



November 2025 Newsletter



2025 Holiday Gathering!

Sunday, December 14, 2025

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Home of Taylea and Robin Fowler

We are excited to announce that our Holiday Gathering, Sunday, December 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., will carry on our tradition of cocktails, buffet, and music in the home of Taylea and Robin Fowler, West Paces Ferry Road.

Completed in 1936, the Albert E. Thornton House was one of the last estates built along West Paces Ferry Road. Thornton, who was the grandson of Atlanta pioneer General Alfred Austell, was a prominent lawyer and civic leader in Atlanta.

Thornton's wife Edna enlisted renowned Atlanta architect Philip Shutze to design their home. Shutze is also credited with designing the complementary landscape.

Buckhead Heritage has Host Committee Member or Patron

Sponsorships' opportunities available:

Host Committee Member	\$500.00
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- Two tickets
- Additional tickets at member rate
- Invitation to 2026 Major Donor event
- Listing on email invite, Buckhead Heritage web-site, and event signage

Patron	\$750.00
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- Patron receives four tickets and all of the above

To become a Host Committee Member, [click here](#). To become a Patron, [click here](#). Deadline for being listed as a sponsor on the email

invitation is November 7, 2025.

Single Tickets are:

Member (\$175.00) ([Purchase tickets](#))

Non-member (\$200.00) ([Purchase tickets](#))

Corporate Sponsorships are also available. For further information, please contact Vice President Thornton Kennedy at (404) 210-0363 or thornton@prsouth.net.



Peachtree Heights East Movers, Shakers, and Heartbreakers Walking Tour

Saturday, November 8, 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.



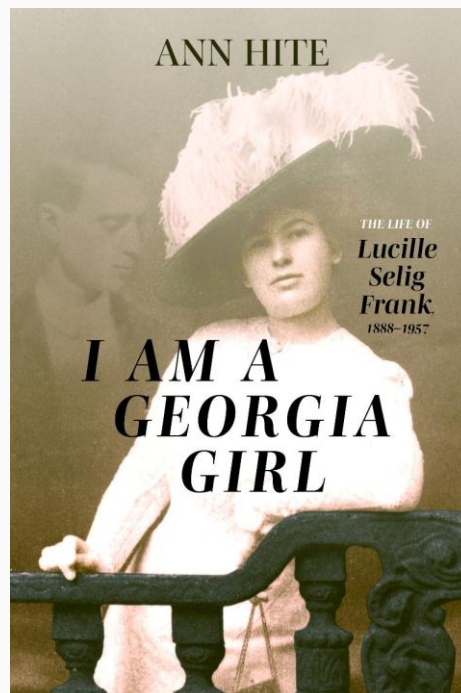
**Speaker Series: Judge Craig Schwall, Sr. will
Share Stories about Being a Superior Court
Judge**

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.

[Register](#)



Buckhead Heritage Part of Park Pride's Walking Tour of Historic Bagley Park

Board Members Thornton Kennedy and Elon Osby participated in Park Pride's Walking Tour of Historic Bagley Park on Friday, October 10th. Thornton gave some general information on the history of Bagley Park and Elon shared stories about her family, childhood, and the work she's done to preserve Mount Olive Cemetery.



Help E. Rivers Elementary School Celebrate 110 Years

In 2026, E. Rivers Elementary turns 110 years old, and we're building a permanent exhibit to honor our incredible legacy.

We're looking for memorabilia from 1917–2020, including:
Photos | Yearbooks | Spirit Wear | Written Memories | Artifacts

Have something to share?
Please send your items by December 31st, 2025, and be part of preserving E. Rivers history for generations to come.

For questions or to coordinate drop-off:
eriverswelcomedesk@gmail.com



Help High Museum of Art Celebrate 100 Years

On October 18, 2026, the High Museum of Art will be 100 years old. As we prepare for the museum's Centennial, we are looking for stories and memories about the museum and its history. We are particularly interested in old photos of the museum (specifically interiors) when it was located in the mansions along Peachtree, and later the purpose-built museum opened in 1955.

If you have something you'd like to share, please write to High Museum staff member, Julia Forbes, the Associate Director of Institutional Research at julia.forbes@high.org.

Julia Forbes will be part of our Speaker Series, Thursday, October 22, 2026. She will present a fascinating program on the History of the High Museum of Art.

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Executive Director's Report

A couple weeks ago, many board members gathered at the office to put notes on the letters that have been sent out to potential individual sponsors for the 2025 Holiday Gathering. We also discussed what award nominations have been submitted. We appreciate all of you sending in many nominations. Joining me at the office are, left to right, Thornton Kennedy, Mary Anne Walser, Ivan Allen, IV, Elizabeth Morgan Spiegel, Barbara Bazzel, Carol Grady, Tamara Bazzle, Beckie Amos, and Frank Virgin. We appreciate Jimmy Smith for taking the picture.

Lauren Finney of *Simply Buckhead* did an interesting article on the Brookwood Station. Our Vice President Thornton Kennedy is quoted several times. To view the article, please [click here](#).

One of the perks of being Executive Director is that I get to visit the houses that we are considering for the Holiday Gatherings. This year's house, the Albert E. Thornton house on West Paces Ferry is a real gem. Both Alfred Kennedy and Penny Hart have family connections to the house and they have been sharing some wonderful stories. Also, at the top of the front door, there is a pineapple which symbolizes hospitality.

We all appreciate your support of Buckhead Heritage by becoming a member, joining us at programs, and special events. I look forward to

seeing you all soon.

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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