



April 2021 Newsletter



Speaker Series: *Buckheadians Buried at Oakland and Other Stories About the History of Oakland Cemetery* by David Moore
April 8, 7 p.m., Zoom, Free

Join us and David Moore, Director Emeritus of the Historic Oakland Cemetery Foundation, as we walk through what Franklin Garrett called, “Atlanta’s most tangible link to her past,” Oakland Cemetery. David will explore Oakland’s history with stories of some of its famous (and infamous) residents, including many Buckheadians. Together we will learn a bit more about our past and why historic preservation is so important.

[Register](#)



Buckhead Heritage Peachtree Heights East Walking Tour

Saturday, April 10th

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Limited to 20, Free

Please wear a mask

Buckhead Heritage Executive Director Richard Waterhouse and Caleb Brown will offer a fascinating tour of this hidden neighborhood near Peachtree Road and Lindbergh Drive. With approximately 330 homes within this unique neighborhood, houses in Peachtree Heights East range from early 20th century American two story four-square, Craftsman Bungalow, Cape Cod, Tudor Revival, Mission Revival, and Ranch to 21st century home styles. We will see examples of several of those on the tour. The mile and a half tour route is very hilly and the tour will last about an hour and a half. We ask participants to stay on the road during the tour.

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Blackland Road Shutze Home Garden Party

June 6, 4pm

Save the Date - Live Event!

This will be our first major live event since March 2020. Please join us in supporting Buckhead Heritage at this Garden Party and tour. We will limit the number of attendees, and you may still socially distance, of course. More details will be sent out to members shortly.



New Hope AME Church, Arden Road, Photo by Buckhead Heritage Staff

Our Community Partners

By Tamara Bazzle, Historic Cemeteries Committee Chair

Soon after Buckhead Heritage was founded in 2005, the Board of

Directors decided that its first project would be the reclamation of historic Harmony Grove Cemetery at the intersection of W. Paces Ferry and Chatham Roads. In the ensuing years, Buckhead Heritage worked with a number of community partners, who assisted with the project in many ways. Since then, the organization has worked on several other cemetery projects, often encountering multiple challenges that require professional expertise.

As Wright Mitchell researched Harmony Grove's history, he learned that James H. "Whispering" Smith, who is buried there, bequeathed the land on Arden Road where **New Hope AME Church** now stands. In 2019, as Buckhead Heritage turned its attention toward New Hope's cemetery, it learned of an existing relationship between New Hope and **Peachtree Road United Methodist Church (PRUMC)**, which had sponsored cleanup events there for many years. Over the past year, Buckhead Heritage's Historic Cemeteries Committee has worked with **Beth Spencer**, Director of Local Outreach at PRUMC; **Mike Ivey**, a volunteer leader at PRUMC; **Ashley Shares**, Director of Preservation at Oakland Cemetery; **Elizabeth Clappin**, a professional historian with a specialty in cemeteries; **Chris Hastings**, Owner and ISA Board Certified Master Arborist of **ArborMedics**; and many strongly supportive neighbors. I along with **Ivan Allen** have worked closely with **Pastor David Richards** and members of New Hope. Ivan has worked tirelessly on a fundraising plan.

Similarly, at **Mt. Olive Cemetery** on Pharr Road adjacent to Frankie

Allen Park, Buckhead Heritage has received significant support from **Buckhead Baseball; Alec Michaelides**, Principal of Land Plus; **Chris Hastings**; and the **Atlanta International School**. Recently, **Elon Osby**, whose ancestors are buried in the Cemetery, was able to get the **Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs** to restore the sculptures at the entrance to the Park and to add plantings at its base. These significant improvements will be enjoyed by all.

Our community relationships have allowed work to continue during the pandemic, enriching everyone involved. Hats off to these individuals and organizations! Their work is enhancing the community of Buckhead and its historic resources.

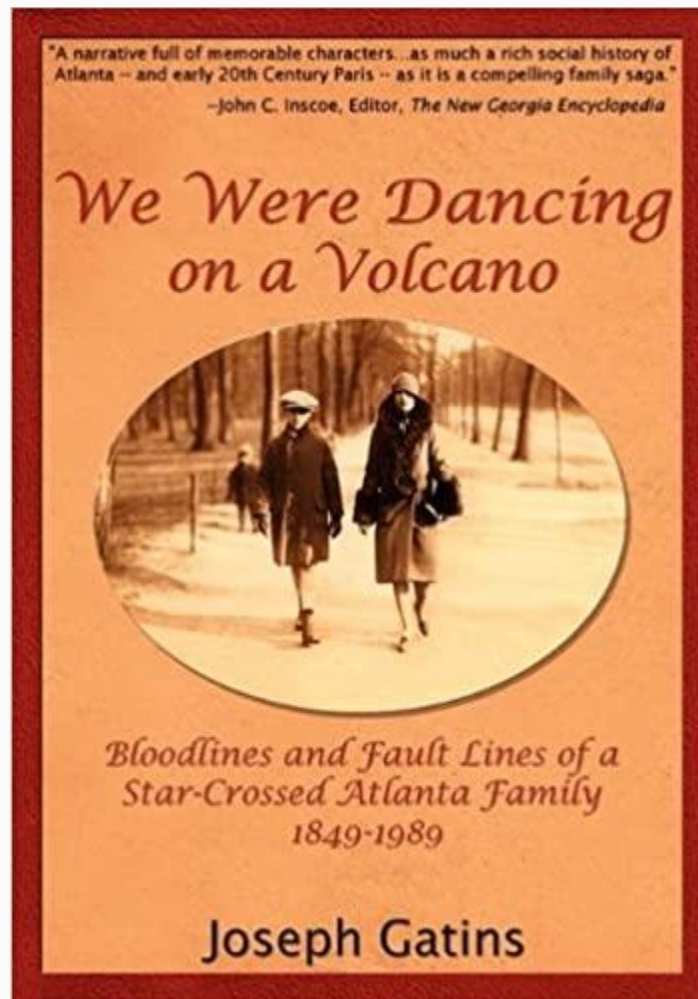


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May is Historic Preservation Month
Wright Mitchell Leads a Panel Discussion;
Saving Atlanta's Architectural Heritage: A Primer
on Certified Historic Rehabilitation
May 6, 7 p.m., Zoom, Free

Atlanta is a city known for its “build it bigger and better” mentality. But this type of thinking often results in the unnecessary loss of many wonderful old homes that comprise the historic fabric and character of our community. Using the recent rehabilitation of the Governor Hugh M. Dorsey House as an example, local architect Brandon Ingram, Liz Davies of ESD Homes, and attorney Wright Mitchell will discuss the significant tax credits available to homeowners who choose to rehabilitate a historic home including the design and construction process. Whether you live in a home that qualifies for historic rehabilitation tax credits or are simply interested in old houses, this program will challenge many of the misperceptions that often influence the decision to demolish older homes rather than renovate them.

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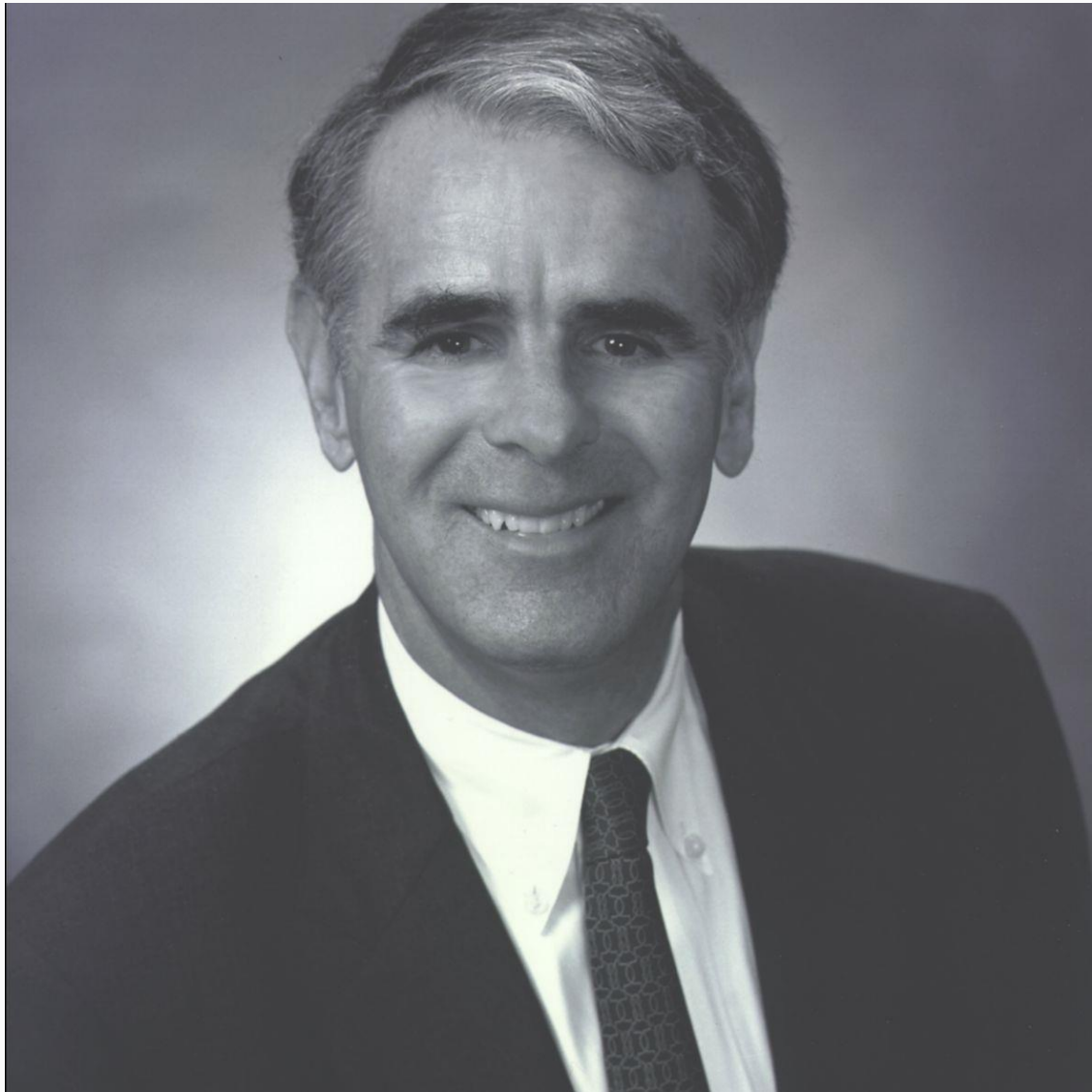


Book Club Meeting: *We Were Dancing on a Volcano: Bloodlines and Fault Lines of a Star-Crossed Atlanta Family, 1849-1989*, 1st Edition, by Joseph Gatins

May 19, 7:00 p.m., Zoom, Free

Long-time Buckhead Heritage member and supporter Mary Anne Walser will lead the discussion about this fascinating book which follows the adventures of more than five generations of families that made their mark on both Atlanta and Paris. This incredible story also includes one grandmother's brave work with the French Resistance in World War II and her untiring efforts to successfully help her only son escape from Nazi prisoner of war camps.

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New Board Member Spotlight: Frank Virgin

Frank grew up on Vernon Road, formally known as Serpentine Road. He attended E. Rivers School through the fifth grade, The Lovett School through the ninth grade (not thrown out!) and graduated from The Darlington School. From Emory University, he received a B.B.A degree and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Frank received a

J.D. degree from the University of Georgia, School of Law and has been in private practice ever since. He is currently a partner with Taylor English Duma, LLP. Frank is a member of and has served as president of The Atlanta Lawyers Club, The Piedmont Driving Club, and The Nine O'Clocks. He has been Board Chair of the Center for the Visually Impaired and Georgia Cooperative Services for the Blind. His wife Susan, a native of High Point, North Carolina, and Frank have been married for 49 years. They have lived on Dellwood Drive for 41 years and have two children and five grandchildren. They are active members of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

2021 Upcoming Events

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May 19, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. Book Club Meeting: *We Were Dancing on a Volcano: Bloodlines and Fault Lines of a Star-Crossed Atlanta*

Family, 1849-1989, 1st Edition, by Joseph Gatins, Led by Mary Anne Walser

June 6, 2021 - 4:00 p.m. Blackland Road Garden Tour and Party

To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage Membership

Go [Here](#) or contact Richard Waterhouse at the office, 404-467-9447 or email rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com.

Volunteers Always Needed

Buckhead Heritage is a volunteer-run organization that can always utilize a variety of skills, including folks to help at events, cemetery cleanups, and on several preservation projects that could use research, committee and leadership help. If you would like to have some fun, learn something while helping the community, and meet some neighbors, then we'd love to talk to you. Please contact Richard Waterhouse at the office.

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