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2006 Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour Vintage Elegance of a Bygone Era



April 21-23, 2006

If you've wanted to take a peek inside some of the truly vintage signature homes of Druid Hills, you have an open invitation during the weekend of April 21, 22 and 23. The 2006 Druid Hills Home & Garden Tour will feature seven of the historic neighborhood's most elegant homes, harking back to names such as Coca-Cola magnate Asa Candler, golfing great Bobby Jones, and noted Atlanta architect Neel Reid.

Homes include a fabulous Mediterranean villa with a romantic outdoor dining room under the boughs of a giant Southern magnolia. Another home enjoyed a cameo appearance in an Academy Award-winning movie, while others stand among the treasured homes designed by several of Atlanta's most noted turn of the century architects. Featured homes and historic structures will include:

774 SPRINGDALE ROAD Sam Williams

This elegant Mediterranean villa was built by an Atlanta doctor who lived at the corner of Ponce and Springdale and



given as a gift to his son. Its design was inspired by family visits to Greece and Turkey. It features the original terra cotta tile roof, dentil molding under the roof, and arched windows. The carriage house is one of the few left in Druid Hills and is home to the owner's wood turning studio. Tour goers will be enchanted by the 100-year-old magnolia that graces the front of the villa, which has underneath its branches a romantic dining area for 12 — complete with chandelier. The lush back garden features an amazing variety of trees, shrubs and flowers, including 40 varieties of ferns, numerous varieties of Japanese maples, native azaleas, and irises, as well as a number of 15-foot mountain laurels from North Georgia. Inside the villa, you will be treated to an exotic collection of art, much from the Far and Near East, which the owner acquired on business trips while working with noted Atlanta architect and developer John Portman.

Sponsor: Kathi Sanders, Keller Williams Realty

1308 FAIRVIEW ROAD Ed and Leslie Kneisel

Revered Atlanta architect Neel Reid designed this Georgian eclectic home built in 1915 for Arthur Howell, Esq., law partner of famed golfer Bobby Jones. Together, Howell and Jones were instrumental in founding the firm of Jones, Bird and Howell, now Alston & Bird, one of Atlanta's largest law firms. Later, Bobby Jones and his wife visited in this



elegant home during the time he won the Grand Slam of golf. Recent movies about Mr. Jones' life were filmed on location at the Kneisel's historic home. The current owners have brought new life and beauty to this home featuring Italian ceramic tiles and artwork by Ms. Kneisel, created in the recently restored studio located behind the main house. This home is on the National Register of Historic Homes and the original Neel Reid drawings are housed at the Atlanta History Center.

Sponsor: Surber, Barber, Choate and Hertlein, Architects P.C.
Staffing provided by Druid Hills Presbyterian Church

1281 FAIRVIEW ROAD Maureen Kalmanson

One of the first women architects in Georgia, Leila Ross Wilburn, designed this 1913 Tudor beauty. The home features many gorgeous details, including inlaid mahogany floors, panel sliding doors, and a period style mural in the dining room by artist Michael Allen. Tender plants winter in the conservatory, to live gloriously in Ms. Kalmanson's extensive garden, featuring stone paths, imaginative sculpture, and several interconnected pools and waterfalls. The outdoor fireplace is original and typical of Druid Hills houses of this time period. This home's lovely garden view was once threatened by plans to build a highway through this historic neighborhood. But, thanks to the efforts of many dedicated residents living in nearby neighborhoods, Ms. Kalmanson now enjoys a view of people strolling, jogging, or biking on the path that meanders through Freedom Park.

Sponsor: Remax Metro Atlanta Cityside



1131 SPRINGDALE ROAD David and Kellum Smith

Built around 1918, the beautiful and unique architectural details of this grand home are what drew the Smiths in 2003. After the purchase, they embarked on a major restoration and addition to the home, just completed in 2005. The sunroom—or as the Smiths call it, the Moroccan Room—with its intersecting, barrel-arched ceiling



and Fox Theater-like design elements, inspired many other features in the home. Dovetail Craftsmen matched the original moldings and details in the home addition, including 80 handsawn brackets on the exterior. Furniture from Mr. Smith's Lebanese ancestors can be seen throughout the home, many pieces of which are topped by marble quarried from the Dead Sea. The kitchen is the magnificent heart of the home, inspired by an English kitchen featured in *Architectural Digest*. This family of enthusiastic cooks spends time together in the dream kitchen's separate cooking and baking areas with four ovens, two dishwashers, multiple sinks and refrigerators, wine cooler, and much more. Striking photography by David and his daughter Alanna provide visual inspiration at every turn.

Sponsor: Paris and Associates, Realty; Niki Paris, Kevin Steward and Kellum Smith
Staffing provided by faculty and parents of Fernbank Elementary School

1226 SPRINGDALE ROAD Ed and Paula Henderson

This gracefully designed Neel Reid home was completed in 1917 for a prominent Atlanta banker. The home, whose original blueprints reside at the Atlanta History Center, features Mr. Reid's signature architectural details, but in a softer form, illustrated in the small, tapered exterior columns, the Federal style fanlights, and delicate dentil moldings. When the



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Bi-weekly yard trimmings collection—If your trash/garbage collection day is Monday or Tuesday, yard trimmings will be picked up the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. If Wednesday or Thursday, the 2nd and 4th weeks.

Note: This schedule begins the first Monday of each month. Also, paper bags should weigh no more than 50 lbs. Branches no more than 4 feet long and 6 inches diameter.

Bulk rubbish collected by appointment. Call 404/330-6333 to schedule.

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Recommended Repair-people

Do you know the perfect plumber? An extraordinary electrician? A colossal contractor? Are you willing to share this person's name? The *Druid Hills News* hopes to start a list of reliable repair-people. If you know someone of this ilk please send the name, phone number, profession, and an optional little description to the editor of this paper, Mary Angela Whyte, at mak_shs@yahoo.com.

Julio Padron, JNJ Stucco Solutions, 770-289-1688 or 770-815-7614, jnjconstrepair@aol.com. Julio is an excellent stucco repair and restoration resource that has been invaluable in the restoration of our hard coat stucco home. (Bryan Cooke)

Are you looking for a great handyman that will actually show up at your house when he says he will? Do you need a room renovator or a repair made? I highly recommend **Don Shaw**. Don works as a **handyman, carpenter**, and does **home improvements**. Call Don at 404-202-1194. If he doesn't answer, please leave a message, because he will return your call! (Tammy Sampler, Fernbank Elementary School)

Dennis Linn is a general handyman who has helped me with everything from installing CO detectors and hanging ceiling fans to repairing walls with sheetrock. He is honest, pleasant, and reliable, someone you can trust in your home. He's lived in Winona Park for 50+ years. (404) 373-0947. (Mary Angela Whyte, mak_shs@yahoo.com)

Computer services, Bill Moore (Tech Pro) is the best computer tech I've ever known. 770-736-7271, www.peachbits.com, Techpro@peachbits.com (Marie Morgan)

David Larimore, general and electrical contracting, as well as **new construction**. 678-642-5502 (Lorrie B. Cuzzee)

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For more information,
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or visit <http://www.emory.edu/FMD/web/Recycling/recycling.html>.

—Druid Hills News deadlines—

**The deadlines for the summer issue of the
Druid Hills News are:**

Advertising—April 28

Copy—May 12

Publication will be in mid-late June

HELP WANTED

The *Druid Hills News* offers an opportunity for Druid Hills residents to list needs for services. Here division chairs can list streets needing delivery persons, localized causes can list issues needing workers, enterprising teenagers can mention their skills at babysitting, lawn care, etc., needy parents can advertise for enterprising teenagers, and on and on. It will be what you make it. Please send a description of your needs and/or willingness to volunteer to Sue Heerin at jheerin@aol.com or call our voicemail at 404-523-DHCA.

The Druid Hills Civic Association is looking for volunteers to work on the new **Community and Lifestyle Committee**. We need people to do the following:

- Plan neighborhood events
- Assist with fundraising for neighborhood parks and common areas
- Create an increased sense of community in Druid Hills

If you would like to help and, at the same time, meet your neighbors and have fun, please contact Judi Shur at 404-378-9775 or judishur@hotmail.com.

The Druid Hills Civic Association is looking for volunteers to assist on the **Membership Committee**. We need people to:

- Welcome new DH residents
- Assist with administrative tasks
- Create new opportunities for residents to join DHCA

If you would like to volunteer for the Membership Committee, please contact Dee Daly at 404-876-2951 or deedaly3@comcast.net.

Is the Historic Druid Hills sign that tops your street sign damaged, in the wrong place, even missing? Please call the DHCA hotline and report the problem so it can be remedied.

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Your Letters Are Welcome

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The Lullwater Garden Club is a member of the Redbud District of The Garden Club of Georgia, and the Deep South Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. For additional information, contact Tricia Elam, Chair of the Lullwater Conservation Garden Committee, at pelam898@bellsouth.net.

Caching Miss Daisy: New Craze In Lullwater Conservation Garden

The Lullwater Conservation Garden has joined the Caching Craze. Renie Faulkenberry, President of The Lullwater Garden Club, was contacted several months ago regarding permission to stash a cache in the Conservation Garden. Geocaching involves finding hidden caches on hikes and trails using coordinates with a handheld Global Positioning System device and adds an element of fun to outdoor hikes and outdoor recreation.

Several geocaching enthusiasts have already found the Conservation Garden cache. One review from the site states "Thoroughly enjoyed this hunt—I bet this place is gorgeous in the spring. Had fun at all the stages and found the cache without too much trouble." Visit www.geocaching.com/seek/cache_details.aspx?guid=062554f4-fe74-4268-9743-1fdcb961244e for information on how to find it. Thanks to Jeff Crompton for this hide!

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Caching Miss Daisy: New Craze In Lullwater Conservation Garden

The Lullwater Conservation Garden has joined the Caching Craze. Renie Faulkenberry, President of The Lullwater Garden Club, was contacted several months ago regarding permission to stash a cache in the Conservation Garden. Geocaching involves finding hidden caches on hikes and trails using coordinates with a handheld Global Positioning System device and adds an element of fun to outdoor hikes and outdoor recreation.

Several geocaching enthusiasts have already found the Conservation Garden cache. One review from the site states "Thoroughly enjoyed this hunt—I bet this place is gorgeous in the spring. Had fun at all the stages and found the cache without too much trouble." Visit www.geocaching.com/seek/cache_details.aspx?guid=062554f4-fe74-4268-9743-1fdcb961244e for information on how to find it. Thanks to Jeff Crompton for this hide!

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Hendersons bought the home in 2000 as only the third owners, they undertook a very sensitive, one-year restoration process, bringing the home back to its original splendor, yet with modern conveniences. A fabulous new gourmet kitchen was carefully added to fit perfectly within this historic home. The new laundry room is fashioned out of a huge "ball gown closet." During the restoration, the new owners discovered World War II artifacts in the attic and Italian opera librettos in the basement. Lovely gardens surround the house, featuring vintage camellias dating to 1918.

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1585 S. PONCE DE LEON Pinebloom

This handsome English Tudor style home was built in 1914 for Preston S. Arkwright, president of Georgia Railway & Power Company, today's Georgia Power Company. Noted Atlanta architect Walter T. Downing designed the home. Named "Pinebloom" after Mrs. Arkwright's family residence in Baker County, Georgia, the 15-acre property became a center of social events in Atlanta. The interior features an exquisitely carved walnut staircase and Tiffany-style stained glass window on the stair landing. At the time of the home's construction, Arkwright had gas/electric combination light fixtures installed in every room since electricity was not yet reliable for residential use. Many of the original fixtures remain. After Arkwright's death in 1946, the house eventually passed to the Southern Baptist Convention for use as a broadcasting facility for their Radio Commission. When the Jackson Hill Baptist Church purchased the estate in the 1950s, they constructed a 1,000-seat sanctuary adjoining the house, which is used today by several congregations for worship services. Tour goers will get a sense of stepping back in time as they explore this exquisite, recently renovated home.

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1428 PONCE DE LEON AVENUE St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



This beautiful and newly restored Byzantine Catholic Church began life in 1916 as a one-story Beaux Arts mansion built for Lucy Candler, first wife of Asa Candler of the Coca-Cola dynasty. While it now serves as a place of worship and pastor's residence, the basic structure and many architectural features endure. Original Candler

design elements such as the mahogany woodwork, an oversized fireplace with an Italian marble mantel, crystal chandeliers, ceilings with intricate craftsmanship, and the outlines of an original indoor reflecting pool will be enjoyed, as well as a marvelous array of icons and other religious art and artifacts belonging to the Melkite Church. The yellow-golden brick was specially ordered by the Candler family, with enough for one of the four sons to build his home on Springdale. The trim and porch is of Italian marble, which is partly why the house cost \$210,000 to build in 1916! Also open is the original bowling alley, now home to the Red Wall Gallery and Studio, where art classes are offered.

Note: Guided, half-hour tours of the Melkite Church will begin at 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00 on Friday and Saturday; Sunday tours at 2:00 and 4:00. All tours are led by church pastor Father John Azar and will include history of the structure, details of the renovation, and fascinating facts about the Byzantine Catholic Church and the beautiful icons. Self-guided tours are also available any time during tour hours.

As a part of the tour, the Lullwater Garden Club will hold its annual spring plant sale, offering native plants including deciduous azaleas, as well as a variety of annuals and perennials suited for Atlanta's climate. All proceeds benefit Lullwater Conservation Garden, Inc., a non-profit organization for the care and maintenance of the Lullwater Conservation Garden, a natural green space located at the intersection of Lullwater Road and Lullwater Parkway in the heart of the historic Druid Hills neighborhood.

The Plant Sale location is 1181 Springdale Road and hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call (404) 626-5181 for more information.

On Friday and Saturday a delicious, catered box lunch is available for sale at St. John's Lutheran Church, corner of Ponce de Leon and Oakdale, between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Beverages and snacks are available throughout the day.

Tour goers will also be treated to an expanded Artist's Market, featuring fine arts and crafts from artists in and around Atlanta and from neighboring states. Site of the market will be Moreland Avenue Baptist Church, next door to historic "Pinebloom" at 1585 South Ponce de Leon Avenue. Admission is free with a tour ticket or Druid Hills Civic Association membership (both available at the door) or \$2 general admission.

Plan now to spend a glorious Atlanta spring weekend touring historic Druid Hills' finest. Visit the tour web site, www.druidhillstour.org, for updates and more information. For tickets, call 404-524-TOUR (8687) or write P.O. Box 363, Decatur, GA 30031-0363. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 on the days of the Tour. Group rates are available.

Proceeds from the tour help fund preservation of this historic neighborhood, its parks, trees, streams and historic character. Companies interested in joining as a sponsor should contact Tricia Elam at 404-373-3255 or Pelam898@bellsouth.net. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the tour, please contact Becky Evans at 404-378-5288 or beckyevans@mindspring.com.

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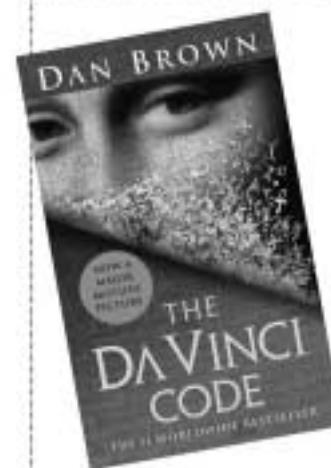
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The 2006 Druid Hills Artist Market

"Not Your Usual Artist Market!"

by Joanna Stroud

The 2006 Artist Market, held in conjunction with the Home and Garden Tour, promises to be exceptional. Held indoors at Moreland Avenue Baptist Church at 1585 South Ponce de Leon Avenue, it will host 23 plus artists from Georgia and neighboring states. Art is of high caliber in a wide price range. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday of the tour and Sunday 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. Along with extended hours beyond tour home closings, Druid Hills residents ONLY are invited to the opening reception Thursday, April 20, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with refreshments and door prizes from the artists. Families are welcomed. Admission to the reception is free to Druid Hills residents with a Tour ticket or a Druid Hills Civic Association membership, both available at the door, or they may pay a \$2.00 admission. Druid Hills residents will have the first chance to view and purchase the most select offerings, most one of a kind! Come Thursday evening to the market and save your weekend hours for the Tour.

New artists this year will present a variety of fabulous works. Weaver and knitter Catherine Biedebach of Covington, owner of Ewes Full Acres, raises Columbia sheep, shears them, and spins and hand dyes the wool before knitting or weaving it into beautiful fashions; she also makes the felt for her felt hats. Catherine will sell skeins of her yarn and will be spinning her wool at the show.

Pysanky artist Dee Dee Beavers from Oxford, Georgia, began her art at age 10, encouraged by her grandmother. Pysanky is an egg decorating art thousands of years old, much sought after in the Ukraine and Russia. Dee Dee has tapped into an international market on eBay. "When I have Ukrainians, Russians and other pysanky artists buying my eggs, I think, 'I've made it now.'" No grocery store eggs for Dee Dee. With 70 or so chickens from 22 different breeds she raises, eggs are plentiful in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes! Each finished pysanky egg bears the name of the chicken, as some repeat customers request eggs from certain chickens. Meet some of Dee Dee's chickens she promises to bring to the market! One breed at maturity is so small it fits in the palm of a hand or in a pocket!

Animals so lifelike they almost jump off the pages are the rabbits of Tennessee author/illustrator Jeri Landers' children's book *Hopalong Jack and the Blue Bunnies*. A watercolor artist, Jeri will have her watercolors for sale, as well as this endearing book she will sign at the market. She felt beautiful art was replaced with cartoonish images in far too many children's books, that good illustrations can stimulate the imagination and make a story come alive. In incredible detail, 374 rabbits, give or take a bunny or two, were created for the magical make believe world of Hopalong Hollow. Book reviewers have called it "a must have if you collect children's books that qualify as art" and a book "you will be enjoying for years with every small child who crawls into your lap." The book was chosen a Highlighted Title of the Month by Independent Publisher. First published in 2005, it is now in its second printing. Jeri also excels at scherenschnitte, a form of paper cutting, and will have examples for sale. The Druid Hills Artist market is proud to have Jeri, the only intown

Atlanta market in which she has ever participated.

Druid Hills potter Caroline Smith includes unusual pottery bird houses and one never knows what images you may find in neighborhood resident Gregg Bauer's watercolors. Gregg has painted at least one cow as a participant in Atlanta's Cow Parade in 2003! Neighborhood portrait artist Vivian Moody will paint a portrait of a beloved pet or family member. Happy to return this year, Vivian is delighted to be painting portraits of those who saw her work in our 2004 market.

Tying in with this year's Home and Garden Tour entitled "Vintage Elegance," the artist market also has a vintage flair. Featured in the December issue of *Southern Living*, Sharpsburg, Georgia, residents Renee Walden and Terri Hobbs design vintage hats with rich silk, delicate lace, ornamental flowers and other embellishments from a bygone era. Inspired by Renee's grandmother for whom the business, Vintage Lolli Belle, is named, the two friends create one-of-a-kind, handmade hats in a variety of fabrics, colors and brim sizes. What began as a fun project for two hat lovers turned into a business when people tried to buy hats right off their heads! A quote from grandmother Lolli Belle may encourage us ladies to wear hats: "Wearing a hat, no one notices the size of your derriere!" Realizing the benefits their hats bring to chemotherapy patients with breast cancer, a percentage of the sales of Vintage Lolli Belle's open topped summer SunBelle hats goes to the American Cancer Society.

If vintage textiles are more your style, Druid Hills artist Joanna Stroud returns with Everlastings Vintage Handkerchief and Button Pillows. Each one of a kind pillow is made from an early to mid 1900's vintage handkerchief, layered atop new cotton print fabrics, made as removable shams and stuffed with plush feather and down inserts. Three new lines of pillows are available this year, along with the exquisite cottage and designer florals in our 2004 market. Pillows incorporating vintage handkerchiefs with contemporary, geometric, and abstract designs have appeal for less traditional home décor. Children's pillows using vintage children's hankies and specialty pillows made from rare hankies with African-American scenes, animals, birds, oriental designs or even a chess board round out the pillow line. Joanna's work contributes to Bosnian and other refugees from war torn countries, sponsored by her church.

Paintings in acrylics may be had from returning neighborhood artist Jim Sutherland, a pediatric cardiologist. Dr. Sutherland's works were some of the most popular in our 2004 market. Painter Linda Rutland, new to the 2006 market, paints in oils offering still lifes and scenes inspired by her international travels. Julie Anne Cooper of Roswell, specializing in custom home portraits, hopes to paint a couple of this year's homes on our Druid Hills tour for examples at the market. Jill Langberg and husband Jonathan, another Druid Hills cardiologist, will show their paintings and some of Jonathan's sculptures. Featured on HGTV's *Crafters Across America*, Judy Lynn designs beautiful and functional books and boxes with her paper art that reflects her love of nature. John Roeser's photography will be special with his favorite photographic sites being in



our neighborhood. John says his pictures in beautiful Druid Hills often find him and he just has to return with his camera! Painter, photographer and paper artist Nan Anderson from Buckhead will have beautiful watercolor botanicals among her other works.

If the garden is your favorite spot to decorate, enchanting garden globes may be purchased from artist Catherine Henry, also featured in *Southern Living*. Entwined with natural vines, some of Catherine's garden globes can hold pots of live plants and are surrounded with attached votive candle holders to enhance a night time garden affair. Others dangle with bamboo wind chimes and the colorful cut glass pieces she so artfully incorporates.

Art for your person rather than your home leads us to fine jewelry artists Jill Sharp of Blue Piranha Jewelry and Courtney Decarlo of Dicarolo. Jill's jewelry is notable for her fluid wire work. All pieces of metal are completely handcrafted. Courtney Decarlo never looks at fashion magazines for inspiration for her jewelry so her own style will emerge. These women also support charities through their art, Create Your Dreams in Atlanta and the Battered Women's Shelter in Athens, respectively.

Barbara Briggs of Houston Mill Road will be selling her fine homemade soaps, hand lotions, shower and bath gels from Barbarabars. Barbara studied in France to create many of her own fragrances for her soap and uses only the finest quality ingredients. Each bar is beautifully packaged with hand made papers with accents of fine silk ribbons and dried flowers.

The Druid Hills Artist Market is honored to be joined by Diannia Teague, wife of national award winning folk artist Harry Teague, who died unexpectedly in January. Harry and his work were highlighted in the *AJC* last August, telling Harry's incredible journey into folk art after his right side was paralyzed and he lost most of his ability to read, write, or speak after a stroke at age 46. Sixty-one when he died, Harry left behind more than 1300 pieces of his colorful, childlike folk art in collections across the country, including 200 paintings purchased by the House of Blues in New Orleans. Never having picked up a paint brush in his life and unable to continue in his former business, his boredom led Diannia to introduce Harry to painting. The talent that emerged had folk critics and aficionados raving about his sense of color and pattern. For the novice, a look at any of Harry Teague's works goes beyond the folk art critics; you just can't help but smile.

Not yet ready to sell works he left, Diannia has agreed to display several at our market, most likely the last one in the country showing Harry's paintings. Fortunately, his art can live on in two children's books, *Just Be Yourself!* and *Inside Outside Who We Are*. The author, Steve Tiller, is a Georgia Author of the Year for Children's Literature winner and both books are filled with Harry's imaginative folk art. The books will be for sale at the market.

Not your usual artist market? Not at all. Please join us! Support our artists and our neighborhood, bring your family and revel in the arts!

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Redrawing Haygood Drive

By Sally Sears

Emory University and Druid Hills High School are talking about improving traffic at the Haygood Drive intersection with North Decatur Road. In a January meeting with the Druid Hills School Council, Emory vice president Mike Mandl offered his help redrawing the intersection with a dedicated road leading only to the high school. The two roads meet now with almost constant congestion between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. and 2 to 7 p.m.

The idea is intended as a proposal to DeKalb County to soothe the traffic irritations near the school. It's part of Emory's larger plans to relocate the hospital onto land where the clinics stand now. Emory is talking about a re-design for Clifton Road, moving CDC traffic onto a new Haygood, and turning Clifton in front of the clinics into a smaller, more pedestrian friendly street. The proposed dedicated road to the high school would branch off a re-drawn Haygood.

Druid Hills principal Everett Patrick is enthusiastic about reducing traffic in front of the school and replacing it with green space. He says, "Druid Hills High attracts high performing students from across the county, and getting the faculty and staff here safely gets tougher as the county grows. We're eager to make this better, with Emory's help."

Mike Mandl, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration, wants the plan to present a new entrance to Emory from the east, with more green space. In a letter to the school, he says the University will count on Druid Hills High School for "advocacy and support" as University planners redesign the Haygood Triangle.

Cultural Events in Druid Hills

Spring 2006

by Virginie Kippelen

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Considered to be one of the world's leading orchestra, the Rotterdam Philharmonic will be conducted by Valery Gergiev. Gergiev is particularly renowned for "his passionate, almost abrasive, conducting style." Vladimir Feltsman will be on piano.

Garden; Recent photographs by Mark Steinmetz • March 23-April 22

Free; Visual Arts Building and Gallery

Mark Steinmetz, a visiting professor at Emory and a native of Athens, Georgia, is renowned for producing "modest but powerful pictures." This exhibition will feature his recent work in Farmington, CT, and pre-Katrina New Orleans and landscapes from Atlanta.

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School News

by Katherine Davey

Druid Hills High School

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Congratulations to: Laura Katherine Davey, a semi-finalist in the 2005-2006 Coca-Cola Scholars program; Adrienne Johnson and Matt Bailey, National Achievement Scholarship Awards finalists, and Cean Williams, a semifinalist. Matt Bailey was named Star Student for DHHS and Dr. Betheda Grambling is Star Teacher.

The Science Olympiad team competed in the regional tournament, taking first place in Chemistry Lab and third place in Tower Building.

Four orchestra students and received invitations to All-State Orchestra 2006.

Fifty-four students are participating in the Morehouse Mini-Medical School.

Five art students received state level Scholastic ART Awards. DHHS also received \$1000 for "Best School" in the Atlanta Celebrates Photography exhibit.

The DHHS Boys Basketball team had an outstanding season. The Girls Volleyball team came in third in the region.

Finally, congratulations to Mindee Adamson for being selected as Teacher of the Year.

Fernbank Elementary

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Fernbank received recognition in the Governor's 2005 Gold Awards for Highest Percentage in meeting and exceeding academic standards.

Thirty students competed in the local Reflections Contest. Seven will compete at the state level.

Fernbank students placed third in the DeKalb County Schools 2005 Academic Bowl.

The school continues to work towards being an International Baccalaureate/Primary Years school.

The Howard School

www.howardschool.org

With a grant from the Fraser-Parker Foundation, the school launched its Assistive Technology pilot program.

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Basketball Team for winning the third place trophy.

The Howard School offers a wonderful summer program. Please contact Keren Schuller at kschuller@howardschool.org or at 404-377-7436 for registration form.

Paideia

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Thirty-two Paideia students were recognized by the National Merit and National Achievement Program. Ten students have been named as semi-finalists: Woody Davis, Rachel Economy, Amy Hailles, Gabe Head, Fred Johnson, Mollie McFee, Jennifer Middleton, Zach Monteith, Sruti Parekh and Ko Ransom.

Paideia Alumna, class of '01, Katharine Wilkinson was named a Rhodes Scholar in November 2005.

Graham Mellen won the Margaret Davis Block Trophy for best floral arrangement in the youth division at the Southeast Flower Show.

Paideia students were among three of the thirteen winners in the Arbor Day Creative-Tree Exhibit and the Paideia Mock Trial Team won the Fulton County Regional competition and advanced to the State Finals.

Shamrock Middle School

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Congratulations to Kyle Johnson who placed second in the County Spelling Bee.

Shamrock attended the MathCounts county competition at Georgia Tech in February. Mary Chen and Diem-Anh Vo scored in the top ten based on their individual scores. They will compete at the state level in March.

Students Jayme Beasley and Brianna Robinson performed with the Stillwater Orchestra for *The Trumpet Awards*, seen on TV-One on March 12th.

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Forms can be printed from the Fernbank Elementary website, www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/fernbank.

Book Club News

by Faye Andresen



Hodge-podge: a mixture of dissimilar ingredients.

Eclectic: choosing what appears to be the best from diverse sources and styles.

Druid Hills book clubs are an eclectic hodge-podge of readers with tastes to match. Recent book choices by neighborhood clubs run the gamut of literature.

Wine Women & Words choice of Paul Coelho's best seller, *The Alchemist*, drew mixed reviews. This simple tale of mystic predetermination was appreciated by some but thoroughly dismissed by others. *Brazzaville Beach*, set in Africa, combines guerilla wars, a chimpanzee study, and the human relations that revolve around both. It met with a more unanimous approval by the group.

Last Tuesday's Book Club made one meeting a "Readers' Choice" and brought new books to the table. With pen & paper ready, each member jotted down their choices for future rainy days. The following month brought *Balzac & the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie. This short book celebrates the power of literature, specifically in the time of Mao's Cultural Revolution. Two educated teenage boys survive in a remote Chinese village by their wits, their story-telling ability, and a treasured stash of classics.

The Harvard Road Book Club played it safe and chose tried and true crowd pleasers. The historical favorite *1776* by David McCollough was followed by Jane Austin's classic, *Pride & Prejudice*. For once, those long-debated choices of who should play which character in the movie version were already settled—unless casting the most recent movie version was called into question.

Our most ambitious readers are found in the North Decatur Road Book Club. The group felt *The Double* by Nobel Prize winning author Jose Saramago is not his best, but the question the book poses is intriguing—What if there is a person who is physically identical to me out there? Saramago is challenging because he eschews basic punctuation. Readers felt the book was slow in places, as the main character traces the location of his other, but once the two get together—and apart—and together—the fireworks are devastating. In a departure from their usual choices, the book club next read Wallace Stegner's *Crossing to Safety*. Discussion compared 1930's domestic life to that of today, Stegner's linear plot, and his spare, yet thorough, style.

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DRUID HILLS BOYS BASKETBALL WRAP UP

By: *Ebet Davey (student)*

After twenty years of fruitless good efforts, the Varsity Boys Basketball team at Druid Hills High School has successfully made it to the State Finals. This is mainly because all the boys on the team this year had phenomenal team spirit and excellent athletic skills, and the coaches advised them every step of the way.

Everybody was pleasantly surprised at Druid Hills when the principal, Mr. Patrick, announced on the intercom the team's success in making it to the regional tournament, and were ecstatic when he announced that the Devils were heading to the State Finals.

A special thanks to those four gentlemen who worked hard for this moment for four years, seniors Issaiah Grayson, Patrick Riordan, Jeremy Williams, and Abdigani Yousuf. We're proud of all the members of the team. Great job, Devils!

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THE STAFF OF LIFE

By Sue Heerin

A Druid Hills neighbor has received two James Beard awards for books on bread baking.

As haute cuisine queen, Julia Child is purported to have said, "How can a nation be great if its bread tastes like Kleenex?"

This being the case, our national image, regarding bread, at least, is secure thanks in large measure to Druid Hills resident, baker, author and two-time James Beard Foundation award recipient Maggie Glezer.

Over the last five years, Maggie has written and published two stylish and highly acclaimed books on artisan bread baking. Her first, *Artisan Baking Across America: the Breads, the Bakers, the Best Recipes*, published in 2000, was hailed as "a landmark book" by *The New York Times*, and "a rare combination of clear writing, meticulous recipes and abundant expertise" by *Fine Cooking*. Her latest book (2005) is entitled *A Blessing of Bread: Recipes and Rituals, Memories and Mitzvahs*. Its 300 pages offer a lively global compilation of Jewish bread recipes and the intriguing history, customs, and symbolism that have sustained them throughout the ages.

Both books, the only ones she's ever written, won James Beard Foundation awards in the category of Baking and Desserts. To put this in perspective, these "Oscars of the food world" are the premier honors for fine food and beverage professionals in North America. The Foundation, formed to honor the man often referred to as the father of American gastronomy, gives only 60 awards in categories that include chefs, restaurants, food journalists, TV food shows, and cookbook authors.

Researching the history, culture, science, craftsmanship, and artistry associated with this oldest and most vital of food sources is Maggie's passion, and recording the recipes and baking the breads her joy. She explains "For me, recipe writing is an act of codifying tradition, preserving it for the next generation."

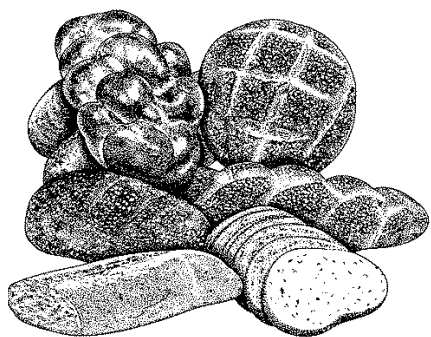
This is particularly evident in *A Blessing of Bread*, whose recipes Maggie gathered by talking to and baking with people from as many backgrounds as she could find. A surprising number of them came from small, ethnic communities in Atlanta. "Probably my favorite part of writing this book was listening to the bakers tell stories about their lives. They invariably included a family matriarch, often a grandmother, strong, pious and rocklike in the face of hardship."

Maggie has personally tested every recipe featured in her books, adjusting and revising as needed to achieve the desired flavor, texture, and aesthetic effect. While she has no aspirations to open a boutique bakery, she loves baking breads for the family Sabbath and other holidays.

She graciously created a special recipe for us that she

calls "Druid Hills Cinnamon Braid." Enjoy!

Makes two large, braided loaves oozing cinnamon sugar.



"Druid Hills Cinnamon Braid"

For the dough:

about 4 1/4 cups (20 oz) unbleached all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon instant yeast (Perfect Rise, RapidRise)
1/3 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 _ (955g, 9 oz.) cups cold water
1/2 cup unsalted butter

For the coating:

1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Use a large food processor with the metal blade. In work bowl, combine the flour and yeast and pulse a few times. Add the eggs, water and vanilla extract. Process the ingredients until a smooth dough forms. If the dough seems too dry, add another tablespoon or two of water. If it seems too soft and is smearing the side of the bowl, add a tablespoon or two of flour. Add the sugar and salt to the dough and process for a minute. Finally add the butter and mix for another minute or so. When dough is smooth and extensible, it is ready.

Note: If mixing the dough by hand, combine 1 1/4 cups flour with the yeast. Add 1 1/4 cups WARM water and let this slurry sit for 5-10 minutes. Add the eggs, vanilla, sugar, salt and butter and beat until all ingredients are incorporated. Add in remaining flour and knead dough until smooth. The dough will be really soft, so use a spatula to help manage it. Using this method, the dough won't be as silky or rise as high, but results are still delicious.

Place the dough in a large bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Let dough "ferment" until it has doubled in bulk (about 1 1/2 hours, depending on temperature in your kitchen).

Spray two 9"x 5" loaf pans with oil spray. Combine the cinnamon and sugar and place in a pie pan. Cut the dough into 6 equal pieces and roll each into 10-12" strands. Brush each strand with water and then roll them in the cinnamon sugar. Braid three strands together and place then into one of the loaf pans. Repeat same process with the other 3 strands. Let the dough rise until tripled in size (approx. 1 1/2 hr)

Place oven rack on bottom level and preheat oven to 350°F. When dough has tripled in size and feels soft when pressed, place loaves in oven and cook for 30-45 minutes. After 20 minutes, switch the pans from front to back so the breads brown evenly. When the loaves are golden brown, remove them to cool on a rack.

"Druid Hills Jonnycakes"

Makes 20-25 small jonnycakes

They are wonderful with salt right off the griddle or they can be gussied up anyway you want them. Maggie suggests topping them with salmon for elegant hors d'oeuvres.

2 cups white cornmeal
3/4 cup water, cold
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups milk
vegetable oil for frying

Combine the cornmeal and salt in a mixing bowl. Add the cold water and stir until smooth. Stir in the milk, adding more if needed to achieve a thin, pourable batter.

Lightly oil the griddle. Stir the batter and then spoon out 1 tablespoon of the batter for each cake onto the griddle. The batter should "dance" out into a thin disk. It seems too thin; add a tablespoon of cornmeal to batter. If batter sits too high, thin out batter with a little milk. Let the cakes bake on the griddle until the underside is deep brown (about 5 minutes). Flip them with a metal spatula being careful as they are fragile, and fry on the other side until spotted brown, (about 1 minute). Serve immediately.

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They Did It Right

Clarke Weeks

As the battle rages over infill housing in DeKalb County and Atlanta, at least one Druid Hills family has built a "not so big" house with 4000 square feet of living space on a standard 50-foot building lot.

John and Cathy Zedd and their architect Cynthia Tauxe followed the ideas in Susan Susanka's book, *Creating the Not So Big House* and avoided the out-of-scale McMansion look that so many builders love and so many local residents loathe. John said, "Less can be more if the detail is meaningful rather than empty space built to impress." Cathy added that the idea is to think about what you actually need and build that.

With 9-foot ceilings and lots of large windows and French doors, the house feels expansive. That the psychological effect of light has been thought about is evident throughout the house. "Horizontal light is more pleasing to human beings," John says. They used every opportunity to light the alcoves and nooks that add useful and interesting space to the house. Sconces and under-cabinet lights also give pleasing lighting effects.

The emphasis on built-ins, interesting angles, and space-saving setbacks makes the house feel even larger than it is. Part of the "trick" that reduces the mass of the house is that they have "hidden" the second floor under the roof, using gables and garrets to maximize storage and retain the full ceiling height. Again, the light has not been compromised; there are plenty of large windows. The Zedds made sure that the house is very well-insulated. They retained large, mature trees on the lot which help keep the home energy efficient.

One of the great concepts of thoughtful building is that the money saved by not building empty space can be used for quality trim, tile, and details such as push button light switches and claw foot tubs. The hardwood floors and Benjamin Moore historical paint colors also give this Craftsman style home a comfortable feeling. With the Zedd family's Vickers Drive home, you can truly say, "They did it right."

Roundabout Garden

By Ellen Nemhauser

It didn't take long for the aesthetes of Druid Hills to notice that the roundabout at Lullwater and North Decatur was not a thing of beauty. So when Judi Shur, head of the Lifestyle Committee, suggested a planting project there, Joanna Stroud volunteered to take on the project. An experienced garden designer, she thought it would be fun.

She got funding from both DeKalb County and The Druid Hills Civic Association, enlisted Thomas Winn of REMAX Metro Atlanta Cityside to cover some of the maintenance costs, and hired John Hausler of GardenBuilder to work alongside. Not everything went smoothly. Joanna had to produce several designs to accommodate the size of the area. She didn't plan on continual repairs and replanting after loutish drivers plow through the garden. And there have been some questions about who is responsible for various expenses. Nevertheless, just about everyone thinks the garden is a great success.

On planting days in early December, cubic yards of soil conditioner were delivered. Shockingly enough they needed still more; the soil was the quintessential Georgia clay. They spread out the conditioner and then set to work. The planters included Ivanka Jerkunica, Cynthia Tauxe, Becky Evans, Mary Angela Whyte, John Hausler and Ian Franco, and, of course, Joanna herself. While the soil conditioner was being dumped and spread, a few days before planting day, Patsy Guy, a North Decatur resident just out walking her dog, asked John Hausler what was going on. John told Ms. Guy and she joined the crew.

They had a lot to plant. They put in 384 shrubs ("Sky Pencil" hollies, a crepe myrtle, nandinas, creeping gardenias) and scads of perennials (including ferns, candytuft, creeping raspberry and daylilies), 150 flats of mondo grass, 12 flats of annuals, including pansies and flowering kale, and 400 tulip bulbs. This stuff isn't cheap; it cost about \$5,000 wholesale! And what about the labor? It would have been about \$2,500 but fortunately, much of it came for free.

Some additional items were donated. Thomas Winn bought pizza for the hungry planters. A Starbucks barista brought some spent coffee grounds, a great soil conditioner. (Our Emory Village Starbucks has a bucket of grounds; first come, first served.) Other support came shortly after New Year's Day from Intown Hardware on Scott Blvd. A drunk had plowed through the plantings on New Year's Eve and the store replaced some plants and gave substantial discounts on others, as well as mulch and straw.

Planting a traffic island in the middle of such traffic isn't easy. The gardeners surrounded themselves with protective orange cones. However, most drivers slowed down, curious to know what was going on. Just about everyone thought it was a wonderful idea and thanked the volunteer gardeners. But there's always the negative side. Imagine, some terminally grumpy curmudgeon complained that the gardeners had conspired to get this loathsome island constructed just so they could play around in the dirt!

Another careless driver attacked the roundabout in February. Luckily, John Hausler was in the neighborhood, witnessed the "drive-by defoliation" and followed the truck to a Lullwater Drive residence where it was making a delivery of paving stones. John was able to contact the owner of the truck who apologized and promised to send a check to cover repair expenses. At this writing, the major damage has been repaired and additional plants will be added shortly.

In the future, residents can expect the county to install lighting, the historically accurate type now seen on Springdale, near the center of the circle. They may also find that the little man may magically be attired to commemorate various events and holidays.

In May, the circle will be replanted with summer annuals. If you are interested in being a volunteer worker, contact Joanna Stroud at rojal@comcast.net for details. In the meantime, drive slowly enough to admire our beautifully planted roundabout.



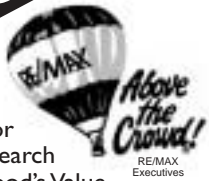
Joanna Stroud, Ian Franco, Thomas Winn, Becky Evans, John Hausler, Cynthia Tauxe, Mary Angela Whyte, Patsy Guy. Not pictured: Ivanka Jerkunika.

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DHHS Championship Plaque Dedication

by Jerry Najour

The Class of 1955 is sponsoring a commemorative plaque for the State Championship Teams from 1948 to 1986. The plaque will be dedicated at a presentation on April 21, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. in the Uhry Auditorium at Druid Hills High School.

It all began back in 1948 with the track team. This team won the first state championship of any sport in the school's history. Key members on that team were Frank Albertson (mile), Bill Fee (high jump) and Barney Barrett (pole vault & low hurdles). They won 27 of a possible 28 points in that Class B State Championship. A picture of the 1948 team with Coach Arthur Armstrong is attached.

Since that time the Druid Hills "Red Devils" have won 30 State Championships. In the early 1950s Druid Hills won so many titles that a journalist used the term "School of Champions" to describe the school. In fact, from 1948 to 1960 Druid Hills won 25 championships in all sports. The name "School of Champions" stuck and became part of the school heritage. A picture of the 1955 State Track Champions with Coach George Muse is attached.

Though the boys' teams were the big winners, our girls were also great athletes and won state titles in basketball (1960) under Coach Virginia Canady and tennis (1981) under Coach Earl Perry.

Coach Jimmy Carnes (1957-60) has the most championships, with two cross country and eight track titles. Coach Carnes was selected to coach the 1980 US Olympic Track Team. Coach Muse (1948-56) has the second most titles at six in track.

For those of you whose pictures do not grace this article, be heartened. A commemorative booklet with pictures of all the winning teams and coaches is being prepared and will be presented to all Patrons and copies to Principal Mr. Everett Patrick for the school.

As everyone who participated on any of these teams will attest, Druid Hills was blessed with great coaches who were able to take raw and sometimes lesser talented athletes and make winning teams of them.

The alumni are also forever grateful for the excellent teachers who guided us through those formative years and imparted to us the knowledge to lead successful lives.



1948 Track Team with Coach A. Armstrong upper left State Champs Class "B"



Track Team with Coach George Y. Muse State Champs Class "AA"



Longtime resident Larry Puckett

Hidden Treasures of Druid Hills Focus on Fairview

By J.J. Williams

When Larry Puckett purchased his home on Fairview Road in 1961, friends thought he'd lost his mind and would lose every penny he had. Puckett's home had been part of the Colonel Hawkins estate and had been rented, as well as vacant, for years. In the sixties, many believed Fairview Road would become a slum, and property values substantially drop. It was considered an undesirable neighborhood where fire insurance was impossible to obtain and home purchases required a full one-quarter down payment. Most of the homes on Fairview had been built in the late teens and twenties and original owners had died or moved. As a result, many of the homes had been purchased as investments, with some divided into as many as twelve apartments. It was not unusual, when Puckett moved in, to find drug deals going on in back yards, and syringes lying on the sidewalk in front of rental properties.

But there was still a remnant of Fairview's once-gracious style in the homes of its elderly residents. "We still had a very formal lifestyle," said Mr. Puckett. "My neighbor to the west had bridge parties where the ladies arrived in white gloves and hats, and were served refreshments by a butler in a white coat. People still visited on each other's porches in those days." On one occasion, Puckett's neighbor was scandalized to see Mr. Puckett gardening outside in Bermuda shorts!

Despite the apartment and boarding houses springing up on Fairview, Puckett had wealthy neighbors, though, "I didn't know it at the time," he revealed. "Mr. Malone, who was the chairman of Retail Credit (now

Equifax), lived on the street, as did his son-in-law, golfer Charlie Yates. Yates, who died recently, played golf with Bobby Jones, and even won the British Open. Wallace Carpenter, of the Fulton National Bank, was a resident, as was Mildred Sims, the widow of a former mayor of Atlanta. Musician Francis Wallace, who played piano at many society parties and country clubs, was a resident of Fairview. Angus Perkerson, editor of the Atlanta papers' Sunday magazine lived on Fairview, as well as Terry McHann, a former Miss Georgia. Charlie Freeman, of Crawford and Company, was a resident and held big parties for the neighbors. Johnny Davis, a coach of the Atlanta Falcons, lived next door to Puckett's home. In earlier days, many wealthy and influential people lived on the street, including architect Neel Reid. Reid designed, built, and lived in several Fairview homes before creating a home for him and his mother at number 1436. Oscar Strauss and Walter Rich also lived on Fairview (both in houses designed by Reid). In the early 1960s, the Walter Rich house sold for less than \$35,000 and the Strauss home was divided into apartments.

Right behind Puckett's home, facing South Ponce, were two mansions. One was originally owned by the DeGive family, who also owned DeGive's Opera House, which became the Loews' Grand Theatre. Later, both homes were taken over by Falls College, and were used as dormitories. Both houses burned at the same time in the early 1970s, and the fire threatened homes on the north side of Fairview. Puckett salvaged some bricks from the DeGive mansion, which he used in landscaping his yard, and still has a stack of them near his garage. After the mansions burned, the lots were unkempt and inhabited by vagrants. The Federal Government wanted to build a six-story high rise for low income

housing with parking decks underneath on the site, but it was defeated. Later, the Devonshire Condominiums were built there.

Fairview has had its share of sensationalism. One man murdered his wife on Fairview; another man committed suicide after inadvertently causing a friend's death; and a man in charge of the Baptist Church's treasury hung himself on Fairview after his embezzlement of funds was discovered.

Puckett's house is shaped like an "H" and is home to Larry and his elderly mother, Julia. The living room of the home is tastefully furnished in celadon and cherry red, and contains gorgeous works of art and Williamsburg-inspired antiques. Puckett's interest in Williamsburg dates from the days he was stationed in Virginia while in the Navy and spent much time in the "Burg." The home also houses some of Puckett's African-American art and his extensive collection of Madonna and Child paintings, icons, and sculptures.

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DHCA holds annual meeting

by Lynn Speno

A new video describing the process for obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) was shown at the Druid Hills Civic Association annual meeting on Sunday February 26. Produced by Druid Hills' own Amy Stankus, the video features interviews with several Druid Hills' residents about their experience in applying for a COA. Most of those featured said they had moved to Druid Hills because they "loved the architecture." Comments included speculation that it would be hard to obtain the COA, but they found out otherwise, especially if they took advantage of letting the Civic Association help them in their efforts. A real estate agent said her clients were glad to have the Local Ordinance; they felt it protected their investment.

The video interjects a humorous note when, to the music of "We Will Bring the House Down," several very oddly rehabilitated homes are shown. This brought quite a bit of laughter from the audience.

One of the featured residents remarked that she had moved to Druid Hills from Brookhaven, which changed so dramatically in the decade she lived there, that it wasn't pleasant to take a walk anymore due to the loss of tree cover. She loved the fact that Druid Hills had regulations in place, which prevented that from happening.

The video ends with the reminder that it is neighbors who make this a great place to live. Neighbors who drop by with a cup of coffee or a warm welcome, reminding us that Druid Hills is a great place to call home!

For information on how you can show this video to your group, contact the Druid Hills Civic Association.

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DHCA Officer and Board Nominations

Other Highlights:

Outgoing president Jeff Rader gave a brilliant summary of past year events affecting Druid Hills and DHCA. By-laws were updated and approved, and Jim Earhart was given the first OPPi Award (see page 3). Elected officers:

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DHCA Bylaws Changes

For a copy of the existing bylaws and the proposed changes, please go to www.druidhills.org.

DHCA Launches E-Lert System

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5 Bedroom / 4.5 Bath Beautiful brick traditional in Morningside, \$999,000

85 Maddox Drive



5 Bedroom / 5.5 Bath Fabulous young home adjoining Ansley Park, \$1,999,900

861 Mentelle Drive



4 Bedroom / 4 Bath Classic contemporary personal residence of renowned architect Henri Jova, \$1,195,000

1333 Lanier Boulevard



6 Bedroom / 5 Bath Four Square Craftsman new construction in Morningside, \$1,275,000

184 Peachtree Battle Ave.



5 Bedroom / 5 Bath Gorgeous home on fantastic lot in superb Buckhead location, \$1,585,000

1741 North Pelham Road



5 Bedroom / 4 Bath Renovated brick home on private Morningside lot, \$995,000

770 Penn Avenue



3 Bedroom / 2.5 Bath Renovated craftsman home with pool in Midtown, \$849,900