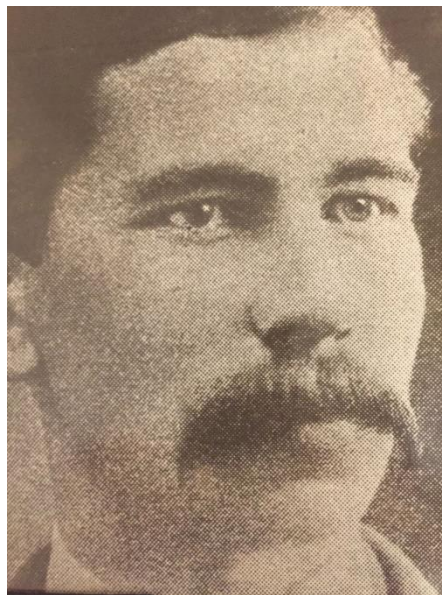




February 2024 Newsletter



Speaker Series: Nina and Jacob Elsas

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room

Nina and Jacob Elsas – Co-Founders of The Patch Works Art & History Center in Cabbagetown – will present “The Legacy of Jacob Elsas: A Man’s Commitment to Atlanta.” They will discuss his transition from a 19th-century, working-class European-Jewish immigrant into one of the United States’ most successful industrialists because he founded the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill. Guests will hear how Jacob’s long-held beliefs defined his ultimate goal: to help reshape war-torn Atlanta into a world-class and competitive metropolis. His philanthropic efforts, many of which revolved around education and healthcare, continue to provide Atlantans with their services to this day.

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**Peachtree Heights East
Movers, Shakers, and Heartbreakers Walking Tour
Sunday, March 17, 2024, 2 p.m.**

**Buckhead Heritage presents this tour in
partnership with Atlanta Preservation Center as part of
2024 Phoenix Flies**

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.



Speaker Series: Carolyn and Bill Curry

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7 p.m., Free

Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room

Dr. Carolyn Curry Ph.D. is an author, historian, and teacher. In 2014 she published *Suffer and Grow Strong: The Life of Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas 1834-1907* which won Georgia Author of the Year Award and was selected as One of the Books All Georgians Should Read by the Center for the Book. In 2019 she published her first novel, *Sudden Death*, which is a murder mystery set in the world of football. Whether writing about the past or present, her primary interest is the well-being of women. She will discuss *Sudden*

Death during the program.

In 2002, Carolyn also founded a non-profit foundation, Women Alone Together®, which she has directed for twenty years. Through seminars, book programs, and special events, the goal is to help women who are alone because of death of spouse, divorce from spouse, alone by choice, or alone because of separation, disease or estrangement, however, all women are invited.

Bill Curry has spent his entire adult life as a leader and communicator. His NFL career included two Super Bowl titles and a stint as the President of the NFL Players Association. Bill served as head football coach for Georgia Tech ('80-'86), the University of Alabama ('87-'89), and the University of Kentucky ('90-'96). In 1989, Bill was recognized as the nation's top coach with the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year Award.

In June 2008, Bill was selected to be the inaugural head coach of Georgia State University's new football program. Bill's book – *Ten Men You Meet in the Huddle* – was released in August 2008 by ESPN books and was praised by author Pat Conroy as "the best book about the NFL" that he ever read. An updated tenth anniversary edition was just released in December 2018. Bill will talk about his book during the program.

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Speaker Series: Thomas D. Hills

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7 p.m., Free

Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room

Our April Speaker will be Thomas D. Hills, a participant in State of Georgia governance and close observer of politics.

He witnessed the transition in early 2000's from Democratic control of Governor's office and both houses of the state legislature for 130 years until Sonny Perdue was elected Governor in 2002 and the political layout of Georgia changed "literally " overnight. He set out to inculcate "bureaucracy with a business brain" into state government. Who were the "players" in that

transition, what was “changed” and what was sustained? Many of the decisions made in the Perdue administration laid the foundation for some of the political changes and differences in the priorities of state government over the next several years and up to the current days.

Mr. Hills is a Native Atlantan. He was born at Piedmont Hospital and has been a resident of Buckhead for all of his adult life. He was Former Atlanta City President of Wachovia Bank – worked with that bank and predecessor (First Atlanta) 36 years. He was CFO State of Georgia 2003-2010 and State of Georgia Treasurer 2010 -2011. He is active on many community boards. He has a BA and MA in History and J.D. from Emory Law School. He is author of *Red State Rising – Triumph of the Republican Party in Georgia* published in 2009.

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Buckhead Heritage Receives Dedicated Support from Ashley Shares, Director of Preservation at Oakland Cemetery

Buckhead Heritage is pleased to announce that Ashley Shares, Director of Preservation at Oakland Cemetery, has been actively contributing to the preservation efforts at New Hope AME Church on Arden Road.

Operating on a contract basis, Shares has made significant strides in the ongoing gravestone restoration project at New Hope Cemetery. Currently, Shares has successfully completed over half of the gravestone restoration work, showcasing her expertise and commitment to preserving the historical significance of New Hope Cemetery. Shares is dedicated to completing the project within the next month. Her exemplary work can be observed through the restoration of various markers, a testament to her skill and passion for heritage preservation. Two examples of her work are thoughtfully provided above for public appreciation.

In the course of her work at New Hope AME Church, Shares has identified additional broken grave markers that require attention. In light of this, Buckhead Heritage is extending an invitation to the community to participate in this meaningful cause by making donations. These contributions will directly support the continuation of Shares' work beyond the originally defined scope, allowing for the restoration of more grave markers in need.

Donations can be made online through our official website, please [click here](#), or by contacting our office directly at (404) 467-9447 or rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com. If you prefer, you can send a check to the organization. Please see address below. Every contribution, big or small, will make a significant impact on preserving our community's rich history.

Buckhead Heritage expresses gratitude for the ongoing support from Ashley Shares and looks forward to the collective effort in safeguarding the historical legacy of New Hope Cemetery.

For additional inquiries, please contact: Richard Waterhouse, Executive Director, Buckhead Heritage 3180 Mathieson Drive, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30305, (404) 467-9447, rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com.

Freelance Website Designer

Buckhead Heritage is looking for a website designer who has the skill set to refresh our home page (buckheadheritage.com.) This opportunity may lead to

future assignments. If you are interested, please contact Richard Waterhouse at rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com.



Executive Director's Report

Buckhead Heritage is starting out with a bang. We had so many folks sign up the Sara Butler lecture that we changed from the Gould Room to Child Hall. We appreciate such a great turnout and we hope that many of the people who joined us will become members.

We also have 10 new members for January. Many of them joined us because they enjoy our very diverse programming. I hope many of you were able to attend Jeff Clemmons' presentation on Rich's Department Store and experience a piece of the Rich's Coconut Cake. It was scrumptious.

One of the great programs in our city during the first three weeks in March is the Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies. We have been part of the program for many years and we are pleased to be part of it this year by offering the Peachtree Heights East Walking Tour on Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m. You can celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with us.

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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