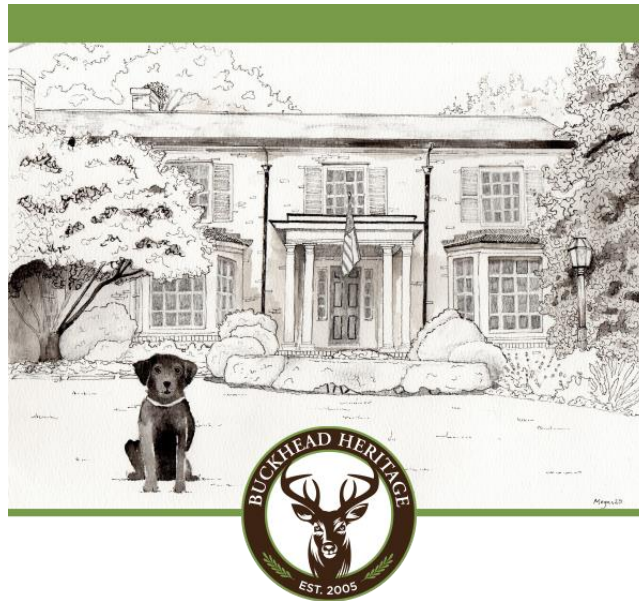




January 2024 Newsletter



2023 Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Home of Mary and Tom Watson

By all accounts, the 2023 Holiday Party was a big success. With the help of our sponsors, donations, and ticket sales, we raised over \$28,000, an essential portion of our 2023 operating budget. We were also pleased with our 146 participants and over 120 people attended the event. We could not have done the event without Mary and Tom Watson hosting. We so appreciate all our supporters:

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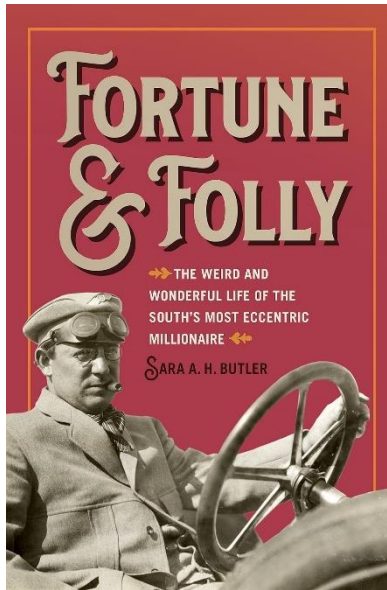




Buckhead Heritage's New Board President: Ivan Allen IV

While I have not known Ivan as long as many of you, I have enjoyed getting to know him and serving with him on the board of Buckhead Heritage. Ivan is a fourth generation Atlantan and has served on the board of Buckhead Heritage for 5 years as Chair of the Membership Committee and the Nominating Committee. Ivan also has a heart for historic cemeteries and has worked diligently on the cemetery at New Hope AME Church. Ivan also serves as an Advisory Board Member of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at Georgia Tech. Along with his wife Blain, and their four children, they all enjoy community restoration projects.

Charlotte Margolin, Past President



Speaker Series: Sara A.H. Butler
Thursday, January 25, 2024, 7 p.m., Free
Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room

Sara A. H. Butler will talk about her new book *Fortune and Folly: The Weird and Wonderful Life of the South's Most Eccentric Millionaire*. She will share the fascinating life of Asa Candler, Jr. including the Speedway and the Zoo. She will also show iconic places around the city that he had a hand in. The book will be available for sale and to be signed.

Sara A. H. Butler is director of product marketing at Cox Automotive. She lives in Roswell, Georgia.

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2023 Belle Turner Lynch Preservation Award

This award is bestowed on distinguished individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and corporations whose skill and determination have given new meaning to their communities through preservation of their architectural and cultural heritage. These efforts include citizen attempts to save and maintain important landmarks; companies and craftsmen whose work restores the richness of the past; the vision of public officials who support preservation projects and legislation in their communities; and educators and journalists who help Americans understand the value of preservation.

This year's award winners are Audrey Collins and Rhonda Jackson. Wright Mitchell wrote the nomination and presented the award at the 2023 Buckhead Heritage Holiday Party. He eloquently stated "Piney Grove Cemetery is the last vestige of the Piney Grove community and the Piney Grove Church, which was demolished in 1996. A commercial developer acquired the property with conditions for cemetery access and maintenance. Despite zoning conditions, the condominium association has failed to maintain proper access and upkeep, endangering this vital piece of history. Rhonda and Audrey, who are descendants of individuals buried at the cemetery, established the Friends of Piney Grove Cemetery and have worked tirelessly towards its preservation by organizing clean-up campaigns, establishing a Facebook Group and advocating for public education and awareness. Audrey and Rhonda have been hands-on volunteers working to save this important piece of Buckhead history."



2023 Bob Helget Award for Outstanding Volunteerism

This award is given to eligible candidates who are members and have demonstrated volunteer service and is conspicuously above and beyond the reasonably expected duties and responsibilities of a Buckhead Heritage volunteer. Any Buckhead Heritage member is eligible for this award except current Executive Committee Members. Past board members or officers are eligible to be recognized for service as long as such service did not occur during their respective tenure as an Executive Committee Member. Prior recipients of this award can be nominated and win multiple times if their contributions in successive years warrant it.

This year's award winner is Eleanor Baughman. Charlotte Margolin wrote the nomination and Richard Waterhouse presented the award at the 2023 Buckhead Heritage Holiday Party. In her nomination, she expressed that "Eleanor can be counted on to show up with a smile at every event, whether it is a monthly program at St. Phillips or the monthly Program and Events Committee Meetings. Eleanor can also be counted on to welcome folks to the annual donor, holiday party, and garden tour events. Seeing Eleanor at every event is a happy experience for all who attend Buckhead Heritage events."



Mount Olive Cemetery Historic Marker

During the week of November 20, 2023, an historic marker was installed at Mount Olive Cemetery adjacent to Historic Bagley Park. We hope you will stop by soon to see it and the other remarkable improvements that have been made to this historic cemetery. The sign was manufactured by the Sewah Studios, a ninety-six-year-old firm in Marietta, Ohio.

The funds for the manufacture and installation of the sign were made possible by the ongoing support of **Buckhead Baseball**, our first partner of several partners who have made the improvements at Mount Olive possible.

Alec Michaelides, Buckhead Heritage Board Member and Principal of **Land Plus**, designed the master plan, worked with the City of Atlanta to obtain the necessary permits, and oversaw the work performed by the following firms that made significant pro bono contributions.

- Stone walls by **Leija Construction**, Tony Leija
- Iron fencing by **Ironworks International**, Angelo Viale
- Landscaping by **Michael Jackson Landscape Company**, Michael Jackson
- Irrigation by **Irrigation Atlanta**, Joe Berastegui

Ladies of the Lake Foundation awarded Buckhead Heritage a grant to install the granite steps leading into the cemetery, as well as mulching that will be

installed after the leaves are removed this month. They have also provided a matching grant for further maintenance and improvements to the cemetery.

Details about an event to dedicate the marker and to celebrate these improvements will be announced soon.



Executive Director's Report

I hope you received our email about how much we accomplished in 2023:

- Over 600 people attended the Speakers Series, led by Fay Pearce, held each month at Saint Phillip Cathedral, doubled the 300 who attended in 2022.
- Thanks to Buckhead Heritage founder Wright Mitchell, the Historic Bagley Park Task Force successfully changed the park's name from Frankie Allen Park to Historic Bagley Park.
- Many thanks to board member Alex Michaelides for his completion of the Master Garden Plan for Mount Olive Cemetery and the installation of the Historic Marker.
- Buckhead Heritage serves as the fiduciary agent for Piney Grove Cemetery off Lenox Road.

- Revitalization of the Oral History Program thanks to board members Judith Vanderver and Thornton Kennedy, they have recruited 17 new volunteers who were included in a training session at the Atlanta History Center.
- Establishing The Lodge Task Force, under board member emeritus John Beach, to assure this historic property of Atlanta Public Schools (the over 110-year-old structure at Peachtree Battle Avenue and Peachtree Road), honors the intent of the late Eretus Rivers gift.
- Bi-monthly tours of Peachtree Heights East in collaboration with the Atlanta Preservation Center with over 60 participants, led by executive director Richard Waterhouse.

We are hoping to accomplish just as much in 2024 and hope you will join us for all our programs and events. If you have any suggestions of programs and events, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Take care,

Richard Waterhouse

To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage Membership

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

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