



September 2021 Newsletter





Speaker Series: Downsizing in Buckhead Panel

Robert Ahlers, Beckie Amos, John Beach & Charlotte Margolin

Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m., Free

Ahlers and Ogletree Auction Gallery

700 Miami Cir NE, Atlanta, GA 30324

Please join our panelists as they discuss the decisions about how, when and where to downsize, considerations common to many Buckhead residents, options on managing the process, what to do with your stuff (our kids don't want most of it), and how to stay sane in the process.

Our Panelists include:

Robert Ahlers, owner of *Ahlers and Ogletree Auction Gallery*, has

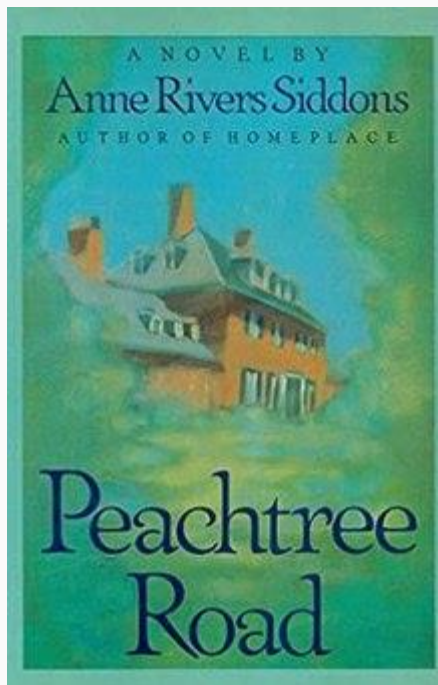
many years experience helping downsizing clients in Atlanta

Beckie Amos, a realtor with *Harry Norman Realtors* in Buckhead, has worked with people downsizing for over 25 years.

Charlotte Margolin is a Senior Residency Counselor with *Peachtree Hills Place* who has worked with over 50 families and individuals downsizing

John Beach, our panel moderator, is a Certified Aging in Place Specialist, and has worked with many Buckhead families downsizing as a a Partner with *Paces Construction Co.*

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Book Club: *Peachtree Road*, Anne Rivers Siddons

Thursday, September 16

7 p.m., Free,

3180 Mathieson Dr, Atlanta, GA 30305

Buckhead Heritage Executive Director Richard Waterhouse will lead the discussion of *Peachtree Road* which was written 33 years ago. Pat Conroy called the book "the Southern novel for our generation." Come join us to talk about how much Atlanta has changed since the book was written. Please bring any stories you might have about the book or Anne Rivers Siddons.

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Bob Helget Remembered

by Wright Mitchell

Bob Helget, a true pioneer of Buckhead Heritage, passed away on August 14, 2021. I met Bob shortly after I moved to the Peachtree Heights West neighborhood in 2002. Bob was already engaged with another Buckhead Heritage pioneer, Tamara Bazzle, in an effort to have the Peachtree Heights West neighborhood designated as a

historic district under the City of Atlanta's Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 20. Bob and Tamara invited me to join their effort and I gladly volunteered. Although we were ultimately unsuccessful in our effort to have Peachtree Heights West designated as a historic district, Bob, Tamara and I subsequently combined forces to create Buckhead Heritage.

Bob and his wonderful wife, Bonnie, were Founding Members of Buckhead Heritage. Bob was also one of our original Board Members and served as Treasurer of the organization for many years. Bob's guidance on financial issues was invaluable in the early days of Buckhead Heritage. Bob spent countless hours working with the Buckhead Heritage leadership team and outside accountants to build the financial framework of the organization that remains strong to this day. Bob's easy-going nature and cheerful sense of humor also helped soften some of the sharper edges of a hard charging young preservation group. Indeed, Bob was always a steady presence at the board table and his opinion influenced many of our early preservation endeavors such as the restoration of Harmony Grove Cemetery.

In his later involvement with Buckhead Heritage, Bob became an Emeritus Board Member and continued to volunteer his time on a variety of fronts. What he may be remembered for most among our membership, however, were his excellent bartending skills that he regularly displayed at fundraising events and lectures. While originally from New York, perhaps no greater compliment can be paid to Bob than by stating that Bob poured more energy and love into this community than many people who have been here a

lifetime. Buckhead Heritage would not be what it is today without Bob Helget. We will miss him greatly.



Peachtree Heights East Walking Tour

Saturday, November 6

10 a.m., Peachtree Heights East Historic Sign

Buckhead Heritage Executive Director Richard Waterhouse and Caleb Brown will offer a fascinating tour of this hidden neighborhood near Peachtree Road and Lindbergh Drive. With approximately 330 homes within this unique neighborhood, houses in Peachtree Heights East include early 20th century American two story four-square, Craftsman Bungalow, Cape Cod, Tudor Revival, Mission Revival, and Ranch to 21st century home styles. We will see examples of several of those on

the tour. The mile and a half tour route is hilly and the tour will last about an hour and a half. We ask participants to stay on the road during the tour.

To register, please contact Richard Waterhouse at rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com or (404) 467-9447.



Save the Date

**New Hope Cemetery Recent Findings with Matt
Matternes
November 4, 2021 7 pm**

Matt Matternes, Senior Mortuary Archaeologist and Principal Investigator with New South Associates, will share the Recent Findings of his continued work at New Hope AME Cemetery on Arden Road in Buckhead. Highlights will include the identification of 38 newly discovered unmarked graves, a possible crypt, and revisions to his previous work from 2018.

2021 Upcoming Events

September 16, Book Club: *Peachtree Road by Anne Rivers Siddons*

September 21, Speaker Series: Downsizing Panel

October - *Postponed* - Piney Grove Cemetery Cleanup

November 4, Speaker Series: New Hope Cemetery Update by Matt Matternes

November 6, Peachtree Heights East Walking Tour

November 10, Book Club: *Peachtree Creek by David Kaufman*

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 organization that 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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