



June 2024 Newsletter



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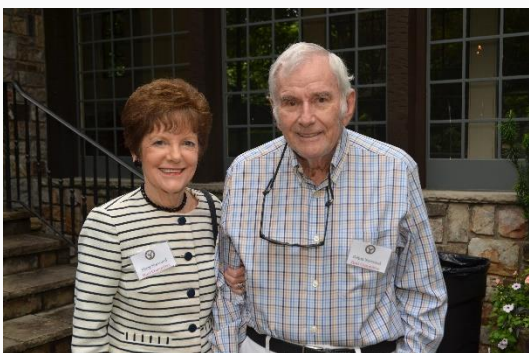
Second Annual Summer Fun-raiser

Sunday, August 18, 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Atlanta International School Auditorium

Come join us for the Second Annual Summer Fun-raiser. Enjoy another trivia game which will challenge your knowledge of Buckhead's significant heritage.

Guests are encouraged once again to bring a favorite small item of Buckhead memorabilia to display on the “Memory Lane Table” (maybe an ashtray from a former restaurant, a postcard, or a program from an event). There will be wine, beer, and other refreshments all afternoon along with a sit-down, “Summer Supper.”



3rd Annual 2024 Garden Party

Garden of Nancy and Joe Wilen

This year's Garden Party was very successful. 5 Corporate Sponsors, 14 Patrons, 24 Host Committee Members, and 43 ticket holders supported us. 115 attendees participated and we raised over \$30,000.00 so we can continue to fulfill our mission. We so appreciate Nancy and Joe Wilen for allowing us to use their beautiful garden.

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History of the Wilen House and Garden

Jack Jennings, grandson of the artist Comer Jennings, shared with us, during the garden party, the history of the house and garden. We asked if we could share that information with you:

1925-1940

The story of 2525 Woodward Way begins in 1925 when it was constructed by a Philadelphia transplant who tragically passed shortly after the home's completion. Lieutenant Jack Pappenheimer, a decorated Georgia Tech graduate and WW1 veteran, and his wife Catherine became the home's first long standing residents.

1940-1961

In the ensuing years, the house changed hands to Scott Wylie Allen, President of Colonial Stores, and his wife Isabel.

1961-1997

The Allen family sold the home to Ann Harrison and renowned local artist, Comer Jennings. They converted the garage into a children's playroom and transformed a screen porch into a guest bedroom. Comer's passion for art led to the addition of a spacious studio in the southeast corner of the home.

1997-Present

In 1997, Joe and Nancy Wilen became the proud owners of 2525 Woodward Way. Their journey with the house began when Nancy left a note expressing their interest in the property in Comer's mailbox. This note ultimately led to the purchase of the home just one month later.

Restoration and Transformation

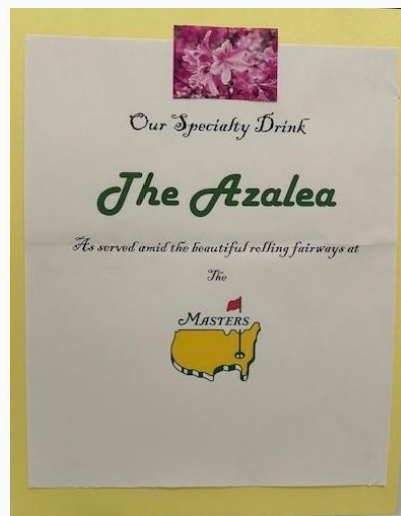
Under the Wilen's care, the house has undergone a remarkable transformation. Working with architect Yong Pak and builder Bonner Construction, they embarked on a three-year journey to revitalize the

property. The interior, crafted from French Oak by Bo Childs and meticulously designed by Jackye Lanham of Lanham Designs in collaboration with Mr. Pak, was intended to honor the house's heritage while infusing it with English Influences.

John Howard, the hardscape designer, planted the single-trunk crepe myrtles that now anchor the back patio. Dan Cleveland, from Boxwoods, designed the landscape and pathways around the property, adding further charm to the home's outdoor spaces.

Preserving the Legacy

Amidst the renovations, the Wilen's ensured the elements of the original structure were preserved, paying homage to the house's storied past. Notably, the master bedroom was reimagined from Comer's art studio, adding another layer of history to the home.

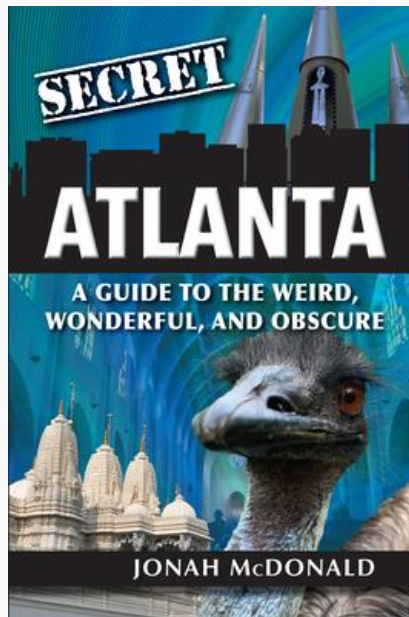


Garden Party Specialty Drink: *The Azalea*

Several of you, during the Garden Party, asked for Howard Benson's specialty drink recipe. Howard graciously shared it with us:

The Azalea

2 oz. pineapple juice
2 oz. vodka
1 oz. lemon juice
Splash of Grenadine
Slice of lemon for garnish



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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Peachtree Heights East Movers, Shakers, and Heartbreakers Walking Tour

Saturday, July 20, 2024, 10 a.m.

**Buckhead Heritage presents this tour in
partnership with Atlanta Preservation Center**

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.



Shepard Bryan Ansley (1939-2024)

We were saddened to hear about the death of Shepard Ansley. He was a great friend and supporter of Buckhead Heritage since September 2006. He was usually a Host Committee Member at our fundraisers. We will miss his humor and his stories about Buckhead. Please [click here](#) to view his obituary.



Executive Director's Report

I continue to spread the word about what a great organization we have. Here are some upcoming presentations:

- June 27 - Saint Anne's Terrace
- July 25 - Northside Kiwanis Club
- August 16 - Canterbury Court

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

We are so excited that we get to offer the summer fun-raiser again. Everyone had such a great time last year and Thornton Kennedy did a marvelous job as our trivia host. Our mystery host will be announced soon.

Take care,

Richard Waterhouse

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