

Lullwater Latest

August 2017

Kudos and Kale



Kudos to Lullwater residents Jan Eichelberger, Joy Blount, and Sharon Day for completing the Peachtree Road Race.



The ornamental kale from the flower beds at the entrance and exit were replaced by the summer color plantings. And the sheep could not believe their good fortune. We heard them exclaim, "What did we do to deserve this? Yum!"



President's Column

Carolyn Johnson, LEOA President

The dog days of summer have arrived. Stifling weather has once again chased everyone inside, and we run away from mosquitoes on our way to the mailbox. Every year at this time I wonder why I didn't make plans to be gone for a couple months. This summer the appearance of a copperhead in the community garden is a reminder that not all creatures we share our property with are ones that we welcome. Garden participants were warned to be on the lookout, but all other residents need to be vigilant as well, especially when following your dogs into grassy areas or when stepping into ivy to pull a weed.

Summer is also the time for repairs and maintenance of our property. Just drive through our complex almost any day and you will see painters, roofers, tilers, and general maintenance people working on many projects. One of the many surprises that board members have been discovering is the slow pace of getting repairs made to the common property. It can take months to get estimates, and additional time to actually get the work scheduled. Board meetings always focus this truth on us, as we discuss the same issues over and over. I assure you, however, that we are always striving to keep our community looking its best and also attempting to do that within our budget. It often feels like a daunting task.

Our neighbors have been taking interesting trips, some of which may be described in more detail in this newsletter. Europe beckons some, Georgia lakes beckon others. It is always good to get away, but also always good to return home. Special thanks go out to the neighbors who get mail and packages, feed pets, and water plants for those who are away.

Several recent occurrences of water damage prompt me to remind all of you of insurance requirements you may want to investigate. Unit owners must insure contents and the interiors of your units plus any additions and improvements since the original construction. You must also ensure that your insurance covers you for the deductibles provided for in the master policy of the Association. For example, the deductible for water damage is \$5,000. Please check the LEOA website for more details.

Bird Banding at Lullwater Estate

On May 25, for the fourth year in a row, the Smithsonian Neighborhood Nestwatch program visited Lullwater Estate. Adam Graham, the summer Nestwatch intern, arranged with Linda DiSantis to catch and band birds behind Unit 31. Neighborhood Nestwatch is a program designed to monitor common birds in the area to determine their status and health. On that morning, Adam set up 3 mist nets, which are fine woven nets that birds can't see and therefore, will fly into them. They get their feet tangled in the net, and after they are carefully removed, the birds are weighed, measured and this year had their blood drawn. A tail feather is removed and the feather and blood are analyzed to determine the overall health of the birds, including what toxins they have been exposed to.

That morning, we were able to catch and process 2 American Robins, 1 song sparrow, 1 Northern Cardinal, 1 Gray Catbird, and 1 Carolina Wren. After the banding, we walked an



approximate 200-meter radius around Unit 31 to see if we could locate any birds banded from previous years. Adam spotted a Northern Cardinal that was banded by the Nestwatch program in 2014 still living in the neighborhood.

Over the course of the project, Adam visited 66 participants' houses and processed 297 birds (267 new birds that were banded and 30 recaptures from previous seasons). Additionally, he re-sighted, either in participants' yards or while walking on a foray, a total of 57 birds from previous years, including a handful of birds that were banded in 2014.

This program provides real data that scientists are able to use in researching and evaluating the status of birds in Atlanta and elsewhere. And it is really fun to see birds up close and help with the project.



Atlanta and Beyond – Gardens

by *Betsy Marvin*

No matter where we go, we see lovely flowers, interesting trees, and creative designs for showing off the local vegetation. We learned about funny-looking Baobab trees in Perth, Australia, and a plethora of kinds of bananas in Viet Nam. One year we witnessed daffodils blooming in January in Atlanta, in July in Norway, and in September in New Zealand. So, after we've skimmed through the main attractions of any destination, we usually head for the Botanical Garden or its equivalent. Last year we visited a colorful garden in Marrakech, Morocco. Created by



the son of a famed Nancy (France) Art Nouveau

designer, the Jacques Majorelle Garden pulls together brilliant tropical colors, exotic regional plants, and Islamic themes to produce a fantasy landscape. Originally a private area, Majorelle was finally forced to open it to the public to afford its maintenance. After his death in the 1960s, it sank into a derelict state, but when developers threatened its demolition, Yves St. Laurent and



his partner Pierre Berge bought the place in 1980. They've supported its restoration and improvements, and today it's probably the best-known garden in North Africa.

We enjoyed the small museum (another opens this September) as well as tiled walkways, bridges, pools, flowers and wonderful plants. A small cafe offered cooling drinks and teas, and even more important, shade!



Closer to home, Atlanta has several wonderful gardens, public and private. We stroll around our local Conservation Garden, over on Lullwater Road, and sometimes make little trips out to Athens to see the State Botanical Garden, or one of the other smaller ones in the area. For many, however, the favorite is just a few minutes' drive from here, the spectacular Atlanta Botanical Garden, delighting

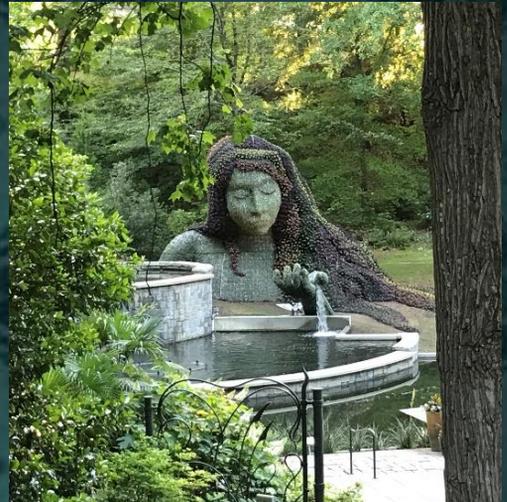
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Atlanta and Beyond *(continued)*

visitors since its incorporation in 1976. It's spacious, and always seems to have a new feature or temporary exhibit. We find having a membership means we can visit for an hour, and then come back the next week and see something different. Last January a friend came to town, and expressed interest in the ABG. With low expectations, we set out on a mild day, and found nearly as



much in the Garden as we had on other, more seasonally appropriate visits. We bring most



houseguests, who enjoy seeing Southern plants and trees, or the orchids, or the forest in all seasons. Experience the gardens of the world, and then come home and see your own!

Remembering Don Kenagy



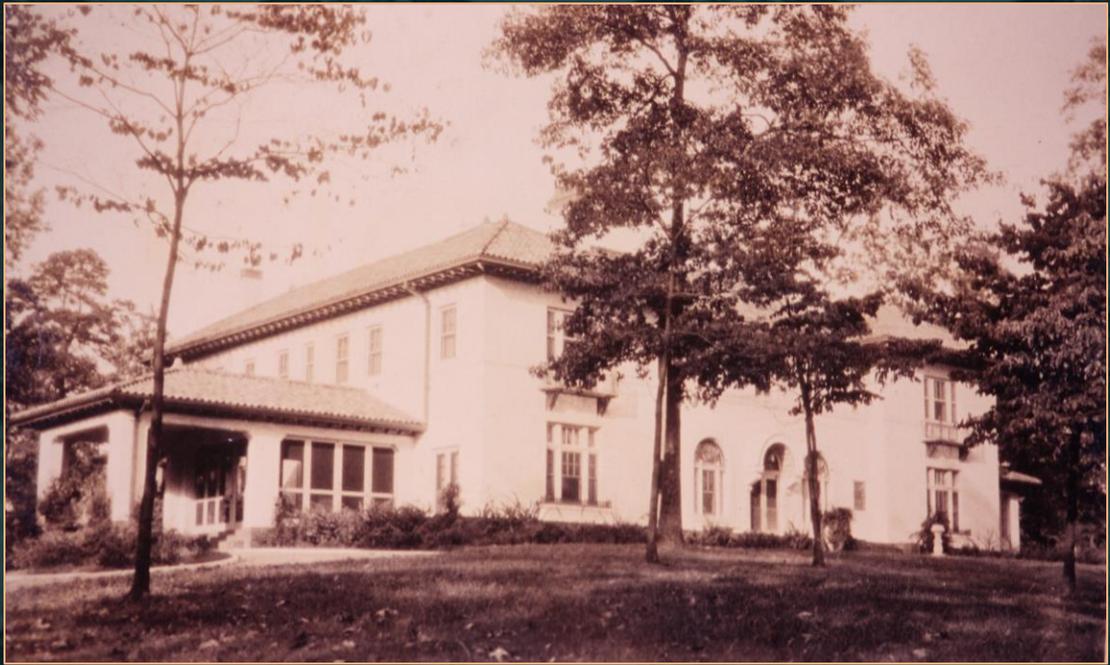
I still recall my first impression of Don. He seemed so laid back -- he looked like he was expecting something funny to happen any minute. But I sensed this was a keen, interesting guy. Come to find out, I was right: Graduate engineering degree from MIT, extensive exploration of rivers in South Georgia and Southeastern U.S., sailing across the Atlantic in a 370-foot sailboat, camping in the Okefenokee swamp, and much more. As a resident of Lullwater Estate, he lent his mind and abilities to maintaining and improving our community. And he helped make it pleasant simply by the type of guy he was. Don passed on May 14.

-Tom Hemby



Lullwater Estate History – Once Upon a Time it was Rainbow Terrace

These photos were most likely taken in late 1920's.



This was the view upon entering the front door and looking straight ahead.

Lullwater Estate History (continued)

View upon entering the front door and looking left. Curtained doorway on left led to the library on SW corner of home.



View upon entering the front door and looking right.

A Week in Krakow

By Tom Hemby

My daughter and I had longed considered visiting Poland; primarily because of historical interests. So, this summer, we spent a week in Krakow. Betsy Marvin had told me it was a wonderful city. And indeed it is.

We loved the people. With the exception of taxi drivers, most everyone we dealt with spoke English fairly well. And all were



Looking out on main market square

particularly amiable and helpful. Some appeared dour, but were never unpleasant. Even the people in the main market square constantly hawking city tours would politely back off once I said “No thanks”.

There was a fun, happy spirit in the main market square, especially at night. Surrounded by ornate, ancient buildings (the city dates back to the 7th century) and

sidewalk restaurants, the place is alive with tourists, musicians, carriages, costumed characters, and much more. And it's very spacious.

Our favorite Polish food was pierogi – boiled dumplings of unleavened dough, filled with anything from meats to sweets.

The Wawel Royal Castle was amazing. It's difficult to summarize a place that (along with Wawel Hill, on which it sits) is considered the most historically and culturally significant site in Poland.

When it comes to Holocaust history, Krakow is practically ground zero. Auschwitz is only 70 miles away. The events in the movie “Schindler's List” occurred in Krakow. In fact, Stephen Spielberg filmed much of the movie here. And Hollywood left its magic. Both



Oskar Schindler's Factory and the former Jewish ghetto are now popular tour attractions. And the latter – which had long been a slum – has experienced a remarkable revitalization.

Somber place: Where the trains unloaded at Auschwitz.

But our visits to the “darker” sites were far outweighed by those that were pleasant and fun. Overall, we very much enjoyed Krakow.

Did You Know?

Each owner is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the light above their garage(s). Several units' garage lights have been inoperable for many months and need to be maintained. Please understand that this is a safety/security issue for our neighborhood. If your light is out, please ensure it is replaced/repaired. Remember that the light operates on a photo cell that turns the light off and on when it is light/dark outside. The light should NOT be on a switch that requires the owner to turn the light off and on. If you need to replace your garage light, the ACC maintenance approval form is located on the website.

For The Artsy-craftsy Folks In Our Community

Would you like to offer your work for sale to other Lullwater residents? We're considering a Lullwater Creations display table at the December annual meeting, just in time for holiday gifts. We've got some wood-turning creations lined up, but we have to believe that there are plenty of other residents with creative impulses (painting, pottery, jewelry, whatever) who can put their crafts up for display and sale. If you'd like, we can donate your proceeds to your preferred charity. If you are interested please email Robert Marshall at robertmarshall949@gmail.com

Save the Date

September 24 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Family Picnic in the Park hosted by Druids Hill Civic Association and the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance. Details at atlantaolmstedpark.org

Literary Ladies:

- **September 21 3:30 pm** *A Man Called Ove* (Available in paperback and at the library.) Host: Lynn Hart, 44 Lullwater Estate.

Men's Breakfast

Every other Wednesday morning, the men of Lullwater meet at the American Road House on N. Highland to chat about anything/everything and enjoy each other's company. Start time is 8:30ish. Next one is August 9th.

Newsletter Contributions

We would love to hear news from you, the residents, about your lives, homes, travels, families, and concerns. Please send your articles and images to Tom Hemby any time.

We'd appreciate it if you limit the commentary to 300 words.



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