



March 2021 Newsletter



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 agreed to return in March. Jonah's hidden history around Atlanta includes Buckhead highlights like a very early time capsule, an 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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In-Person Buckhead Heritage Events

Our current programs focus is mostly on-line through May, but we want your feedback with answers to 4 quick questions about the future. Please help us with your thoughts on when and how we return to Live events.

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March Book Club: *The Last Widow*

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

We will discuss local resident Karin Slaughter's book *The Last Widow*, set in Atlanta and involving the CDC, which is so much in the news over the past year. Slaughter has written twenty bestselling books, and has even been making a Netflix series lately. Richard Waterhouse will lead our book discussion.

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New Hope AME Cemetery Cleanup Day

Please join members of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church and New Hope AME Church for a cleanup day.

- WHEN: March 27, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- WHERE: New Hope AME Church, 3012 Arden Road, Atlanta, Georgia

HOW TO SIGN UP: Contact Richard Waterhouse at the Buckhead Heritage office, 404-467-9447 or rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com and provide your name, email address, and cell phone number

- WHAT TO BRING: Rakes, leaf blowers, loppers, hand shears or pruners, gloves and suitable shoes
 - WHAT'S PROVIDED: "Love Your Neighbor Masks, bottled water, and snacks
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- **ACTIVITIES:** Removing leaves, picking up sticks, cutting down unwanted bushes and small one-year-old trees, planting flowers in existing planters, and lending moral support

If you have questions, please contact Richard Waterhouse or Tamara Bazzle, tabazzle@gmail.com or 404-233-7847 (c). We look forward to seeing you there!



New Board Member Spotlight: Susan Soper

Susan is an Atlanta native who attended The Westminster Schools and St. Mary's Jr. College in Raleigh. She graduated from Oglethorpe University with a BA in English, where she later served on the board. She has enjoyed an illustrious career in journalism in Washington, New York and Atlanta, including working on *Newsday* newspaper's 1974 Pulitzer prize winning series, *The Heroin Trail*. She was at the *Atlanta Journal- Constitution* for 20 years as the

Features Editor and Writing Coach. Ten years ago she founded and authored the *ObitKit: Live. Love. Laugh. Cry. Write it Down!*, and currently teaches memoir writing with Olli@Emory, part of the school's continuing education program. She serves on Olli's Board of Advisors and on Westminster's Alumni Advisory Board. Susan's passion is people's stories and engaging them to write about their lives. Susan and her husband Bo Holland live in Buckhead and share a lifelong interest in Atlanta history, travel and hiking.

Chris Hastings joins Buckhead Heritage board

In addition to new 2021 board members Carol Grady, Susan Soper, and Frank Virgin, longtime board adviser Chris Hastings was elected to the board in February. We'll be spotlighting new and seasoned board members each month this year.



Speaker Series: *Buckheadians Buried at Oakland and other stories about the history of Oakland Cemetery* by David Moore April 8, 7 p.m., Zoom, Free

Join us and David Moore, Director Emeritus of the Historic Oakland Cemetery Foundation, as we walk through what Franklin Garrett

called, “Atlanta’s most tangible link to her past,” Oakland Cemetery. David will explore Oakland’s history, with stories of some of its famous (and infamous) residents, including many Buckheadians. Together we will learn a bit more about our past and why historic preservation is so important.

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May is Historic Preservation Month

Wright Mitchel Leads a Panel Discussion; *Saving Atlanta's Architectural Heritage: A Primer on Certified Historic Rehabilitation*

May 6, 7 p.m., Zoom, Free

Atlanta is a city known for its “build it bigger and better” mentality. But this type of thinking often results in the unnecessary loss of many wonderful old homes that comprise the historic fabric and character of our community. Using the recent rehabilitation of the Governor Hugh M. Dorsey House as an example, local architect Brandon Ingram, Liz Davies of ESD Homes, and attorney Wright Mitchell will discuss the significant tax credits available to homeowners who choose to rehabilitate a historic home as well as the design and construction process. Whether you live in a home that qualifies for historic rehabilitation tax credits or are simply interested in old houses, this program will challenge many of the misperceptions that often influence the decision to demolish older homes rather than renovate them.

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Eugene Thadeus Luckie (1872-1932)

by Richard Waterhouse, Executive Director

As many of you know, I walk the streets of Buckhead for exercise, but I also enjoy coming across historical moments that may have long been forgotten. On the building across from the very popular Storico Fresco Alimentari e Ristorante is a plaque seen in the picture above.

Eugene Thaddeus Luckie was in the Real Estate business but was also a poet. His pen name was John Wingfield Gatewood. His poems included "Old De Kalb" and "Christmas Reflections of a Georgia Cracker". The meaning of cracker here refers to a native Georgian. He was branded as the "Georgia [Robert] Burns."

His parents were E.S. Luckie and Frances Gatewood. Mr. Luckie married the former Ella Rachel Roberts (1876-1954) whom the plaque is dedicated to. Together they rest eternally in an impressive mausoleum at Oakland Cemetery. At the time of his death on July 10, 1932, Mr. Luckie resided at 185 Roswell Road. He died of organic heart disease.

Ella's son, Earl R. Harwick (1896-1977), also is buried in the mausoleum. He was a Life Insurance Agent and he and his wife Charlotte Ruth Hemmer Harwick (1898–1970) were residents of Miami, Florida for many years. Charlotte rests in the mausoleum as well.

2021 Upcoming Events

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

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

March 27, 2021 - New Hope Cemetery Cleanup Day hosted by Peachtree Road United Methodist Church

April 8, 2021 - Speaker Series: *Buckheadians Buried at Oakland*

and other stories about the history of Oakland Cemetery by David Moore

May 6, 2021 - Speakers Series: Historic Home Rehabilitation Saga with Wright Mitchell

To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage Membership

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

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 would 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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