



October 2025 Newsletter



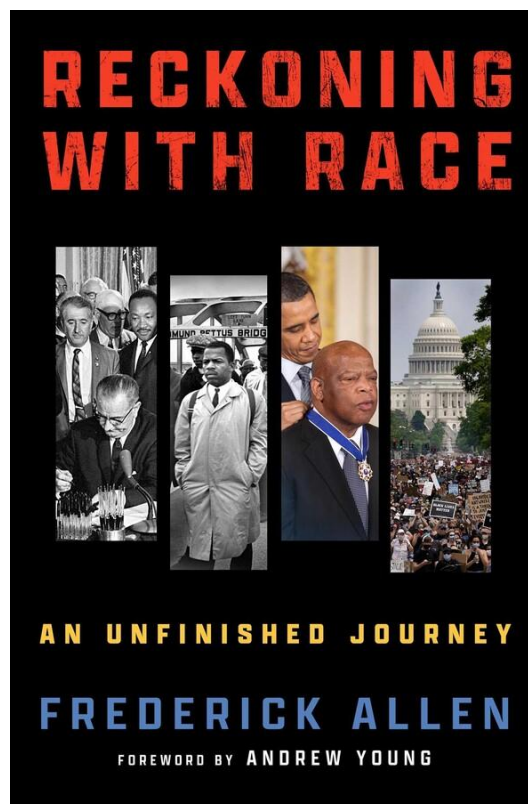
Volunteers Needed: Cleaning of Headstones

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 Richard Waterhouse know if you can participate by contacting him at (404) 467-9447 or rwaterhouse@buckheadheritage.com.



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

Saturday, November 9, 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 or (404) 467-9447. This is the last tour of 2025.



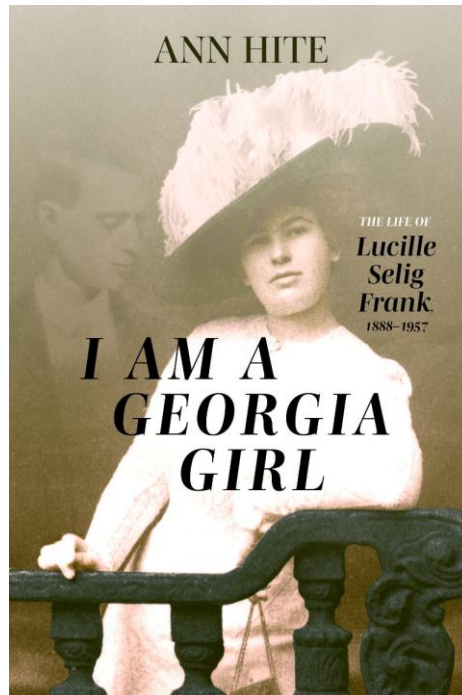
Speaker Series: Judge Craig Schwall, Sr. will Share Stories about Being a Superior Court Judge

Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m., Free

Cathedral of Saint Philip Gould Room

Judge Schwall was appointed to the Fulton County Superior Court by Governor Perdue in 2005. Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court Bench, he served as a judge of the State Court of Fulton County from 2003-2005, and as a Fulton County Magistrate judge from 1996-2003. He is a native of Atlanta, and graduated from Auburn University and Emory Law School. After graduating from law school in 1988, he joined the law firm of Schwall, Ruff, and Goodman, which later became Schwall & Schwall. He has two sons, Craig, Jr., 21, and Austin, 19.

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Speaker Series: Ann Hite Will Discuss her New Book, *I Am A Georgia Girl: The Life of Lucille Selig Frank, 1888-1957* and McCracken Poston, Jr. will Moderate the Program

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 7 p.m., Free

Cathedral of Saint Philip Child Hall

Twenty-five-year-old Lucille Selig Frank's whole life changed on April 26, 1913, as the Confederate Memorial Parade marched through Atlanta, Georgia. Lucille was attending the opera matinee with her mother. Her husband, Leo Frank, sat in his office in the National Pencil Company, where he was superintendent, working on a financial report. The brutal murder of fourteen-year-old Mary Phagan, an employee of Leo's, took place in the pencil factory that day. Lucille's husband would be the last known person to see Mary alive. While much has been written about Mary Phagan's murder and Leo Frank's subsequent trial over the past 115 years, very little has given voice to Lucille Selig Frank and other women connected to the horrific events that took place between 1913-1915. Lucille was part of a mission to make Governor John Slaton aware of the antisemitism being shown to Leo during his arrest and trial. She paid a heavy price for her courage.

Books will be for sale and Ann can sign them after the program.

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Buckhead Heritage Asks for Award Nominations

Every year Buckhead Heritage offers 2 awards during our Holiday Gathering. They are the Belle Turner Lynch Preservation Award and the Bob Helget Award for Outstanding Volunteerism..

Belle Turner Lynch Preservation Award

This award is bestowed on distinguished individuals, nonprofit

organizations, public agencies, and corporations whose skill and determination have given new meaning to their communities through preservation of their architectural and cultural heritage. These efforts include citizen attempts to save and maintain important landmarks; companies and craftsmen whose work restores the richness of the past; the vision of public officials who support preservation projects and legislation in their communities; and educators and journalists who help Americans understand the value of preservation.

Bob Helget Award for Outstanding Volunteerism

This award is given to eligible candidates who are members and have demonstrated volunteer service and is conspicuously above and beyond the reasonably expected duties and responsibilities of a Buckhead Heritage volunteer.

Eligibility Requirements for outstanding volunteer

Any Buckhead Heritage member is eligible for this award except current Executive Committee Members. Past board members or officers are eligible to be recognized for service as long as such service did not occur during their respective tenure as an Executive Committee Member. Prior recipients of this award can be nominated and win multiple times if their contributions in successive years warrant it.

To nominate candidates for one or both awards, please reach out to Barbara Bazzel at (404) 245-9450 or barbarabazzel@yahoo.com. Nominations are due by Friday, November 14.



Park Pride Second Friday Walk in the Park - Bagley Park

Friday, October 10, 9 a.m., Free

Join Park Pride on Friday, October 10, at 9 am for their Second Friday Walk in the Park at Bagley Park! Bagley Park (formerly Frankie Allen Park) is a 21-acre greenspace nestled in Buckhead's Garden Hills near Buckhead Village. Known as the home of Buckhead Baseball, a baseball league for kids, the park also features four tennis courts, shady picnic spots, paved walkways, and plenty of room to explore beyond the ballfields.

In addition to its amenities, Bagley Park holds an important history. A small cemetery along Pharr Road marks the once-thriving African-American community founded here in the 1870s. In 1929, community leader William Bagley purchased land and renamed it from Macedonia Park. Buckhead Heritage Board Members Thornton Kennedy and Elon Osby will talk about the history of the cemetery and the park.

Bring your coffee and walking shoes as we explore the park and its story!

NOTE: After entering, turn left into the first parking lot. The group will

meet in front of the Mount Olive Cemetery near the parking lot. The walk is under a mile on paved paths with a gentle slope, and the route is wheelchair accessible.

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Executive Director's Report

We so appreciate your support of Buckhead Heritage whether you attend our programs, attend our special events, or volunteer. Because of your support, we have seen an increase in new memberships and membership renewals in the last year.

Another way that you can give is to donate in honor or in memory of someone. To do that, please [click here](#). In the comments section, please put who you want the donation to honor or memorialize.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, here are our programs for February and April:

Thursday, February 19, 7 p.m. - Caroline Eubanks discussing her book *A Boozy History of Atlanta: People, Place and Drinks that Made a City*

Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m. - May Ilonah, Operations Manager at the Historic Herndon Home Museum in Atlanta.

We are still confirming March. If you have suggestion of future programs, please reach out to me.

Take care,

Richard Waterhouse

To Join or Renew Buckhead Heritage Membership

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

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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