



A Summer Camp Sampler

Computer, horse, and dance camps! Sports, language, and academic camps! Camps affiliated with local schools! Camps at the zoo, the aquarium, and the botanical garden!

Parents, if you're shopping for a camp for your youngsters, Atlanta has it all. For a helpful link, check out www.atlantaparent.com.

The following list is but a sampling of nearby opportunities. Have a great summer!

1. Laughing Dragon Camp

About: Offers an exciting mix of circus arts and swordplay in a wonderful backyard studio.

Location: Candler Park

Contact: (404) 373-0585

info@LDswords.com

Ages: 5-16

Sessions: One-day sessions or 5 one-week sessions

Dates: 6/1-7/2

Cost: \$35/day or \$175/week

2. Fiber & Fun Camp at Felted Heart Studio

About: Teaches sewing basics, felting, embroidery, recycling, and all things fiber and fun!

Location: Old Fourth Ward

Contact: (678) 559-4977

www.feltedheart.com

Ages: Girls 8-12

Sessions: 2 one-week sessions

Dates: Month of June

Cost: \$195/week

3. SoulShine Green Camp

About: Educates children about sustainability while promoting individuality and care for the community.

Location: Lake Claire

Contact: (404) 378-8566

www.makeyoursoulshine.com

Ages: 5 & up

Sessions: One-week sessions

Dates: June through August

Cost: \$170/PT (3 days) or \$230/week

4. Circus Camp

About: Builds the self-esteem of young children through the magic of circus arts.

Location: Decatur

Contact: (404) 370-0001

www.circuscamp.org

Ages: 5-teens

Sessions: One-day sessions or 10 one-week sessions

Dates: 6/1-8/2

Cost: \$50/day or \$235/week

About: Provides budding writers the opportunity to celebrate the written word and gain writing inspiration from Atlanta's Pulitzer Prize winner.

Location: Midtown

Contact: (404) 814-2063

www.margaretmitchellhouse.com

Ages: 10-14

Sessions: 8 one-week sessions

Dates: 6/14-7/23

Cost: \$375

8. Fernbank Summer Day Camp

About: Educators guide campers



The idyllic setting of SoulShine Green Camp.

5. Camp Scene

About: Teaches environmental stewardship through outdoor adventure, hands-on field studies, and daily field trips.

Location: Oakhurst/Decatur

Contact: (404) 502-3196

www.campscene.com

Ages: 8-12

Sessions: One- or two-week sessions

Dates: 6/7-7/2

Cost: \$300/one-week or \$600/two-week

6. Chicago Joe's Rock 'N Blues Camp

About: Provides an exhilarating experience for young musicians!

Location: Midtown

Contact: (404) 202-6044

www.rockandbluescamp.com

Ages: Middle & high school students

Sessions: 5 one-week sessions

Dates: 6/14-7/19

Cost: \$475

7. Margaret Mitchell House Creative Writing Camp

on explorations of the scientific world; themes include ecology, paleontology, entomology, archaeology, and herpetology.

Location: Druid Hills

Contact: (404) 929-6300

www.fernbankmuseum.org

Ages: Kindergarten-5th grade

Sessions: 5 one-week sessions

Dates: 6/21-7/23

Cost: \$350

9. Oakhurst Community Garden Project Beekeeping Camp

About: Make new friends and enjoy fun, hands-on activities that show what it is to be a beekeeper.

Location: Oakhurst

Contact: (404) 371-1920

www.oakhurstgarden.org

Ages: 7-10

Sessions: 2 one-week sessions

Dates: 6/7-6/18

Cost: \$150

10. Little Shop of Stories Summer Camps

About: Offer a great way for kids to explore and discover literature with games, field trips, and awesome activities.

Location: Decatur

Contact: (404) 373-6300

www.littleshopofstories.com

Ages: 7-13

Sessions: 9 one-week sessions

Dates: 6/1-7/30

Cost: Ranges from \$210 to \$325

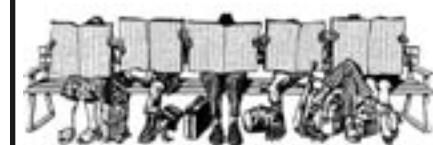
—Susan Drake

Lake Claire Neighbors Now Has a Phone Number!

While we always welcome emails, some folks may prefer to call us. Lake Claire Neighbors now has a phone number (thanks to Google Voice): **(404) 236-9526**. That's **(404) 236-9LCN**.

When you call, a member of the executive committee may answer, or you'll get the LCN voice mail. Please leave a message, and someone on the committee will get back in touch with you within the next two to four days. (We are notified by email immediately when someone leaves us a message.) If it's urgent, make that clear, and we'll do our best to get back to you sooner.

—Glenn Frankel, LCN president



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**Congratulations,
Class of 2010!
Best wishes for a
wonderful summer,
and beyond!**

Get Involved in the Neighborhood!

Tour of Homes, 5K Run, and Dog Park Committees Now Meeting!

Neighbors are hard at work planning for some fun future events. Check out these sites and join in!

LCN Tour of Homes committee: <http://groups.google.com/group/lcncnTourOfHomes>
Email Mary at tourofhomes@lakeclaire.org to get involved.

LCN 5K Fun Run committee: <http://groups.google.com/group/lcncnFunRun>
Email Shannon at funrun@lakeclaire.org to get involved.

Lake Claire Dog Park exploratory committee: <http://groups.google.com/group/lcncndogpark>.
Email Elise & Melissa at dogpark@lakeclaire.org to get involved.

—Glenn Frankel, LCN president

Mark Your Calendar

Thursdays, June 3–24: Peachtree TV's 2010 Screen on the Green, Piedmont Park. Movies begin at sunset. June 3: *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*, June 10: *Dreamgirls*, June 17: *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope*, June 24: Viewers' Choice—*Jurassic Park*. The festivities will open with music by local DJs, as well as musical performances from local Atlanta artists. Moviegoers are welcome to bring picnic baskets, food, and alcoholic beverages, but no glass containers can be brought into Piedmont Park. In consideration of others, Screen on the Green attendees are asked to leave pets at home. Umbrellas, high-backed

chairs, and grills are prohibited.

Wednesdays, June 9–July 21: Georgia Tech Student Center's Flicks on 5th Summer Film Series, Technology Square, Spring St. at 5th St. All movies begin at nightfall (around 9:00 p.m.). Admission is free. June 9: *Sherlock Holmes* (PG-13), June 16: *The Hangover* (R), June 23: *The Blind Side* (PG-13), July 7: *The Hurt Locker* (R), July 14: *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (PG), and July 21: *Hot Tub Time Machine* (R). For details, visit www.flickson5th.gatech.edu.

Monday–Friday, June 14–18: Registration for 2010–11 rising ninth graders zoned to Grady High School. Grady cafeteria, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. All households must register/reregister for the upcoming 2010–11 school year. Documents required: Identification of parent/guardian, proof of residence, and enrollment form.

Thursday, June 17: Lake Claire Neighbors meeting, 7:00 p.m., Frazer Center atrium, 1815 S. Ponce de Leon (back entrance is at end of Ridgewood Road).

Wild on the Rocks—Trader's Alley: Wildlife's Fading Footprints at Zoo Atlanta, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Tour the zoo's thought-provoking new exhibit pathway with a look at the controversial world of wildlife trafficking. Get the facts on tigers, sun bears, and Asian turtles and find out what Zoo Atlanta is doing to enlighten guests about a critical conservation crisis. Reservations include open bar, light hors d'oeuvres, special exhibit viewing, and theater seating. Free for Adventure Pack members and up; \$5 for family and companion members; \$10 for non-members. Programs are designed for adults; content may not be suitable for children.

Friday, June 18: Decatur

Beach Party, downtown Decatur, 5:00 p.m.–midnight. Decatur brings in sixty tons of sand and turns the square into a beach for this annual event. Dance in the streets to beach music from the Reputations and Terry Lee & the GTs. Activities include children's boardwalk games, face painting, wading pools in the sand, and more. Cost is \$6.50 for adults in advance and \$10 at the gate; free for children 12 and under (limit two children per paying adult). No coolers, glass, or pets allowed. Sponsored by the Decatur Business Association. Proceeds benefit downtown Decatur improvement projects.

Saturday, June 19: Mary Lin Education Foundation's 2010 Rocket Run 5K, Mary Lin Elementary School, 8:30 a.m. Race proceeds go to improving classroom technology and teacher training. Cost after June 1 is \$25. All runners get a T-shirt and the satisfaction of knowing they've helped educate future generations. Late registration and number pickup will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Register online at www.active.com.

Midsummer Music Fest, Candler Park, noon. Featuring music by The Wailers and Better Than Ezra, an artist market with more than forty vendors, a Go Green Zone, a kids area, and food and drinks. Festival entry is free; adults 21+ may purchase a wristband for \$5 before 5:00 p.m. and \$10 after 5:00 p.m. to benefit the Candler Park Neighborhood Organization to help make park improvements. For more information, visit www.midsummermusicfestival.com.

Sunday, June 20: Father's Day

Big Machines Day, Fernbank Museum. Celebrate Father's Day with trucks, tractors,

Next LCN Meeting

Thursday June 17

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday of the month at the Frazer Center. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting begins at 7:00. Meetings are open to all. Check www.lakeclaire.org for updates to the meeting agenda.

and other cool machines. Visit www.fernbankmuseum.org for more information.

Thursday, June 24: NPU-N meeting, 7:00 p.m., Little Five Points Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave. NE.

Friday, June 25: Trees Atlanta 25th Anniversary Celebration, Kendeda Center, 225 Chester Ave. SE, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Join Trees Atlanta as it celebrates twenty-five years of planting and conserving trees in Atlanta. A portion of the evening's proceeds will go toward tree planting and education efforts. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. For more information, visit www.treesatlanta.org, or call Joe Staley at (404) 522-4097.

Saturday, June 26: BeltLine Lantern Parade, from Krog & Irwin to Piedmont Park. Join the Krewe of the Grateful Gluttons as they parade along the BeltLine with homemade lanterns. Attend a free public lantern-making workshop at the Piedmont Park Conservancy on June 12 or at the L5P Community Center on June 20. For info and to register: www.gratefulgluttons.com.

July 4th events: Downtown Decatur: Pied Piper Parade, Concert, and Fireworks. Decorate your bicycle, skateboard, or wagon and walk, ride, or skate in the Pied Piper Parade through the streets of downtown Decatur. Concert on the square features Callanwolde Concert Band. Fireworks at dark. Parade at 6:00 p.m.; concert at 7:00 p.m. Free.

Centennial Olympic Park: 4th of July Celebration. All-day festivities, ending with the AirTran Airways Fireworks Spectacular.

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Visit www.lakeclaire.org to sign up for the newscasts—timely updates on happenings in Lake Claire!

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Safety Report

April–May 2010

AUTO THEFT

Thurs 4/8 (11:00 p.m.)—400 block Ridgecrest Rd.

1996 burgundy Honda Accord
 At around 11:15 p.m., Officer Knapp responded to a stolen auto from the incident location. Upon arrival, he met with the victim, who stated that sometime between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 someone stole his 1996 burgundy Honda Accord from the driveway. There were no signs of forced entry. The vehicle was immediately placed on ACIC as a stolen vehicle, and the victim was given a case number so he could file the incident with his insurance company.

LARCENY

Sat 4/10 (6:00 p.m.) – Sun 4/11 (6:00 p.m.)—300 block Nelms Ave. NE

Victim advised that someone stole his barbeque grill from outside his residence. Suspect: None

Fri 4/23 (12:00–2:00 p.m.)—600 block Clifton Ave. NE, rear of residence

Victim advised that he was doing construction at location on a residence and had tools in a trailer that was attached to his vehicle. Victim advised that at some point someone entered the trailer and stole listed items from inside. Witness advised he saw one of the landscapers looking inside the trailer but did not see him take anything. Taken: Several tools. Prints not attempted.

Books All Georgians Should Read

The Georgia Center for the Book, the state affiliate for the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, recently announced its 2010 list, Books All Georgians Should Read, including not only books by long-established Georgia writers but works by younger authors as well. The list is produced with the assistance of the Georgia Humanities Council, the University of Georgia Press, and Lenz Marketing of Decatur.

- Snakeskin Road*, James Braziel
- A Cry of Angels*, Jeff Fields
- The Confederate General Rides North*, Amanda Gable
- Bombingham*, Anthony Grooms
- Luminous Mysteries: A Novel*, John Holman
- How Far She Went*, Mary Hood
- The Girl Who Stopped Swimming*, Joshilyn Jackson
- Hue and Cry: Stories*, James Alan McPherson
- When the Finch Rises*, Jack Riggs
- Nothing With Strings: NPR's Beloved Holiday Stories*, Bailey White
- The Heart of a Distant Forest*, Philip Lee Williams
- Winter Sky: New and Selected Poems, 1968–2008*, Coleman Barks
- New and Selected Poems of Thomas Lux, 1975–1995*, Thomas Lux
- The Watchers*, Memye Curtis Tucker
- Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II*, Douglas A. Blackmon
- Long Time Leaving: Dispatches from Up South*, Roy Blount, Jr.
- At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965–68*, Taylor Branch
- Heart of a Patriot: How I Found the Courage to Survive Vietnam, Walter Reed, and Karl Rove*, Max Cleland



Have You Paid Your Dues?

Yearly membership dues for Lake Claire are voluntary—but reasonable! For only \$20, you help the neighborhood association do great things, such as cleaning up parks and stream banks, installing neighborhood signs, organizing community events, publishing the *Clarion*, and staying ahead of city planning developments.

If you haven't paid in 2010, it's not too late! You may pay online at www.lakeclaire.org/lcn/members.htm, or by sending a check to Lake Claire Neighbors, attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107.

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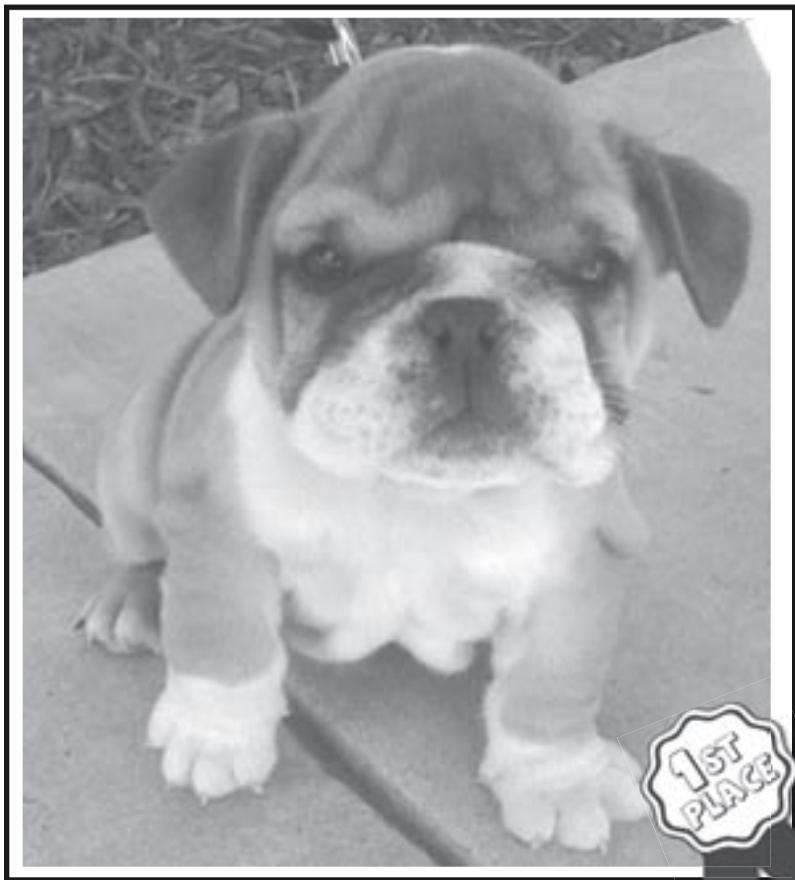
The Pets of Lake Claire Photo Contest

Thanks to everyone who mailed in photos of their beloved pets—Lake Claire is home to some truly adorable furry friends!

The votes are in, and the winner is...

...Elvis!

(Winner will be contacted with prize details.)



Elvis

Here is Elvis, our very sweet English bulldog. He is a little marshmallow who loves to cuddle and eat! Please feel free to stop and say hello if you see him walking around Lake Claire.

—Amyn and Jenny Lakhani, Casson Street



Higgins Landau

The best dog in Lake Claire! Higgins! He is a two-year-old yellow lab. He loves to play with other dogs and really likes to play with cats. He enjoys walking to Candler Park to see friends. You can always find him with a stick or stuffed animal in his mouth.

—Tad Landau, 1890 Gordon Manor



Pickles

Our sweet Pickles is a definite fixture on Palifox. She enjoys being outside and frequenting our neighbors' homes. She also enjoys occasional swings in our hammock.

—Tina Maudsley



Chili Dawg

Chili Dawg just celebrated his first birthday in March. He's a cockapoo and lives on New York Avenue.

—Sherelle, James, Elijah & Skye Kirkland-Andrews



Sheba

I was so pleased with this photo of Sheba "the Queen" and I . . . She is a rescue our family adopted from the Atlanta Humane Society four years and twenty pounds ago, a regular at SoulShine and the Land Trust and a very gentle, sweet dog.

—Melanie Carlone, Lake Claire Cohousing

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Harley and Baghera

Here is Harley patiently posing during our last snow “storm” and Baghera thinking about his next meal.

—Kenyon Thweatt, McLendon Avenue since 1991



Glowie

Here’s Glowie, the queen of Delaware Avenue! Glowie is almost seventeen years old, likes hanging out on the back porch and watching hockey on TV. Her favorite team is the Florida Panthers (of course).

—Kathi Kelley



Sylla Sylvia

This photo also ended up on the cover of her book, *Sylla Sylvia*.

—Christy Waehner



Yam Mokotoff

Yam is a fluffy Siberian forest cat who has won our hearts. His playful personality and sweet nature are off the charts.

—Cynthia & Benjamin Mokotoff, Lake Claire Court

Epworth PMO Becomes Epworth Day School

Pre-K Class Added for 2010–11 School Year

Starting this summer, the Epworth Parents Morning Out program, located at Epworth United Methodist Church in Candler Park (1561 McLendon), will be known as Epworth Day School. Why the change? The program is expanding to include a private pre-K, and the new name reflects all the services the school now provides, with PMO for children 16 months to 4 years and the pre-K class for children who will be 4 on or near September 1, 2010.

Epworth Day School’s new director, Michelle Hughes, assisted by former director Cecily Stevens, has been working on developing the new program since May. The school is currently hiring teachers and substitutes for the fall.

For more information on the school’s mission, its class structures, and its costs, visit the new website at www.epworthdayschool.com, or contact the director at director@epworthdayschool.com or (404) 525-4749.

—Editor

Mayor Appoints Atlanta Parks Chief

George Dusenbury, the executive director of Park Pride, has been named Atlanta’s commissioner of parks, recreation, and cultural affairs. Mayor Reed announced the appointment on May 24, saying, “We need someone with experience, vision, and a strong commitment to public service to lead this department.”

In his six years with Park Pride, Dusenbury worked with Atlanta business and civic leaders to help raise money for park and greenspace-preservation projects. During his tenure, Park Pride coordinated hundreds of park volunteer days; created nineteen master plans through the community-driven “Park Visioning” process, raising more than \$8 million in funding for neighborhood parks; and established its Community Gardens program, which has seventeen gardens in City of Atlanta parks.

Dusenbury served as district director for U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Atlanta, for eleven years before working with Park Pride.

Succeeding Dianne Harnell Cohen, who served as parks commissioner under former mayor Shirley Franklin, Dusenbury will assume his new duties on June 21. Park Pride director of operations Allison Barnett will serve as interim executive director.

—Editor



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News from the Land Trust and the Hearth

SoulShine Summer Green Camp is a unique camp filled with activities, creativity, relaxation, and friends! We provide campers with a well-balanced day of organized play, free time, and learning experiences—all accompanied by a healthy dose of sunscreen. Every week changes with new adventures and a new field trip!

SoulShine's home is the Hearth—a community center nestled on one and a half acres of land on the Lake Claire Land Trust. This summer we are starting our new Community Camp, where we invite nonprofit organizations to come to the Hearth and partake in nature crafts, canoeing, and exploring.

We are also partnering with WonderRoot, a local nonprofit arts organization committed to uniting artists and community to inspire positive social change.

It is here that the kids will be involved in everything from art to music. And what's summer without spending time cooling off at the Candler Park pool?

We will use bus transportation for field trips but will rely mainly on MARTA to help children understand the convenience and ease of public transit, and to keep our *Go Green* theme.

Enjoy organic fruit and snacks prepared every day from a full kitchen. Play in the dress-up room or take part in new creative art activities in a full library with on-site computers. Journal and enjoy writing activities and interactive story times. Interact with rabbits, chickens,



Mary Lin 5th graders at the "Linnies."

dogs, cats, and an emu and have opportunities to learn about gardening while harvesting food and fresh eggs.

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Kids rule from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday–Friday, with weekly field trips to Fernbank Museum, the Wren's Nest, Centennial Olympic Park, the Imagine It! Children's Museum, a Braves game, and more.

The cost is \$230 a week full-time, \$170 a week part-time (financial aid is available).

B*ATL Gala to Be Held on July 24

The 2010 B*ATL Gala kicks off a weekend of events celebrating the 146th anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta:

By July 22nd 1864, Decatur had fallen to Union Troops and as the day progressed, Confederate Cavalry found itself charging up the Fayetteville Road from East Atlanta to attempt to rout the Union forces from Decatur and capture their supplies. Present day 2nd Avenue in East Lake approximates the route that they took past Colonel Alston's plantation that today forms a major part of East Lake Golf Club.

Representatives from Lake Claire attend the annual gala event, which features food, libations, and live music and is held at the Clubhouse of East Lake Golf Club. For more information, visit www.batlevent.org/gala.html.

—Editor

News from Mary Lin Elementary School

It's June, so graduation ceremonies are all around us. When we hear "graduation," we often think of caps and gowns, "Pomp and Circumstance," and diplomas. But "graduation," at its earliest root, means a "tempering, refining of something to a certain degree" (at least according to the online etymology dictionary). And that provides a better description of what's happening at Mary Lin at the end of the school year, as eighty-two fifth graders complete their time in elementary school and prepare to move from our cozy neighborhood school to the larger environment of middle school (Inman Middle School, for most of the class). Those precious little children who shyly held a parent's hand as they walked into the first day of kindergarten are quite independent now.

The fifth grade team has been preparing the students for the new challenges middle school will bring. This year the fifth graders have changed classes daily, managed lockers, and been leaders in the school. Not a lot of coddling has been happening in the fifth grade classrooms! In fact, Lake Claire resident Braden Pressman ranks the freedom that the fifth grade teachers have given their students as one of the highlights of his year. If there is some trepidation about what sixth grade holds, the students aren't focusing on it. Braden is looking forward to meeting new friends from other schools, and fellow student Celia Gray is excited about the cool lunch options at Inman.

To celebrate the accomplishments of the class, the fifth grade team and parents planned several events. Caps and gowns and proms were not on the agenda, but there were plenty of fun times. The fifth graders enjoyed the special privilege of Friday excursions to Candler Park the last few weeks of school, and a visit to Stone Mountain Park in late May. And no end of the year is complete without the annual party in the gym—called "The Linnies" this year. Formal recognition occurred at a "completion" ceremony the last day of school. There the students presented a play for their parents, the administration handed out awards and completion certificates (suitable for framing), and perhaps a few parents shed a tear or two as they remembered that very first day they walked their little child to school.

—Mary Jo Bryan



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Freedom Park Garden Blossoms

Among the many spring festivals in the city, the garden itself, as it matures, has become a mini-festival of spring blooms. The participants, in order of appearance, are Celandine Poppy (April 3); Piedmont Azalea, Virginia Bluebell, Mohawk Viburnum, and Fringed Bleeding Heart (April 6); Thrift and Cross Vine (April 16); Amsonia, Cumberland Rosemary, and Hawkweed (April 23); and Larkspur and Virginia Sweetspire (May 8).

The highlighted plant for this update is the Celandine Poppy, that small golden miracle for shady garden spots. Its bright yellow flowers appear in early spring and continue intermittently through fall. It grows up to 18 inches tall and 24 inches wide and does best in partial to full shade, where it will tend to naturalize. It is propagated by root ball division and seed. It is attractive to bees and can serve as cover to ground-foraging birds. Chipmunks enjoy the seed pods. Its seeds are distributed by ants. It is deer and rabbit resistant. The



stems have yellow sap that was commonly used as a dye by Native Americans. Europeans used the plant as a laxative and to remove warts. Its native habitat is moist woodlands and along stream banks.

Our featured butterfly is the Spring Azure, an early season species and Georgia resident. Its larval host plants include blueberry and Viburnum, as well as clover and Vetch. Larvae secrete a liquid "honeydew" that ants savor. Ants protect the larvae so they can continue to feed on the liquid. New Jersey Tea (we have two) serves as a caterpillar host and provides nectar for adult butterflies. Nectar is also obtained from dogwood and milkweed (both in the garden). The earlier an Azure emerges, the darker its colors. The Spring Azure's natural habitat is open woods and woodland edges. It's also found in swampy areas.

Two birds became FATG (first at the garden) this spring: a Palm Warbler, seen foraging, and a Pine Warbler, heard by Diane Shellack. The Palm Warbler is a migratory species here. Some winter in Georgia. It is one of few warbler species to forage on ground. It can be recognized by its rusty crown, yellow throat, and belly with some striping, as well as the fact that it bobs its tail while

foraging. According to *Birds of Georgia*, by Stan Tekiela, this little bird recognizes and destroys cowbird eggs by burying them in the bottom of its nest. (Cowbirds are those deadbeat parents who lay their eggs in other bird's nests, often leading the other bird to neglect its own children to feed the large and demanding cowbird chick.) The Palm Warbler apparently got its name because wintering birds in Florida and the Caribbean spent a lot of time in palm trees.

Pine Warblers are year-round residents in Georgia. Their population swells when northern birds come south in winter. The Pine looks a lot like the Palm Warbler, but without the rusty crown and with more visible white wingbars. *Birds of Georgia* notes that it builds its nest only in pine forests. It often builds the nest far out on a limb, concealed from below by leaves and lined with feathers, according to *The Birder's Handbook*.

Another first near the garden was reported by Meta Larson, who sent us news about two Barred Owl chicks. (See

photo.) They were near her home, which is off Freedom Park, about half a mile from the garden. Beautiful, huh?

Finally, thanks to all our volunteers who helped with weeding the garden recently: Donna Latham, Lauren Sandoval, Diane Shellack, and Dorothy Dabbs. Also to Tom Painter for keeping the birdbath full in February, and to Robert McLeod for keeping an eye on things. And to the City of Atlanta for carrying away our many yard waste bags!

—Carol Vanderschaaf

The Freedom Park Garden is a joint project of the Atlanta Audubon Society and the DeKalb Master Gardener Association.

Where You Fell

The hooked beak
of a predator,
down
beside the phone booth
as I hung up on the busy signal

your neck rolling luxuriously
back
as I bent to cradle you up

your wings still limber,
fanning out
in a grey-brown brocade

your talons clamped on
nothing
that could hold you
your spirit flown

I take just one
of your chest-feathers,
brother,
to remind me
hunter of these rainy streets

The rest of you I bury
in the back yard
six blocks from where you fell

—Stephen Wing

Stephen Wing is the author of Free Ralph! An Evolutionary Fable, a comic novel with an environmental theme, available at Donna Van Gogh's or at www.WindEaglePress.com.



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My Day of Beauty 2010

Once again, special needs teens and their teachers were treated to a Day of Beauty, courtesy of Gloria Owczarski. Last year, more than 100 attendees and more than 150 volunteers participated. This year, with the help of more than 250 volunteers, including hair stylists and cosmetologists from numerous salons, Gloria gave close to 300 special people a very special day of pampering. All services and supplies were provided by donors; lunch was also donated. Lake Claire's beloved Ruby the Clown (aka Reuben Haller) was present to lend his special brand of good spirits.

Enjoy these photos of what has grown into a gigantic labor of love. More photos can be seen online at www.mydayofbeauty.net.

Events such as these serve a population of special but invisible young people and those who help shape their lives. Gloria also provides us with a means to be of good service. Thank you to those who responded to my previous article asking for various forms of assistance. And kudos to Gloria Owczarski.

—Gay Arneri



Day of Beauty founder Gloria Owczarski.



Lake Claire local, Ruby the Clown, entertains.



Teens have fun getting styled.



Innovative Garden to Build Knowledge, Connections, and Community

Atlanta's East Lake Foundation, a nationally recognized leader in community revitalization, is partnering with the Southeastern Horticultural Society, a horticulture and environmental educational resource for southeastern states, to create the East Lake Community Learning Garden.

The new Learning Garden, to be located near the corner of 2nd Avenue and Hosea L. Williams Drive in Atlanta's East Lake neighborhood, will provide a safe, supportive environment where neighborhood residents will grow organic produce in a small urban farm and participate in interactive workshops while learning from each other and gardening experts. An active educational environment, the Learning Garden will serve as an outdoor classroom for East Lake children, especially students from East Lake's Charles R. Drew Charter School.

The Learning Garden will serve as a gathering place and community-building platform both for residents of The Villages of East Lake and the broader East Lake neighborhood. Madelyn R. Adams, East Lake Foundation executive director, said, "The Learning Garden will foster healthier eating and living within our community, as well as build bridges among our neighbors." Following community planning workshops this summer, the East Lake Foundation will host a groundbreaking ceremony this fall.

Founded in 1995, the East Lake Foundation's mission is to break the cycle of poverty in Atlanta's East Lake community by providing tools that enable residents to build a better future through cradle-to-college education, affordable housing, and connections with the broader community. The East Lake approach has been proven to boost employment, reduce crime, and improve educational outcomes. East Lake has become a model for holistic community revitalization programs across the country.

The Southeastern Horticultural Society (SHS) is a nonprofit membership organization that serves as a resource for horticultural and environmental education and works toward connecting people to nature and providing them with resources to improve their lives throughout the southeastern states. SHS provides year-round environmental education programs and hands-on workshops for children, teens, and adults while working directly with community members to design, install, and lead educational programs in active learning environments through the Community Learning Gardens program.

—From a press release

A Neighbor Needs Our Help

Since opening in the fall of 2008, the Mercantile (1660 DeKalb Ave., Suite 150) has been a good neighbor—feeding locals (and non-locals who get wind of its culinary delights) good-tasting and good-for-you lunches and dinners. We Lake Clairians got a special treat last December when the Mercantile catered our annual holiday party. And now the Mercantile is looking for a little help from us. Here's their message:

We need 20 people a day to come and spend \$10 with us. That's it. It's lunch or dinner, milk or local eggs, yogurt, a bottle of wine, and a baguette. That's what we need at The Mercantile to keep going. 20 extra people + \$10 = open doors. If you've not been to the shop, we make great food and love to meet new guests. Tell your friends!

The Mercantile is open Monday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Stop by, call, or visit their website to learn more about this wonderful neighborhood spot. Phone: (404) 378-0096. Web: www.themercantileatl.com.

—Editor

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