



## Mary Lin Students Assist Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden

by Carol Vanderschaaf

On October 18, twenty-seven students from Ellen Powell's Challenge Classes helped plant an equal number of native Georgia plants at the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden. Plants included trumpet vine, hibiscus cranberry and native azalea. The garden is a joint project of the Atlanta Audubon Society and the DeKalb Master Gardener Association and is located just down the hill from Mary Lin, at the corner of North Ave. and Candler Park Drive.

Students participating included J.D. Capelouto, John Contreras, Emily Ferris, Samuel Heller, Annie Mason, Avanti Lemons, Blake Pollock, Marie Godiers, Julia Houghton, Emily Johnston, Honora Johnston, Rachel Klika, Quinn Mulholland, Issac Rehig, Ryan Switzer and Samuel Tatum (in photo but not necessarily in that order). Also in the picture, Phil Edwards, DeKalb Master Gardener and teacher, Ellen Powell. Other students who participated were Zachary Carter, Sarah Chemli, Max Dusenbury, Riley Erickson, Annelise Hooper, Alex Jones, Emma Pettersen, Adrienne Say, Skylar Swift and Cree West.



## Calling All Artists

Would you like to exhibit your art work at our annual Outside the Lines arts and crafts festival?

The show will be held at The First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, 470 Candler Park Drive on Friday night Dec. 4th and all day Saturday Dec. 5th. Please contact Marsha Mitchiner at 404.355.8894. All are invited to attend.

### Lake Claire Neighbors, Agenda for General Meeting: November 17, 2005

Frazer Center - 1815 S. Ponce de Leon or back entrance at end of Ridgewood Rd.

**Social Time 6:30-7:00 PM (refreshments and beverage)**

**Meeting Starts 7:00 PM**

#### Guest Speakers & Announcements

\*Gale Waldorf-DeKalb County Commission

#### Current Issues for Discussion

\*LCNA exec comm. mtg Tues Nov. 8, 7:30pm - 362 Connecticut Ave

\*Update on Harold Ave green space

\*Pavilion update in Lake Claire Park

\*Stop sign update

\*Revise bylaws of LCNA for 2006

#### Voting Item

\*Amend current bylaws to allow for the inclusion of residents on east side of Clifton Road to be members of LCNA if they wish

\*Officers for 2006

#### Officers' Reports

\*Public Safety-Randy Byrd

\*Treasurer's Report

#### Volunteer & LCNA Member Reports

\*Anyone with issues they wish to bring to the membership

#### Variations

\*No variations submitted at this time

#### Actions taken at October Meeting

\*Approved creation of Zoning Committee to review variance requests and recommend action to general membership

\*Approved spending \$200 to sponsor Halloween Parade in Lake Claire

\*Approved zoning change with conditions to allow for construction of 18 townhouses at 1950 Dekalb Ave. & 225 Southerland Terr. (Hayes Auto)

\*Approved Park Pride's agenda with conditions for improving green space and parks in the City of Atlanta

# Renovation Time Again

The Lake Claire Pavilion is scheduled to be renovated in October and we can all look forward to a new picnic spot in the neighborhood.

Lake Claire needs a representative on the Freedom Park Board immediately. Please contact Dan White (president@lakeclaire.org) if interested.

If Lake Claire is to have its traditional holiday potluck on December 15 then we need someone to volunteer to coordinate the event. If you are interested, then please email president@lakeclaire.org.

The Executive Committee is planning to appoint Hlee Vang as Editor of the Lake Claire Clarion, the monthly newsletter of LCNA.

Many thanks to Dennis McCarthy for his service as webmaster for LCNA. Dennis has performed this task since 1999. Great job Dennis.

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following candidates for officers next year; the election will be held at the November 17 meeting:

- President - Dan White
- VP-Communications-Glenn Frankel
- VP-Zoning-Jim Curtain
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## Become a part of the Watershed Mural

by Glenn Frankel

We are creating a 340-foot mural that will span the wall on DeKalb Avenue between Connecticut and Arizona Avenues. The mural will highlight the natural history and environmental infrastructure that underlies and supports life in Atlanta, and right here in our neighborhood. Two major river basins connect in the heart of Atlanta, forming a boundary known as the "Eastern Subcontinental Divide." This ridgeline begins east of Atlanta and extends westerly along what is now DeKalb Avenue. This dividing line separates water that ultimately flows to the Atlantic Ocean from water that flows to the Gulf of Mexico. The mural will remind us of these wonderful realities. It will illustrate waterways and the flora and fauna they support as the water meanders across Georgia to the Gulf and Atlantic.

The mural will be designed and painted under the direction of David Fichter, a renowned muralist who has painted more than 20 murals around the world. Fichter will be assisted by local artists Diirga Darshi and Tom Ferguson, and volunteers like you! This is a neighborhood effort and we'd love your help in any way you can contribute. If you'd like to submit design ideas, help with the painting, or help document the creation of the mural through photos or video, email Kathy Evans at [zoning@lakeclaire.org](mailto:zoning@lakeclaire.org). If you would like to help fund the mural, then you can truly be a part of it. The names of contributors will be permanently displayed on a panel of the mural. Donation options exist at a variety of levels, starting at \$50. You may send a check made out to Lake Claire Neighbors to LCN Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107. Be sure to mark your check for "Watershed Mural" and include the name as you wish it to appear on the mural.

## Do You Have Time to Help a Student Succeed?

Come Be a Tutor! The Mary Lin PTA Tutoring program – Rockin' Readers – is off to a great start! We currently have 12 tutors working with children. But...we still need more tutors! The sessions are held every Thursday morning in the Media Center from 7:30-8AM. The goal is to have each tutor working with the same student every week, so a relationship can be built. Materials, ideas and guidance are available – the children just need you! If you are interested in being a part of this great program, please contact Jennifer West at [westjennifer@comcast.net](mailto:westjennifer@comcast.net) or (404) 378-8480



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# Art in Freedom Park Comes to an End

by Eric Dusenbury

As most of you have noticed, the art has slowly been disappearing from Freedom Park. Soon all of the temporary art will be removed but we are fortunate to be left with "The Bridge" by Thornton Dial; located at the corner of Freedom Parkway and Ponce de Leon. September 18, 2005 marked the official end of Art in Freedom Park 2005. The day was celebrated with an afternoon of performances on the hill just east of Moreland. So what happens next?

We have been asking ourselves the same question. We consider Art in Freedom Park 2005 to have been a great success. There was good press coverage and a wide enough array of pieces for everyone to have several favorites. To generate the same excitement as this year's event plans are already under way to expand the reach of the show to include artists from all over the country. Ultimately we would like Freedom Park to be an outdoor gallery on par with any sculpture park in the country. Unfortunately, we have a lot of plans but not enough money or volunteers. We are therefore looking for people with the interest and resources to help us move Art in Freedom Park forward into 2006. We can't do it without your help. Specific skills needed include fundraising, grant writing, public relations, bookkeeping, and volunteer coordination. We are also looking for people interested in working on one task, such as setting up for an event, cleaning up after an event, or maintaining the area around the art.

Lastly, if you enjoyed Art in Freedom Park and want it to continue, then we need you to contact your local representatives (Atlanta City Council, Fulton County Commissioners, and the Mayor's office). The City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs Public Art Program, the Fulton County Commission under the guidance of the Fulton County Arts Council, Atlanta Fulton County Arts Council and the Georgia Council for the Arts all contributed financially to Art in Freedom Park 2005. This project was also supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art. We need continued support from all of these organizations as we go forward.

Please contact Eric Dusenbury at [dusenbur@bellsouth.net](mailto:dusenbur@bellsouth.net) or 404-522-7130 if you are interested in helping with Art in Freedom Park.

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**CINS MEETING**—The Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) will hold its next meeting on November 9, 2005 at noon at Centennial Place Elementary School. CINS will host a "Question and Answer Session with Dr. Beverly Hall of the Atlanta Public Schools." This meeting is free and open to the community. Lunch will be available for \$5. Centennial Place Elementary School is located at 531 Luckie Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30313, and their phone number is 404-853-4022. The Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools (CINS) is a not-for-profit organization working to empower public schools in the Grady cluster while enhancing neighborhoods in the heart of Atlanta, Georgia. For more information on CINS and its mission, please visit: [www.cinsatlanta.org](http://www.cinsatlanta.org).

**PAIDEIA FUN RUN**—Please join us for The Paideia Annual 5K Community Fun Run/Walk (the "Slither")  
**When:** Saturday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. (Registration begins at 8:00). **Where:** Starting in front of the Paideia School at 1509 South Ponce de Leon. **Who:** Hosted by Paideia Alumni (proceeds benefit Paideia Financial Aid). **More Info:** Go to the Alumni section of [www.paideiaschool.org](http://www.paideiaschool.org).

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## KEEP AN EYE ON THE CRIME AND THE TIME

Late September and October Crime Stats For Lake Claire and Immediate Areas.

### ASSAULT

- **Sat. 10/15 10:50am – 400 Hardendorf** – Victim and boyfriend got into argument and boyfriend pushed victim down on the street.

### BURGLARY

- **Mon. 10/3 8:30am-5:00pm – 400 Ridgewood** – Doors cut from shed and lawn mower, leaf blower, weed eater, extension cord, and 5 gallons of stain taken.

- **Tues. 10/11 12:30pm-12:55pm – 400 Page** – Suspect kicked in the rear door of home and stole personal items and electronics. Suspect- Black male, 5'4, 150 lbs.

- **Mon. 10/17 5:30pm-4:00pm – 1400 Miller** – Alarm set off when suspect tried unsuccessfully to pry open front door.

- **Fri. 10/21 2:25pm-2:30pm – 1400 Iverson** – Alarm set off when side window of home forced open; no items missing.

- **Fri. 10/21 4:30am-4:45am – 400 Leonardo** – Suspect arrested after homeowner heard someone in basement and basement found open. Suspect: White male, 30.

### AUTO THEFTS

- **Fri. 10/7 5:00pm - 8:30am – 400 Harold** – 2000 Volvo stolen from parking place on street in front of house.

### LARCENY OTHER

- **Wed. 9/27 6:00pm-9:00am – 1800 McLendon** – Silver and orange Rigid Miter saw and gasoline stolen from back porch.

- **Fri. 9/30 10:30pm-8:00am – 400 Ridgewood** – Outgoing mail, checks and DVDs, stolen from mailbox.

- **Sun. 10/2 5:30am-7:00am – 300 Clifton** – Stereo taken from back porch.

- **Fri. 10/7 4:30pm-8:00am – 300 Southerland Terrace** – Locked metal storage bin and tools stolen from construction site.

### LARCENY FROM AUTO

- **Sat. 10/13 7:00pm- 9:00am – 400 Claire** – Gift certificate stolen from 2006 Toyota Prius, which had unworking security lock.

- **Mon. 10/17-10/18 – 400 Lakeshore Dr** – 1985 Pontiac Grand AM parked in driveway; side window broken and CD player taken.

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## Lake Claire Neighbor: Reuben Haller - Regular guy in disguise

by Hlee Vang

Lake Claire resident Reuben Haller gladly admits he clowns around all the time when he's working. He'll sing, dance, be silly and make jokes, all in the name of fun and laughter. As a self-employed clown, known as Ruby the Clown, who works full-time bringing much joy and entertainment to people's lives, Haller said there is no better profession for him to be in. "I think there was always a clown in me. I had a lot of talents and skills that were never necessarily useful," he said. "Then when I became a clown, the talents and skills all became useful." In addition to the skills of a clown — from singing, dancing, to playing multiple musical instruments and knowing exactly which kind of jokes to provoke a particular audiences into belly-holding laughter and delight, Haller also plays Austin Powers, Charlie Chaplin, Groucho Marx and a variety of other characters that call on his acting skills outside of the clowning-around realm. In other words, he's a variety performer. Because he's hired for all kinds of festivals and parties (both private and corporate) where people want to be entertained, he notes that "it helps to have a lot of skills — musical, juggling, magic — there's a lot to



learn in being a clown."

That learning journey for Haller began just eight years ago. Prior to his settling in Atlanta and the start of a new career in clowning, Haller was a teacher in San Francisco. "I wanted to be a theater major in college but I got very far away from that. I ended up being a teacher," he said. Then in 1994, he signed up to join circus art camp in Atlanta where he met with a number of performers. "When they hired me to be a clown at the camp, lightning struck. I knew it was for me," Haller said. He recently wrapped up a show for the Atlanta Symphony called SoSo Virtuoso, where he played a classic violinist clown. "I would love to take this act and develop a family show in the United States and

Europe," Haller said.

In 1995, he moved to the Arizona Avenue neighborhood around the Land Trust in Lake Claire where he lives with his wife McKenzie Wren and sons Elijah (5) and Devon (2). He credits his neighborhood for being the reason he is still in Atlanta. "We truly live in a community in this area. We eat meals together. We hang out with our neighbors. We celebrate holidays together. The land trust provides a

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