



Spring Festivals and Events

This April provides many opportunities to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather. In our neighborhood, the Lake Claire Land Trust is hosting Dirt Fest 2011, celebrating peace, love, music and spring greenery. The inaugural "Goodness in the Gardens" will be held in the Cator Woolford Gardens. This event includes an evening of dancing, live entertainment, and a silent auction, all to benefit the Frazer Center. Other nearby events taking place this month and in May include the SweetWater 420 Festival in Candler Park, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival in Piedmont Park, the Inman Park Festival, and Decatur's Blooming. Details about all of these events can be found in this month's *Clarion*.

**Land Trust
Dirt Fest 2011
April 23
&
Easter Egg
Hunt
April 24**



Last year's festival at the Land Trust (Photo: Beth Wilson)

**Inman Park
Spring Festival
Apr 30 - May 1**



Cator Woolford Gardens (Photo credits: Leslie Slavich)



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**Atlanta Dog-
wood Festival
Piedmont Park
April 15-17**

**Frazer Center:
Goodness in
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Cator Woolford Gardens (Photo credit: Leslie Slavich)



Last year's festival at the Land Trust (Photo Credit: Beth Wilson)

**Decatur's
Garden Tour
May 14-15**



Decatur Blooming Publicity Photo.

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SPRING FESTIVALS

Join Us for Dirt Fest 2011! April 23

Peace, Love, Music and Spring Greenery at the Lake Claire Community Land Trust

Hi folks! We're kicking off the spring festival season with seven bands and plenty of freshly tilled earth at Dirt Fest 2011 on Saturday, April 23! That's right, our very own Peace and Love Spring Fest — "Garden Style." Come celebrate Earth Day weekend with us and the dirt! We will have a variety of **vegetable starts for sale**, as well as demonstrations of container gardening and worm composting, to support local food growing. Some folks from **Trees Atlanta** will be on hand, and you can tour the over 50 community garden beds all over the Land Trust, including our newest garden area beside the pond. As usual there will be food and drinks available all day at the Gorilla Grill. Keep an eye out for your favorites at the **Bake Sale** table!

A highlight of this event will be the four local (*very* close neighbors!) bands performing. They include the awe-inspiring youngsters of **My Homework Ate My Dog**, as well as their parents' group, **My**

Imaginary Band. Arizona Avenue's own Steven Blondeau's band **Shed** will be debuting their rocking style. And the foursome is topped off with one of Atlanta's best Dead cover bands, **Webster**. (See the "Homegrown Music" sidebar for more about these neighborhood musicians.) Also onstage, **The Owls** will play jazz—then change hats and play country as **Cahoots**. Our headliner will be **Copious Jones** (www.copiousjones.com), and one more special guest is yet to be announced. Come on out for a full day of music, community, spring garden inspirations and fun for the whole family! Join the Land Trust and get in free. **As always, we need volunteers** to plug in; please contact Sunshine at (678) 508-6632 to sign up. (Vendors are also welcome.) To find out more, please go to our website: www.LCCLT.com.

—Sunshine Allard



REMINDER!

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck** is the next day, Sunday, April 24, and open to all! Join us to hide eggs at 9:00 am, hunt eggs at 10:00, potluck at 11. Please bring your own dishes, cups and utensils along with a dish to share.

Homegrown Music Alive and Well at the Land Trust

This year's Dirt Fest at the Land Trust will feature local neighborhood bands My Homework Ate My Dog, My Imaginary Band, Shed, and Webster.

My Homework Ate My Dog will open the music portion of the festival at 3:00 pm. The kids' band includes local residents Max Calderon (11), Conor Downey (11), Ethan Gould (11), Skylar Brillante (11) and Logan Mann (11). The band performs both covers and originals. They have been steadily gaining popularity, playing established venues such as LEAF in North Carolina, Candler Park Fall Fest and Front Page News.

My Imaginary Band is a blend of alternative rock mixing Cake, Flaming Lips, Flogging Molly, Guster, My Morning Jacket, Old97s, Radiohead, The Ramones, Weezer and The White Stripes. Add a little imagination and you get four mom-and-dad Candler Park rockers — Brian Leach, Joe Brillante, Kelly Mann and Dale Mann — playing songs you know by heart and many you never knew existed.

Shed consists of local musicians Steven Blondeau, Lore Ruttan and John Sullivan. The trio performs eclectic original music. According to their website, "Shed is about transformation and growth. Shed encourages practice and experience, dirt under the nails and mistakes entered into wild abandon."

Webster has performed throughout Atlanta since 2005. The five-piece ensemble plays mostly "b-side" music ranging from bluegrass to R&B to rock'n' roll to points in between. The band considers the Land Trust their "Greek Theater," having played the venue numerous times. "It brings out the best in our music," explains band member and Lake Claire resident Bill Chanler. "The setting and the crowd fit our style perfectly."

—Sunshine Allard

First Annual 'Goodness in the Gardens' to Support Frazer Center, April 15

The Frazer Center, located on Ridgewood Road, is a wonderful, non-profit, inclusive school and adult program that allows children and adults with special needs (and without) to become as independent as possible. The children's program brings kids of all abilities together to learn alongside each other and the adult program teaches valuable life and job skills that enable engagement in the larger community.

This year, The Frazer Center and the Parent/Teacher Council are hosting Goodness in the Gardens, which includes a wine & beer tasting, live entertainment and a silent auction to raise money for the school. The money raised will enable The Frazer Center to continue purchasing special equipment, providing scholarships to those in need and



offering teacher's educational development. Further details are below. Please join your neighbors for this wonderful event.

Attendance is limited, so please visit www.goodnessinthegardens.org to order your tickets today.

—Alison Amoroso

What: Goodness in the Gardens: An Evening Out to Benefit The Frazer Center

Beat the tax day blues by enjoying a Spring evening in the Cator Woolford Gardens tasting a variety of wines and beers, nibbling top-notch appetizers, dancing to live entertainment and bidding on fabulous silent auction items. The Frazer Center and the Cator Woolford Gardens are nestled on 39 acres of mature hardwoods adjacent to one of the few remaining intact historic estates in Metropolitan Atlanta and near the communities of Candler Park, Oakhurst, Lake Claire, Decatur, Avondale Estates and Druid Hills.

When: **Friday, April 15, 2011**

7-11 p.m., \$45 per person

Where: **Cator Woolford Gardens**

1815 Ponce de Leon Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

Why: **To help raise \$15,000 to directly benefit The Frazer Center**, where people at all levels of ability and disability gather, learn and flourish together. For more than 60 years, The Frazer Center has helped thousands of children and adults with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism and other special needs become as independent as possible.

How: To purchase tickets, visit www.goodnessinthegardens.org or call (404) 377-3836

SPRING FESTIVALS

The Atlanta Dogwood Festival in Piedmont Park, April 15-17

Spring is just around the corner and that can only mean one thing in Atlanta: the Atlanta Dogwood Festival is back! The Dogwoods will be in full bloom, and hundreds of artists from around the country will set up their tents for the 75th Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival.

An Atlanta staple for more than 70 years, there is something for everyone at the Atlan-

ta Dogwood Festival. Virtually every kind of art imaginable is represented at the festival, with a nationally renowned juried Fine Artist Market that includes sculpture, paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography and much more.

Festival Hours:

Friday Noon — 9:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am — 9:00 pm

Sunday Noon — 7:00 pm

7th Annual SweetWater 420 Festival in Candler Park, April 15-17

DATES & TIMES:

The 2011 festival will be held Friday, April 15 from 4:20 pm to 10 pm, Saturday, April 16 from Noon to 10 pm, and Sunday, April 17 from 12:30 pm to 7 pm

ADMISSION:

Free admission for great live music, activities, food, and education about how each and every one of us can be a part of the solution! Festival goers who

are 21+ and with a valid ID can purchase a \$5 wristband to responsibly enjoy beer. Portion of Proceeds from wristband sales are donated to Park Pride (to benefit Candler Park).

What is the \$5 fee for? This is an often-asked question. A portion of proceeds to go back to the neighborhood that hosts us, and the remainder allows us to cover our operating expenses.

KIDS' ACTIVITIES:

The SweetWater 420 Festival invites earth lovers of all ages to come out and take part in the festivities. Check back for a schedule of kids' activities.

Decatur's Blooming, May 14-15



What a beautiful way to enjoy a day in Decatur! Come join us on Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15, to explore the city's finest gardens. This year, the tour celebrates our 23rd year with 12 lovely gardens located throughout Decatur and Oakhurst. Visit some of the most unique garden and outdoor living spaces as we celebrate with the theme "Outdoor spaces. Entertaining places." Your ticket is good all weekend and includes a Saturday twilight tour and entertainment.

Find inspiration in:

- Great patios, gazebos & spaces for entertaining
- Native plants & rare specimens
- Serene waterfalls, fountains & ponds
- Art & sculpture installations

Tickets go on sale the week of April 18 and can be purchased for \$20 per person or \$25 per

person the day of the tour. Tickets can be purchased online at our website at www.decaturgardentour.com or at the following locations: Intown Ace Hardware, Smith Ace Hardware, The Seventeenth Step, or the Oakhurst Community Garden the day of the tour.

Your ticket purchase benefits the Oakhurst Community Garden Project and the Decatur Preservation Alliance, to support their operations and programs. To find out more about the tour and to preview some of the gardens selected, follow us on Facebook at "Decatur Garden Tour." More information can also be found on our website, www.decaturgardentour.com.



Decatur Garden Tour Publicity Photo.

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to help staff the gardens for the **Decatur Garden Tour** on May 14-15, 2011! Your duties include greeting the visitors at your assigned garden and spending time in the garden – not bad for a little over 2 hours work. AND each volunteer will receive a free ticket good for both days of the tour!

We have a wonderful mix of gardens on tour this year throughout the Decatur and Oakhurst area. Below are the shifts we need to fill:

Saturday, May 14:

- 10 am—Noon
- 12:20 pm—2:40 pm
- 2:40 pm—5:00 pm

Evening Tour on May 14:

- 6:30 pm—8:00 pm
- 8:00 pm—9:30 pm

Sunday, May 15:

- Noon—2:30 pm
- 2:30 pm—5:00 pm

If you are interested in volunteering, send an e-mail to dlroberts@mindspring.com. Make sure to include your name, e-mail address, phone number, and which shift/day you prefer. Please include "Garden Tour Volunteer" as the subject line of your e-mail.

We really appreciate your help!

Inman Park Spring Festival April 30—May 1

Inman Park Spring Festival takes place in one of Atlanta's oldest and most scenic neighborhoods. Now celebrating its 40th anniversary, the festival offers something for everybody. Music, kids' activities, a Tour of Homes, a marvelous street parade, an artists' market, some of the city's best people-watching. Come early, stay late, and be our guests at Atlanta's best street festival.

Festival Hours

Saturday, 11:00 am—8:30 pm

Sunday, 11:00 am—7:00 pm

Tour of Homes: Friday, Noon—4:00 pm (preview); Saturday and Sunday, Noon—6:00 pm

Bands & Entertainment:

Euclid Avenue Tent

- Saturday, 11:30 am—6:00 pm

- Sunday, 11:45 am—5:45 pm

Delta Park

- Saturday, 11:45 am—9:30 pm

- Sunday, Noon—7:00 pm

Euclid & Waverly (Wonder-Root Stage)

- Saturday, 11:45 am—7:30 pm

- Sunday, 11:45 am—5:45 pm

Dance Festival

- A program of classical and contemporary dance in the Trolley Barn

- 4:00 pm—5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday

Arts & Crafts Show and Street Market

- Booths line the tree-shaded streets

- 11:00 am—6:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday

Parade

- An infamous line-up of Atlanta's wildest groups, including the Inman Park Precision Attaché Drill Team, live bands, and the Trash Monarch

- Begins at 2:00 pm Saturday

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

Mark Your Calendar

April

7 Atlanta Beltline 101 (Northeast 101), 6-7pm, Sanctuary Real Estate, 300 N. Highland Ave., Suite B, Atlanta, 30307, <http://beltline.org>

9 District 84 Town Hall Meeting with Representative Stacey Abrams, South DeKalb Senior Center, 1931 Candler Road, Decatur, GA 30332, 10 am—Noon. The town hall meeting will be another opportunity for Representative Abrams to keep her district informed on the major legislation that affects them and Georgia as a whole. It also will serve as a forum for constituents to communicate their concerns with the Representative.

15 Goodness in the Gardens to benefit the Frazer Center (see article Page 2 for details; www.goodnessinthegardens.org)

15-17 SweetWater 420 Festival in Candler Park and 5K on April 16, 9 am—10:30 am (see Page 3 for details; www.sweetwater420fest.com)

Atlanta Dogwood Festival in Piedmont Park (see article for details; www.dogwood.org)

16 Atlanta City Council District 5 Tire Roundup

16 The Community School and Eagle Secure Shredding are sponsoring a Community Shred Day on **April 16th** from 10 am—1 pm in the parking lot of the First

Baptist Church of Decatur. Have your old tax records, bills, bank statements and other confidential documents shredded **on-site** and recycled by Atlanta's premiere shredding company. Donations of \$5 per bankers box (maximum of **ten** boxes per patron please) are welcome and all proceeds will support The Community School, a school for junior and high school students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The First Baptist Church of Decatur is located at 308 Clairemont Ave, Decatur 30030. Visit www.thecommunityschool.net for more information about the school and the event. Rain or shine -- we hope to see you there!

21 Lake Claire Neighbors meeting, 7 pm, Frazer Center atrium, 1815 S. Ponce de Leon Ave. (enter at the back entrance at the end of Ridgewood Road).

23 Lake Claire Land Trust Dirt Fest 2011 (see Page 2 for details)

23 Fernbank Museum of Natural History Hosts 2nd Annual Dinosaur Egg Hunt on April 23, 10 am—2 pm, featuring music, games and age-appropriate timed egg hunts. To ensure a fun time for all, advance registration is required to participate. All *Dinosaur Egg Hunt* activities are included with Museum admission and are free for members. If you have questions, please contact us at (404) 929-6400 or visit fernbankmuseum.org. Fernbank Museum is located at 767 Clifton Road, NE.

May

14-15 Decatur's Blooming (see article for details; www.decaturgardentour.com)

20 Closing of the CDC's Malaria: Blood, Sweat and Tears Adam Nadel/Malaria Consortium. Currently open through May 20, the exhibition

uses a variety of media to discuss the history, science, and global impact of malaria. The Global Health Odyssey Museum is free, open to the public, and no reservations are required! Hours are 9-5 pm Monday-Friday, with extended hours to 7 pm on Thursday. For more exhibit information and entry requirements, please visit www.cdc.gov/museum.

LAND TRUST CALENDAR - 2011

APRIL 3 and APRIL 17 ~ "Keep the Trust" volunteer work days, 3—6 pm. Pizza will be served when we finish. Also, volunteers will receive a free pass to the next Drum Circle.

APRIL 13 ~ Community Potluck at the Gazebo
APRIL 23 ~ DIRT FEST (See article)

APRIL 24 ~ EASTER EGG HUNT

hide at 9 am, hunt at 10 am, potluck at 11 am

MAY 7 ~ FAIRY TOUR OF HOMES

Chantelle's day of delight—building fairy houses, then hosting a tour. Open and free to all. It's big fun so come on out!
MAY 28 ~ MEMORIAL DAY YARD SALE & STREET DANCE

Two days of yard sale and silent auction in the Arizona Avenue cul-de-sac, with a fun night of literally "dancing in the street" on Saturday night. Food and beverages available all day. (Volunteers and saleable goods needed!)

JUNE 5 ~ PEPPERLAND MUSIC CAMP BENEFIT

Come hear great music and support Pepperland's summer rock camp for kids.

JUNE 11 ~ EVOLVERFEST Ideas. Art. Action. Evolution. (For more info: www.evolver.net)

JULY 4 ~ POTLUCK & COOK-OFF

AUGUST 5 ~ JERRY JAM Celebrate the life and music of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead with an evening of tribute.

SEPTEMBER 10 ~ PEACE AND LOVE FALL FEST

Our own semi-annual music festival to raise funds to keep the Trust alive!

OCTOBER 8 ~ THEATRE NIGHT

Rent a table and bring a picnic (Chastain-style) while we entertain you with a variety of performances on the big stage.

DECEMBER 3 ~ HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE

Come to buy or sell, but come for the best gifts in town, all hand-made and local!

ALSO REMEMBER our magical Drum Circles on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month; the "Keep the Trust" volunteer work days on the Sunday after each Drum Circle; the Community Potluck on the 13th of each month; the Friday Night Jam every Friday.

Visit us at www.LCCLT.org to join the Land Trust, to sign up on one or more of our email lists, to get involved with one of our committees, and more. For info on renting a garden plot at the Land Trust, email garden@LCCLT.org.

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24 Lake Claire Land Trust Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck (see Page 2 sidebar for details)

28 NPU-N meeting, 7 pm, Little Five Points Community Center, 1083 Austin Ave. NE.

30 thru May 1: Inman Park Festival (see Page 3 for details)

It's not too late to pay your LCN dues!

How? Mail a check for \$20 to Lake Claire Neighbors, attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107, or go to www.lakeclaire.org/lcn/members.htm.

Why? Help your neighborhood association clean up greenspaces, install signs, organize community events, and publish the *Clarion*.

Safety Report

February 2011

OTHER LARCENY

2044 Howard Cir NE 2/23/2011 (17:25) Wed Eve

Victim advised he was at location working out and when he came outside he saw suspect on his bike. Victim yelled to suspect and suspect rode away on the bike.

Taken: Bicycle
Suspect: B/M (young)

The Lake Claire Security Patrol Ends

The Lake Claire Security Patrol has been discontinued due to lack of funds and lack of management. While coming to this decision, the executive committee discovered that some security patrol renewals meant for 2011 were mistakenly used to pay the patrol officer for time he worked in 2010.

Since there isn't sufficient interest this year to continue the security patrol, it was necessary to refund these 2011 payments to our neighbors. Jen Horn, who managed the security patrol from its inception through the end of 2010, and Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) shared the responsibility for these refunds.

Only 11 households signed up for the 2011 security patrol, far short of the minimum of 104 households required to schedule a patrol officer for 4 days per week on 4-hour shifts. Two people paid by check and those checks were destroyed with the writers' consent. Nine households were refunded. The total refunded for these 9 was \$2,250 (or \$250 each). Lake Claire Security Patrol account funds covered \$1,365 of the refunds. Jen Horn and her company, Police Shift, refunded \$386, and the LCN general account covered the remaining \$499.

Cara Stevens spoke with everyone who was reimbursed and they were disappointed, but understanding, to hear that the patrol was ending since they had all developed a relationship with the officer, Jason Combee, and said he was very responsive.

While Lake Claire Neighbors intended to keep the security patrol completely separate from the neighborhood association, the two groups had some significant overlap, for example:

- Jen Horn was both the manager of the security patrol and the LCN VP for Public Safety;
- the patrol was advertised on the LCN Web site, via LCN email "blasts" and in the Clarion; and
- while the security patrol account was separate, it

existed under the umbrella of the LCN's general account.

It wasn't clear to many security patrol members that the patrol was separate from LCN. Therefore, the LCN executive committee voted to contribute to refunding neighbors' contributions intended for 2011.

Going forward, the LCN executive committee recommends that LCN not become involved in a security patrol in any manner, unless LCN has full control over its operation and funds, so this situation can be avoided.

If someone is interested in starting and running a security patrol on their own and separate from Lake Claire Neighbors, please contact Cara Stevens at treasurer@lakeclaire.org. Cara has a large file from Jen Horn, who no longer lives in the neighborhood, documenting Jen's work to get the last security patrol started.

—Sarah Wynn, Lake Claire Neighbors 2011 President, president@lakeclaire.org or (404) 236-9526

Support Your Neighborhood!

Thanks to the Following Neighbors for Paying Their Lake Claire Neighbors Dues for 2011

There's still time to pay your 2011 dues. Dues are \$20 per household. You can pay using PayPal (see instructions at www.lakeclaire.org) or you can send a check to Lake Claire Neighbors, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107.

Lake Claire Neighbors puts all the funds right back into our neighborhood. Most recently, your dues have gone to support:

- Expanding Lake Claire Park
- The annual Lake Claire Halloween Kids' Parade
- Improving and protecting the Harold Avenue Greenspace
- Organizing the block captain program
- Supporting the nearby Frazer Forest, Freedom Park, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, and Mary Lin Elementary
- Communication with the neighborhood, including the Lake Claire *Clarion*, our email newscast, and the website
- And more!

THANK YOU!

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Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) in Your Neighborhood

Dillwood Farms, pick-up 2091 McLendon Ave NE (Fridays 2-4pm), contact Greg Guthrie at (404) 550-7234

Taylor Organic Farm, pick-up 445 Ridgcrest Rd. (Tuesdays after 7:00 pm), contact Neil Taylor at (770) 981-0827 or (404) 862-9394 (cell)

Scharko Farms, First Existentialist Church, 470 Candler Park Drive (Sundays 12:30-1:00pm), contact Linda Scharko at (404) 229-2042.

For more information on these and other CSAs in our area, visit www.localharvest.org

Gardening in a Small Shady Area

Many people in Lake Claire have only small areas available for gardening, often because part of the yard is designated for children or pets to play in, only a small part gets sun, or one lives in a townhome or apartment with little yard space. To fit more in my front yard space, I have utilized raised-bed gardening and container gardening. Raised-bed gardening has allowed me to control the soil, as I use good potting soil, organic mushroom compost, peat moss, composted manure, and other nutrients. The yard is enclosed by a fence for utilitarian reasons, but the look adds to the design of the yard; plants with more height can be placed against the fence for a natural-looking border. After 20+ years of gardening this yard, it is dense with plant beds and is laid out in walks with stepping stones, a bit of lawn, flower and shrub borders, interesting rocks from my travels, and—as anyone who knows me will attest, yard art galore. There is a combination of annuals and perennials—in the picture (taken on March 14) the spring perennials were just blooming in Atlanta yards—tulips, daffodils, and hibiscus.

In developing an interesting and fun small yard garden, it is not necessary to use a large quantity of different plants. Stepping stones can be picturesque and detract less from the size of the yard than wider walks. The plants one uses obviously depend on the sun; once the old oak pictured in the front



Beth Damon's garden (Photo Credit: Beth Damon)

of my yard leafs out, I get virtually no sun, so full-shade perennials work best for me (though, surprisingly, a Knock-Out Rose does well).

Growing in shade doesn't mean you can't have beautiful flowers and colors. To give four examples, astilbe is a rugged and beautiful genus of shade lovers that comes in bright white, pink, and red. Astilbe is tough and pest-free—though the soil should be moist (it cannot endure draught). Lily-of-the-Valley is a useful ground cover for shade and has pretty, delicate, bell-shaped flowers—again hardy—I have used it for a great shrub border. Rhododendrons and azaleas are shrubs for all seasons that work in shade. In spring the blooms are gorgeous—my bright pink rhododendrons were cuttings from North Georgia 15 years ago, and each year the blooms have gotten brighter—dense shade is not preferred—morning sunlight with shade after 1 pm, or protection from afternoon sun by fences, taller shrubbery or screens is better than complete shade or full sun.

(In full sun, the delicate flower shades will bleach even though the plants may grow well.)

Many trees and shrubs offer a unique branching structure or display colorful berries that add to the interest and color in the yard. Nandinas work well in shade, though the foliage colors are more intense if they get at least some sun. Multiple plantings can be used as a screen or hedge. I also have two Japanese maples doing well in shade, which my brother gave me as cuttings. The perennial coleus does well in shade, but in our area often acts as an annual, as they can be less hardy—and leggy. I love a plant called "Phlox David" (Phlox Paniculata David), which I've found thrives in my yard (it calls for part sun).

A word about the lawn—right now I have brilliant green winter rye, which I enjoy planting each winter. Each winter I over-seed the yard with an annual winter ryegrass, and I enjoy my green carpet for several months. Annual winter ryegrass dies back when the summer's heat returns, and as often happens in reduced light conditions, I have had no luck with grass in the summer. A shaded area usually needs to receive at least several hours of sunlight for a turf cover; there are some fescues that supposedly

thrive in shade—but I am happy with no grass in the summer: reducing the extent of lawn grass reduces your lawn care responsibilities and also reduces your water usage.

I enjoy providing natural habitat to attract birds to the yard and making life easier for the birds. Many birds visit (including cardinal families), and some stay to nest and rear their young in my yard (my dog is in my backyard, so the birds feel more welcome in the front). Creating a garden that welcomes songbirds, hummingbirds, and butterflies is a relatively simple task. It consists of supplying them with three basic requirements for survival: food, cover, and water. To birds and butterflies, close-cropped lawns, sheared foundation shrubs, and deadheaded flowers mean no place to nest, no food to eat, and nowhere to hide.

Planning can be the hallmark of landscaping the yard. Begin planning by putting something down on paper, and then go from there. It doesn't have to be elaborate, but when you are 50+ it helps one remember from season to season which perennials are where! You too can create a paradise for yourself in your yard. *Happy Gardening in Lake Claire!*

—Beth Damon



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Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden Update



Red-winged Blackbird (Photo credits: Don Vikers)

Here, finally, is the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden Update. The Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden was started as a joint project of the Atlanta Audubon Society and the DeKalb Master Gardener Association. Our first plant was put in the ground in the spring of 2005, and we've been planting every year ever since. The purpose of the garden is to inspire the use of native plants to attract birds and butterflies (and bugs). It's located at the corner of North Avenue and Candler Park Drive. To find out more about the garden go to <http://freedomparkgardenbirdandbutterfly.blogspot.com>.

Here's the latest news:

On January 28, my co-coordinator Phil Edwards and his merry troop of DeKalb Master Gardeners, Bert Weaver, Jimmy Dorsey, David & Jean Otness, Mary Evans, Stella Chamberlain, and Betsy Abrams did a gigantic clean-up at the garden which yielded 28 bags of yard waste. The Master Gardeners also planted several new plants

in the garden, including two Native Azaleas.

As I pulled up to the garden in early December, I saw a flash of red in a flock of blackbirds fly in front of my car. Wow, another first for the garden—a Red-winged Blackbird! I was quite surprised and so checked with my friend and birding expert, Gordon McWilliams, who verified that the species is a year round resident here, though it can be a partial migrant in some areas. The Red-winged Blackbird is one of the most abundant birds in North America. According to National Geographic, there were 190 million of them in 1970, and populations are considered stable.

Red-winged Blackbird females build their nests over or near water. The Red-winged male will sometimes have up to 15 females nesting in his territory. Red-wings will have up to three broods per year, which seems to keep the population stable in spite of the fact that their average lifespan is two years.

In late fall, I spotted a Cloudless Sulphur butterfly (see attached photo) in the garden. This yellow fellow (or gal) enjoys fluttering in fields, gardens, beaches and other open spaces. Sulphurs are found from South America to southern Canada. The field guide *Butterflies of Georgia* classifies them as visitors to north Georgia and residents in south Georgia. The guide also notes that there is a "massive" migration of Sulphurs in the fall, calling it "one of the South's most impressive natural phenomena."

The Cloudless Sulphur enjoys getting nectar from long-tubed



Cloudless Sulphur butterfly

plants such as bougainvillea, cardinal flower and wild morning glory. It uses Wild Senna both as a nectar and host plant. In warm areas the butterflies breed year round.

And speaking of Wild Senna, this native plant is attractive to bees, hummingbirds and other butterflies. Blooms, from mid-summer to early fall, are bright yellow. Seed pods form on the plant in the fall. You can propagate the plant by allowing the seed pods to dry on the plant before opening and then collecting the seeds. Wild Senna is a hardy plant that is drought tolerant once established. It thrives in moist open woods and disturbed areas. Native peoples used the roots to make a tea for fevers and heart problems and used a poultice of the root to treat sores. You can find one blooming in our garden later this year.

Our roving correspondent, Meta Larson, reported in late February that the garden is sprouting with green everywhere and some volunteer daffodils are blossoming. She said, "there is lots of twitter in the trees and there are little yellowish warblers in the tree tops above the garden . . . I did see a nuthatch, the blue birds, cardinals, and lots of robins." As Meta also notes there is a whole new ecosystem forming around a new pond near the garden. "There is a great blue heron almost every morning at the pond, and bats at night." Meta also reports six Mallards,

a Red-tailed Hawk, and an occasional Kingfisher as well as flocks of Red-winged Blackbirds.

If you'd like to donate to the garden, you can mail a check to the BOND Federal Credit Union, PO Box 5286, Atlanta, GA 30307 for Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Garden, account 261073591:71093008129. Please email me if you do so, so I can you a great big THANKS!

And thanks to Bob and Norma Mayers of New Jersey for a generous gift and to Diane Shellack and Annette Burgess of Roswell, for contributing several native plants to the garden, both donations in memory of my mom, Kathryn Grzesiak, who passed away on June 30, 2010.

In closing, I'd like to welcome Ecoaddendum to Freedom Park. They've started a native garden down the block from us and will be doing extensive plantings in the future. For more information visit <http://ecoaddendum.org>. Let's hope between the two gardens the birds, butterflies (and bugs) will be swarming in the park this summer! We're looking forward to a whole new season of plant, bird and butterfly surprises.

—Carol Vanderschaaf, Co-coordinator, cvanderschaaf@bellsouth.net



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Year of the Goat: DHUMP Kindergartners Learn About Goats and Giving

This is the year of the goat for the Kindergarten class at Druid Hills United Methodist Preschool!



Yes, we know that 2011, the Chinese New Year, is the year of the Rabbit. But, in our Kindergarten, it's the year of the goat. It all started with a field trip to Decimal Place Farm this fall. Decimal Place Farm is just down the road in Conley, Georgia and offered this small group of city kids the opportunity to not only pet the goats, but to milk them too.

The experience of meeting and milking goats was followed by a lesson on how goat cheese is made and then they got to eat goat cheese. Yum! The kids were



hooked. Back in their classroom they wanted to learn more about goats and as the holiday season approached, the teachers guided them into researching the topic of giving and giving a goat. They read *Give a Goat* by Jan West Shrock that made quite an impression, and soon they had decided to give a goat to a family in Haiti where their classmate Kenia used to live. The Kindergartners sum it up best in the thank you letter they wrote to Farmer Mary at Decimal Place Farms: "Dear Farmer Mary, Thank you for showing us around your goat farm. Thank you for helping us milk a goat. We liked tasting goat milk and cheese. Thank you for telling us all about the things we found in the forest. Guess what? We are giving a family a goat for Christmas! They live in Haiti. The goat's name is Fet, which means holiday in Creole. Here is a picture of Fet! Love: Bowen, Josh, Maggie, Kenia, Will, & Olivia"

Not only have the excellent teachers, Susan Gilbreath and Kim Speece, used the children's interest in goats to incorporate math, reading, writing, and overall learning into their lessons, they have also taught these Kindergartners about giving. In

December the class earned and collected \$190 to buy a goat. One of the reasons this was so special to this class and the school is that one of the kindergartners (and her sister also at the school) is from Haiti, and was recently adopted by her American family. After all of the hardships Haiti has experienced, these Kindergartners wanted to buy a goat for a family in Haiti by earning their own money from extra chores. This whole experience has taught this class more than the 3Rs—it has taught them how to GIVE!

Examples of incorporating this into their curriculum:

- The field trip has led to a thank you note (language experience).
- The decision to buy a goat and the work that goes into making money (math and life).
- Comparing other fundraising stories with our own (compare and

contrast).

- Writing a book about giving a goat (language experience). The class modeled the book after the *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* series by Laura Numeroff. The class wrote the story together, but each child is illustrating their own book.

- Building a timeline of their goat journey to document their story (time measurement and sequencing).

- Today the class performed a puppet show "If You Give a Family a Goat" for their parents and for two pre-K classes at the school.

—Margaret Waterbury



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One Twelve Gallery Presents *Migrate*

One Twelve Gallery in the Stove Works of Inman Park presents *Migrate*, images of birds in various mediums. The works in *Migrate* will include paintings by Demone Phelps and Jeffry Wilcox Paclipan, mixed media by Adam Wellborn and Alex Leopold, and cyanotypes by Terri Dilling.

Originally from Buffalo, N.Y., **Demone Phelps** has lived in Atlanta for 19 years. He says that "Art, like jazz, is a free form." Born in the Philippines, **Jeffry Wilcox Paclipan** has lived in Atlanta since 1989 and shown in every major local festival. Since

receiving his BFA from the Atlanta College of Art in 2004, **Adam Wellborn** has worked from his Atlanta studio, showing most recently at Kai Lin Art in Midtown. Raised in small-town South Carolina, **Alex Leopold** (whose work is shown above) exhibited most recently at Aster Hall Gallery on King Street in downtown Charleston. **Terri Dilling** uses a special photographic process to produce cyan blue prints called "cyanotypes." She has earned a BFA from Georgia State University and serves as the president of Atlanta Printmakers Studio.

Migrate opened Friday, March 18th and the show will run through May 15, 2011.

One Twelve Gallery is located inside City Church—Eastside, in Suite 5 of the Stove Works Lofts, 112 Krog Street, Atlanta, GA 30307. The gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, 11 am—4 pm and by appointment. For more information, visit onetwellegallery.com.



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Lake Claire's Softball Team Reestablished



Coach Kent Fisher and the team at bat

In case you missed it, below is a recap of games 1 and 2

GAME 1

At 4:14pm it was overcast and about 23 degrees with a headwind of between 30-50 mph. Spring softball? Not exactly what I had expected. The recent rains had made the base path look like something out of a monster truck challenge. The churned Georgia clay dared us to try and run in it. Quick start out of the batter's box? Good luck. Not unless you've got Panzer treads on your feet. The outfield was like dancing on a wet sponge. The positions spots were worn from previous games and surrounded by random retaining pools waiting to halt any pop fly or grounder. Somehow I managed to slip and fall twice on the same play—and the ball wasn't to me! By game time—4:30pm—we had just enough folks to play but our pitcher was nowhere to be seen. Jason Bliss filled in admirably as the East Atlanta Pillage stepped up to the plate. And step up they did. That first inning lasted about three hours with hit after hit. Navigating the mucked infield and the slippery outfield took us awhile but we managed to get up to bat with a stiff challenge ahead. We were a little

timid to start but managed a few runs and made sure they knew we weren't going to roll over. Sally stepped in to pitch inning two and everyone started to settle in. By the third inning we were showing signs of life and the competition was on. Lake Claire hit stride in the field and on the base path. Runs started to come easy and their bats got quiet. I'd say we had a rally but that's an understatement. We were elated, on fire, energized—kinda like how you feel right after the lights go down and Bieber's about to come out on stage—kinda. Some stellar hits, tremendous base running, and outstanding catches (both left & right fields) put us in control. By the time we hit what we thought was the last inning, the game was tied around 20 each. Ump called for extra inning to determine the victor,



Fans gathered to support the Lake Claire team during Game 2 (Cara & Sadie Stevens, Allison & Melanie Bliss, Wendy & Keely Baker, and Lily & Will Shevlin)



Carrie Shevlin at bat

About the Lake Claire Softball Team

Kent Fisher is the fearless leader and coach of the co-ed Lake Claire team

Other teams in the Sunday rec league are East Atlanta, Oakhurst, Grant Park, East Lake, Edgewood, Kirkwood, Virginia-Highlands, and Ormewood Park.

Game schedule can be found at <http://www.htosports.com/seals>

woman player so they automatically took an out every time she was up in the batting order and they had to play one person short in the field.

Didn't matter. The mojo was gone. Every hit seemed destined for a glove. Whether line drive, deep hit, or dribbler, there were way too few base runners hitting the bags from the brave Lake Claire team. Oakhurst, on the other hand, managed to string together some solid hitting and gappers to keep us just out of the running.

In the end, Lake Claire came up a few runs short of a victory. But we knew what needed to be done. Regale ourselves with tales of our monster accomplishments the week before at Arizona Pub—our sponsor. We'll get 'em next time!

—Boyd Baker



Sally Rowe pitching

our league and they were none too happy with a loss. Good job Coach Kent! Hope all the games can be as much fun.

GAME 2

Sunny and 70 degrees at Coan Park made it hard to believe this was the same season as the last game we played. Oakhurst was this Sunday's opponent and they looked hungry. By hungry I mean young, nimble, and humorless. They were also short a



Sadie Stevens and Allison Bliss



Ryan Gesser at first base

so we laced 'em up one last time. It was getting dark and colder but Lake Claire took the field and managed to keep them to only a run or two. Our final at bat came down to the last out with two on when Dirk cranked one between short & third for the winning runs. Victory never tasted sweeter or saw folks run for warmth and any quicker. For our first game, with little practice and no uniforms, Lake Claire was incredible. That was one of the toughest teams in

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How To Secure Windows

Intrusion prevention suggestions from "The Entry Enforcer"

Although kicking in doors is the most common method of forced entry for burglary, windows are also a vulnerable route of intrusion. Windows are difficult to secure and still allow ease of operation and pleasant aesthetics. There are a few things that can be done to reinforce them against break-ins.

Typical double-hung windows (where the window sash slides up and down) have a pivoting lock where the two sashes overlap. The window lock is attached only with short screws, which will readily pull out when a pry bar is levered under the bottom sash, thus allowing the window to be opened. To prevent this, window pins (available in a kit from hardware stores) are inserted into a hole drilled through the wood of one window sash into the overlapping sash. A special extractor tool (comes with the kit) is used to pull out the pins when you want to open the window. Additional holes can be drilled higher up to allow the window to be pinned partially open for ventilation. This technique works best on wood windows but not very well on aluminum or vinyl windows. An alternative is to use screws to lock the sashes together, but this is more laborious to open the window. This obviously won't work for casement windows, which are cranked open. Nor does it prevent breaking the glass.

For glass windows and doors, a tough polyester window security film is available. The security film is crystal clear, four mils

thick, and is applied from edge-to-edge on the inside of the glass with a super-strong adhesive. If the glass is broken (like with a brick or baseball bat), the shards don't fall out. They stay in place because they are bonded to the film, which is too tough to cut or tear. By holding the glass shards in place, the film prevents the broken window from being used as an entryway. The perpetrator becomes frustrated and goes away looking for an easier target. You still have to replace the broken glass (and film), but an intrusion is prevented. Very thick versions of security films are used on federal buildings to withstand bomb blasts. Window security film costs about \$8 per square foot installed. Windows or doors with individual, small panes of glass set between thin wood crosspieces (mullions) are not good candidates for security film, because the entire small pane can be pushed out and the thin wood mullions will readily break. Full-light or half-light doors are easily reinforced with security film even if they have the overlain grid simulating mullions, which can be removed for film installation then replaced.

The most burglar-proof security for windows is fixed metal grilles—burglar bars. To mitigate their unattractiveness, they can be custom designed to correspond to the dividers/mullions on the window (sometimes called "invisible" window bars). For a typical three foot by five foot window, these run around \$170 per window installed. Off-the-

shelf burglar bars from hardware stores are about \$40-\$100. Bars that are hollow are insubstantial and easily thwarted. Bars can be installed on either the inside or the outside of windows and can be painted to match house colors. Fire code requires that window bars installed in bedrooms be readily openable for emergency exit. That is accomplished by using hinged bars that secure with an inside latch or lock out-of-reach from the window.

Another option is Security Screens, which resemble insect screens but are much stronger, being made from stainless steel wire held in a steel or aluminum sub-frame, which is attached to the window opening. The sub-frame appears to be part of the original window opening. They are available hinged for egress and cleaning, with a latch operable only from the inside. Security screens are used in medical facilities, colleges, public schools and public housing developments, as well as residences. They are typically custom-made to window dimensions and are expensive (about \$300 each, installed). These are not to be confused with screen products being sold by alarm companies, which have alarm sensors woven into regular nylon insect screen.

—Duncan Cottrell, The Entry Enforcer (a paid advertiser), can advise you about door and window security options at your home and install any products mentioned. See more at www.EntryEnforcer.com or contact Duncan at (404) 289-6960 or by email at Duncan@EntryEnforcer.com.

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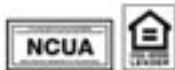
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Lake Claire Neighbors Meeting: March Minutes

March 17, 2011

Sarah Wynn, president of Lake Claire Neighbors, opened the meeting.

1) **Guest Speakers.** APD officer Sgt. J. Sokloski from Zone 6 reported that things are going well in Lake Claire. There is little crime to report. Sgt. Sokloski said that we had a bike patrol officer in the neighborhood, but he was deployed to Afghanistan shortly after he began the bike patrol. They are looking for other officers to become bike certified. He also noted that there are 13 new officers in our zone and asked that we be patient as they learn the beat. Finally, he noted that the day watch lieutenant for Zone 6 is Lt. Hensel. He can be reached at (404) 371-5002.

A question was asked about shrubbery creating a driving hazard by blocking sightlines. Valencia Hudson, Public Safety Officer for council-member Natalyn Archibong's office, replied that in such a situation you should call Public Works, (404) 330-6333, and be sure to ask for a tracking number.

Valencia Hudson next stated that MARTA has not responded to her calls about changing the staging area for mobility buses. She also noted that the annual abandoned tire roundup is on April 16th. Ms. Hudson was asked about how to deal with vehicles that appear to be abandoned. Ms. Hudson said that they should be reported to code enforcement and they will check for a valid tag. She was also asked about a dislodged storm drain on Harold Avenue. Ms. Hudson suggested calling Public Works with the block number, and again, reminded us to be sure to get a tracking number. Ms. Hudson's new email address is vhudson@atlantaga.gov.

Genny Castillo, legislative aide for Representative Stacey Abrams, introduced herself and stated that she is the liaison to the Lake Claire and Kirkwood neighborhoods. She said Representative Abrams is holding another town hall meeting in April. For more information, she directed residents to www.staceyabrams.com.

2) **LCN officer reports.** Sarah Wynn gave a brief re-

cap of Representative Abrams' last town hall meeting and noted that it was very informative. Senator Jason Carter started sending email updates and can be reached at team@arterforsenate.com. Likewise, DeKalb County Commissioner Jeff Rader sends email updates and can be reached at jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Sarah next gave the VP of public safety report (position currently vacant). Sarah reported on the end of the Lake Claire Security Patrol. (The details of her report can be found in the "Lake Claire

ance for the Harold Avenue Greenspace, and \$499 for the LCSP reimbursements, among other smaller miscellaneous expenses.

Beth Damon, a resident, asked Sarah whether we could charge less than the current \$60 for the banners since they are not selling. Dan White stated that he believed the cost to produce the banners is \$30, so it would be possible to charge less and still come out ahead.

Sarah asked that everyone please pay your LCN dues for 2011 of \$20 per household.

Next LCN Meeting

Thursday April 21

Lake Claire Neighbors meets every third Thursday of the month at the Frazer Center. Meetings begin at 7 pm and are open to all. Sign up for the newscast at www.lakeclaire.org to get the meeting agenda.

Security Patrol Ends" article in this month's *Clarion*.) Regarding public safety, Sarah noted that a meeting is being held on March 19th to teach how to advocate for your community. Also, on March 31, a beat redesign meeting is being held for Zone 6. Please email Sarah at president@lakeclaire.org if you go (or went) to this meeting. Sarah also noted that a 911 town hall meeting is being held on April 20 at Bessie Branham in Kirkwood. Genny Castillo noted that since the 911 director recently left, this meeting may be postponed.

A question was asked about the changes to water meters. Dan White noted that an audit was being done on all water meters.

Sarah next gave the treasurer's report. As of Friday, March 11, 2011, the Lake Claire Neighbors' account balance is \$13,924.15 and the mural account balance is \$6,284.31. Income year to date from dues is \$1,382; \$1,885 from advertising; and \$0 from banners and stickers. Total year to date expenses are \$2,366, which includes \$968 for *Clarion* printing, \$676 for insur-

Sarah next gave the NPU representative's report. The City of Atlanta is creating a comprehensive development plan and holding neighborhood planning meetings. Kathy Evans, the NPU rep. wants to have a meeting to brainstorm with neighbors on how Lake Claire might contribute to the comprehensive development plan.

Robby Handley, VP of Environment, reported on the upcoming Park Pride conference for parks and greenspace he will be attending. The conference will focus on how to raise funds for our parks and how to apply for micro-grants. Robby noted that we need specific projects in order to get a micro-grant and he listed some suggestions, including updating the LC park playground for older kids and replacing the steps in LC park. If we receive a micro-grant, Park Pride will match the funds. Robby next reported on his idea for a compost bank. He noted several benefits of a neighborhood compost bank, including free compost for your garden, keeping carbon local, preventing erosion, supporting soil structure, educating kids, and helping neigh-

bors meet one another. We need an appropriate, central location. If you have ideas for micro-grants or suggestions regarding the community compost bank, email Robby at environment@lakeclaire.org.

3) **Voting.** Dan White noted that a variance request for 2074 McLendon Avenue was postponed until next month due to illness of the requestor. Sarah next discussed the donations recommended by the LCN executive committee. These include \$1,150 for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries; \$1,000 for the Frazer Center; and \$750 for the Mary Lin Foundation. James Crutcher spoke on behalf of the Mary Lin Foundation and noted that the Foundation has provided interactive wipe boards and other instructional equipment to the school. He also addressed a question about redistricting and stated that at this point, there are only rumors. He noted that Boyd Baker has organized a group surrounding these issues and more information on this can be found at www.30307schools.org. Mike Thurmond spoke on behalf of Clifton and thanked LC for their support. He noted that budgets are tight everywhere, and he is concerned that this might limit Clifton's funds down the road. He noted that Clifton has a 70% positive outcome for its guests. He also stated that Clifton wants to stay involved in LC and that the guests want to hear about more ways they can give back to the neighborhood.

A question was asked as to why the Frazer Center received a donation from LCN. Sarah noted that the Frazer Center provides LCN with a free meeting space and that the LCN donation is earmarked for acoustic panels in the meeting room, fire code permitting. If the acoustic panels are not permitted by the fire code, the donation will go toward work in the Frazer forest.

James Crutcher moved to approve all three donations. Beth Damon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

New Co-Space Concept for Modern Working Families Encourages Guilt-Free Productivity

Bean Work Play Café opened March 12, 2011 in the East Decatur Station complex.



Work space at Bean Work Play Cafe

Bean Work Play Café is the new alternative for busy parents who need a place to work and flexible, safe childcare for their kids. As more and more parents meet the challenges of this new

economy by opening their own business or by supplementing their income with contract and part-time work, they need options for managing childcare. Offering parents an open work space environment, mini private offices and a conference room, Bean enables parents to find a little quiet time and/or conduct business. Right down the hall their children will participate in an educational

care program that is inspired by the Italian, Reggio preschool approach to learning. Kids will experience a self-directed learning program with highly-qualified teachers in a stimulating space filled with natural light. They'll interact with sound, movement and found objects as they play and discover.

Bean was founded on the premise that parents need options to keep their kids busy and happy beyond the endless scheduling of play dates and play facilities. Parents need an option that caters to their comfort and convenience as well. Bean's alternative envi-

ronment appeals to both adults and kids. The fun, modern and relaxed space

helps create a community where kids can thrive and parents can be productive. "We've all struggled with trying to work at home while our kids are demanding our attention. Or, going nuts trying to run errands while our children are shuffled in and out of car seats. Both situations leave everyone frustrated. We believe Bean gives parents a reasonable way to manage work and family while responsibly tending to both," says founder and proprietor, Adela Yelton. Ms. Yelton, a former HR executive at ING, is the mother of three including twins. She knows firsthand the challenges of both professional and stay-at-home parents.

With Bean's opening, parents have access to a flexible work space, classes, workshops, networking opportunities and a vital community of smart and creative parents. Children, ages 12 months-7th birthday, will enjoy a program that inspires learning and offers play dates on demand. Membership options are available offering discounted childcare rates, class fees and a variety of other benefits. For more information please visit beanworkplaycafe.com or call (404) 828-0810.



Play space at Bean Work Play Cafe

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