



BUCKHEAD HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

BUCKHEAD HERITAGE SOCIETY

June 1, 2018

JOIN FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERICA DANYLCHAK

Co-Author of *Grave Landscapes: The Nineteenth Century Rural Cemetery Movement*

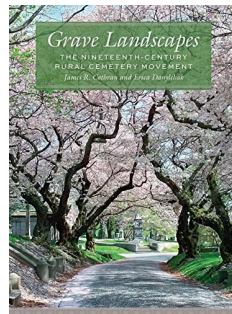
Thursday, June 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Buckhead Heritage Society is hosting co-author Erica Danylchak to discuss her new book *Grave Landscapes: The Nineteenth-Century Rural Cemetery Movement*. Released in March 2018, both Erica and her co-author, the late James R. Cothran, have deep Buckhead ties. Erica was the Executive Director of the Buckhead Heritage Society for 6 1/2 years after working at the Atlanta History Center, and Jim was a highly respected landscape architect and

author, who lived in Garden Hills. Erica was very involved in Buckhead Heritage's ongoing stewardship of the Mt Olive cemetery on Pharr Road, as well as several other local cemeteries.

Erica will discuss the inspiration for rural cemeteries, their physical evolution, the nature of the landscapes they inspired, and the value of these cemeteries in the 21st century. Georgia has several rural cemeteries including Rose

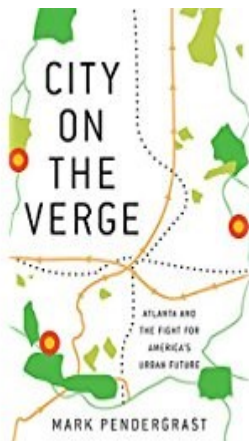
Hill in Macon and Bonaventure in Savannah. Erica's book addresses the history of these types of cemeteries and how their creation shaped current philosophies about cemeteries. [Grave Landscapes](#)



Please welcome our new May 2018 members:
Anne Culbertson
Caye Oglesby
Stephanie and Austin Stephens
Rudy Harrell

JULY BOOK CLUB GATHERING (Members Only)

To Discuss the History of the "Beltline," July 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m.



Buckhead Heritage Executive Director Richard Waterhouse will lead the second meeting on Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. The group will discuss *City on the Verge: Atlanta and the Fight for America's Urban Future* by Mark Pendergrast.

Pendergrast, a native Atlantan who now lives in Vermont, writes about the importance of the beltline and how "it will complete a twenty-two mile loop encircling downtown, transforming a massive ring

of mostly defunct railways into a series of stunning parks connected by trails and streetcars." The book was selected because Buckhead will be an important part of the beltline.

Waterhouse, who lived on the beltline and walked many parts of it, will lead a discussion about whether the concept of the beltline has worked and if the ambitious project can be completed by 2030. [Please register for this free event.](#)

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CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS LECTURE Sunday, September 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m.



Robert Price, longtime volunteer and Trustee at Oakland Cemetery, will talk about his many years of researching, documenting, and photographing Civil War monuments in the United States. He has over 110,000 digital images in his collection. Bob has a lifetime interest in the Civil War and feels that his photos will serve as resources for the public and for historians who study the meaning and the perception of these monuments in an ever changing

society. His talk will begin promptly in the Bobby Jones Room, Bell Tower, Oakland Cemetery at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 9 with a tour of the Civil War sites in Oakland after the presentation. Refreshments will be served between the presentation and the tour. Non-members: \$20.00 & Members: \$10.00.

Please note that the stairs to the upstairs Bobby Jones Room are very steep and not accessible for a wheel chair or walker. [Civil War Monuments Lecture.](#)

OCTOBER BOOK CLUB GATHERING (Members Only) Thursday, October 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

The third book club gathering will be held Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. The book to be discussed is *Play it Again, Sam: The Notable Life of Sam Massell, Atlanta's First Minority Mayor*, by Charles McNair.

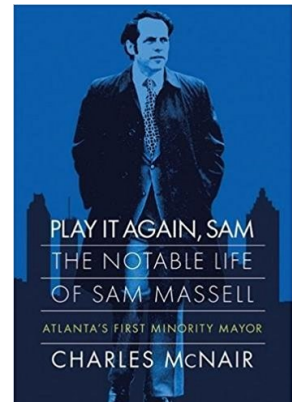
Sam Massell, a great supporter of Buckhead Heritage and an Emeritus Board

Member, has lived an extraordinary life. McNair notes Massell has "excelled in four careers, including twenty-two years in elected offices, thirteen years in the tourism industry, and is now in his thirtieth year of association management."

He was Atlanta's first Jew-

ish mayor in 1970 and changed the landscape of the city by creating Atlanta's Urban Design Commission, establishing MARTA, and appointing the first woman to the City Council.

There is no charge, but please register at: [Buckhead Heritage Book club](#)



PLEASE JOIN OUR FRIENDS AT HISTORIC OAKLAND FOUNDATION For Tunes from the Tombs on Saturday, June 9, 2018, 12 to 8:00 p.m.

Our friends at Historic Oakland Foundation, invite you to join them for *Tunes from the Tombs*. Now in its eighth year, *Tunes from the Tombs* is a day of incredible music and performances on Saturday, June 9, at one of the city's most unique

music venues: Historic Oakland Cemetery. In addition to three stages of great talent, you can also enjoy Atlanta craft beer and local food trucks, visit some of Oakland's famous residents on free mini-tours, and find one-of-a-kind souvenirs at the artist market. [For further information.](#)



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CEMETERIES FOR NON-CEMETERY PEOPLE BY JOHN BEACH, BHS BOARD MEMBER

"I'm not really a cemetery guy," I might have told you for many years. As a kid my earliest remembrances include visiting relatives at Arlington out in Sandy Springs. I liked the geese, and the cool grotto waterfall area, but kind of dreaded the somber tone, being careful where I stepped, and the loss of Sunday afternoon playtime. So, when I'd hear people talk about stopping to look at a cemetery, or spending an afternoon on a tour, it didn't really resonate.

But then David Moore at Oakland invited a group of us for a tour, and we heard great Atlanta stories about interesting characters and families I know. Like Norris Broyles, who had his arm cut off by a train next to Oakland in the 1870's, I know the namesake, Jr. and III, of the Broyles today. So when my wife Ann suggested we invite 10 couples to Oakland for a group tour and then dinner across the street at Six Feet Under (great name

and food), I said sure. We took wine and cheese, had a fascinating Oakland tour guide, and everyone had a blast. We've been back for a few concerts and other events there. Then this March, Ann and I went to Savannah for the Historic Savannah Foundation Tour of Homes and Gardens, and we went out to Bonaventure Cemetery for an afternoon. It's an incredibly beautiful setting, even more so in azalea season, along the river and marsh, with great Georgia history. It's listed as one of the ten prettiest cemeteries in the world.

Buckhead Heritage was founded by several residents that got together to clean up a forgotten cemetery many of us drive by almost daily on West Paces Ferry. I've gotten to know Harmony Grove, Sardis, and Mount Olive through their programs, and just "discovered" another hidden one on the recent Scavenger Hunt. Erica Danylchak, formerly

the Buckhead Heritage Executive Director, just released a scholarly book on *Grave Landscapes* and the movement to create park-like landscape settings, like Arlington and Bonaventure. Erica will be speaking for Buckhead Heritage at Saint Philip's on June 14th.

Another Buckhead Heritage member, George Hart, released an acclaimed UGA Press book on *Historic Rural Churches of Georgia*, including info on the cemeteries standing besides many of those churches. His group is now working not just to document these disappearing treasures, but to help preserve them. And our "New" Buckhead Heritage Executive Director, Richard Waterhouse, has been an Oakland volunteer guide since 1989 and wrote a book about historic symbolism at Oakland. We're putting on an event with Oakland in September; they have a busy and fun-packed annual schedule.

Along the way I've discovered how much history about the people, places, population shifts, lifespans, occupations and wars you get in a casual stroll through a cemetery. Fascinating Atlanta and Georgia history. And I guess now I've become one of those "cemetery people."



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization! Do you have time or a talent that you'd be willing to share? Please contact [Richard Waterhouse](#), [Tamara Bazzle](#) or [Fay Pearce](#) to learn more about opportunities that are available in the following areas:

- Historic Preservation or documentation

- Writing or editing
- Website design or updating
- Graphic design
- Sponsorship identification or solicitation
- Event planning and execution

- Photography of events and sites
- Archives
- Social Media Work

Let us know, too, if you have a talent you would like to share that is not listed above.



Founded in 2006, the mission of Buckhead Heritage is to enhance the quality of life in Buckhead by identifying, preserving, and promoting its historic resources.

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Thanks to all of you for making this year's Scavenger Hunt a great success! Even though I have only lived in Buckhead for 18 months, I learned so much about Buckhead history from the team who put together the clues: John Beach, Wright Mitchell, James Ottley, and Chad Wright. Buckhead Heritage is so lucky to have these gentlemen involved in this organization, because they love Buckhead history and realize how important it is to share with others.

We are looking for a part-time summer intern for social media work - a college student home for summer or a longer term volunteer with experience posting to several social media sites, good writing skills, and some experience working with digital photos preferred. Days and hours are flexible.

Take care,



Richard Waterhouse, Executive Director



We're on the web:

buckheadheritage.com

BUCKHEAD HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you are not a member, please join us:...

Your membership benefits include: a monthly newsletter; invitations and early registration to programs and special events; reduced ticket prices to most events; recognition in our publications; and tax-deductible membership contributions
Membership levels include:

Historian (\$50); Preservation(\$125); Bronze (\$250); Silver (\$500);Gold (\$1,000); and Platinum (\$1,500). If you join at the Platinum level, you will be offered digital copies of an oral history videography of a person of your choice.

[Buckhead Heritage Membership.](#)

Choose your preferred membership level, click "add to cart", provide your contact information, and proceed with credit card payment.

Once your transaction is complete, you will receive a confirmation email and a welcome letter.

If you would prefer that we send a hard copy of the membership form, please contact Richard Waterhouse at 404 467-9447 or rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com.