

LULLWATER LATEST

OCTOBER 2013



Druid Hills Yard Sale, Sep. 21



Sheep Departure

Fall seemed to begin suddenly, and is flying by! But no sooner do we put away the pastel linens, shorts and sandals, when here comes another 80-ish day, teasing us.

The nights, anyhow, are delicious, and we're delighted to have an open window.

So many contributors this issue! Thanks so much to you all! Some interesting volunteer activity and horizon-broadening travel, along with news and reminders about our own little community, make it a "pretty good read," if we may say so. Hope to see you at the Fall Social; it's always great company and wonderful food!

Save the Date!

Fall Social

Sunday, October 13

Come one, come all! The Lullwater Estate Fall Social will happen on Sunday evening, October 13. As always, please bring whatever you'd like to drink and a platter of food to share. The merriment begins at six, but volunteers may wander up to the Mansion's front porch anytime after 4:30 to help set up.

Based on previous such events, we expect that the food will taste delicious and the company will be convivial. Join us!

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

The Annual Meeting for Lullwater Estate Homeowners will be held at the Druid Hills Golf Club on December 4. We will hear reports from the past year and news about the community, and we'll elect several new board members. A light supper will be served. Watch for the announcement, but save the date!



President's Letter

It's hard to believe that Fall is here, but the shorter days and falling leaves tell us it is. Before long, the holidays will be here as will our Annual membership meeting of the Lullwater Estate Owners' Association. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 4 for our meeting. Also mark your calendars for our Fall Social on October 13 on the mansion porch. More details will follow on both events.

An item of note that the Board is considering. A safety concern has been

discussed involving people illegally using the entrance gate to exit the property. This activity can create a very serious safety hazard as I am sure you can all appreciate. If a car begins making a turn when there is a long enough gap in ongoing traffic and all of a sudden a car appears trying to exit through the entrance, an accident on Ponce with potentially serious consequences could occur. Please remind your guests and any workers you have at your house (including taxicabs) that they must exit through the western gate. The Board is discussing putting up some additional signage to try to eliminate this hazard.

Our dear sheep did a great job in the Woodlands area. It was sad to see them go, but it was time to get back to the farm. Thanks to Shirley, Bob, Frank, Don, Margaret, and Todd for their shepherding duties.

Bob and I had a great summer of travel. We were in Hawaii in May and took a big road trip up north later.

But the highlight of our summer was the three weeks we spent in Scotland. (Ed. note: See the travel article for more on Scotland.)

I hope all of you had a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you this Fall.

--- Linda DiSantis

President, Lullwater Estate Owners Association

Lullwater Estate Website and Newsletter Evolve

After some feedback, we took another pass at the website. We did a lot of cleaning up, both graphically and in the coding.

As you may have noticed, we also tweaked the look of the newsletter to be more consistent with the new overall graphic theme.

We are also working on an "Information" or simply "Info" page that will have material about community resources, neighborhood organizations, local and state government, where to vote, informative site plans of the property and so on. So stay tuned!

See the screen capture to the right, and click the link below to visit:

www.lullwaterestate.org

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LULLWATER ESTATE

A HISTORIC DRUID HILLS COMMUNITY

Latest News:

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Sheep Departure

We say goodbye to our summer guests. With the woodlands improvements this year, the sheep can easily return next year.

Welcome to Lullwater Estate

Lullwater Estate is a beautiful Mediterranean-style historic property located at the intersection of Ponce de Leon Avenue and Lullwater Road, in the heart of the Druid Hills neighborhood. Directly across from the Olmsted Linear Park, around the corner from Fernbank Museum of Natural History and the Druid Hills Golf Club, and minutes away from Downtown and Midtown Atlanta, the property is ideally located for upscale, urban living. Lullwater Estate is also convenient to Emory University, downtown Decatur, and the Virginia Highland shopping area.

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Renovation Row

Check out **Bill and Shirley Hollberg's** new master bathroom! Complete with walk-in shower, tub and custom cabinets. Also included is a spacious and well organized walk-in closet. All doors were widened to 36 inches to be handicapped accessible.

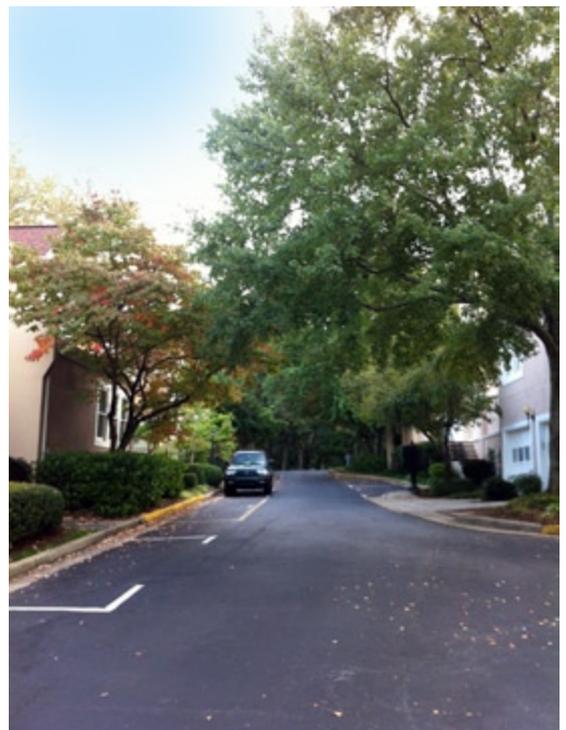


Parking Reminder

Much as we hate bringing this up, it's time again to remind ourselves that LE regulations require residents to park in their designated places, which for townhouse denizens means either in or behind garages. With the demand for the guest places shared by our guests and contractors, there is simply no space for our own cars. Clearly the occasional need arises, for loading or unloading of groceries or luggage, or it may happen that our garages are being used by contractors temporarily. If this is to be a long-term project, board approval needs to be obtained. Also, no vehicle may remain in one guest spot for more than 24 hours without board approval.

The guest parking on the little road leading to the back of our property (above the garden) is for daytime use only.

Please, for your own convenience and that of your neighbors, observe these rules.





Rambling Residents

Our neighbors have been roving hither and yon, to many fascinating places. One venue that's proven especially popular has been the beautiful land of the Scots. Linda DiSantis has this to say about their August trip, "We stayed in Edinburgh for 3 days, saw the Royal Highland Military Tattoo, visited the Edinburgh castle and other sites around the city. We also visited the Roslyn Chapel, where the final scenes of the DaVinci Code movie were filmed. Then we went over the Isle of Skye and spent our time in a croft cottage. An extra bonus was three days over in the Outer Hebrides – the islands of Harris, Lewis, North Uist and SouthUist. Scotland, especially the Highlands, is an amazing, beautiful place."

The Marvin's' two July weeks in Scotland included a writers' tour in Edinburgh, an eco-village in the north, and Mackintosh architecture in Glasgow, while Don Kenagy and Carol Sleeth have just returned from a month of genealogical research and family time in Scotland, Ireland and Switzerland.

Margaret Newsome reports that she and Jim spent a week at Amelia Island Plantation (now Omni Amelia Island) where they vacationed for many years back in the 70s and early 80s. They stayed in Turtle Dunes, for those who are familiar with the resort, enjoying the beach and lovely surroundings.

And Jeff and Sondra Davis, who often visit France, stayed "home" this year; well, more or less! Read about it in Jeff's words:

"For many years Sondra and I, because of her French antiques business, have spent our quality holiday time in France: Paris and the northern markets in the fall, and Provence and the southern markets in the summer. A good life, but I have always wanted to see the Great American West as a bona fide tourist. We packed the car in Clampett style and spent most of May and June driving through the Southwestern U.S., basically a canyon country driving tour through Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. We loved it. Each of us have our special places but every place we visited was beautiful. Canyon de Chelly is a very special place for me. Rented a runabout and toured Lake Powell for a day: beautiful water trapped by canyons. Really special. Sondra's favorite was Monument Valley, I think, but maybe not for beauty but because I could only drive 10 miles per hour on the rocky roads and Paramount was shooting a movie there with all the Hollywood people and equipment. Luxury multi-day rest stops in Moab, Sedona and Santa Fe helped us a lot. We did not enjoy Las Vegas, and it was a good bit off our main route, but I am glad we experienced it for the first time. My trip diary ended up being 27 pages long, proof that we had a very good time. The attached picture is also proof that we were there."



Trash or Treasures?

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Alarm Registration

A new ordinance seeks to reduce police resources spent on false alarm calls

City of Atlanta residents and businesses are now required to register their security and burglar alarm systems. In 2012, the Atlanta Police Department responded to 65,000 alarm system activations, 95% of which were false alarms or alarms that were cancelled in route. These calls represent more than six percent of total 911 dispatches.

With every call taking an average of 20-30 minutes, the equivalent of 8-12 full-time police officers were dedicated to responding to false alarms, thereby taking away valuable public safety resources from more pressing matters. In an effort to improve public safety and better allocate resources, the City has enacted a series of amendments to the existing False Alarm Ordinance. The new ordinance will take effect on September 15, 2013 and

residents will have until February 1, 2014 to register without incurring an unregistered alarm penalty. Residents can register their alarm system for free online at <https://www.crywolf.us/oss/atlantaga/> or by calling 1-855-725-7102. There is a \$150 fine for not registering an alarm. If an alarm is activated and it turns out to be false there is no fine, just a warning. The 2nd false alarm will result in a \$50 fine to the homeowner. Fines will escalate for each false call thereafter.

Atlanta Police Dept. Public Affairs Unit
226 Peachtree Street, S.W., 5th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Contact: Carlos Campos
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Community Garden Expansion Concept Unveiled

Plans are emerging for a major expansion phase of the community garden. We hope to double the number of raised beds and possibly add a small orchard.

It may also be possible to irrigate automatically, using the well. No manual watering required!

One recent concern, however, is the large tree located directly behind the picnic area. It was struck by lightning last year and appears to have died. It could pose a threat of falling and will need to be removed one day. But we want to make sure the garden isn't too disturbed.



Helping Kids

Don Saliers has become active in the Interfaith Children's Movement in Atlanta. This is a group of Christians, Jews, and Muslims committed to helping children in education, family life, as well as doing something about problems of trafficking, abuse, and poverty issues - and all of this across religious lines. They're growing in strength across Georgia. Much work to be done. The annual prayer breakfast is at the Temple on Peachtree Road on Wednesday, October 23, 7:30 a.m. Contact Don or ICM's website.

Don will be heading off to give the Stone Lectures at Princeton October 7-10. Emily Saliers and he will give one of the lectures as musical dialogue. We hope he'll be back in time for the Social!



Snakes in the 'Hood

Maureen Rollins sent a message from a friend in the neighborhood, thinking it would be appropriate for us, as we have had some snake sightings this year.

In a late August dusk, the Druid Hills resident stepped out of the house and felt a sharp prick on her ankle and foot. Looking down, she saw a copperhead with its head up, ready to attack again. She grabbed a leaf rake and pinned it down, and called for her husband to bring a camera, so that the medical personnel at Emory would need to know the type of snakebite she had. They then decapitated the snake with a shovel, and buried the head so that other animals would not be poisoned, but took the body to the emergency room.

There she stayed some 18 hours, taking Tylenol and being observed while her foot and leg became grossly swollen and acutely painful. No one there recognized the snake from its body, but contacted Poison Control, transmitting her photos, and that agency remained in contact with the emergency room throughout her stay. Upon release, she was told to contact her doctor within two days. By five days later, most of the pain was gone, but it returned with an infection, for which she was prescribed a week of antibiotics. It was over two weeks from the time of the bit until she could wear a shoe and walk normally.

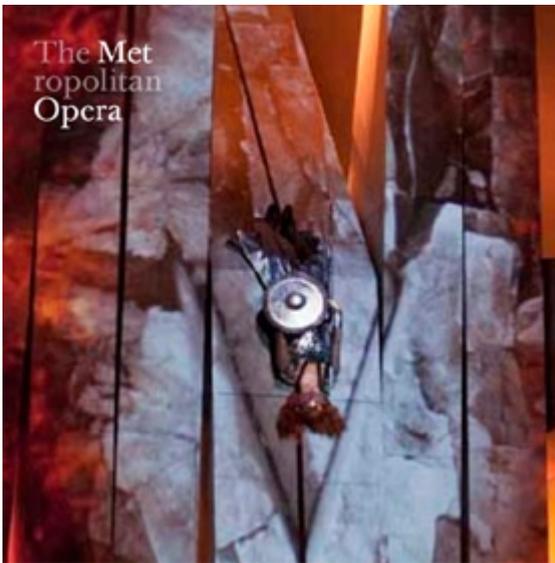
Now that she has recovered, she wants to pass along her story and a few lessons she learned, to prevent others from undergoing such an ordeal:

1. Copperheads are usually active at dawn and dusk and when the temperature is above 57 degrees with their ideal temperature at 72 degrees.
2. Why are there so many around even during the daylight? Cold spring made them stay in hibernation longer than usual. They were hungry. Hot and rainy weather flooded their dens and made them seek food and cool shelters.
3. In general, copperheads will try to escape. Sometimes they will freeze and stay perfectly still. They look like sticks. If approached and they cannot flee they will strike, usually the first strike is dry (no venom); the second strike has venom. They strike in .5 of a second.
4. If you are out at dusk or dawn, carry a flashlight and look where you step.
5. Day or night never reach under plants with your hand or foot.
6. Remember: Carry a flashlight at dusk and look down. I wish I had!

Enter Fire Trucks!

Apparently our entrance gate is not so entrancing for some! Recently we've heard about two situations when the responding vehicles to 911 calls were unable to enter our property because of the relative sizes of trucks and gate. This is a matter of concern, as emergencies tend to be, well, urgent! Perhaps residents, when calling in such cases, should specify that only smaller vehicles should be sent, or at least warn 911 staff about our gate. What's the solution?





Showtime!

As the leaves begin to turn, we've been thinking of autumn and winter activities. Most of us don't lack for things to do, but sometimes an especially attractive show, exhibit or event pulls us out of our regular rhythm.

For music lovers, a relatively recent development offers many enjoyable afternoons from October to April. A few years ago, the Metropolitan Opera, to which we've listened by radio, maybe all our lives, began presenting Live in HD, a real-time broadcast in high-quality movie theaters. A selection of the season's productions will be shown on ten Saturdays starting in early October.

For those who think they may not like opera, on the basis of having heard some arias here and there, you may be in for a surprise when you attend. The plots are often gripping, the music sublime, and such extras as intermission interviews and astonishing scenery changes are simply fascinating.

Several members of our LE community are frequently in the audience, and often car-pool to the Hollywood Regal Theater on north I-85, usually going early to assure good seats.

Among the operas to be shown this year are La Boheme, Tosca, Prince Igor and Cosi fan tutti. Here is the website:

[Click here to visit their website](#)

If you have a question, you might contact Betsy Marvin or Laura Ash, enthusiastic attendees.

For evenings of enjoyable, free entertainment, Emory Cinematheque presents a weekly series of screenings, this semester featuring "American Comedy Classics." Although they comprise an actual class, they're also open to the public, and take place each Wednesday evening at 7:30 in White Hall 205.

"Like the western, the gangster film and the musical, film comedy constitutes one of America's most distinctive contributions to worldwide cinema," says Matthew H. Bernstein, this season's Cinematheque curator and professor and chair of Film and Media Studies. "We aim to introduce our students, and share with the Atlanta community, an astonishing array of achievements, ranging from silent slapstick to classic screwball comedy to the 'nervous romance' initiated by "Annie Hall" (1977) to the animal comedy of recent decades."

Most of the films presented are on the American Film Institute's list of 100 Funniest Comedies. Several of them have won Oscars. Each screening will be introduced by Bernstein and include a brief, post-screening discussion of the film. Upcoming presentations include:

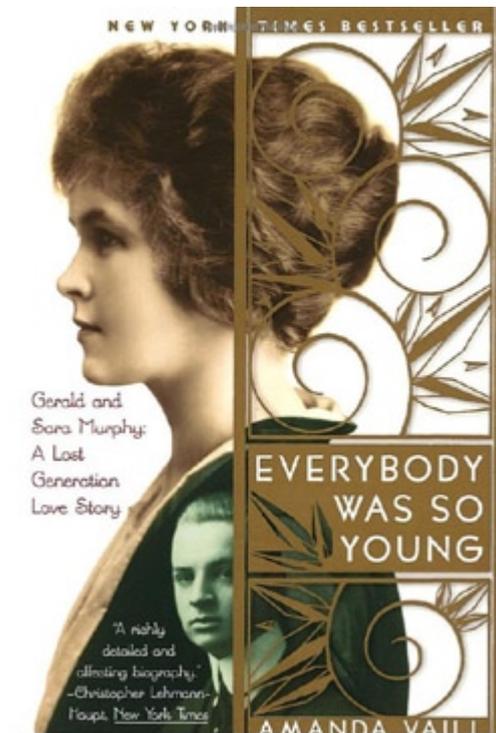
Oct 9: *It Happened One Night* (1934). Frank Capra's Oscar-sweeping (Film, Director, Actor, Actress, Screenplay) romantic comedy starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert (#8 on the AFI list).

Oct 16: *The Awful Truth* (1937). The least known comic gem of the 1930s screwball cycle made a major star of Cary Grant and features Irene Dunne, Ralph Bellamy and Astor the dog. Director Leo McCarey (also Duck Soup) took home an Oscar (#68 on the AFI list).

Oct 23: *His Girl Friday* (1940) Howard Hawks's justly celebrated remake of Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur's classic newspaper comedy *The Front Page* with Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell, and Ralph Bellamy.

Annie Hall and *The Producers* are included later in the semester.

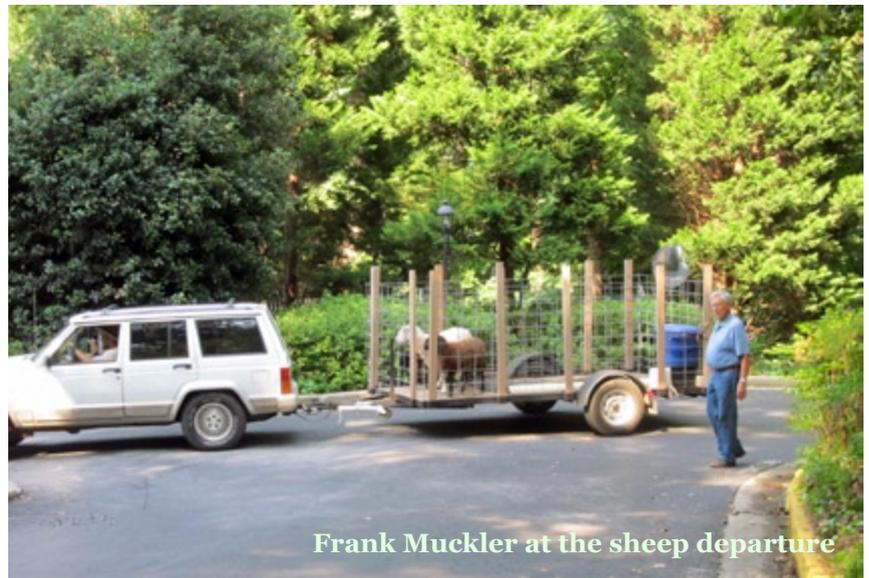
[Click here for more information](#)



Literary Ladies

The Women's Book Group meets about once a month to discuss a book they've read, and any Lullwater lady is invited to join. We are currently reading *Everybody Was So Young*, by Amanda Vaill, a biography of a wealthy American couple who arguably started the fashion of summering at the French Riviera; before that it had been known as a winter resort. Their companions, Cole Porter, Pablo Picasso, Ernest Hemingway and other noted cultural icons, add extra interest to their fascinating lives. We are meeting at Betsy Marvin's house, #25, at 3:30 for snacks and chat, with the book discussion (and digressions) at 4:00.

Our November meeting will be at Margie Ann Morris' residence, where we'll have a Faulkner scholar as guest, having read *Go Down, Moses*. The date is the 21st, same times as above. After that the next meeting is in January, host and book to be decided.



Frank Muckler at the sheep departure

Men's Breakfast

Even though we haven't seen much progress in the news, breakfasters assure me they are working hard on solving the world's problems. If you're a male resident of LE, you're welcome to join this congenial congress of codgers, old and young. They meet on alternate Wednesday mornings, 8:00, at the American Roadhouse on North Highland. The next gathering will be October 16.



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Guidlines for Contributions

We love having guest contributors, and welcome your tales of travel, stories of staying home, and other small articles! The more we have, the better the newsletter is! Please send them anytime to Betsy Marvin.

Be sure when you type them, to single-space between sentences, not double-space the way we used to when using our Smith-Corona or other typewriter!

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