



May 2024 Newsletter



2024 GARDEN PARTY
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
FOUR O'CLOCK-SEVEN O'CLOCK
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

Garden of Nancy and Joe Wilen
2525 Woodward Way

APPETIZERS
SPECIALITY DRINK "THE AZALEA"
WINE, WATER, AND SOFT DRINKS
History and further information about home and garden
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Speaker Series: *Bobby Jones Then & Now:* *The Evolution of Atlanta Memorial Park*

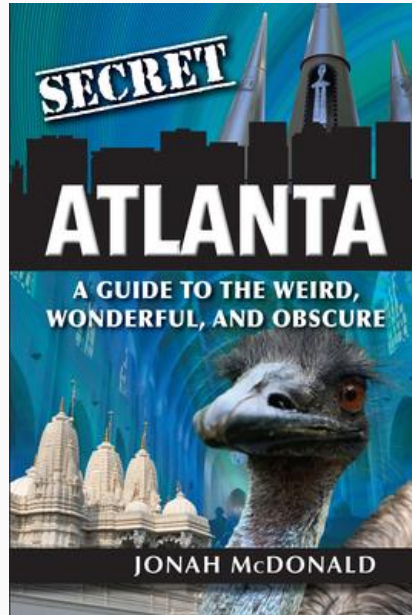
**Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m., Free
Cathedral of Saint Philip Child Hall**

Atlanta Memorial Park went from being a long overlooked city park with fading facilities and constant flooding to one of the most popular in Atlanta in just a few years.

Learn how it happened, what's happening now and what the future holds for Buckhead's oldest park from the individuals who led the turnaround.

We'll be joined by Marty Elgison, the President and Founder of the Bobby Jones Golf Course Foundation, Catherine Spillman, the Executive Director of the Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy, and Pete Pellegrini, the Senior Project Manager with the PATH Foundation. The distinguished panel will discuss how the legacy of one of the most influential figures in golf, a historic flood and the BeltLine converged to transform the 200-acre park.

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Speaker Series: *Secret Atlanta: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*

**Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m., Free
Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room**

Back by popular demand, Jonah McDonald will talk about his book *Secret Atlanta: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*. Beyond standard Atlanta tourist attractions, visitors and natives alike will find a city full of secrets - in history, art, culture, nature, and places that are just plain weird. Tour the most hidden spots in the metro, or see the famous sites through a new lens. Jonah will have signed copies of the book available for sale.

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Speaker Series: Prolific Atlanta artist Steve Steinman recaps his 50-year career

**Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m., Free
Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room**

Steve Steinman is celebrating 50 years as one of the city's most prolific artists. Hear him speak on how he has integrated a range of mediums, from sculpture to photography, creating some of the city's most enduring pieces, including the colorful repeating sculpture patterns viewed by millions who pass through the Buckhead Marta station, as well as the Monument to Slain Police Officers in Woodruff Park.

Originally from New Jersey, Steinman began pursuing art at an early age. Known for his quick wit and humor, one of his earliest

accomplishments was winning a competition by satirically drawing a “Draw Me” match book in Andy Warhol style. He would go on to develop his talent at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) and the Pratt Institute, where he earned undergraduate and graduate degrees, before relocating to Atlanta to continue his career as both a working artist and an educator. Earning a doctorate in education from Capella University, Steinman also served as International Dean of the School of Design at the American InterContinental University in Buckhead, where he worked for 33 years.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Steve Steinman recap the key milestones of his career and the significant contributions he has made to the Atlanta community.

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**Paces Ferry United Methodist Church
Threatened**

Buckhead Heritage is advocating for the preservation of the historic Paces Ferry United Methodist Church and the venerable tree that stands sentinel before it.

Established in 1877, Paces Ferry United Methodist Church was originally known as Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. It has been an integral part of Buckhead's narrative for nearly a century and a half.

Adjacent to the church lies the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, which holds the graves of Civil War soldiers who died in a nearby battle, Buckhead families and William Brown, the man who donated the land for the church.

There is also the majestic tree that has stood witness to centuries of change. This towering Post Oak, dating back to at least the 1730s, predates even the founding of our nation.

The church is currently for sale, and Buckhead Heritage has learned that there are several interested parties, including some who wish to preserve it. Additionally, neighbors are actively working with the Methodist church to ensure the preservation of the adjacent cemetery.

“The church and its historic tree are not just relics of the past; they are touchstones that ground us in our shared heritage,” said Buckhead Heritage President Ivan Allen. “They remind us of the pioneers who shaped our community, the struggles they faced, and the triumphs they achieved. To lose them would be to lose a part of ourselves.”

Buckhead Heritage seeks to ensure that these treasures are safeguarded for future generations. Our mission is not only to preserve buildings and landmarks but also to foster a deep appreciation for our

history within the community. We believe that by honoring our past, we enrich our present and lay the foundation for a more vibrant future.



Executive Director's Report

I was so excited to speak to the Trinity Presbyterian Church Men's Club on April 19 about *Buckhead Heritage: Past, Present, and Future*. I need to thank Eleanor Baughman for setting up that program. They were a great group and asked some wonderful questions. Here are some upcoming presentations for me:

- May 15 - A Peachtree Heights East Walking Tour for the Prime Timers at Trinity Presbyterian Church
- June 27 - *Buckhead Heritage: Past, Present, and Future* for Saint Anne's Terrace
- July 25 - *Buckhead Heritage: Past, Present, and Future* for Northside Kiwanis Club

If you have a group or organization you would like me to speak to, please let me know.

One thing that always amazes me about Buckhead is the wildlife. The other morning, I walked out of the house to the side screened in porch near our gold fish pond and there was a blue heron looking for breakfast. We don't live far from the Peachtree Heights East Duck Pond so I am sure he was headed that way after a stop at our pond. We also have a bullfrog that comes to visit our courtyard pond and then he moves on. My neighbor says that a frog symbolizes good luck and abundance.

Take care,

Richard Waterhouse

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