



## August 2022 Newsletter



**Speaker Series: “One Developer’s Trash is Our Treasure: Matt Norman and the Kenneth and Hazel Meredith House,” Thursday, August 18, 2022, 7 p.m. Cathedral of Saint Philip, Gould Room, Free**

Matt Norman will talk about his painstaking preservation and restoration of the Meredith House. Designed by architect James C. Wise and built in 1938, the two-story brick home occupies a wooded 3.5-acre property. It is located in the Chastain Park neighborhood and includes a garage/servants' quarters, an original stone barbecue pit and patio, and substantial remnants of William L. Monroe's landscape. Matt will share the history of the house, the process of having it listed in the National Register of Historic Places and offer insight into local residential preservation.

**Register by [clicking here](#)**

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Photo by Thornton Kennedy

## President's Report

Buckhead Heritage presents great programming all summer and aims to educate our members and guests on the history of Buckhead—the people, the noteworthy events, and the neighborhoods that have contributed to our growth and impact on Atlanta. I spoke with a family who has received our newsletter for several years but attended their first program in July. It was great to hear firsthand how much they appreciated learning about the rich and diverse history of Buckhead.

In June, those who attended the program at St. Phillips got a real treat. Dr. Ed Hatfield, managing director of the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* ([www.newgeorgiaencyclopedia.org](http://www.newgeorgiaencyclopedia.org)) invited the audience to contribute to creating the entry for Buckhead. Everyone stepped up to the challenge and it was a lively discussion. I learned that Buckhead had a thriving pottery industry. You can read more about it on our website by clicking [here](#). We'll let you know once the information is online. To learn more about Dr. Hatfield and his work, please click [here](#).

More than 35 people attended Buckhead Heritage board member, Elon Osby's, talk in July. Elon walked us through the history of her family's flight from Forsyth County only to settle in Bagley Park (later renamed Frankie Allen) and then be forced to sell their homes by Fulton County. Residents then dispersed to other parts of Atlanta. It is

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a powerful story of just one of the many families affected and how, Elon, as a descendant of one of them, is working to protect and preserve the cemetery known as Mount Olive. Elon also serves as our representative to the Atlanta Cemetery Network.

If you enjoy our newsletter, our website or our programs, please consider becoming a member of Buckhead Heritage. For details about membership please contact our executive director, Richard Waterhouse at [rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com](mailto:rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com). And, if you are interested in volunteering with Buckhead Heritage, we would love to hear from you.

**I hope to see you on August 18 for our next talk by Matt Norman about his painstaking preservation of a two-story brick home built in 1938 in Chastain Park. – Charlotte Margolin**

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Photo by Charlotte Margolin

## **Peachtree Heights East Movers, Shakers, and Heartbreakers Walking Tour**

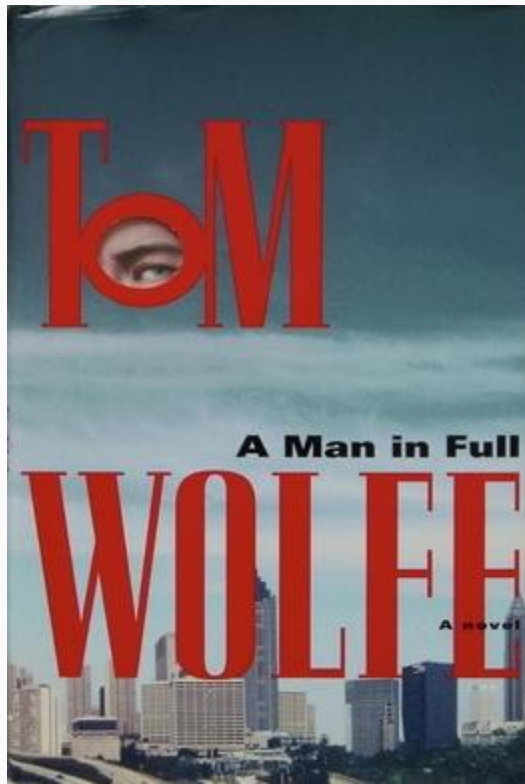
**Saturday, September 10, 2022, 10 a.m.**

**Buckhead Heritage presents this tour in partnership with Atlanta Preservation Center**

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

To register, please contact Executive Director Richard Waterhouse at [rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com](mailto:rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com) or (404) 467-9447.

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**Book Club Meeting: *A Man in Full* by Tom Wolfe, Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. at a Buckhead Home, Free**

John and Ann Beach will discuss Tom Wolfe's *A Man in Full* as it approaches its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. How has Wolfe's quintessential Atlanta book set in Buckhead fared over the years, and is it more or less relevant today? Who were our real-life neighbors the author modeled characters like Charles Croker and Roger Too White after in the book? How did Wolfe choose to portray Buckhead homes, streets and people? Knowing now what the author wrote, would he be welcomed back to Buckhead again?

**Register by** [clicking here](#)

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### **Did You Know?**

This house, located in the Peachtree Heights East neighborhood, at the corner of Peachtree Way and Demorest Avenue, is where the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart lived from the late 1930s to the early 1960s. They started the Sacred Heart Catholic Church School. Even though the Convent no longer administers the school, they are still active. To learn more about them, please [click here](#). This house is one of twenty stops on the Peachtree Heights East Walking Tour being offered on Saturday, September 10. Many of the stops were identified by participants that have taken the tours in the past. If you have any historical information about the Peachtree Heights East neighborhood,

please contact Richard at [rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com](mailto:rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com).

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## **New Volunteer at Harmony Grove Cemetery**

Devon Chase, a Georgia State Student, has begun helping us out at Harmony Grove Cemetery. He worked there for three hours on July 28, 2022, raking, clipping low hanging branches, and cleaning off the graves. The photo above shows his handiwork. Several of the graves had weeds coming up in the concrete and Devon clipped the weeds out. We appreciate Devon's hard work.

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## **To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage Membership**



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

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