2009 Druid Hills Tour of Homes and Gardens & Artist Market

1710 Ponce de Leon Avenue
St. John’s Lutheran Church

As the theme of this year’s Home and Garden Tour & Artist Market highlights “The Arts,” the 2009 Artist Market will take front row in showcasing the visual arts. In its fifth year, the Artist Market will be located in the historic Stonehenge Mansion, now St. John’s Lutheran Church. Participating artists represent media such as paintings in oils, watercolors, and acrylics, as well as jewelry, pottery, photography, glassworks, and new and vintage textile arts. With creative and whimsical pieces from budding artists to works with great style and expertise of seasoned artists, this first of Atlanta’s spring artist markets will entice you to take a purchase home to enjoy for years to come.

Artist Market hours: Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, 10 am to 5 pm. Sunday, April 19, 1 pm to 5 pm.

Luncheon
Lunch is available for purchase and menus are available at all homes on the Home and Garden Tour and at the Artist Market. Luncheon guests will be entertained under the grand tent with the arts of music and dance.

Luncheon hours: Friday and Saturday only, 11 am – 2 pm. Schedule for music and dance performances at the luncheon will be available at homes on tour and at the Artist Market.

SPIRIT: Sculpture
The Artist Market is highly honored to have on display the exquisite, 10-foot bronze sculpture by Druid Hills artist Alyse Lucas Corcoran. Created by Ms. Corcoran with her vision of the strength of women over adversity, evoking different inspirations for different people, “The Spirit of September Eleventh” was unveiled at The National Arts Club in New York in 2002.

Please note: There is no charge for admission to the Artist Market.

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1655 South Ponce de Leon Avenue
Dr. Marion Kuntz
This Philip Shutze-designed home was built in the early 1920s with timbering detail typical of homes built in England, Germany, France, and Northern Italy. The home is known as “Villa Veneziana.” The furnishings, artwork and collectibles reflect Marion’s extensive travels to Italy; some artifacts date back to third century B.C. Marion, a Regents Professor Emerita at Georgia State University and author of seven scholarly books, purchased the home in the late 1950s. She has made no architectural changes on the house over the years. Chandeliers in the front hall, dining room, and throughout the home are hand-blown Murano glass from Venice. The chandelier in the kitchen was hand-made in Deruta to match her extensive Deruta collection of Majolica. In the dining room a painting, copied from an original Caneletto that hangs in Windsor Castle, depicts Carnival in the Piazza San Marco.

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1761 South Ponce de Leon Avenue
Warner and Allison McConaughey
This English Vernacular home, designed by Owen James Southwell in 1928, was purchased by the current owners in 2005 and illustrates the art of architecture and design. Following an extensive, two-year renovation by Hammer-Smith, the Earth Craft-certified home is juxtaposition of old and new. Situated on a two-acre lot, the home includes gracious indoor as well as outdoor spaces that suit a young family which enjoys entertaining guests of all ages. Custom features, both old and new, were incorporated throughout the home, from limestone fireplaces to original plaster molding on the ceiling, to carved stairway balusters and custom metal doors. The home boasts a multitude of creative and environmentally-friendly touches, including locally-sourced materials, minimal paint, energy efficient appliances, HVAC and plumbing, and carpet made of recycled material.

Platinum Tour Sponsor: Warner McConaughey-HammerSmith, Inc
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While residents of Druid Hills receive the newsletter each quarter by bulk mail, those who leave the neighborhood often want to stay in touch. How can they do that? It’s easy—take out a subscription. This is what you do: Find the membership application—in this issue and follow the links to the Druid Hills Civic Association website now includes the Olmsted Papers. These papers include correspondence between the Olmsted Firm and various people involved, in Atlanta and elsewhere, in developing Druid Hills. A few historic pictures are included. Reading the document is like being there at the birth of Druid Hills. The Olmsted Papers were researched at the Library of Congress by former Druid Hills resident Sally Harsbaugh and published by the National Association of Olmsteds Park.

### Olmsted Record on DHCA Website

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### Membership

- **New DHCA residents**: Welcome new DHCA residents
- **Assist with administrative tasks**: Assist with fundraising for neighborhood parks and common areas
- **Create an increased sense of community in Druid Hills**: To volunteer, please contact Thea Roser at thearoeser@yahoo.com

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House sketches by Rod Pittman

Your Letters Are Welcome
The DHCA had a busy, productive year in 2008. The Tour of Homes and Artist Market was an historic success, thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and patrons who joined forces to put it together. The Parents Network has continued to grow under the able leadership of Claudia Edwards and Beth Blaney. Community events and celebrations such as Druid Hills Day and the Fourth of July Parade, organized by the Community and Lifestyle Committee under the tireless leadership of Chad Henderson, have continued to show our neighborhood at its best. The second annual neighborhood-wide yard sale, organized by its resourceful and talented founder Thea Roeser, was likewise a great success. Of course, land use and development issues have continued to occupy much of our attention. Included on the agenda were the following:

**Emory Healthcare Expansion:**

On September 23, the DeKalb Board of Commissioners approved height variances for the new Emory Hospital and Clinic facilities to be located on the east side of Clifton Road, between Emory Law School and Egleston Children's Hospital. The new hospital will be 14 stories tall and the new clinic 9 stories. Based on past earlier discussions with DHCA, Emory switched the locations of the facilities so that the clinic is sited closer to North Decatur Road and the larger, taller hospital is sited farther into the campus interior. A 1,200-car expansion of the Clairmont Campus parking deck was also approved. Emory has agreed to continue to occupy much of our attention. Included on the agenda were the following:

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**Northeast Elementary School Construction on Ponce de Leon:**

The DHCA helped negotiate an agreement with the Atlanta Public Schools to require car pool traffic to access the new school from Briarcliff Road rather than Ponce de Leon and to eliminate a planned curb cut on Springdale Road. It is hoped that these arrangements will help to ameliorate increased traffic congestion on Ponce de Leon.

**Haygood Drive Expansion:**

In December, DeKalb County and Emory University held a neighborhood meeting at Druid Hills High School to display proposed designs to expand Haygood Drive to four lanes, plus bike paths, from North Decatur to Clifton Road and to reconstruct the Clifton Road RR bridge so that southbound traffic on Clifton flows directly onto Haygood without a left turn and Haygood traffic headed towards the CDC and Briarcliff Road flows directly onto Clifton without a right turn. It would then be possible to reduce traffic capacity on the stretch of Clifton Road between Haygood and North Decatur and make it more pedestrian friendly. We urge residents along the affected portions of North Decatur Road to contact the DHCA with any opinions, thoughts, feelings, or concerns you may have regarding these plans.

**Encroachment by DeKalb County School System into Emory Grove:**

In late November and early December, the Civic Association assisted residents of Emory Grove in opposing plans by the DCSS to purchase a house on Westminster Way that backs up to property owned by Druid Hills High School. The School System proposed to demolish the house and use the land either for parking or tennis courts, with the ultimate goal of replacing parking spaces lost as a result of the construction of the new addition to the school. At a December 1 meeting with the DeKalb School Superintendent, Dr. Crawford Lewis, the residents were assured that the school system did not intend to go forward with the purchase of this property. We understand, however, that the school system still has the property under contract.

In connection with the variance applications, the DHCA negotiated a series of conditions with Emory that include:

- Limiting the size of new buildings along North Decatur Road to 3 stories and maintaining a 50-foot front yard setback
- Improving pedestrian access across North Decatur Road
- Taking measures to mitigate sound and light intrusion into the neighborhood
- Relinquishing ownership of homes along the north side of North Decatur Road between Haygood Drive and the CSS railroad bridge, after implementation of the proposed bike/pedestrian path

We are pleased with the overall outcome of these negotiations and hope our involvement will make the expansion of Emory's state of the art healthcare facilities more compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

**Power Lines on East Lake:**

We are indebted to State Representative Stephanie Stuckey Benfield and DeKalb County Commissioner Jeff Rader for their efforts to prevent the segment of East Lake Road from Ridgecrest Road to West Parkwood Road from being degraded by the placement of new, industrial size power poles. Because this strip of road is a state as well as a federal highway, it is subject to Georgia DOT regulations that would require the new poles to be set back into the sidewalk rather than being placed in the landscape strip, where they currently reside. A result of intervention by Representative Benfield and Commissioner Rader, the GDOT is considering re-routing the highways as a means of rendering these regulations inapplicable. We would consider, in essence, of simply relocating the highway signs to other routes.

**2009 Zoning Code Re-write:**

DeKalb County has undertaken a complete re-write of its zoning code to create new zoning districts aligned with its recently adopted Comprehensive Plan for land use. The Comprehensive Plan designates a variety of “Centers” and “Corridors,” allowing for mixed use and increased density. The redrafting of the zoning code will have a significant long-term effect on development in the county and will require close attention by the DHCA and other civic associations. To help meet this challenge, the DHCA is considering sponsoring a professionally prepared Master Plan for Druid Hills, focusing largely on land use and transportation. This would be an extensive and expensive undertaking, but it may be timely in light of the uncertainty regarding the upcoming changes to the zoning code.

**In Conclusion:**

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as president of the DHCA during the past year. I am extremely grateful for the dedication and assistance of my fellow officers and board members, and I leave the job with the utmost confidence in the incoming administration, ably led by our distinguished and capable new president, Dick Shuey. I will continue to serve as an officer of the Association as treasurer. Most importantly, for as long as I reside in this historic, lovely neighborhood, I will continue to be enriched by the insights and good will of its residents.
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A garden created less than a year ago at Druid Hills High School has earned the endorsements of two wildlife organizations. The garden is a certified Wildlife Habitat, a status conferred by the National Wildlife Federation, and it is a Certified Pollinator Habitat in the registry of Monarch Allies Across Georgia. Credit for the garden goes to three staff members who took the Dekalb County School Master Gardener class last summer: orchestra teacher David Goodwin, now in his 25th year at DHHS, and from the library, Berry Razza and Julie Jordan.

DHHS was among 18 public schools statewide to be honored in January by State Superintendent of Schools Cathy Cox for demonstrating greater than continuous 3-year gains in student achievement in reading and math. An Open House for rising 6th graders will be held at Shamrock Middle School on Thursday, March 26 from 6pm-7pm.

The Governor’s Office of Student Achievement has designated Mary Lin Elementary School a silver award winner, one of only 34 elementary schools in the state to be so honored. The award recognizes the school’s academic achievements, one of which is that at least 75% of its students met or exceeded state standards on end of year tests.

If you’ve ever wondered how paleontologists know so much about animals extinct for millions of years, join the stampede to Fernbank Museum of Natural History. The museum’s newest special exhibit, Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries, gives visitors the same modern scientific tools these experts use.

From the T. rex to the bird-like Bambiraptor, you’ll explore the latest paleontological findings and study unusual fossil discoveries from around the world. Real fossils, full-size models, immersive dioramas and interactive stations provide the latest evidence about how dinosaurs looked, behaved, and moved, and whether they are still living today—as birds!

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Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries is on view from February 14-August 16. Also, visit the prehistoric world in the IMAX® film Dinosaurs Alive. Don’t miss this opportunity to live among the dinosaurs. Visit fernbankmuseum.org for tickets, or call 404-529-6400.

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**Fernbank Home and Garden Tour**

DHCA Parents Network Updates:

We are looking for someone to be the playgroup contact. It is easy and fun. You will be the ‘go to’ for everyone wanting to join a playgroup. We will help you with the age groups and you don’t have to host anything—just get people connected! Email communication@druidhillsparent.org if you are interested.

Feb. 21 – We went to Fernbank Museum of Natural History for the new exhibit: Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries. We enjoyed this fun day for families with discounts thanks to Fernbank!

April 18 – Volunteers from the DHCA Parents Network will staff an entire shift at one of the houses on the Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour. This is a great opportunity for Parents Network members to meet new neighbors and enjoy part of a spring day in a beautiful home. Volunteers may still be needed! If you’re a member of the Parents Network and would like to participate, please email bethblaney@yahoo.com.

Up Ahead – Some park playdates, a family sports day and a summer pizza party. The best way to keep in touch with us is to join our Yahoo Groups. Email communication@druidhillsparent.org if you are not receiving the notices, emails and updates.
The Lullwater Garden Club will once again hold its annual spring plant sale in conjunction with the Tour of Homes. Native perennials suited for Atlanta’s climate and drought-tolerant succulents will be available, as well as a variety of heirloom tomato plants for homegrown goodness in your garden. 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 and bird sanctuary located at the intersection of Lullwater Road and Lullwater Parkway in the heart of Druid Hills.

Note: This site is not included in the shuttle route.

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Bruce and Paige Harvey

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1054 Oxford Road
Dr. Jim and Mary C. Sutherland

This Tudor-style home was purchased by the current owners in 1988 and renovated in 2000. Jim is a pediatric cardiologist at Emory by profession, as well as a trained painter, and Mary C. is a photographer. Throughout the home, Jim and Mary C. blend sentimental family pieces, artwork by the couple, and native art found during their far-reaching global travels. The expansive, light-filled kitchen opens to a family room that serves as Jim’s studio, where his acrylic pieces are typically designed from photographs. Favorite subjects are the hill towns of Tuscany and the South Carolina low country where the family has roots. The home is a wonderful example of the eclectic architecture of the early twentieth century, combining multiple materials, windows styles, and roof pitches.

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1211 Oakdale Road
Brian and Jean Bowen

This Prairie-style home was built in 2000 on the site where a single-story home had been constructed in 1952. Designed by Atlanta architect Michael Gamble, the home is owned by English transplants Brian, a Georgia Tech professor, and Jean, an artist and retired school principal. The home features an extensive art collection that mixes prominent artists’ works alongside those by the couple’s friends and Jean herself. The home’s first floor surrounds a spacious room that serves as Jim’s studio, where his acrylic pieces are typically designed from photographs. Favorite subjects are the hill towns of Tuscany and the South Carolina low country where the family has roots. The home is a wonderful example of the eclectic architecture of the early twentieth century, combining multiple materials, windows styles, and roof pitches.

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The Artist Market would not be possible without the generosity of our host site, St John’s Lutheran Church, also known as “Stonehenge.” Here the visual arts begin with the art and fine craftsmanship in this incredible structure. In conjunction with the Home and Garden Tour, it is appropriate that the Artist Market site was also once a home. Built in 1914 for Samuel Hoyt Venable, the mansion is an architectural work of art. It contains two original murals and is beyond compare to any Druid Hills home with its numerous original stone, granite, and marble fireplaces. Of particular note is the exquisite woodwork detailing throughout. Site sponsor Stuart Hoffmann of Hoffmann Co. will share the talents and expertise in woodworking their company can provide to your own home with a photo display.

Approximately 40 artisans, in media such as oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings, jewelry, pottery, photography, new and vintage textiles, glassworks, and sculpture will be represented. The Market promotes new artists every year and returning artists whom market goers often seek out for a second or even a third purchase! No matter what your taste, you’ll find budding artists with creativity and whimsy, as well as seasoned artists with style and expertise.

The Artist Market will entertain this year with not only the visual arts but arts for all the senses. Druid Hills having once been the home of author Pat Conroy, the market could not ignore the literary arts. Tennessee author and illustrator Jeri Hartle will be signing her award winning children’s books. Ms. Landers returns with her second book, after presenting her first book to us in 2005. Eagle Eye Book Shop will sell a selection of Georgia books, including the new A Brief History of Druid Hills by Druid Hills author Robert Hartle. Already in its second printing, this is a must have for everyone in the neighborhood or as gift for those you’d like to enlighten with the ever colorful history of Druid Hills.

For music lovers, you’ll enjoy the classics, jazz, folk music, and more, thanks to the fabulous sound system in the Market provided by our Sponsor and Druid Hills resident David Hardy of Interior Media. David can send those sounds through your own home fabulous sound system in the Market provided by our Sponsor and Druid Hills resident David Hardy of Interior Media. David can send those sounds through your own home and even your garden! During luncheon hours on Friday and Saturday, under the grand tent on site, enjoy jazz and swing dance groups, courtesy of our Sponsors and Druid Hills residents Ron and Kathleen Everett, owners of the Decatur Ballet. Lunch hour entertainment from other Druid Hills residents and organizations dedicated to music and dance will also be featured.

Last but not least, we have mentioned lunch – which introduces the fine art of food! Purchase lunch at the Artist Market served outdoors under the grand tent.

Enticing you further with the fine art of food will be the Artist Market Opening Reception! Thursday evening, prior to the Friday and Saturday opening of the Artist Market to the public. Druid Hills residents are invited to enjoy the delectable hors d’oeuvres and fine wines provided by our Sponsors Whole Foods and Sherlock Wine Merchants. Also, enjoy live music by Magic Hat. Following, shop the Market for first selection of the fine arts and crafts.

The 2009 Druid Hills Artist Market is extremely honored to display the incredible ten-foot bronze sculpture SPIRIT by Druid Hills artist and sculptor Alve Lucas Corcoran, whose vision was “the strength of women over adversity.” With that theme, the statue was requested by Jane Fonda and displayed at the 2000 opening of her Georgia Coalition for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy. The sculpture has evoked many emotions. The National Arts Club in New York City, whose members include most every U.S. president, unveiled SPIRIT at its 2002 reception as a symbol of “The Spirit of September 11.” SPIRIT now awaits its permanent home at ground zero in Manhattan.

Marked dates and times coincide with the Home and Garden Tour. The 2009 Druid Hills Artist Market celebrating “The Arts” is undoubtedly not to be missed!
Save Our Trees!
Kevin Carnes, ISA Certified Arborist, Arborguard Tree Specialists

Georgia has been experiencing a severe drought the last several years, and despite recent winter rains, many experts predict the drought will continue. More information on the drought at www.georgiadrought.org. One victim has been arguably the most important feature of our landscape: the trees. Water is the single most limiting essential resource for healthy tree growth and survival. Drought-stressed trees are more prone to a multitude of problems, including pest insects, wood decay fungi, and accumulation of hazardous dead limbs.

What can you do to help?
• Water! Dr. Kim Cooker, a professor at UGA's Warnell School of Forest Resources, advises 1-3 inches of water per week. Five gallons per square yard of root zone equates to about 1 inch of water. A few heavy waterings a week are better than daily smaller waterings. Make sure to check current local watering restrictions beforehand (a good source is www.mallandscape.com).
• Improve soil and root conditions. In the past, it was thought fertilizers were good for trees. New research shows this is not the case. Most fertilizers contain high quantities of salt. Salt increases your tree’s water demands. Also, most fertilizers push rapid growth. Rapid growth is not what we want for urban trees, as it can cause them to outgrow their available space too quickly while making the tree more vulnerable to harmful pest insects. We want natural, sustainable growth, replicating the way trees were designed to grow in the wild. There are natural organic soil amendments available that accomplish this. Added benefits include increasing soil moisture-holding capacity, stimulating soil/root interaction, and incorporating organic matter and beneficial microorganisms back into the soil.
• Proper pruning can eliminate hazardous dead limbs, provide needed clearance from homes, reduce the chance of breakage from high winds, reduce harmful insect populations, and improve a tree’s aesthetic appeal. In this stressful time, now more than ever, it’s important to have your trees pruned by trained Tree Care professionals. Improper tree “trimming” cuts, such as commonly seen along utility lines, will often do more harm than good to the tree. Proper pruning cuts are essential.
• Besides reducing the amount of lawn you need to mow on the weekends, mulching under your trees will do much to improve their health. Mulch helps with soil moisture retention, and as it breaks down, it adds valuable nutrients to the soil. Extend mulch 1-3 inches deep from near the base of the tree out to the tree’s drip line (the spot beneath the tree’s outer limbs). Important: Do not bury the base of the tree with mulch—aka “Volcano mulching.” This creates an environment favorable for decay fungus to develop and can suffocate the roots.

To determine your property’s individual needs, it’s best to have your trees inspected by a certified arborist. Most companies can be researched on their webpage. Making sure the inspection is conducted by an ISA certified arborist and the company is Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) accredited helps guarantee a positive experience.

Spring will be here soon and now is a great time to make sure you have a Tree Health Prescription in place.

Further questions can be emailed to info@arborguard.com.

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Religious buildings became a niche for him, and at least four Louisiana churches are attributed to him. The war halted private construction, and in 1942 Southwell took a job as an estimator for a construction firm near Beaumont. He continued to work on military-related projects for the remainder of the war. In 1945, Southwell was married for the first time to Yvonne Patout, a widow originally from New Iberia whom he had courted as a young man. They returned to New Iberia where Southwell enjoyed a thriving practice until his retirement. He died in 1961.

Because so little is recorded about Southwell’s time in Atlanta, it is difficult to determine all of the buildings that he may have designed. Today Southwell is credited with designing six residences in Druids Hills and three in Buckhead, one apartment building in Virginia-Highlands, and one church in the Chastain area. Southwell likely designed much more in Atlanta than noted here, since it is doubtful he would have earned such prominent commissions in the late 1920s without designing additional impressive work in Atlanta. Although little recognition has been given to Southwell’s career, his contributions to Atlanta are significant and worthy of appreciation.
The Lullwater Garden Club Teams Up with the Georgia Native Plant Society

As Georgia’s only garden club chapter to own property, the Lullwater Garden Club has been faced with the monumental task of clearing out 6 1/2 acres of riparian forest of the countless invasive plant species that have taken over. With the help of the Georgia Garden Club’s Let’s Go Native grant, a half-acre of this historic park has been cleared of the bamboo, privet and ivy.

The club hired Theresa Schrum of Eco-Terra Landscape Consultants and a former board member of the Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS) to draw up plans to showcase native plants. Native plants not only thrive better in a given environment, they also create habitats for desirable native animal species. “When people tell me they like their ivy, I just remind them that it’s an invitation for rats and mosquitoes,” says Schrum, who went on to explain that many native species provide appropriate food and shelter for the butterflies and birds we would prefer as our neighbors.

In December, garden club members joined a group of GNPS members at a plant rescue in Fairburn, GA. GNPS works to clear soon-to-be-developed land of its valuable native flora before the bulldozer. Rescued plants are then replanted in private or public gardens. “We rescued dozens of Christmas ferns and some spicebush on this rescue,” stated Judy Keenan, who belongs to both groups. The plants were then brought back to the Conservation Garden and put into the ground. Three spicebush were installed along the creek to help stabilize the banks and the Christmas ferns adorn a ridge closer to the street. Ultimately, this area of the garden will serve as a place where the public can see how to use native plants in the landscape.

Links:
The Lullwater Garden Club: www.lullwatergardenclub.com
The Georgia Native Plant Society: www.gnps.org
Eco-Terra Landscape Consultants: www.ecoteleralandscape.com

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Here’s A History of Druid Hills Community - Part II
by Gail King for the Druid Hills Civic Association

May 19, 1908, The Atlanta Journal reported “Joel Hurt property, Druid Hills, sold for $500,880, the largest sale ever recorded here,” to the Druid Hills Company. Asa G. Candler, Coca Cola millionaire, Forrest and George Adair, Realtors, and Preston Arkwright, Ga. Railway and Power executive, major stockholders, can be credited with the development of Ponce de Leon and the residential area of Druid Hills as envisioned by Joel Hurt and designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.

In June, a charter for the “Druid Hills” Corporation was granted by DeKalb Superior Court. Included in the charter were the following restrictive covenants (written by the Olmsted firm in 1893):
1. 40 year covenant period
2. Minimum lot size requirement of 1/4 acre
3. Minimum house cost
4. Restriction for single family residences with no lot subdivision
5. Barr n and elimination of nuisances
6. A building limit or set back lines from street
7. Restriction against manufacture or commerce

With these restrictive covenants, the Druid Hills Company promised to carry out the plans of Hurt and Olmsted in spirit and design. In 1912, the Druid Hills Golf Club was formed. The trolley line was built adjacent to Ponce de Leon in 1913, ending at Clifton Road. Between 1908 and 1935, the Druid Hills Company made a showplace of Olmsted’s trademarks: residential areas laid out in park-like settings, wide scenic parkways, smaller roadways following the gently rolling contours of the land and a profusion of native and exotic plantings. Druid Hills became the home of many of Atlanta’s wealthy leaders.

The first home was built in 1909, at the northeast corner of Briarcliff and Ponce, a huge brick structure on four and a half acres, by John S. Candler, brother of Asa G. Candler.

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Magnificent homes, designed by leading architects of the time Philip Shutze, Neel Reid and Walter Downing were being built on large land lots, using the finest materials and craftsmen available.

Asa Candler, Jr. built an impressive home on 42 acres on Briarcliff, now the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Center (and now Emory’s Briarcliff Campus). It included a golf course, two swimming pools (one open to the public for 25 cents a person), and a private zoo, which was home to six elephants (among them, one pair named Coca and Cola and another pair named Refreshing and Delicious), a Bengal tiger, four lions, a black leopard, a gorilla and numerous baboons.

Some neighbors charged in a law suit that they “lived in fear” of the odiferous and hazardous collection. In a case that went to the Georgia Supreme Court, one woman on Briarcliff sued Candler and was awarded $25,000, after she opened her car door to find a baboon sitting in the driver’s seat, where upon the baboon filched her purse and in the struggle the woman fell and broke her leg!

After a succession of hair-raising events, Candler gave most of the animals to the Grant Park Zoo (now the Atlanta Zoo).

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1648 East Clifton Road, Druid Hills
This handsome brick home is within walking distance to Druid Hills Country Club and less than a mile from Emory University. Newly renovated and nearly tripled in size, this six-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath home features a complete in-law suite with a separate entrance. The open floor plan is filled with natural light and features details such as raised panel cabinets, wainscoting in the dining room, built-in bookcases, crown molding and natural stone and wood finishes. A spacious family room and eat-in kitchen open onto a grand deck overlooking the backyard. Vaulted ceilings and skylights illuminate the upstairs bedrooms including the very large owner’s suite with its whirlpool tub, separate shower, custom-finished walk-in closet and slate balcony.

1268 Oxford Road, Druid Hills
This circa 1929 Druid Hills gem boasts four bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, and a front and back staircase. The fabulous carriage house (circa 2000), complete with full bath and three rooms, sits atop a double garage. (Mother-in-law suite, home office, the possibilities are endless.) The large eat-in kitchen overlooks the courtyard in the fenced, level backyard. You’ll treasure the charming original open library at the top of the staircase. Extras include a gracious foyer, lovely formal dining room, plaster walls, separate den / television room, a butler’s pantry, and an office off the living room with original fireplace, all on one of the most coveted historic streets, only one block from Emory University. $750,000

224 Seneca Street, Decatur
Reminiscent of “Prairie” architecture, this five-bedroom, six-bathroom home is located on a double lot on a quiet street in the sought-after Great Lakes Neighborhood. This well-crafted home offers open interior spaces with built-ins, natural woodwork and stone tile work. The gourmet kitchen with handcrafted cabinets has a generous eat-in area and overlooks Waddell Park. Enjoy the views of the park from the large windows or decks off of the kitchen, family room or master bedroom. Special features include five panel pocket doors, spacious bedrooms, walk-in closets, hardwood floors, Soapstone wood stove and rich cherry mantel. Terrace level provides a separate entrance for an In-Law suite with kitchen. $1,950,000

205 Lamont Drive, Decatur
This five-bedroom, four-bath classic bungalow was completely remodeled two years ago. The roomy home boasts formal living and dining rooms plus a large family room with a coffered ceiling and fireplace. A separate bar area, cherry cabinets and gorgeous granite countertops in the adjoining kitchen plus a large breakfast area make this room a standout. Master bath features a garden tub, separate shower and double vanity. Upstairs accommodates three bedrooms, two baths, a sitting room, laundry area and plenty of closet space. Enjoy a private, newly landscaped backyard from the screened porch or cozy up next to the stone fireplace on the brick patio to take the evening chill off. $890,000

228 Willow Lane, Decatur
This newly constructed home located in a quiet neighborhood features spacious living areas, graceful archways, plantation shutters and French doors. 228 Willow Lane offers five bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths on one of the largest lots in the neighborhood with a private, fenced backyard. A fabulous stacked-stone fireplace flanked by built-in cabinets anchor the family room that opens onto a screened porch. A large kitchen with custom cabinets and a butler’s pantry that leads to a formal dining room make entertaining a breeze. The living is just as easy on the second level with a laundry room and four bedrooms including the owner’s suite with a spa-tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. $695,000

208 Coventry Road, Decatur
Just a short stroll to Downtown Decatur, this impeccable four-bedroom, three-bath Dutch-colonial is a delightful find. Perched on a hilltop on a sidewalk-lined street in the heart of Ponce de Leon Heights, this home combines the best of an older home with the luxuries of a brand new renovation. The rocking chair front porch leads you to a foyer with stairway, formal living room and dining room and a beautiful gourmet-styled custom kitchen. Kitchen with breakfast room opens to a separate den and beautiful sunroom. Upstairs offers four bedrooms and two bathrooms. This home features an owner suite with large windows overlooking the landscaped backyard, complete with fireplace. Simply elegant. $649,000

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