



July 2023 Newsletter



Please Join Buckhead Heritage!

Membership in Buckhead Heritage allows us to offer programming at no charge. Recent programs have received tremendous reviews and have been very well attended. As you review the upcoming programs below, please consider joining us by [clicking here](#) or using the QR Code below.

Ivan Allen, IV, Membership Committee Chair



2023 Summer Fun-Raiser

Sunday, August 13, 2023, 4 - 7 p.m.

Atlanta International School Auditorium

Come join us to see the fruits of Board Secretary, Frank Virgin's research revealing old photographs of what was there "Then" juxtaposed with his photographs of what is there "Now". You will also enjoy a trivia game which will challenge your knowledge of Buckhead's significant heritage.

Guests are encouraged to bring a favorite small item of Buckhead memorabilia to display on the "Memory Lane Table" (maybe an ashtray from a former restaurant, a postcard, or a program from an event).

There will be a full bar all afternoon along with a sit-down, "Summer Supper" of fried chicken with all the trimmings, topped off with a seasonal dessert.

We hope you will support this fundraiser by being a sponsor:

Host Committee \$500 ([Click here](#) to sponsor)

- Two tickets
- Additional tickets at member rates
- Invitation to the 2023 Donor Appreciation event in October

- Name listed on email invitations, on the Buckhead Heritage web site and event signage.

Patron – \$750 ([Click here](#) to sponsor)

- Patron receives two additional tickets and all the above.

Tickets are available as well:

Non-member (\$175.00) ([Purchase tickets](#))

Member (\$150.00) ([Purchase tickets](#))



Buckhead Heritage 2023 Raffle

Participate in the 2023 Raffle and bid on the following items:

- Local Three Chef's Table Dining for four
- 3 Night Stay at Highlands Tucked Inn Cottage
- 3 Night Stay at Highlands Trickle Down Cottage
- Peachtree Golf Club, accompanied by Ivan Allen, IV, 18 holes of golf for three & lunch, caddy fee extra
- Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, two season tickets for one series of six concerts
- A \$300 gift certificate for the purchase of a beautiful Flower Arrangement from Flowers Atlanta, one of Buckhead's leading florists
- Cake and Flower Arrangement at Epting Events

All proceeds for the raffle go to general operations of Buckhead Heritage. The raffle drawing will be August 13, 2023 as part of our Summer Fun-Raiser. You do not have to attend the fun-raiser to be a winner.

To purchase one ticket (\$50.00), [click here](#)

To purchase 3 tickets (\$125.00), [click here](#)

To purchase 6 tickets (\$250.00), [click here](#)

In the comments section of the form, please indicate which item or items you want to want to bid on. For example, you might buy 3 tickets and want them all to go to the Highlands Tucked Inn Cottage. Put 3 tickets for Highlands Tucked Inn Cottage in the Comments section.



Robert Ratonyi will talk about his experience as a childhood Holocaust survivor. Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1938, Robert's early childhood was scarred by fear, upheaval and loss. He was six-years old when forced to wear a yellow star and face the terrors of war and ghetto life without his parents, both of whom were deported.

Robert grew up under the communist dictatorship. He was a freshman at the Technical University of Budapest when he was caught up in the bloody uprising against the Communist regime in October, 1956. He managed to

escape to Austria following the uprising, and eventually ended up as an immigrant, first in Montreal, Canada where he learned English, restarted his life and education, and then in the US. He has a Bachelor and a Master degree in engineering from MIT. He also received a business degree from Drexel University. Robert became an American citizen in 1969 and enjoyed a successful business career. He and his wife Eva, who is also a Holocaust survivor, have two children.

As a survivor of the Holocaust, he is a regular speaker on behalf of The Breman Holocaust Museum and the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust.

His book, *From Darkness Into Light – My Journey Through Nazism, Fascism and Communism to Freedom* was published in 2022. The story you will hear at the lecture is based on the first chapter of his book.

If you have already registered and will not be able to attend, please let Richard Waterhouse know at rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com as soon as possible. The attendance for the program is almost full and we want to have seats for everyone.



Speaker Series: Don Rooney

Thursday, August 17, 2023, 7 p.m. Free

Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room

Don Rooney, who co-authored the book *Lost Atlanta* with Michael Rose and Paul Crater, looks at the cherished places of the city that time, tragedy, and progress have swept aside. In addition to demolished treasures, *Lost Atlanta* also investigates buildings and cityscapes that have changed function, design, style, or form.

Don Rooney is former Director of Exhibitions of the Atlanta History Center. He is currently National Register Specialist of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

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Peachtree Heights East Movers, Shakers, and Heartbreakers Walking Tour

Saturday, July 15, 2023, 10 a.m.

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

Caleb Brown and Richard Waterhouse offer a fascinating tour of this hidden neighborhood near Peachtree Road and Lindbergh. With approximately 330 homes, Peachtree Heights East includes 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 these on the tour. The mile-and-a-half route is hilly and will last about an hour-and-a-half. We will meet at the Duckpond's historical marker and stay on the road during the tour.

To register, please contact Executive Director Richard Waterhouse at rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com or (404) 467-9447. The tour is free to Buckhead Heritage Members.



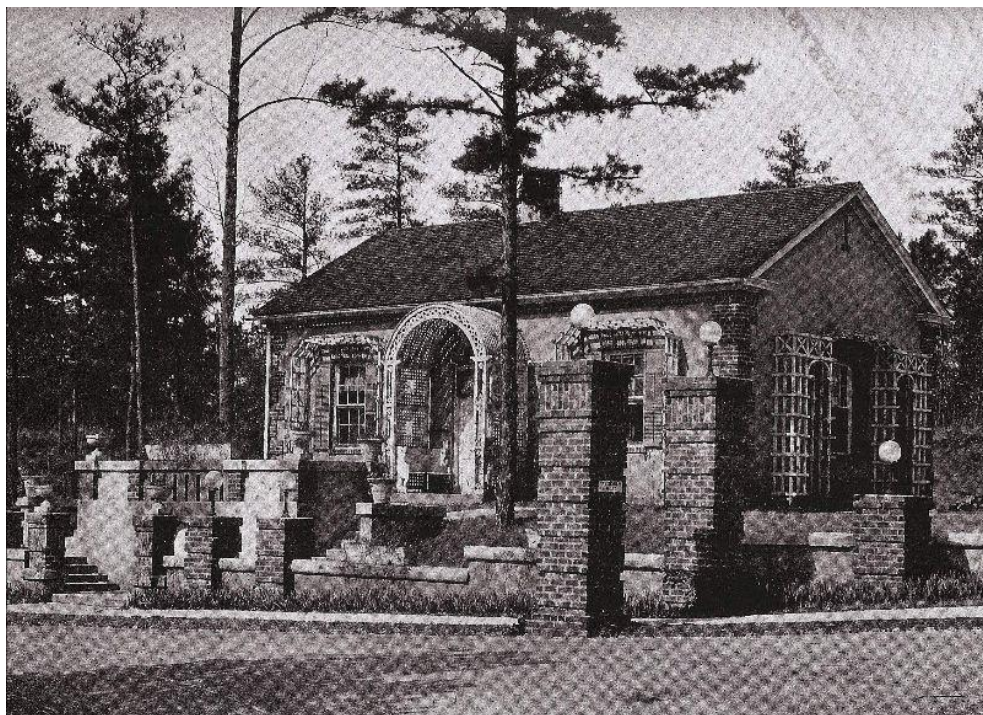
George Thomas Heery, Jr. Tribute

Buckhead Heritage is saddened by the loss of longtime member and supporter George Thomas Heery, Jr. George was an accomplished realtor and highly respected in the Buckhead area for his genuine, considerate and helpful nature. George was involved in many civic causes and was always ready to jump in and help advance the Buckhead Heritage mission. For example, George invited Buckhead Heritage members to tour the infamous “Tunnel Home” on Peachtree Battle that has been the subject of so much speculation over the years. George immediately knew that the home he was listing was one of historic importance and that our members would have a great interest in seeing it before it went on the market. More recently, George

helped Buckhead Heritage restore the historic name of Bagley Park by lobbying the Garden Hills Neighborhood Association to support the project. Given George's values, it is no surprise that he felt so strongly that the Bagley Park name should be restored and actively participated in the process to make that happen.

George always had a smile on his face and a wonderful "can do" spirit that we will greatly miss at Buckhead Heritage. More importantly, Buckhead and the City of Atlanta will miss his contributions as an engaged and active community leader. Our thoughts are with the entire Heery Family at this difficult time.

Article written by Wright Mitchell



The Lodge

Buckhead Heritage is aware of the rumors surrounding the potential sale of The Lodge, a historic building located at the corner of Peachtree Battle Avenue and Peachtree

Road by the Atlanta Public School (APS) system. We have reached out to school board members and city council members to learn more information.

Dating back to 1909, The Lodge holds great cultural significance as it was part of the development of the Peachtree Heights West neighborhood. Esteemed New York-based architectural firm Carerre and Hastings, responsible for the layout of Peachtree Heights, may have designed the small building, which originally served as the development's sales office.

Peachtree Heights Development Company donated the land on the opposite corner for a public school. Originally named Peachtree Heights School, it was renamed E. Rivers Elementary School in 1926, honoring Rivers' service to the board of education and the broader community.

In 1929, Rivers arranged for Mary Hardwick Bloodsworth to establish a kindergarten in The Lodge, which operated there until the 1950s. Recognizing the historical value and significance of the building, Peachtree Heights Development Company, in 1937, deeded The Lodge to Fulton County for the nominal fee of \$1, stipulating that it should be used for a "museum, monumental, educational, park or other like purpose."

As a grass-roots advocacy organization committed to safeguarding Buckhead's rich historical resources, Buckhead Heritage looks forward to working collaboratively with APS to develop a comprehensive plan for the preservation of this significant building.

Buckhead Heritage is working with neighborhood associations to ensure that the wishes of Peachtree Heights Development Company are carried out.

The image above of The Lodge is from *The American Architect*, Volume CIV, 1968, and the original photograph was taken September 10, 1913.



Executive Director's Report

We so appreciate your support as a member and as a participant of our programs and services.

We hope you all had the chance to attend John Pruitt's presentation in June about his new book *Tell it True*. Since books were not available the night of the talk, please let me know if you are interested in a signed copy of John's book and I can put you in touch with his bookseller.

Please join us for the Peachtree Heights Walking Tour on July 15. As many of you know, Flannery O'Connor lived in the neighborhood briefly. Caleb and I had the chance to visit Andalusia in Milledgeville, where Flannery lived after leaving Atlanta. If you are an O'Connor reader, I highly recommend this pilgrimage.

We are all excited about our summer fundraiser at the Atlanta International School August 13th. We hope you can join us.

Please consider buying Raffle Tickets. We have some great prizes and you get to choose which items you want to bid on.

Once again, thank you for your support of Buckhead Heritage. We are very lucky to have you involved.

Take care, Richard Waterhouse

To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage Membership

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