



BUCKHEAD HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

BUCKHEAD HERITAGE SOCIETY

April 4, 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the first quarter of 2018, we made significant progress toward our goals of increasing the frequency and quality of our programs and of providing improved communication with our members and community partners. Since Richard Waterhouse joined us in mid-December as Executive Director, he has published this monthly e-Newsletter. We hope it will allow us not only to do a more effective job of communicating, but also to keep additional emails to a minimum. Please let me or Richard know if you'd prefer more or less contact via email.

In addition to adding Richard to our team, we have hired Rebecca Wells, CPA, to replace Beth Cook, who served us faithfully and is now enjoying more time with her family. Ellen Porter, Fay Pearce's daughter-in-law, has taken on a major volunteer commitment by assisting Rebecca with QuickBooks. Richard has taken on the challenging task of learning and updating eTapestry, our membership data base.

Our programs have included a delightful and educational lecture on Athos Menaboni with private tours, thanks to Board Member and Secretary John Beach; a joint program with Lovett on the local Creek and Cherokee tribes; and a tour of our beautiful Harmony Grove Cemetery in conjunction with the Atlanta Preservation Center's presentation of historic sites, "Phoenix Flies." To say that Chad Wright and his highly effective Programs Committee are doing an A+ job would be an understatement! Now we are looking forward to Erica Danylchak's presentation on the book she co-wrote with James Cothran, *Grave Landscapes*, the Limelight Program for you past disco dancers, and many more.

Toward the end of 2017, Howard Benson, a long-time friend of Buckhead Heritage, President of National Community Development Services, and now Board member, presented the Board with a comprehensive Organizational Assessment and Recommendations Report. We



Claudia Barnes & Tamara Bazzle

are doing the background research necessary to initiate a major project that Howard recommended. It will feature the historic resources of Buckhead, and will build upon work done by Buckhead Heritage in the past. Stay tuned!

I am grateful to each member of our active board, as well as to the work being done by the Committee Chairs and our Past Presidents. It is an honor to work with so many dedicated people.

I'll see you at the Scavenger Hunt!

Tamara

Tamara

Please welcome our 10 new March members:

Lenny Borg
Susan L. Crawford
Olga & John DeGuenther
Nancy James
Matt McCoy, Jr.
Virginia McDonough
Kemp Mooney
Frank Thomas
Karen M. Thomson
John F. Winter

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THIRD ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Honorary Chairs Barbara Bazzel, Penny Hart, and Belle Turner Lynch



Pictured above from (L to R) are Melody Thomas, Tamara Bazzle, Richard Waterhouse, Tracy Gray Monk, and Tres Carpenter.

Scavenger Hunt Tickets

Buckhead Heritage invites you to our upcoming *Buckhead's Hidden Secrets: A History Scavenger Hunt*. We will gather Sunday, May 6th, 4 p.m., at the Shutze-designed Atlanta International School for drinks and to receive clues before embarking on a local history-themed event in chauffeur-driven vehicles. We will have up to 20 teams competing for the most points by searching Buckhead, solving riddles, locating historic places, and capturing the antics on camera. After the hunt, teams will regroup at Atlanta International School for festivities, includ-

ing a BBQ supper and drinks, and the prize ceremony for top teams.

Gold Sponsor - Arrow Exterminators

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Tracy Gray Monk, Ann & Fay Pearce, and Melody & Joe Thomas

Savvy Sleuths - Beckie & John Amos, Barbara & Frank Bazzel, Sheila & Howard Benson, Liz and Will House, Catherine & J.J. Jaxon, Belle & Barry Lynch, Terry & Wes Vawter, and Christie & Chad Wright

In-Kind Contributors - Casey Corporate Transportation, Lovies BBQ, and Sylvia Small Communications & Marketing

INAUGURAL BUCKHEAD HERITAGE BOOK CLUB GATHERING



Buckhead Heritage Executive Director Richard Waterhouse will begin a book club series on Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. The book being discussed will be *The Leo Frank Case*, Revised Edition, by Leonard Dinnerstein. According to the New Georgia Encyclopedia: "The Leo Frank case is one of the most notorious and highly publi-

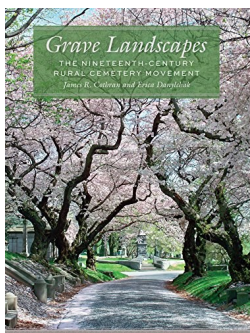
cized cases in the legal annals of Georgia.

A Jewish man in Atlanta was placed on trial and convicted of raping and murdering a thirteen-year-old girl who worked for the National Pencil Company, which he managed. Before the lynching of Frank two years later, the case became known throughout the nation. The degree of

anti-Semitism involved in Frank's conviction and subsequent lynching is difficult to assess, but it was enough of a factor to have inspired Jews, and others, throughout the country to protest the conviction of an innocent man." To register for the free event, please go to:

[Buckhead Heritage Book](#)

GRAVE LANDSCAPES BOOK PRESENTATION



Buckhead Heritage is honored to have former Executive Director Erica Danylichak to talk about the book she co-authored with the late James R. Cothran entitled *Grave Landscapes: The Nineteenth-Century Rural Cemetery Movement*.

Erica will discuss the inspiration for rural cemeteries, their physical evolution, the nature of the landscapes they

inspired, and the value of these cemeteries in the 21st century.

The lecture will be at St. Philips Cathedral 's Gould Room, 2744 Peachtree Rd NW, Atlanta, GA on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members.

[Grave Landscapes Registration](#)



SUCCESSFUL BUCKHEAD: THE EDGE OF TWO NATIONS LECTURE

David Crass, Division Director & Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, spoke about the Cherokee and Creek Indians on, March 22nd at the Lovett School's Chenault Theater. The Lovett School co-sponsored the lecture which was attended by over 200 guests. Dr. Crass's presentation focused on the land that is today's Buckhead, but was once the edge of two Native American Nations, the Creeks and the Cherokees.

The Chattahoochee River was the dividing boundary with the Creeks to the south and the Cherokees to the north.

The Peachtree Trail was a Creek trading route that ran from Toccoa, Georgia to Standing Peachtree on the south banks of the Chattahoochee, just above the confluence of Peachtree Creek in what is now Buckhead. This area served as a trading point between the Indians, as a trading post for settlers,

and eventually as a fort in 1812. Dr. Crass's lecture explored the cultures of both the Creeks and the Cherokees. He touched upon how these tribes interacted and the effects of settlers on their cultures. He explained how this interaction ultimately led to their demise/removal through the land lottery system and the Indian Removal Act, with Standing Peachtree serving as the point of reference for these topics.



Dr. David Crass

HARMONY GROVE CEMETERY TOUR



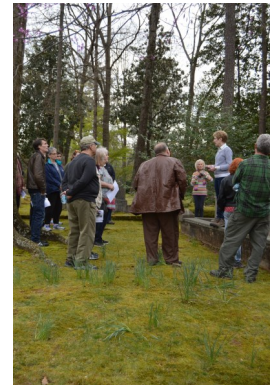
As part of the Atlanta Preservation Center's (APC) Phoenix Flies, Buckhead Heritage President Tamara Bazzle and Executive Director Richard

Waterhouse presented a cemetery tour of Harmony Grove on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Approximately 20 people attended and were actively engaged in the presentation. Harmony Grove Cemetery is located at the corner of Chatham Road and West Paces Ferry Road in Buckhead.

Although the exact origins of the Cemetery are unclear, the earliest documented burials are attributable to the family of James H. "Whispering" Smith

who owned land near the cemetery. The first marked burial in the cemetery belongs to Smith's infant son, James, who died on March 4, 1870.

Buckhead Heritage plans to be involved with APC's Phoenix Flies next year. If you have any suggestions of ideas for future tours in Buckhead, please let Richard know.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization! Do you have time or a talent that you'd be willing to share? Please contact [Richard Waterhouse](#), [Tamara Bazzle](#) or [Fay Pearce](#) to learn more about opportunities that are available in the following areas:

- Scavenger Hunt May 6, 2018

- Historic preservation research or documentation
- Writing or editing
- Website design or updating
- Graphic design
- Sponsorship identification or solicitation
- Event planning and execution
- Photography of events and sites
- Archives

Let us know, too, if you have an idea that is not listed.



Founded in 2006, the mission of Buckhead Heritage is to enhance the quality of life in Buckhead by identifying, preserving, and promoting its historic resources.

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One of the greatest parts of my job is getting out of the office and meeting people who have the same passion and interest in Buckhead history and preservation. In early March James Ottley, Tamara and I attended the Collier Hills Civic Association meeting and informed them of upcoming programs and events, some fascinating tidbits about the history of Buckhead, and membership opportunities. In late March Tamara and I met with the Chastain Park Conservancy to discuss an unmarked cemetery where people who lived in the Alms House, now Galloway School, were buried. They were seeking advice about what should be their next steps. If you would like us to come speak to your neighborhood association, club, or organization, let us know.

Take care,

Richard Waterhouse, Executive Director



We're on the web:

buckheadheritage.com

BUCKHEAD HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you are not a member, please join us.

Your membership benefits include: annual newsletter; invitations and early registration to programs and special events; reduced ticket prices to most events; recognition in our publications; and tax-deductible membership contributions

Membership levels include:

Historian (\$50); Preservation(\$100); Bronze (\$250); Silver (\$500); Gold (\$1,000); and Platinum (\$1,500). If you join at the Platinum level, you will be offered digital copies of an oral history videography of a person of your choice.

Buckhead Heritage Membership

Choose your preferred membership level, click "add to cart", provide your contact information, and proceed with credit card payment.

Once your transaction is complete, you will receive a confirmation email and letter thanking you for your contribution.

If you prefer that we send a hard copy of the membership form, please contact Richard Waterhouse at 404 467-9447 or rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com.