School of Art, Scotland.

Chris attributes her many leadership roles to her years at Lake Ridge Academy. She mentioned "the Class of 1970 was encouraged to investigate and explore academic and social topics, challenge the learning environment and establish traditions." She also notes that the class of 1970 bonded with faculty and administrators and made life-long friends.

**Tiffany Washington Farian, M.A., A.B.D. '96** has pursued her passion for art since graduating from Lake Ridge Academy. Following her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from Miami University (Ohio), she received her Master's in Art History and Museum Studies from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). Currently, Tiffany is writing her dissertation on Associated American Artists: Changing the Shape of the American Art Market of the 1930s and early 1940s at CWRU as a candidate for her PhD in Art History. Tiffany has been teaching undergraduate art history for seven years now.

When she isn't studying or teaching, Tiffany is spending time with her growing family. On November 19, 2009, Livia Macneil joined big brother Julian who turned two in August. Tiffany and her husband, Marko, have been greatly enjoying spending time with their children.

In addition to Tiffany's successful career in art history, her husband, Marko, has built a successful dental practice. They plan to build a house on their property in Hinckley, Ohio in the next few years and are looking forward to hosting all of their Lake Ridge Academy friends.



### SAVE THE DATE

**February 20, 2010**

*Anything Goes* Post-Show Party, Bettcher

**March 10, 2010**

Networking Breakfast

First Watch, Crocker Park