



May 2026 Newsletter



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

Saturday, May 23, 2026, 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 Avenue. With approximately 330 homes, Peachtree East includes early 20th century American two-story four-square, Craftsmen 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 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. Other tours this year include July 18, September 12, and November 7.



**Speaker Series: Filmmaker Lance Russell,
creator of the *Stories of Atlanta* YouTube**

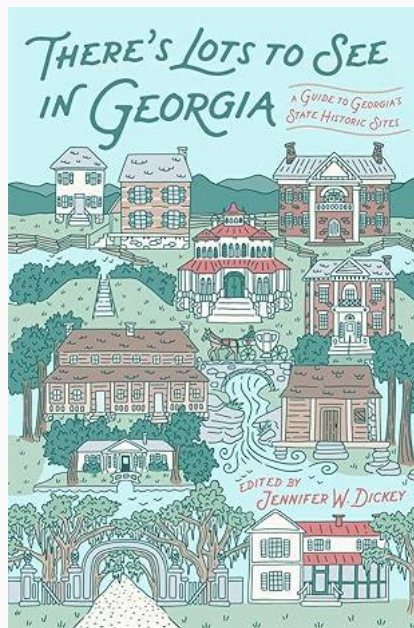
**channel, reveals new dimensions of a city
many think they already know.**

**Thursday, May 28, 7p.m., Free
Cathedral of Saint Philip Child Hall**

Atlanta's history is often told through a familiar set of names, events, and landmarks, yet the city's past extends far beyond William Sherman, Scarlett O'Hara, Coca-Cola, and a really busy airport. In a visually immersive presentation, Lance draws from the extensive archive of his *Stories of Atlanta* videos to veer off the beaten path and explore the surprising, quirky, and often overlooked moments tucked into Atlanta's forgotten corners.

You may know Atlanta's story, but do you know the rest of the story?

[Register](#)



**Speaker Series: Jennifer
W. Dickey discussing her book, *There is A
Lot to See in Georgia***

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

There's Lots to See in Georgia provides a history of the Peach State's historic sites, including a brief history of each site, the process by which the sites were preserved and restored and became part of the state historic site system, and information to guide visitors as they tour each site.

Jennifer W. Dickey is a professor of history and the coordinator of the museums and the history and public programs at Kennesaw State University. Previously the campus preservationist at Berry College, she continues to serve as a preservation consultant.

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Photo by Tamara Bazzle

AMERICA 250! PATRIOTS MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY

On March 14, the Atlanta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated America 250! with a monument dedication at the Atlanta History Center's Veterans Park. The beautiful morning was highlighted by a color guard in period dress and a crowd attired largely in red, white, and blue. The handsome monument commemorates the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country and honors the men and women of the American Revolution.

The Atlanta Chapter DAR was established on April 15, 1891, and is the second oldest chapter in the nation. This group has held several monument cleaning sessions at Harmony Grove Cemetery at the intersection of W. Paces and Chatham Roads and maintained by Buckhead Heritage. Last year, it presented Buckhead Heritage with a generous grant for an historic marker at Harmony Grove Cemetery, which will be installed in the fall of 2026. Alison Wise, Regent of the Atlanta Chapter, has worked closely with Tamara Bazzle, Chair of Historic Cemeteries, on these projects, and Tamara was a guest at the dedication ceremony.



PINEY GROVE CEMETERY

For generations, Piney Grove Cemetery has served as a final resting place for members of a historically Black community whose lives helped shape the cultural fabric of Buckhead. Over time, however, overgrowth, weathering, and neglect have left the cemetery in need of care. Today, a dedicated group of volunteers, historians, and local advocates are working to change that.

Recent efforts have focused on clearing vegetation to pave the way for future restorations - resetting displaced markers, repairing broken ones and identifying previously unmarked graves. These workdays have not only improved the physical condition of the cemetery but have also fostered a deeper connection between the community and the cemetery's history.

The restoration work is as much about education as it is about preservation. Our continued partnership with the Buckhead Heritage has helped bring attention to Piney Grove Cemetery. This attention and involvement is one we will always be grateful for and is essential to our continued success. Our volunteers hope to ensure that the cemetery's significance is recognized and protected for future generations. As these efforts move forward, Piney Grove Cemetery stands not only as a place of remembrance but also as a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together to preserve its heritage.

To follow our progress and support our future cleanup efforts, please follow us on Facebook by [clicking here](#). If you would like to make a donation to help with those cleanup efforts, please see our website

by [clicking here](#). If you have any questions about our efforts, please email us at friendsofpineygrovecemetery@yahoo.com.



Executive Director's Report

We hope that you will be able join us for the 2026 Home and Garden Party. One of the perks of being Executive Director is that I get to do a site visit of the house before hand. Villa Juanita is just spectacular and I know that you will agree after attending the party.

Another perk is that I get calls and emails about the history of Buckhead and I get to respond to their inquiries. I received this email the other day:

"My name is Miriam Gibson. I am a descendent of the Johnson family. My grandfather's great great grandfather's were real estate developers who developed Johnsontown. My mother name was Nellie Gibson, aka : Nello Gibson. She was the daughter of Lula Johnson-Gibson, who was the daughter of the matriarch of our family Anna Johnson-Kellogg and her husband Robert Johnson. Robert Johnson was the original landowner of Johnsontown, along with 4 other brothers, all of whom are now deceased."

Thank you for your continued support of Buckhead Heritage. If you are

not a current member, I hope you will consider joining us.

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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