



## September 2025 Newsletter



## 3rd Annual Trivia Game Party Wrap Up

We had a very successful 3rd Annual Summer Fun-Raiser on Sunday, August 17th at the outstanding Atlanta International School Auditorium. 90 people participated and 65 attended raising over \$17,000.00 for Buckhead Heritage.

James Ottley did another outstanding job as our Trivia Game Host keeping the audience spellbound with 25 questions. Our winning team, pictured below, was the "Merry Wives and Widows" consisting of Tamara Bazzle, Linda DeFoor Wickham, Claudia Barnes, Bonnie Helget, and Mary Brannon.

And if you enjoyed the history trivia at the event, you might also want to check out James Ottley's weekly podcast on Southern and Southern adjacent history "History for Cocktail Parties" which he co-hosts with Thornton Kennedy. It is available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and iHeart Radio.



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## **Peachtree Heights East Movers, Shakers, and Heartbreakers Walking Tour**

**Saturday, September 13, 2025, 10 a.m.**

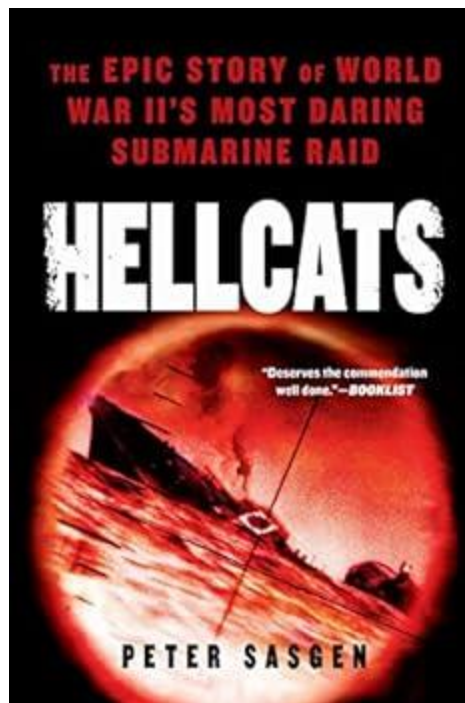
**Buckhead Heritage presents this tour in  
partnership with Atlanta Preservation Center**

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](mailto:rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com) or (404) 467-9447.

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**Speaker Series: Larry Edge, a Buckhead Heritage Member, will interview *Peter Sasgen* about his book *Hellcats***

**Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m., Free  
Cathedral of Saint Philip Child Hall**



“The brick apartment building at 18 Collier Road, Atlanta Georgia, still stands. Today it’s in demand for its proximity to Midtown and Buckhead, and across the street a major medical facility Piedmont Hospital. In July 1945 it was home to Sarah Simms Edge and her daughter Sarah age three...”

The above are the opening lines of the story described in the book *HELLCATS* which had a significant impact on a Buckhead family. The daughter described above is Sarah Edge Shuler. One of our presenters is part of that family, and the other is the author. Interwoven throughout the book are the story of this family during World War II and a heart-stopping true account of a submarine mission aimed at destroying Japan's merchant marine lifeline and ending the war. The USS Bonefish, whose captain was Cmdr. Lawrence L. Edge, was one of nine submarines on that mission. By 1945, the U.S. Navy's submarine force in the Pacific had sunk over a thousand enemy cargo ships and tankers supplying the food, weapons, and oil Japan needed to continue to fight. Yet this once mighty merchant fleet continued to thrive in the Sea of Japan, where, protected from American submarines by a seemingly impenetrable barrier of deadly minefields, they provided a tenuous lifeline for the Japanese. Senior American commanders believed that if these enemy ships were sunk, Japan would be forced to surrender. Here is the incredible story of the daring plot to penetrate those minefields and decimate the enemy fleet and the resulting impact of the Edge family. The mission would hinge on a new experimental sonar system that would, with luck, guide American submarines safely past the mines and into the Sea of Japan and return back to the open sea.

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## **Volunteers Needed: Cleaning of Headstones**

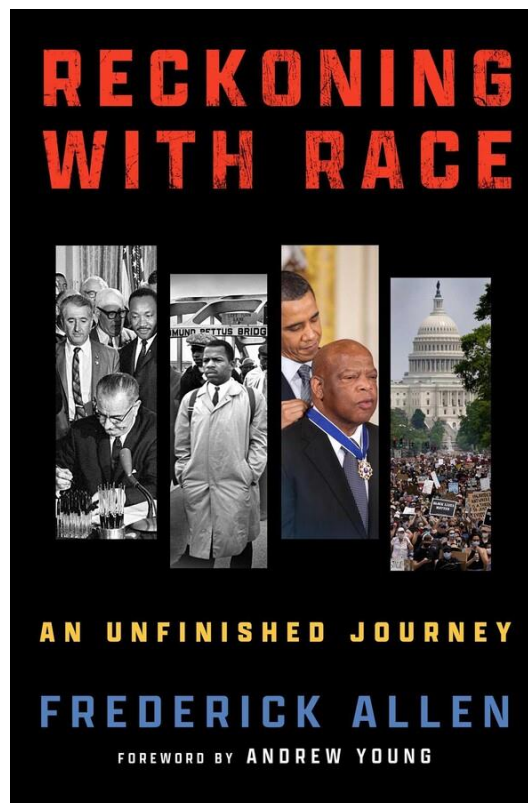
**Saturday, October 11, 12:30 p.m.**

### **Harmony Grove Cemetery**

Please join us at Harmony Grove Cemetery Saturday, October 11, 2025. We'll be joining members of the Atlanta Chapter of the DAR, who will be cleaning headstones, a continuation of their wonderful efforts there last fall. The process is simple, and instruction will be provided. It would be helpful if you could bring a pair of rubber dishwashing gloves and a bristle brush. While you'll see immediate results, the product we use will continue the cleaning process for up to a year!

Please let Tamara Bazzle know if you can participate by contacting her at (404) 233-7847 or [tabazzle@gmail.com](mailto:tabazzle@gmail.com).

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## **Speaker Series: Rick Allen Presenting his Book Reckoning with Race: An Unfinished Journey**

**Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m., Free**

**Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room**

In his fifty-year career as an award-winning journalist, CNN commentator, and author of multiple books, Rick Allen has had a front-row seat on dramatic change in race relations in America. In *Reckoning with Race*, a collection of eighteen essays, he explores his ongoing efforts to understand the struggle of black and white Americans to navigate a shared history at once wicked and intimate, full of love and hate, as they



seek to level an uneven playing field. Allen examines issues from the era of Reconstruction through Jim Crow, the Civil Rights movement, the rhythms of resistance and progress, into today's contentious debates over redlining, reparations, and critical race theory.

Rick was a reporter and political columnist with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution from 1972 to 1987, when he joined CNN as chief analyst and commentator covering the 1988 presidential contest. His essays for the program "Inside Politics" earned CNN a Cable Ace Award, and Allen was cited as best political analyst by the editors of The Hotline.

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## **Alana Shepherd Oral History Interview**

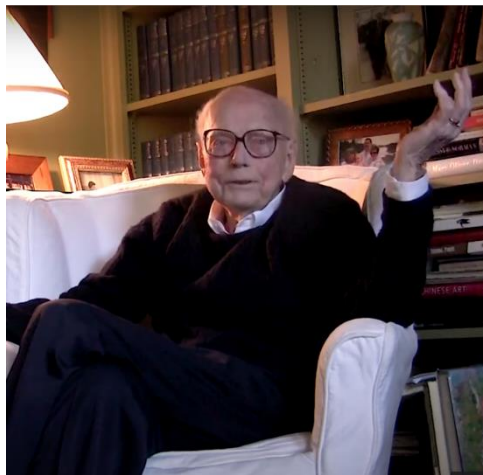
Buckhead Heritage is honored to feature a new Oral History interview with Alana Shepherd, co-founder of the Shepherd Center, who helped establish one of the nation's leading rehabilitation hospitals for spinal cord and brain injuries after her son's accident in 1975.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1930 and raised in Atlanta from her teen years, Alana recalls Buckhead's social life in the 1940s, the city's early landmarks, and the community's evolution. Her reflections span her groundbreaking leadership in civic life—including chairing the Buckhead Coalition, serving on major corporate boards, and playing a pivotal role in bringing the 1996 Paralympics to Atlanta—achievements that earned her national recognition and multiple lifetime honors. This interview underscores the importance of Buckhead Heritage's Oral History Project in preserving the voices of those who shaped our community.

[Click here](#) to see the Alana Shepherd Oral History Interview.

To recommend someone for an interview, please first confirm their interest and then contact Executive Director Richard Waterhouse at [rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com](mailto:rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com).

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## In Appreciation of Ed Daugherty (1926-2025)

Buckhead Heritage joins Atlanta in honoring the life and legacy of **Ed Daugherty**, the visionary landscape architect who called Buckhead home and shaped its gardens and public spaces for generations.

Ed not only designed landmarks such as the **Georgia Governor's Mansion**, the **Atlanta Botanical Garden**, and **Sibley Park**, but also gave

generously of his time and expertise as a member of **Buckhead Heritage's Advisory Board**. He was instrumental in advancing our historic cemetery program, ensuring these sacred spaces are preserved with care and respect.

His unmatched creativity and commitment to community leave a legacy we will continue to admire, study, and steward for years to come.

Rest in peace, Mr. Daugherty. Our thoughts are with his family.

We have an oral history interview in our archives featuring Mr. Daugherty and Emeritus Board Member John Beach. Please [click here](#) to watch it.

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## **Executive Director's Report**

We had another outstanding Summer Fun-raiser. If you were not able to join us, you missed great food, great refreshments, and great trivia questions. I always help James put together the Trivia Game PowerPoint Presentation so I get to see the questions early. Many I did not know.

I can't believe that we are winding down for this years' programs. The

attendance has been outstanding and more than once, we have had to use the bigger space (Child Hall). The first 3 months of 2026 have been planned but we are looking for programs for the remainder of the year. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Take care,

Richard Waterhouse

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## **To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage Membership**

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

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## **Buckhead Heritage Mission Statement**

Buckhead Heritage strives to enhance the quality of life in Buckhead by identifying, preserving, and promoting its historic resources.

We endeavor to foster a conscious respect within the community for its rich and diverse history, ensuring that Buckhead's historic resources are accommodated in future growth and secured for the benefit of the community.

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