



## Blast From the Past: Some History of Lake Claire

### Clarion Special Report

Approximately a third of Lake Claire is the old estate of General John Brown Gordon. His estate was a significant contributing factor to the early eastward growth of Atlanta as early as the 1880s. In 1871, the Gordons acquired 86.5 acres from John Kirkpatrick, one of the heirs of the original 1100-acre Kirkpatrick plantation. They named this Atlanta estate "Sutherland," the surname of Mrs. Gordon's maternal grandmother, and built their first house there.

The Sutherland Estate's acreage covered the core of what is now Lake Claire (and originally included part of Kirkwood). Sutherland was, roughly, north of DeKalb Avenue, east of the back yards of Mathews and Ridgewood, south of and below Ponce de Leon, and west of the back yards of Claire Drive, sloping over to Howard Circle and DeKalb Place. The Gordons built their home on a knoll which was



General John Gordon by Civil War Artist Ken Hendricksen of Kennebunkport, Maine

alongside the Decatur Wagon Road, just north of the Georgia Railroad (now the site of the Horizon School and the Lake Claire Pool). The original house was totally destroyed by fire in 1897

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## Girl Scouting in Lake Claire: More than Cookies



*Daisies Bridge to Brownies Ceremony - Photo by Brandon Bransford*

Many Lake Claire girls are in girl scouting, one of whom wrote our Kids' Corner this month (see page 12). Girls from Kindergarten through 12th grade are in

girl scouting; and both men and women over 18 can join as adult members. Many join for fun and friendship, but the benefits are a lot more. Many people think of *Daisies* *cont. on p. 7*

## School Openings Around the Corner (literally and figuratively)

One minute you're swimming and enjoying the summer, and the next you're putting together your book bag. Public schools start again on Monday, August 6. Parents are probably aware of these dates, and the Clarion will likely be out only within a day or two of the deadlines, unfortunately -- but just in case anyone has had her/his head in the summer sand:

**Mary Lin School Open House.** Friday Aug 3, 10-11:30 a.m. – A chance for parents and children to meet their teachers and check out the classroom for the 2012-1013 school year. 586 Candler Park Drive, N.E., 404-802-8850

If you haven't registered your student for **Inman Middle School**, you have another opportunity. Inman will be open for Registration August 1, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions about registration please contact the school. The lines on the first day of school are very long so you may save yourself some time by visiting ahead of time. Samuel M. Inman Middle

School, 774 Virginia Avenue, NE, 404-802-3200.

**Grady** enrollment ends August 2.... See the website for more information, <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/3087>. Henry W. Grady High School, 929 Charles Allen Drive, Atlanta 30309, 404-802-3001.

And our close-by private schools... **Paideia** – starts August 21. [http://www.paideiaschool.org/about\\_us/index.aspx](http://www.paideiaschool.org/about_us/index.aspx), 1509 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30307.

**Horizons School** – starts August 8 (not confirmed). Accepting applications for 2012-13, contact the school to apply – or meet the llamas, chickens, sheep and ducks! [Horizonsschool@horizonsschool.com](mailto:Horizonsschool@horizonsschool.com) or 404-378-2219, 1900 Dekalb Avenue, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30307. Speaking of which, not being a parent nor familiar with schools, imagine my surprise recently walking my dog, when I came across goats and llamas on Hampton Terrace behind Horizons.

## No Nukes Y'all: Lake Claire Can Help Halt the Project (and have fun)

by Stephen Wing

If you pay taxes or a power bill, you are helping to pay for the construction of the first new nuclear reactors built in the U.S. since Three Mile Island, right here in Georgia.

Georgia Power is raising money to build two new reactors at Plant Vogtle in rural Burke County by attaching a "Nuclear Construction Cost Recovery" fee to every ratepayer's monthly bill. They are also first in line for President Obama's zero-to-low interest taxpayer-guaranteed nuclear loan program, to the tune of \$8.3 billion.

Why does Georgia Power depend on taxpayers and ratepayers to fund its construction projects, instead of investors? Because nuclear power plants are **so financially risky** that no bank will lend money to build one, and so environmentally dangerous that no insurance company will touch them.

Nuclear energy is the most expensive way ever devised to boil water in order to spin a turbine – so expensive that the nuclear industry could never have existed without massive government subsidies. *Nukes cont. on p. 10*

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## Mark Your Calendars

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**3** Grady – 9th Grade and New Student Orientation, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Class of 2013 Boot Camp, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information on Grady's website - <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=14413>

**6** Students return to school – Mary Lin, Inman, and Grady – see article on P. 1.

**11** “No Nukes Y'all – see details on Page 10.

**11** Friends of Candler Park Screen on the Green Presents “Wall-E” (see detailed article on page 4).

**16** (and 3rd Thursday every month) **Lake Claire Neighbors meeting, The Frazer Center, 1815 S. Ponce de Leon Avenue. 7:00 p.m. social time, 7:15 prompt start time. Graciously hosted by the Frazer Center, in the ROSE Room (not the Atrium).**

**21** Paideia back to school. [http://www.paideiaschool.org/about\\_us/index.aspx](http://www.paideiaschool.org/about_us/index.aspx)

**25** Friends of Candler Park Screen on the Green Presents “HUGO”

**27-28** Oakhurst Community Garden Project “Plant your First Fall Vegetable Garden” - Monday, August 27, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Tuesday, August 28, 7-8:30 pm. For first time gardeners ,or those transitioning over to organic methods of vegetable gardening. Learn about fall vegetables and herbs you can enjoy all season. Included are tips for success! (Taught by Stephanie Van Parys, Executive Director of the Garden Project)

### September

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**25** Oakhurst Community Garden Project Recycling Crash Course, 7 pm – 8 pm. Recycling is one of the first steps many people take when trying to “green” their lives. Come learn about how the City of Decatur's progressive Pay as You Throw system for landfill waste encourages recycling through economic incentives. Learn what you can and can't recycle and what happens to the recyclable materials after they leave your home. LuAnn Chambers (SP Recycling) and Sean Woodson.

Send calendar items for September's Clarion by August 15 to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org).

## To Help You Keep an Eye on the Crime and the Time:

### Lake Claire Safety Report Weeks 22-25

It's summer, and everyone has been out working on the yard. But we need to be especially careful at this time of year because of our tendency to leave garage doors open, a front or back door unlocked, and yard tools out on the lawn as we go in and out of the house getting tools, a glass of water, etc. Lawn tools and machinery take only seconds to grab from the garage or yard, to be thrown in a vehicle and gone before a homeowner returns from the backyard. Another scary thought is catching someone in your house who entered from the opposite side of the house. It is always a wise idea to keep your doors locked, with a key on you, on a ribbon around your neck, or in a secure pocket. Also be aware of all the people who walk through the neighborhood looking for jobs doing yard work. Some of these people may really be looking for work; others may be casing your house. Finally, check out the crimes listed below.

#### Other Larceny

400 block Clifton Road

6/23 0030-1130 hrs

Taken: two bicycles

Victim stated that someone entered an unlocked screen porch, cut the lock, and took the bicycles. Print lifted

Connecticut Ave, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

6/22 0745-1700

Taken: Apple Ipad

Possible suspect: the victim, a guest at CSM, advised that a guest who was leaving that day had been in his room.

Residential Burglary

500 block Clifton Road

5/28 1715-1720 hrs

Damaged: window broken

Resident encountered a heavy set African American male attempting to break into his house. In fear for his life he shot at the man from inside his house. The assailant was seen fleeing towards Ponce de Leon, but the police were unable to locate neither him nor the projectiles. The ID unit took pictures and dusted for fingerprints. The CID unit determined that the homeowner was justified in discharging his firearm.

#### Theft from Auto

1900 DeKalb Ave/Sutherland Place, Lake Claire Pool

6/1 1135-1145 hrs

Taken: hidden purse containing credit cards

Honda van in parking lot. Damaged: passenger's side window broken.

Prints recovered

200 block Southerland Terr

5/28 1430-1545 hrs

Taken: purse containing credit cards.

Vehicle on street in front of house. Damaged: driver's side rear passenger's window broken. Prints recovered

400 block Hardendorf Ave

6/13-14 2000-0700 hrs

Taken: 2013 tag decal.

No vehicle description. Prints were taken

400 block Harold Ave

6/15-16 2300-0900 hrs

Taken: car tag.

No vehicle description Print lifted

2000 block Palifox Dr

6/14 0200-0900 hrs

Damaged: window broken Taken: wallet,

credit cards, cash from glove box. 2012 blue Hyundai Elantra

Partial print lifted

400 block Lakeshore Dr

6/19 1700-1930 hrs

No vehicle description

Damaged: front passenger side window broken. Taken: Coach bag, Ipad3, jump drives. Prints lifted

Thefts from autos parked on Candler Park Drive increased dramatically in early June. Thefts from individuals who leave phones, keys, and wallets on the ground while they play/visit in Candler Park have continued. However, some arrests have been made since that time.

# NEWS FROM GOOD NEIGHBORS

## The Faces of The Frazer Center Profiling the staff and volunteers that make The Frazer Center tick by Lynn Nomad

The Clarion spoke with Dr. Tammy Hoffman, Director of the Adult Program at The Frazer Center.



Tammy Hoffman - Photo by L. Nomad

**Clarion:** What is your role at The Frazer Center and what background do you bring to that role?

Tammy: I am the Director of the Adult Program at The Frazer Center. I joined the Frazer Family on June 20, 2011, after completing 29 years of special education teaching experience in the Fulton County School District. I have experience working with students with special needs from Kindergarten through 12th Grade; I spent my final nine years as the Department Chair of the Special Education Department at a high school in North Fulton County. I do have experience working with adults in the higher education arena (I am a faculty member of the University of Phoenix and Walden University), but I had not yet had the chance to work with adults with disabilities. Therefore, I feel that my experience at The Frazer Center completes the circle of my professional experience.

**Clarion:** Can you explain how The Frazer Center promotes and fosters the idea of inclusion?

Tammy: The Frazer Center strives to include all of our adult participants in a myriad of community activities. We were able to purchase three new vehicles (two with wheelchair access) in 2012, so we are now well-equipped to take our adults on community outings. We participate in volunteer work for Meals on Wheels, Project Open Hand, and the Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House, which gives our adults a change to socialize with a variety of community members. Our adults also venture into the community to participate in lunches at local restaurants, bowling at local bowling alleys, adventures

at local attractions (Zoo Atlanta, Fernbank, etc.), and many other inclusive activities. Although the Adult Program is not inclusive by definition, our goals and activities clearly demonstrate inclusion.

**Clarion:** What are the benefits of having both children and adults with disabilities together under the same roof?

Tammy: Having the adults at the Frazer Center working alongside the children is a wonderful thing! Our adults have the chance to visit and socialize with the children on a regular basis; they help in the kitchen, practice for combined Talent Shows, read to the children, and participate in combined garden activities. The benefits of combining the children and adults are numerous – the adults have the opportunity to spend “up close” time with children; the children get the exposure to adults with disabilities, and both adults and children are full of smiles after they have had the chance to spend time together.

**Clarion:** What is the best part of your job?

Tammy: The best part of my job is being able to interact with all of the adult participants. Working with them at Frazer Grounds, our adult participant -led café, talking to them throughout the day as they participate in their sessions (even shooting a few basketballs), and taking groups of adults into the community are such rewarding activities for me. No matter my mood or stress level, I leave The Frazer Center each day with a huge smile on my face, thanks to my interactions with our adults.

**Clarion:** What do you think the Lake Claire Community should know about The Frazer Center?

Tammy: From the Adult Program perspective, I would like the Lake Claire Community to know that we are a loving, caring, energetic, progressive place that strives to help our adults gather, learn, flourish, and become productive members of their community. We have begun several microenterprises: Frazer Grounds (our Café that is open from 7:30-10:30 am M-F), Frazer Bling (a combination of jewelry and hand-sewn items), and Frazer Wear (Frazer Wear clothing). The Lake Claire Community is welcome to come by to visit any of our microenterprises

(just walk over!) – our adults and staff members would be delighted to show you their products. We would love to have the chance to get to know more of our neighbors on a more personal level; I promise that if Lake Claire Community members spend just a few minutes visiting the Adult Program, they’ll leave with the same big smile I leave with each day.

## Golf Event Supports Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by James Crutcher

A lively group of about 40 men from Lake Claire, Candler Park, Inman Park, and several other in-town neighborhoods participated in the 5th Annual Greater Atlanta Men’s BBQ Club & Support Group Golf Classic, held at

Candler Park Golf Course this past May. The money raised from this fun neighborhood event has been donated to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries each year. This year, the event raised a record-breaking \$500.00 to support the men at Clifton!

The event is loosely organized, yet highly competitive due to the questionable golf skills of most of the participants. Team scores for the tournament ranged from the winning score of 29, 2 under par (Team Breaux Champs), to 37, 6 over par (Team Johnson). Additional prizes were awarded for Closest to the Pin (Jeff Kling), Longest Drive (Steven Breaux), and Worst Drive off the First Tee (Dan Ledbetter).

The Greater Atlanta Men’s BBQ Club & Support Group would also like to recognize the local sponsors that provided prizes and other items: Wicked Que, Burnt Fork BBQ, Fox Brothers

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James Johnson (L) and Team Johnson Last Place Trophy - Photo by Jeff Kling

## Editor’s Note

A big thank you to Andrew and Penn Sherwood for their help to Sarah Wynn with the distribution of the Clarion this month and other months.

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# September in the Garden

by Elizabeth Knowl-

Like August, September may be hot and dry—or hot and wet. We are still in summer here, yet the shorter days make plants grow more slowly. They have heat and bugs to contend with as well as dry spells. By now your brassicas should be getting big in the garden. Keep monitoring them for cabbage worms and applying BT.

Aside from the squash vine borer, I find most of the bothersome insects easy to control. Looking at your plants every day takes care of many problems. Are the leaves all disappearing from your tomato plants? Look carefully for the tomato horn worm, the same color as the leaves, and—remove him! (I wish all the world's problems were this simple.) These are large, easy to spot caterpillars.

Are holes appearing in your bean leaves? Mexican bean beetles vaguely resemble ladybugs but are more yellowy, have about 16 black spots (I have never counted), and will be skeletonizing the bean leaves. Smaller, sort of fluffy, pale yellow things will be eating too, and they are the larva. If you tip up the leaves and look on the underside, you will see clusters of their tiny, bright yellow eggs. Squash all of these. Wear those flexible latex-coated garden gloves, if you wish, as you will be stained yellow by your work.

The last couple of years harlequin beetles have appeared in my garden, mainly attacking the cleome and, this year, zinnias. I had always viewed cleome as the ultimate happy flower; although I can rarely get it to germinate where I want, it self-seeds all over the garden. Suddenly the plants are covered with these beetles. You could try soapy water, as

suggested on the Internet, but I just pick and squash, my favorite rage activity (Take that, you nasty senators!). Apparently the beetles love rhubarb. How nice finally to be thankful I have been unable to grow it in our climate.

If it is your first garden, you will probably not have many diseases this year. Rotating crops is the best prevention but can be hard in our shady neighborhood. I have a four-year rotation for the nightshade plants (tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers), and still my tomato leaves get strange spots, turn yellow, and drop off. I do grow some hybrids that are resistant to many diseases, yet this year Big Girl has as many yellowing leaves as Brandywine. I try to give the plants space for air circulation, mulch the tomatoes with mini bark, and water from below. But I am not too hasty to prune everything back around them and pick off the dying foliage because that makes them more prone to squirrel attack, which usually begins about July 12 (they must keep calendars). Air circulation is good for all the plants; but if it rains a lot, expect a certain amount of powdery mildew on zinnias and crape myrtles, both terrific plants for our hot summers. You can't have everything.

If any of your crops are finished or have totally failed (like my corn this year), pull up the plants and compost (except for the squash—put that in the herby). Do not leave them around to be nurseries for the bad insects. Dig in more compost, then mulch, whether or not you will use that bed for planting right away. Leave no bare soil.

By now I am laughing at my last column where I marveled at the cool early June. Well, it was

cool in early June, only to be forgotten as the temperature in my garden hit 100 and 101 degrees, June 29 – July 1. Sometimes June has the highest temperatures of the whole summer.

Try starting parsley indoors in September. Pouring almost boiling water on the seeded pot helps with germination. The kohlrabi, leeks, and lettuce you started indoors can now be transplanted, remembering my commands last month about water, mulch, and shade. Using those same instructions, sow carrots, collards, lettuce, kale, mustard, peas, spinach, turnips, and any of the oriental greens. This is the month to plant garlic also, if you can find the bulbs.

Speaking of bulbs, even if you did not order any flowers in June as I suggested, you can still find them in the on-line catalogs I recommended. But be sure to request shipping in late October or early November unless you have a massive refrigerator you can set aside for no other purpose but months of storage. I rotate them through a tiny refrigerator with no automatic defrost in the basement, juggling the orders as they arrive so that no bulbs are left out to get hot and dry. (I never can figure out why my silent partner, the cook, does not want to share her refrigerator with 700 bulbs.) So far I have not ordered pre-cooled bulbs (which you must then keep cooled until in the ground); but with Atlanta now correctly rezoned as 8, it is getting closer to that day. I had several bulb failures last spring, which I blame on the warm winter.

And don't forget the perennials you started last July. By now you have transplanted the seedlings to larger pots and are keeping them strong in the same potting soil you use for spring vegetables, such as tomatoes or broccoli, either under fluorescent lights or outdoors with afternoon shade. They will need to transit

to the outside before October, but be sure they get plenty of water and protection from squirrel digging. Irises can be planted or divided this month. You will constantly be grooming your irises as the leaves die from borer

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## Movie, Food Truck, E-waste drive, King of Pops, and Captain Planet

by Mark Clement

What do these things have in common? August 11 these five kick off the Candler Park Fall Movie series, our close Lake Claire neighbor. The movie will be *Wal E*, featuring the greatest recycler of cinema history. To that end we are doing a recycling drive ourselves. Electronic Recycling Services will be on hand from 6 to 8 p.m. to take off your hands and recycle, or responsibly dispose of, your unwanted electronic items. With each e waste disposal, you will receive a raffle ticket to win restaurant certificates and possibly a rain barrel. Also from 6 to 8-ish? one of the most popular food trucks, MIX'd Up, will be serving up tasty snacks. Captain Planet will be there for an eco-photo opportunity. So, on August 11, we hope Lake Clariions will come down to Candler Park, in front of the pool house, dispose of your unwanted electronic waste, win some cool stuff, have dinner, get your picture taken with Captain Planet, and see a great movie with your Candler Park and Lake Claire neighbors.

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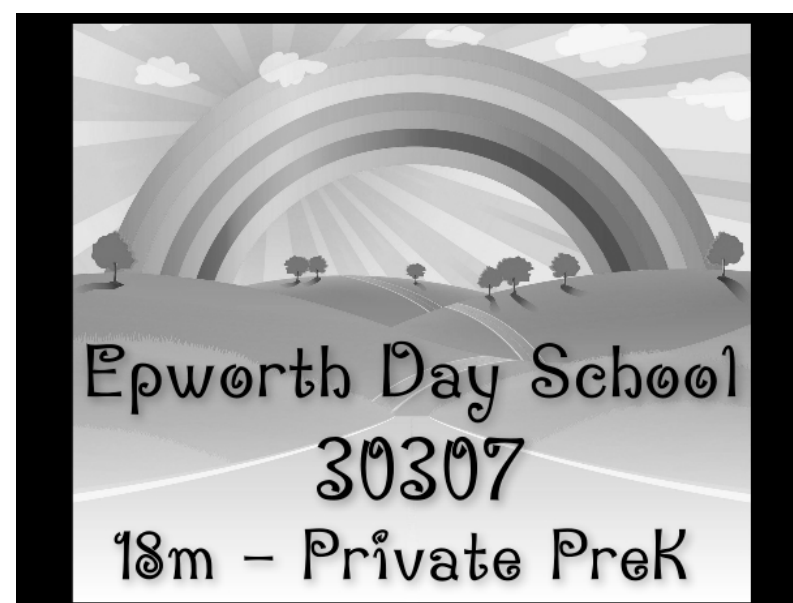
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# Wild Lake Claire: the Natives Among Us

by Carol Vanderschaaf

*This article is based on my experiences in my own Lake Claire yard, as well as in developing the Freedom Park Bird and Butterfly Native Plant Garden.*

Green space is very important to Lake Claire. In recent Clarion issues, we've pointed out that our neighborhood association has a greenspace fund, as well as many Lake Claire neighbors' participation with Candler Park and Park Pride to address the unique challenges of creating positive, green spaces in Candler Park. Lake Claire is known for its abundant mature trees, its lovingly tended gardens and green spaces. As open spaces disappear with development, it becomes increasingly necessary to look at our own landscapes as a refuge for biodiversity. Native organisms --plants, mammals, birds, amphibians, and insects-- create an intricate web of life. It is a wonderful natural orchestration with each species' life cycle dependent on others'. Local native plants have seeds and berries ready when birds need them. Bird droppings are the best way to get the seeds dispersed. Animals and plants that have evolved together depend upon each other to survive. There are many pay-offs for us to encouraging more biologically diverse yards. Healthy, balanced ecosystems clean our water and our air. Pollinators are vital to food production. Aesthetically and spiritually, native plants enhance our sense of place. Native

plants are part of what makes a region unique. Learning about and growing native plants promotes a deeper understanding and respect for the land. So, what are our possibilities?

Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*), also known as bergamot, scarlet bee balm, scarlet monarda, Oswego tea, or crimson bee balm, is an aromatic perennial herb native to eastern North America. It grows on road shoulders, in old fields, thin woods, in disturbed areas from Vermont to Minnesota and south to Florida, eastern Texas and Mexico. Bee Balm likes full sun but can tolerate partial shade, especially in hot climates like ours. It will grow to almost 3-4 feet high and 2 feet wide. The plant has bright scarlet flowers from July to October. Bee Balm can grow in most soils. It is drought tolerant but will flower more if watered regularly. Bee Balm can be propagated by dividing the root clumps, but it is easily grown from seeds. Its nectar attracts bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. It provides seeds for other birds. It is a lovely and practical addition to any native plant garden.

Bee Balm flowers are said to be edible and smell like oregano. I haven't tried to eat them but let me know if you do. It's said they make an edible garnish for salads and that they can be used in oil when you're frying white fish or scallops. And the

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# Invasives Abound at This Time of Year: Don't turn your back on yard-eating plants

by Leah Pine

When we returned to Atlanta in 2006, there was a new plant on the block--another thug. It looked quite a bit like a mint, and it seemed to be growing everywhere, even under itself. We had to pull dozens of sticky seeds out of the cat's fur every night. A friend and I sent it to the University of Georgia herbarium, where it was identified as *Achyranthes aspera* or Japanese chaff flower (now identified by many as *A. japonica*). No wonder we couldn't find it in our books--like so many of our ornamentals and invasives, it is Asian, and a fairly recent introduction.

In Atlanta we already have our hands full with more traditional invasives: kudzu (*Pueraria lobata*), privet (*Ligustrum sinense*), wisteria (*wisteria sinensis*), English ivy (*Hedera helix*), princess tree (*Paulonia tomentosa*), and honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), many of them brought over with the best of intentions. But like the plants themselves, the list keeps growing. A neighbor recently asked me about a hydrangea-like plant with big rosy flower heads, which had taken over her shady backyard hillside. I was stumped

until I saw it popping out of beds in the Decatur garden of internationally known designer Ryan Gainey, who identified it as *Clerodendrum bungei*. Since then, I have noticed it growing in the wooded shoulder of the road over the creek at Lake Claire Park. There's another cat out of the bag, so to speak, along with Japanese climbing fern (*Lygodium japonica*), which I saw across from the Druid Hills Golf Course, and porcelainberry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)--an older introduction--which appears to be taking over the newly created wetlands at the Candler Park Golf Course.

In a recent lecture, Steve Sanchez--a principal and native plants expert with landscape architecture firm HGOR--said that it can take 50 years for an introduced plant to become invasive. It makes me nervous about some of the plants whose biddability I had taken for granted, like camellias and mophead hydrangeas. Who knows when the next Jekyll will turn into Hyde?

It makes it all the more paramount that we use native plants whenever possible. They

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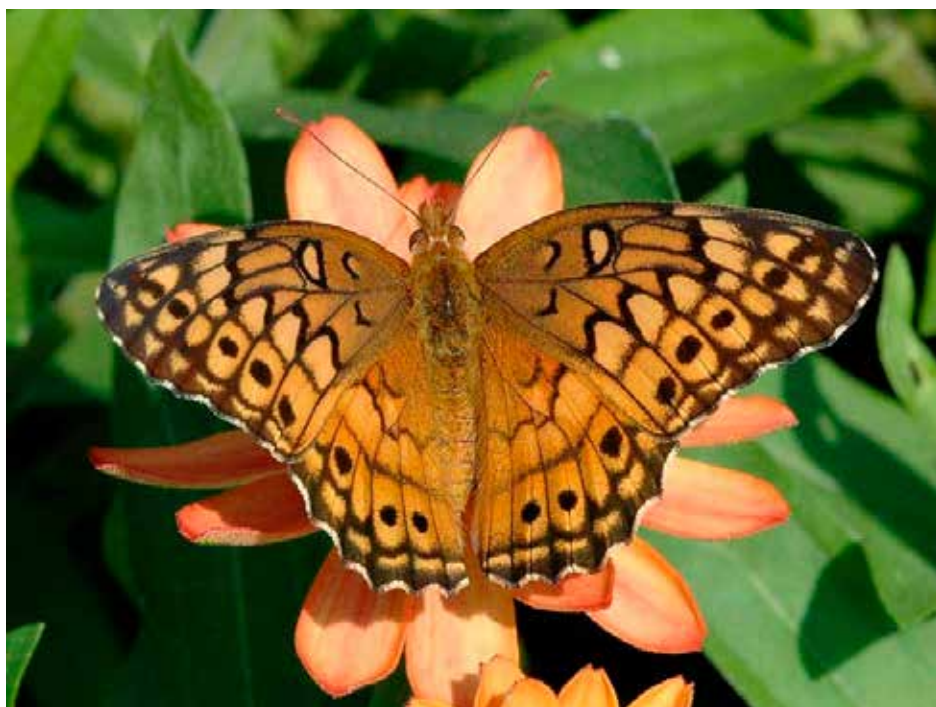


Bee Balm - Photo by Carol Vanderschaaf

flowers will keep for two months or more if frozen. Native peoples made a tea from the leaves of the plant to treat flu, colds and fever and, as with so many things, they passed these knowledge on to the colonists. The leaves of Bee Balm smell like fine Greek oregano. Early explorer John

to that of the bergamot orange. The scientific name, *Monarda*, comes from Nicolas Monardes, who first described the plant in 1569. And, of course, **it is a balm to those beneficial bees.**

The Variegated Fritillary butterfly (*Euptoieta Claudia*) (see picture below) is seen around



Variegated Fritillary - Photo from Wisconsin Butterflies.org

Bartram of Philadelphia called the plant "Oswego Tea" when he found settlers near Oswego, New York, using its leaves for a tea. It is still used in Earl Grey tea. Add the dried leaves to black tea and make your own Earl Grey. Bartram reportedly sent seeds to England in the mid 1700s. Bee Balm traveled from there to the Continent, where it is still grown usually under the names gold Melissa and Indian nettle. Bergamot or 'Bee Balm' tea was a popular substitute for the imported variety among the mid-Atlantic patriots in the wake of the Boston Tea Party.

Its name is derived from its odor, which is considered similar

Atlanta much more rarely than its cousin the Gulf Fritillary. I've seen only one of the former around my flowers in Lake Claire, while the latter are commonplace. The Variegated is a permanent resident in the south, though considered a visitor in northern Georgia. It will colonize here and as far north as Canada in the summer months. In the south, this butterfly can have three or four broods. It only overwinters in the south, usually as larvae, though, depending on climate, it can overwinter as an adult.

Variegated prefer any open sunny area, particularly fields and grasslands with flowers

present. Males will often patrol short distances in flat, dry, open places. The females lay eggs one at a time on host plant stems and leaves from spring to fall. Larvae feed at night and mature in about two weeks. Caterpillar hosts for the Variegated include passionflower, mayapple, sedum, and violets. Look for the black spotted, reddish orange caterpillars on the plants' leaves. Adult Variegated like nectar from butterfly weed, milkweed, and coreopsis to name a few.

Fritillaries can often be seen on the ground, basking in the sun with their wings spread. Their wing span is 1 3/4 - 3 1/8 inches. The female is larger than male. Their flight is low and swift, but even when resting or nectaring, this species is difficult to approach, and, because of this, its genus name was taken from the Greek word euptoietos meaning "easily scared." It was first described in 1775 by Pieter Cramer a wealthy Dutch merchant.

Butterflies frequently are found in Native American myths because of the beauty, power of flight, and complete metamorphosis found in butterflies. For example the Blackfeet believed that dreams are brought to us in sleep by a butterfly. Native American Indian legends told that butterflies would carry the wishes to the Great Spirit in heaven to be granted. The Maya looked upon butterflies also as the spirits of dead warriors in disguise descending to earth. The Aztecs believed that the happy dead in the form of beautiful butterflies would visit their relatives to assure them that all was well. There are many other examples of butterfly myths in most cultures throughout the world.

*To Be Continued in the September issue of the Clarion. Next month – the woodpecker!*

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"Honey Bee" by Lore Ruttan

## Gardening cont. from p. 4

activity, but it is all worth it in April when those divine colors and shapes follow the majestic tulips. Plus, irises come back each year.

Again, look around your garden and see what has worked this year. Feel good about it. And plan what could be better next year. Rudbeckias, celosias, nasturtiums, and a giant tithonia have kept my east-facing bed beautiful all summer; while in a west-facing bed a tithonia seedling planted at the very same time remains small and flowerless for months, barely alive in poor, hard soil under the baking sun. I need to dig and amend. Chard has been very successful this year, especially the red Charlotte, which I attribute to early planting and plentiful watering during our drought. Several kinds of basil, ditto. But don't relax: our slow time is about ended, and we will have lots to do into and through the winter.

*You may write to Elizabeth Knowlton, longtime resident of Lake Claire, with your gardening questions and comments at [knowltonew@earthlink.net](mailto:knowltonew@earthlink.net).*



*These photographs illustrate the power of soil and exposure, two tithonia seedlings, planted at the same time, each with a yard stick next to it. One has rocky, unamended soil (but some fertilizer) and a western exposure. The other has often amended soil and an eastern exposure. Elizabeth notes, "Incredible!"*



**Daisies cont. from p. 1**

cookies when they think of Girl Scouts, and the cookies are a big part of it – but they are sold for more than just fundraising. The activity of selling cookies is directly related to the organization's purpose of helping girls become strong, confident, and resourceful citizens.



*New Brownies - Photo by Brandon Bransford*

Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Daisies learn life skills through selling the cookies. They set their own cookie goals to support their chosen activities for the year, to fund community service and leadership projects, to attend summer camps, to travel to destinations near and far, and to provide events for girls in their community. Through the cookie program girls develop skills such as goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

In Girl Scouts, girls discover the **fun, friendship, and power of girls together**. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. And the girls in Lake Claire are no exception.

At the end of this school year, Mary Lin's Daisy troop held a **Bridging Ceremony** in Candler Park. Bridging marks a girl's transition from one leadership level to the next. An exciting time in a Girl Scout's life, the earning of the award and completion of the activities are designed to emphasize the continuity of one Girl Scout program and to welcome girls to an anticipated "next level." These girls transitioned from Daisies to Brownies. Girl Scout Daisies are in grades K and first grade.

In Daisies these past two years, they learned about nature and science, explored the arts and their communities, and made friends that will last a long time. Girl Scout Daisies can also earn Learning Petals and receive participation patches.

The new Brownies pictured here are upcoming second grad-

Howard, Chloe Gibson, Naiomi Partridge, Simone Rogers, Addie Halloran, Avin Faught, Katherine Rehg, Maddie Shaw, Sara McGill, Hannah DenDanto-Goddard, Ella Lefkowitz, Lily Morris, Ellie Buck, Fernanda Morales, Jamie Marlowe, Kennedy Cox, Saron Tesemma, Ava Blue, and Jory Richardson (all are shown in the picture on p. 1). We look forward to visits from them in April – **when it's cookie time**.

**Invasives cont. from p. 5**

have evolved along with our native wildlife, offering the most species the richest diets. Unfortunately, though, we often have to clear our gardens of the invasives before we can replenish what was there.

There are four basic ways that I know to remove invasives, none of them easy or fun: 1) mechanical--e.g., pulling plants squealing out by the roots; 2) solarization--wetting the soil, covering the area with plastic and baking to death; 3) chemical--poisoning by applying a chemical like Roundup to the leaves or cut stems; 4) lasagna--wetting the soil and smothering with layers of organic barriers--such as cardboard and mulch. They all have their pros and cons.

1) Mechanical is physically demanding, to put it mildly, and it may be ineffective if -- say, in the case of perennials or vines -- some root is left behind. It can also leave a site susceptible to erosion, for instance, if you have English ivy covering a hillside, and you decide to yank it all out

by the roots.

2) Solarizing is a non-chemical, effective way of sterilizing soil to a certain depth, which unfortunately means it will kill desirable organisms as well. It also means buying plastic heavy enough to stay in place for about six weeks. It may not control perennial weeds as well as it does annuals.

3) Chemical is like dancing with the devil, as it involves buying a product like Roundup from a firm like Monsanto. As graduate students, we were told that Roundup killed the plant and



*Ampelopsis - Photo by Jill Swearingen*

broke down harmlessly in the soil. I don't believe that's entirely true, but I think of it like using chemotherapy on cancer--it may be dangerous, but the best therapy in certain cases. I don't know of anything organic that will remove the real invasive thugs. And just because a chemical is derived from a plant or found in our kitchen cabinets--like salt or vinegar--does not make it safe to use on soil.

4) Lasagna--probably my choice for small areas, as it is nontoxic, can recycle materials like cardboard and newspapers, and vastly improves the soil. One friend said she covered an area with cardboard boxes, filled them with soil and mulch, and then cut them open and spread them flat, which sounded reasonably easy to me. Plan the planting holes before you lay it or wait until your barrier has broken down completely, however, as it is difficult to dig through the layers. On the other hand, Lake Claire neighbor Steve Blondeau used layers of cardboard on a north Georgia property, and the cardboard broke down completely within six months -- by the time summer temperatures reached 90 degrees, he said. This method is probably hard to apply on a large site and likely ineffective over heavy shrubs like



*Lilah Bransford, Stephani Gulbrandsen (troop leader), Bridget Stevens - Photo by Brandon Bransford*

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*General Gordon cont. from p. 1*

and was replaced by a house with a virtually identical floor plan but with a more ornate exterior.

Numerous stories of fascinating visitors and guests along with evenings of piano playing and singing are referred to in accounts by Gordon descendants. (The Gordons' larger farm, "Beachwood," was in Taylor County, on the Flint River, near LaGrange.)

As for the General, as you know if you have ever viewed the statues which surround the State Capitol building, only one of the honored citizens is sitting on horseback. That is General John Brown Gordon. The bronze statue, dedicated in 1907, is located on the northwest corner of the Capitol grounds. It was sculpted by Solon H. Borglum, younger brother of Gutzon Borglum (the Stone Mountain and Mount Rushmore sculptor). The General was a very controversial figure in Georgia history, but he was revered by Georgia's citizens and by veterans of the Confederate cause. Born in 1832 in northwest Georgia near Gordon County (so named in honor of someone other than John B.), Gordon attended the University of Georgia Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1853. He became a partner in the firm of (Basil H.) Overby and (Logan E.) Bleckley (eventual Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and for whom Bleckley County

was named in 1912).

Eventually, each of these three lawyers married one of the three daughters of General Hugh A. Haralson (state militia officer and congressman, and for whom Haralson County is named). Gordon married Fanny Rebecca Haralson (from LaGrange, in 1854). When the War broke out, Gordon organized a Georgia militia. Since the corps had adopted a raccoon hat as the only common part of their uniform, they became known as the "Raccoon Roughs." Gordon was named lieutenant colonel and, after the corps joined the Confederate Army, he was promoted to the rank of Major General, and by the end of the war, he was in charge of one half of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Gordon was one of only two civilians to have risen to such a high rank in the Confederacy and had become a close confidant of Robert E. Lee. Gordon was wounded a total of seven times in the War, five of those wounds occurring in one battle at Sharpsburg (Antietam). After the fifth wound, he fell off of his horse, and accounts indicate that he would have drowned in a pool of his own blood in his hat had not an earlier bullet made a hole in his hat, which allowed the blood to drain from it.

As was common for the wives of officers in those times, Fanny Gordon followed the General's corps to the various battles

to which he was assigned. She left their children in the care of relatives so that she could travel freely by his side. Gordon was recommended for promotion to the rank of Lt. General, but the War ended before the promotion was awarded. After leading the Confederate troops in the surrender procession at Appomattox, he urged his men (paraphrasing) "to bear their trials bravely, go home in peace, obey the laws, rebuild the country, and work for the 'weal' and harmony of the republic."

Upon his return to Atlanta, Gordon opened his law practice again. Between 1873 and 1897 Gordon was elected U.S. Senator three times and served two terms as Governor, each term being two years in length. He was active in the Democratic National Party, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, founded a Presbyterian church in Kirkwood, and was a member of the unofficial gubernatorial "Bourbon Triumvirate" -- along with Alfred Colquitt and Joseph E. Brown (it did not matter which of the three was serving as Governor; their collective interests always had a voice). And he was heavily involved in the construction of the Georgia Pacific and Western Railroad from Atlanta to Birmingham.

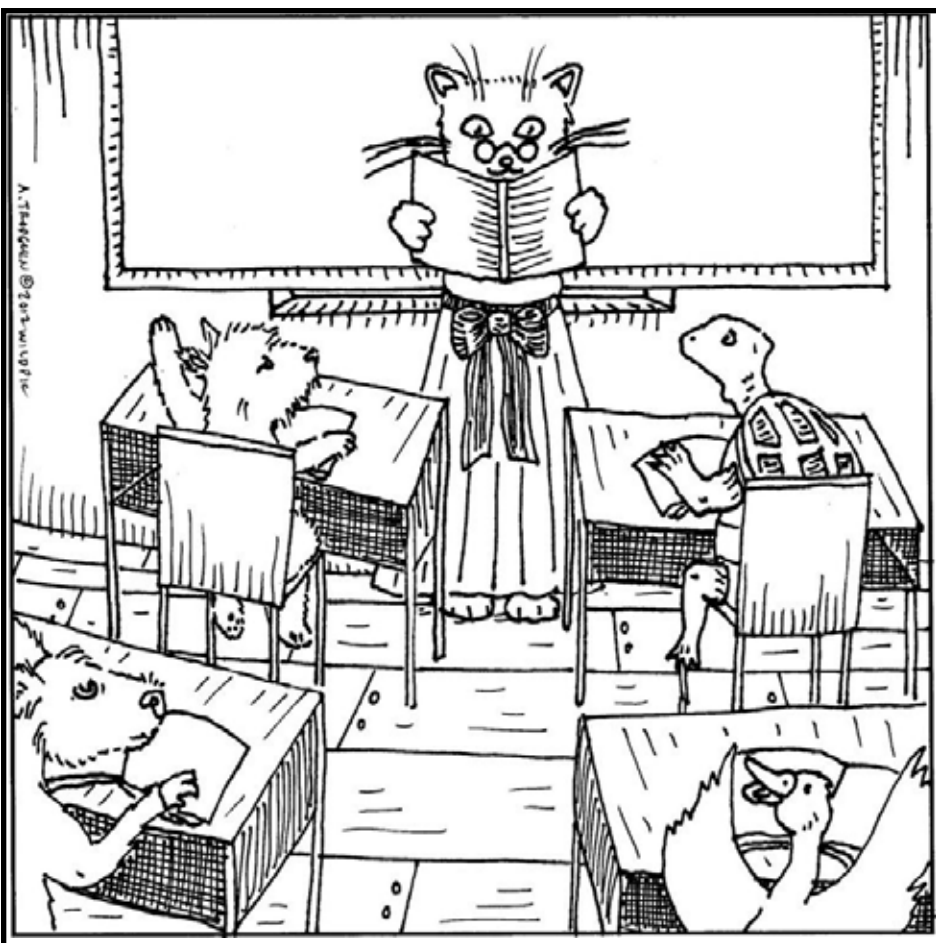
There are too many stories regarding the General's activities after the Civil War even to summarize here other than to say that he seems to have been a peacemaker -- of sorts. The General died in 1904 at the age of 72.

He was buried in Oakland Cemetery. His wife, Fanny, survived him until her death in 1930 at age 93. The estate was gradually subdivided into the Sutherland Subdivision (Gordon Avenue, Oxford Avenue, and Sutherland Terrace) and the Massell Subdivision (Claire Drive and Lakeshore Drive). The house fell into disrepair after years of neglect and, after failed efforts to save the house for its historical value, it was demolished in 1942.

During the Lake Claire and surrounding communities' early years of development, many homes were built in the Queen Anne, East Lake, Arts and Crafts, and Victorian Folk styles, primarily along Howard Street between Howard and College Avenue, as well as in the Sutherland Terrace subdivision built on the site along Gordon Avenue, Oxford Avenue, and Sutherland Terrace just north of DeKalb Avenue. Part of this area was originally part of the Kirkwood neighborhood. The 1970-era MARTA east rail line severed Sutherland Terrace permanently from the Kirkwood community to the south.

After a few decades of growth, the craftsman-style two-story American Foursquare homes and crafts bungalows became more prominent in Lake Claire. From the 1920's through the close of the 1930's, Lake Claire and surrounding neighborhoods continued to grow, loved for the convenience to both Atlanta and Decatur. In the *General Cont. p. 10*

## Biscuits & Bellyrubs by Anna Trodglen



Anna Trodglen draws the Clarion's Biscuits and Bellyrubs series. A lifetime Atlanta resident, Anna grew up on the edge of Lake Claire. She lives with her husband Dugan, three terriers, and a Black Cat. Find Anna's greeting cards and prints at Donna Van Gogh's, owned and operated by Lake Claire residents.



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# The Peter and Paul Kibedy Story

by Jake Warren

Lake Claire and other communities surrounding Candler Park in Atlanta have seen a lot of change over the years. Since the 90s, McLendon Avenue, which connects the Little Five Points, Candler Park/Edgewood, and Lake Claire neighborhoods, has undergone a complete revitalization. Sidewalks that used to be lined with litter and decay are now filled with joggers and pedestrians. The Flying Biscuit Cafe, an award-winning restaurant chain, opened its first restaurant/bakery on McLendon in 1993. Gato Bizco continues to serve up healthy delicious breakfasts. And the Candler Park Market offers organic and healthful foods. Other shops are owned by community folks, such as Van Goghs, owned and operated by Lake Claire residents. We have several wonderful yoga places, great coffee at Bombays, etc.

But one thing hasn't changed over the years. Spend any time in the community, and you will spot community staples Peter and Paul Kibedy riding their bikes to their next job. These Venezuelan-born brothers of Hungarian descent immigrated to the U.S. in the 1970s and moved to the community shortly thereafter. Throughout the years, they've been inseparable; they live, work, and laugh together. The brothers' cheery nature and hilarious sense of humor have made them beloved members of the neighborhood. They do a little bit of everything: they paint

houses, build and repair appliances and engines (including fitting their bicycles with motors to help them carry their painting supplies), and run a flea market outside of their residence. They avoid vices (except the 2-litre bottle of Coca-Cola that Peter always keeps handy), and they have a strong work ethic.

But it hasn't been an easy road. Peter was involved in a bus accident some years ago, and the brothers' livelihood was threatened when Peter developed cataracts over his left eye. For seven years his vision deteriorated. Paul had to pick up the slack at their painting jobs, and the brothers tell a funny-in-retrospect story about how Peter, almost completely blind, rode on his bike behind Paul -- holding a rope to guide him.

Roger Swift, a Lake Claire resident who is friends with the Kibedys, helped Peter out. After running into a couple of dead-ends, Roger (whom the brothers nicknamed "The Fixer") was referred to Victoria Jordan and the Lighthouse Surgery program. Victoria worked with the Northlake Cataract and Eye Center on Peter's first surgery. His cataracts were fused to his eye, so a second surgery was required, this time with Georgia Retina. After a three-hour long procedure that required attacking the cataract from behind the eye, Peter was fitted with prescription glasses, and his vision was restored. "It seems like at every step along the way, when-

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# Keep Guard During the Dog Days of Summer

by Duncan Cottrell

Heat waves bring crime waves. According to FBI statistics, nearly every category of crime increases by at least ten percent each summer in July and August. For home break-ins, the culprits are usually middle or high school teens, and between noon and three is when homes are most vulnerable. Kicking in doors is the most common method of entry, followed by windows. There are two forces in play: the heat, and ennui.

As heat and humidity build day after day, held and radiated by pavement and dark roofs, tempers can be short, patience even shorter. Even the best of kids get restless, while the worst of them get frisky and risky. Eager for something to relieve the boredom, the temptation of burglary can be irresistible. The teens rarely damage property--they just want the thrill and some treats. Tools and toys left outside or within view are terribly enticing, and a well-stocked fridge, pantry, or bar can make the adventure fulfilling. By the same token, there are fewer intrusions in February than any other month, when days are short, skies are gray, temperatures cool, and the default is to stay inside where it is warm and cozy.

Here are summer tips for home safety and protection:

- Keep your guard up. Double check locks and security systems, and put away the toys and other temptations;
- Alert neighbors before you go away on vacation, and ask them to

watch your home, pick up newspapers and notices, and to phone police if they see suspicious activity.

- Keep the kids engaged, and their time accountable to an adult. The Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, camps, sports practice, volunteerism, etc. will provide structure and fill up those idle hours.

I am happy to offer a free estimate to make doors kick-proof and window access too difficult to bother with. You'll also get an objective assessment of how your home will look to the pro burglar and the restless kid, and advice on how to make your home safer. Contact me at 404-289-6960 or [duncan@entryenforcer.com](mailto:duncan@entryenforcer.com)

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privet, even if they've been cut to the ground.

Invasives have millions of acres of the world's natural and agricultural areas in a stranglehold, so it's no wonder that we talk about controlling them as though we were at war. Since I don't like that frame of mind, I have been thinking about other ways to approach them. One might be removing as much as possible and then replanting areas with allelopathic natives -- plants that chemically discourage other species from growing near them. Black walnut is a common example, but grasses like broomsedge (*Andropogon virginicus*) may have possibilities in our area.

Incorporating invasive plants into our economy is a possibility, I think -- not by planting them, but by using them up. After all, some arrived on our shores because they were useful as medicine, food, or some kind of building or packing material. According to some reports, Japanese chaff-flower for instance, may be effective as a fungicide. Perhaps biofuel centers can be developed that are portable: we could transport them to privet or kudzu-infested forests, convert the invasives into energy on site, return the reclaimed areas to agriculture or natural habitat, and create jobs for the local economy at the same time.

For more information on these plants and others, check out the Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council's website: [www.gaeppc.org](http://www.gaeppc.org). Then check out the brilliant advertising campaign against invasives that Texas recently commissioned: <http://www.texasinvasives.org>.

Leah Pine is a registered landscape architect and certified arborist specializing in sustainable design. She lives in the neighborhood. For other blogs and information, see [www.leahpine.com](http://www.leahpine.com).

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# No More Radioactive Rock'n'Roll! No Nukes Y'all Jam Rocks the Land Trust

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ment subsidies from day one. It's the ultimate example of private industry profiting at public expense.

Nuclear power plants are notorious for cost overruns and delays. The new reactors at Vogtle are no exception: so far, \$800 million over budget and 6 months behind schedule. The very first concrete they poured was out of compliance, and they've already been cited by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for faulty building materials.

As Courtney Hanson of the Stop Vogtle Campaign told the Georgia Public Service Commission at a recent hearing: "If they can't get the concrete right, how can they be trusted to build a safe nuclear reactor?"

As the Fukushima disaster continues to unfold, the phrase "safe nuclear reactor" seems starkly oxymoronic. And now that renewables such as solar and wind are producing more electricity in the U.S. and worldwide than our aging nukes, building more of them seems plain moronic.

The nuclear industry is fond of posing as a carbon-free solution to global climate change. But it takes 20 to 30 years and billions of dollars to bring a new power plant online. Meanwhile, climate change is accelerating more rap-

idly than even the gloomiest scenarios predicted.

Georgia has vast potential for both solar and wind. But largely due to Georgia Power's influence, our state is among only 13 states in the nation that do not have mandated renewable energy standards or voluntary goals.

Uranium mining contaminates land, water, and communities wherever it occurs. Radioactive waste continues to pile up, vulnerable not only to natural disasters like Japan's but to terrorist attack. The industry's disposal strategies involve shipping the world's most dangerous materials across the nation on public rails and highways, at taxpayer expense.

Since Vogtle went online, Burke County has seen a 71% increase in infant mortality, though Georgia's overall infant deaths have declined. And cooling Vogtle's two existing reactors already uses as much water each day as the City of Atlanta, which is released in the form of water vapor – a greenhouse gas.

Nuclear Watch South and the Stop Vogtle Campaign are raising money to halt the project by inviting you to the first-ever No Nukes Y'all Jam at the Land Trust on Saturday, August 11, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Bill Fleming's Ex-P.A.N.D. Band will perform two sets, with perfor-

mances in between by Adron, Aviva and the Flying Penguins, local poets, and more. We hope you'll join us for some summer fun and help stop the so-called "nuclear renaissance" in the U.S.A. The world is watching what happens here in Georgia, and the nuclear industry's hopes for a comeback depend on it.

So walk, skate, or bike on over to the Land Trust on Aug. 11 to enjoy some electrified music and help create a future powered by renewable electricity for windy, sunny Georgia!

*Stephen Wing serves on the boards of both Nuclear Watch South and the Land Trust. In this article he speaks only for Nuclear Watch South; his opinions do not represent the Land Trust. For more information, visit Nuclear Watch South at [nonukesyall.org](http://nonukesyall.org) and the Stop Plant Vogtle Campaign at [stopplantvogtle.com](http://stopplantvogtle.com). Visit [stephenwing.com](http://stephenwing.com) for more of Wing's writings.*

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thirty years following this period, Lake Claire experienced another surge in development following the second world war, with the development of smaller houses typical of that period. We have current residents in Lake Claire who can remind us from personal experience of the changes in the years following. Some of these Lake Claire residents, including some who have been here since the 40s and 50s, have been highlighted over the past 18 months in the "30-Plus Years in Lake Claire" articles. For example, Rita Treon (69-year Lake Claire resident) reminisced in the July issue about the area around her home on McLendon, which in ear-

lier years was picturesque, with "a nice creek running through the property before the parking lot and church were built" near Howard Circle and McLendon.

Today Lake Claire is loved for its green spaces, both public and private. At the heart of the neighborhood sits Lake Claire Park, with its wooded areas and trails, large playing field, young children's play area, and tennis courts. Other parks nearby include Candler Park, Olmsted Linear Park, and Freedom Park. A popular spot for hiking and exploring, the Frazer Forest is a thirty-plus-acre green space in the midst of Lake Claire and the private preserve of The Frazer Center, which for many years has opened its woodlands to Lake Clarions and other visitors, and its building for Lake Claire Neighbors to use as a meeting space. Our neighborhood is also home to the Harold Avenue Greenspace, a City-designated passive green space under the stewardship of Lake Claire Neighbors; and a diverse number of residential gardens, some of which are certified Wildlife Sanctuaries. Many of the homes may be viewed and enjoyed at Lake Claire Home & Garden Tours (next one coming up in November).

*Thanks to Bob Schreiber for much of this. He was Lake Claire's NPU representative and involved in the neighborhood for many years. – Editor*

## Upcoming Happenings at the Land Trust


### AUGUST

**Saturday, August 4 and 18** – Land Trust drum circle, dark until midnight. No alcohol or drugs. Please walk, bike, or carpool.

**Sunday, August 5 and 19** (the day after each drum circle) – "Keep the Trust" Volunteer Work Day, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Volunteers get free pizza and a drum circle pass.

**Saturday, August 11** – No Nukes Y'all Jam, a fundraiser for Nuclear Watch South and the Stop Vogtle Campaign, 7:00-11:00 pm (see article beginning on Page 1)



*"The mission of the Lake Claire Community Land Trust is to acquire, maintain, and protect green space for neighborhood enhancement and education; and to provide a place for neighbors and friends to celebrate nature, community, and the arts."*



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# Land Trust 4th of July Cook-Off a Great Success

by Genise Spenle



*Peach Tastings - Photo by Debbie Livingston*

Every year the Land Trust holds a Fourth of July cook-off. There is always a theme – this year, “peaches” – and anyone who wishes to compete prepares a dish that includes that item. This year, we had fifteen peach entries, ranging from chutney on crackers and main-course meat with salsa to pies, parfaits, puddings, and ice cream. Everyone also brought sumptuous potluck items, including meats and wondrous vegetable sides. Fifty-seven people paid a dollar each to judge the contest by tasting and voting on all the entries. Ballot slips were counted, and prizes

awarded.

After the peach judging and potluck, our traditional watermelon-seed spitting contest ensued. In the children's category the winners were Elijah Haller, Henry Peteet and Priscilla Dixey. Alan Williams took the adult category. Congratulations to all, and a special thanks to our organizers, Betsy Hoddinott and Liliane Spenle – plus all our other workers that numbered sample cups, shopped, grilled, moved tables, found trash cans, took pictures, and put the “Community” in “Lake Claire Community Land Trust.” Come join in



*The Spitters - Photo by Debbie Livingston*

the fun next year! You just might win!

## 1st place-Bob Sattlemeyer's Grilled Peach/Chipotle Salsa with Grilled Pork Tenderloin

6-8 peaches, ripe but still firm  
1-2 Tbsp. olive oil  
2-3 chipotle peppers (canned in adobo sauce), seeded and diced  
1/2 medium Vidalia onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic, chopped  
1/4 c. chopped cilantro  
2-3 Tbsp sherry vinegar or lime juice  
1 Tbsp. honey (optional)  
Salt and pepper to taste.

Slice peaches about 3/8" thick, toss in olive oil to coat, and grill lightly on both sides until you have nice char marks but the peaches are still firm. Dice peaches, and combine in a large

bowl with other ingredients. The key to this dish is a balance of sweetness, acidity, and heat, so these proportions are for starters. Add some honey if you need more sweetness, adjust the vinegar or lime juice for the acidity and the peppers if you like more or less heat.

For the pork tenderloin: Coat whole pork tenderloin(s) with your favorite dry rub (a mixture of salt, pepper, brown sugar, paprika, chili powder, and cumin works well), and grill over a hot fire until they have an internal temperature of about 145 degrees. Wrap in aluminum foil and let rest 5-10 minutes, and then slice crossways into medallions about 1/2" thick. Serve with salsa.

More recipes can be found on the Land Trust website!



*Peach Tastings Winners - Photo by Debbie Livingston*

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**Brothers cont. from p. 10**

ever we hit a dead end, we met an angel in the decision-making process," Roger recalls. "We can't thank the Lighthouse and the doctors at Northlake Cataract and Georgia Retina enough for what they've done for Peter."

"Now that I can see, I can do much better work," Peter says, as the brothers and Roger reminisce about Peter's journey, over lunch at Fellinis Pizza on McLendon.



"Yeah, and now that your eye is better, you can tell them how handsome I am," Roger jokes. "I think I need more surgery," Peter laughs.

*Jake Warren is the Marketing & Technology Coordinator for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.*



# LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young readers to participate. This month's article is by Lilah Bransford, who is starting 2nd grade at Mary Lin this month. She has one sister, Olivia Bransford, age 10, an upcoming 5th grader at Mary Lin. They are both in girl scouts. The family has lived on Palifox Drive for seven years; Lilah was two days old when they moved in. The Bridging Ceremony that Lilah wrote about took place at the end of the school year (see more details and pictures on the centerfold). Lilah and her friends are now Brownies!

Hey there, Lake Claire kids -- Submit articles, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). Be creative...we'd love to hear from you.

## From Daisy to Brownie

by Lilah Bransford, age 7

I think Daisys was a great year. I think Daisys is all about having fun and getting to run and play with your friends and getting to know all of your friends. We learned a lot of stuff like how to care for someone if they get hurt, and I think it was really fun how we got to go on field trips.

I think Daisys was so fun. I can't wait to be a be a Brownie for next year. I liked the party because it was a party that made me a Brownie, and I liked the pizza and ice cream.



*Lilah Bransford - Photo by Brandon Bransford*

**Kids: find the honey bee in the Clarion each month!**

**Golf cont. from p. 3**

BBQ, Salon Red, Bridgestone Golf, and the Candler Park Golf Course.

The Greater Atlanta Men's BBQ Club & Support Group is a local group of men that meets once a month to discuss BBQ, eat BBQ, and try to be better men.

Located in Lake Claire, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is an emergency shelter, a two-year transitional housing program, and a rapid-rehousing program. They welcome approximately 30 homeless men to a place of shelter each night providing a caring environment offering meals, assistance with medical forms,



*Golf Team Breaux 2012 Tournament Champs - Steven Breaux in the middle winner of "best dressed". On right is BBQ club president Kenyon Thweatt - Photo by Jeff Kling*

employment services, and physical, mental and spiritual healing. Their mission statement defines this deeper objective. "Sharing the love of God we are a sanctuary to men seeking to overcome homelessness." To learn more about how you can help our neighbors at Clifton visit their

website at [www.cliftonsanctuary.org](http://www.cliftonsanctuary.org).

*James Crutcher is a Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Board Member representing Lake Claire Neighbors.*

*Rumor has it certain of the men actually play for the Druid Hills Golf Club - but in very different clothes. - Ed.*



*Crowd gathers for the shotgun start. Jeff Kling (middle), Dan Ledbetter, Darryl Howard and others. - Photo by Jeff Kling*