



## February 2021 Newsletter

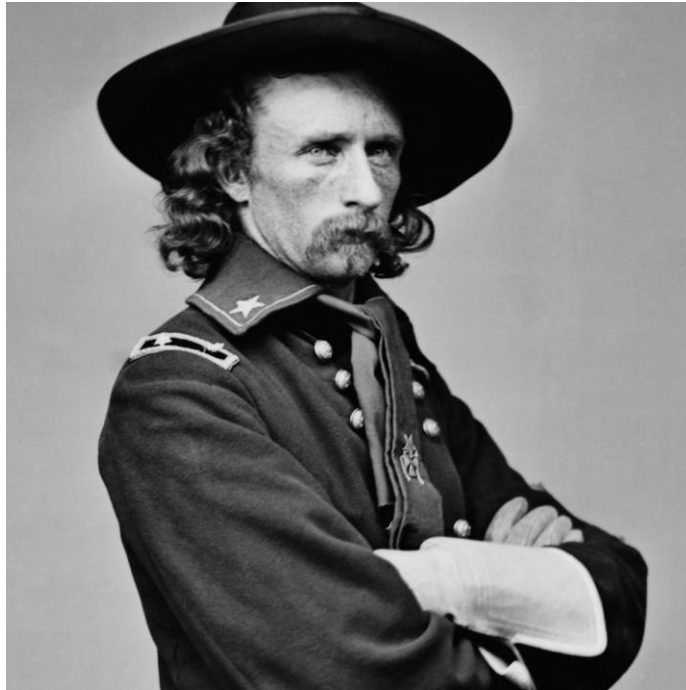


### **Our Holiday Raffle Winners**

*We appreciate your support of our very first raffle. 54 supporters bought 233 tickets and we raised over \$9,000.00. Our winners are:*

- **Peachtree Golf Club Package - Courtney Smith**
  - **Highlands Cottage - Jean Astrop**
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- **Steve Penley Painting - Elizabeth Morgan Spiegel**
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## **Speaker Series: The Buckhead Connection to George Armstrong Custer and Little Big Horn with Hal Raper**

***February 4, 2021 – 7 p.m. Zoom, Free***

Did you know that Buckhead has a direct connection to George Armstrong Custer and the Battle of the Little Big Horn? It is through Anita Benteen Mitchell whose grandfather, General Frederick Benteen, saved over half of Custer's regiment. Anita married Stephen

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Mitchell and lived in Buckhead until her death in 1978. Historian Hal Raper will share this fascinating connection with us.

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## **Speaker Series: More Secrets of Atlanta with Jonah McDonald**

***March 4, 7 p.m. Zoom, Free***

Author Jonah McDonald returns for an encore engagement! His Buckhead Heritage Book Club presentation, *Secret Atlanta: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*, was so popular last year he's

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agreed to return in March. Jonah's hidden history around Atlanta includes Buckhead highlights like a very early time capsule, a historic site on Pharr Road, a famous painting on West Paces Ferry, and a park with some of Atlanta's oldest history.

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## **March Book Club: *The Last Widow***

**March 24, 2021, 7 p.m. Zoom, Free**

We will discuss Buckhead resident Karin Slaughter's book *The Last Widow*. This explosive book is set in Atlanta and involves the CDC which is so much in the news right now. Slaughter has written twenty bestselling books, all of them page turners.

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## **Welcome New Buckhead Heritage Board Members**

Joining our board this year are **Carol Grady, Susan Soper, and Frank Virgin**. And board member **Charlotte Margolin** was elected for the role of Secretary on our Executive Committee for 2021. We thank you for your service to the community, and will spotlight new board members in newsletters during the year.

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## **Dr. Robert L. Hope (1860-1938)**

*by Richard Waterhouse, Executive Director*

Many of you are familiar with Dr. Robert L. Hope's name because of his connection to Buckhead. He is known because of his extraordinary work with the poor of Atlanta in the late 19th Century. He was director and resident physician of the Fulton County Almshouse, 1881-1909 located in Buckhead.

Originally the Almshouse fronted on Peachtree Street near Piedmont Road. Later, R.L. Hope school was built, 1909, in honor of Dr. Hope because he was Fulton County School Board President from 1904-1905 and he donated the land.

The new “Almshouses” are still standing and in use at Chastain Park. One is occupied by Galloway School and the other by Chastain Arts Center.

Delia, his wife was one of the Plaster's Family, the owners of all the land around Rock Springs Presbyterian Church. Hope acquired quite a bit of land wealth, buying his needy brothers-in-laws' properties as they offered them.

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## **2021 Upcoming Events**

**February 4, 2021 - Speaker Series: The Buckhead Connection to Custer and Little Big Horn presented by Hal Raper**

**March 4, 2021 - Speaker Series: More Secrets of Atlanta with Jonah McDonald**

**March 24, 2021 - Book Club: Karin Slaughter's Book *The Last Widow***

***April 8, 2021 - Speaker Series: Buckheadians Buried in Oakland Cemetery presented by David Moore***

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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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## Volunteers Always Needed

Buckhead Heritage is a volunteer run group and 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'd 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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