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Even Noah Wouldn't Have Missed This Twigs Party



Henry Kellum, Diane Kellum (TWIGS Chairman), Everett Puri, Lombard Puri, Keith Jolley

by Betty Walker and Mary Marsteller, Party Chairpersons

Pat and Jim Ingvaldstad's beautiful home on Palisades Road provided an elegant setting for the TWIGS annual neighborhood party which took place Friday, February 10th. Kay Ottley's magic touch with flowers created a warm ambience on a cold, rainy night. The house overflowed with greenery and spring flowering plants, from the welcoming bouquet on the front door, to the spectacular arrangement on the dining room table of white iris, tulips and roses.

The Twigs membership, along with several caterers and sponsors, provided a sumptuous display of food that featured smoked salmon by Carole Parks Catering, a mushroom and artichoke dip served with French baguettes, and german chocolate caramel layer squares. The cappuccino and espresso coffee bar was an added treat.

Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors, TWIGS members and neighbors, the party raised a record amount of \$3,400 for Egleston Hospital for Children.

From the President

by Alison Caughman, Brookwood Hills Community Club President

“You really should have been there.” How many times has someone told you that? It was the first thought that came to mind as I sat down to write this article for Brooknotes. In this case, “there” refers to the February meeting of your Community Club’s Board of Directors; the list of issues and projects this group is tackling is quite impressive and something you should know.

First, the Garden Club, at the Community Club’s request, has been studying the problem of how to repair the sidewalks around the park and the pool without undermining the health of the bordering trees. The experts consulted, including the Georgia Department of Forestry, the City Forester, and Marcia Banesly of Trees Atlanta, all agree that the least done to disturb the surface roots under the sidewalks, the longer the trees will last. The Garden Club hired John Sell, a landscape designer and contractor who constructed our park in the 1970’s, to study the problem. He has drawn up a plan for repairing only those parts of the sidewalk that create a safety hazard. Although such repair work is more expensive than a complete overhaul of the sidewalks, because of the handwork required, all at the meeting agreed it would be a worthwhile investment in the long-term health of our trees. The Community Club has agreed to help fund this project, along with the monies raised by the Garden Club auction.

Various reports followed from the different standing committees of your Board: JoAnne Hagaman has been slogging through the undergrowth on the border property behind Huntington and Camden, assessing what needs to be done to get vines off the trees, and Jim Porter and Tom Lancaster are hard at work getting the pool staff in place for the summer.

Mike Nadal and Hank Harris have been representing Brookwood Hills at Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) meetings, and recently succeeded in getting the City to include in its planning document a statement that there should be no change to the zoning for the large tract of property bordering the Jewish Community Center that faces Peachtree and abuts a dozen homes on Huntington. Mike Egan has been working on getting the City to fix the sinkholes on Wakefield (score: the little one done, the big one yet to go).

Bibbie Withers is doing her best to keep the plumbing community employed with repairs to the tennis court bathrooms. Nancy Kennedy is establishing contact with nearby neighborhoods’ security programs, so that we can share information with one another. Sarah Ellen Love and Laranne Oser have been figuring out how to accommodate the needs of all the baseball teams that want to practice in the park.

Nancy Bramlett and Elaine Moynihan are gearing up for the annual membership drive and are making plans to increase neighbor membership in the Community Club from its current level of 87%. Mary Lynn Eckle and Pelham Wilder are serving as your Club’s Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. And Mac Irvin is enjoying a well-deserved rest during this (hopefully very extended) hiatus in zoning battles affecting the neighborhood.

This is your Board. They are here to serve you. Remember that you are all invited to see this group at work by attending any of its meetings. If you have an issue you’d like discussed but don’t know who to contact about it, please feel free to call me at 355-7662.

The next meeting of the Community Club Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, March 13, at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Hank and Linda Harris, 81 Huntington. All neighbors are welcome. Please call Hank or Linda at 872-0119 if you would like to attend.

CONVERSATIONS WITH

Elaine Luxemburger

Elaine Luxemburger is known throughout the neighborhood for her interest in the history of architecture. What is less widely known is her background in this area. A college course at Brown University from the noted architectural historian, William Jordy, inspired her some years later to earn a Masters degree in Architectural History from the College of Architecture at Georgia Tech. She is now an Historic Preservation Consultant, and agreed to talk with Brooknotes about the architectural history of Brookwood Hills.

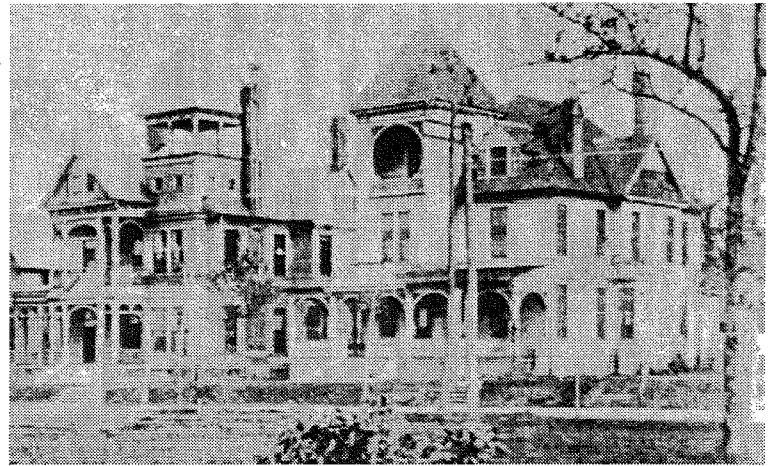
The neighborhood has a variety of architectural styles, Elaine said recently as we looked through a collection of her slides of neighborhood homes. That variety contributes enormously to its charm, which is why we and so many others who pass through the neighborhood have an emotional reaction to it. Among the early styles Elaine identified were the Tudor Revival, American Georgian Revival, Dutch Colonial, Picturesque, Mediterranean, Bungalow and Cottage styles. Later homes were built in the Ranch style, Early Modern, California Modern and, most recently, Post-Modern style.

The 1920's, when the early part of Brookwood Hills was developed, was a period when historic revival styles were in vogue. Architects of the period were interested in designing houses whose styles recalled earlier periods in history and faraway places, such as the Tudor style that used design elements of sixteenth century English architecture. Wherever possible, the architects chose materials that were identified with a particular style: a Mediterranean house would be of stucco with a tile roof, and a Tudor house would include diamond shaped windows and half-timbering.

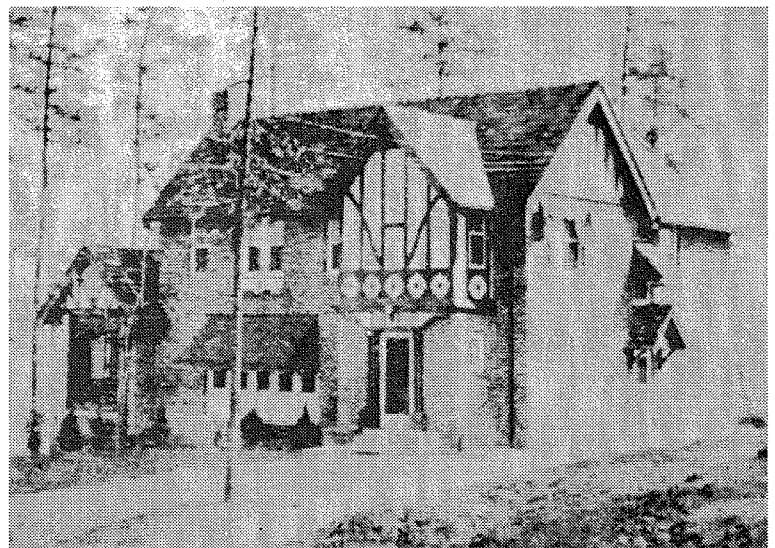
According to Elaine, neighborhoods built

in the teens and twenties in Atlanta were a reaction in many ways to some of the earlier neighborhoods like Inman Park. Those homes with their Victorian excesses of turrets and gables were designed for a lifestyle that included many servants. By the 1920's, convenience and practicality had become what homeowners were seeking.

Brookwood Hills, like so many other neighborhoods that sprang up around streetcar lines, was served by the line that ran down the center of Peachtree Street toward Buckhead. Yards were small, so that a full-time gardener was not a necessity. With all the new electrical inventions designed to make the lady of the house's life easier, many homeowners managed with less household help. Unlike the



Victorian Residences on Edgewood Avenue



89 Brighton, circa 1920's, home of Mrs. Bird

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Huntington Road Designer G. W. Moore Shows A Piece Of History

Realize YOUR "Castle in Spain"

Victorian homes in Inman Park, Brookwood homes weren't designed with servants quarters on the third floor, and maids made do with a small toilet in the basement or a cold room behind the garage.

Though "practicality" may have been the byword, quality and permanence were equally important. An advertisement from the period for bricks for a "Spanish" bungalow, shows the home of current owners Lynn and Michael McAlevey at 70 Huntington Road. Build your "Castle in Spain. . . of everlasting Face Brick," the ad proclaims, and "learn what a wealth of beauty, safety and permanence" may be had economically. Seventy years later, the ad has proved its point.

White Elephant Salerama

Alex and Kay Summers remind you that the White Elephant Salerama to benefit the High Museum will take place on February 24-26. According to the Summers, the Museum desperately needs donations for this flea market. Items accepted include antiques, art, books, china, furniture, games, lamps, small appliances and sporting equipment, among other things. Please deliver donations to Lindbergh Plaza in the Professional Shops and Offices section between Radio Shack and Pet Stuff, Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Museum Guild will pick up large items with a call to their office at 733-4428.

Brookwood Buzz

It's a boy! Steve and Robin Martin proudly announce the birth of Alexander Hill Martin on January 17. Steve, Robin and Hill live at 238 Camden.

With the arrival of baby girl Deane Ahlgren Pless, sister Anna got her wish. She has always wanted a sister and a brother. ("I'm the brother," says David, age 4.) Parents Dana Halberg and Larry Pless report that Deane has light brown fuzz and is never cranky.

A tiny pink ribbon on the door of their house gave it away.... Karen and Steve Klare are grandparents. Daughter Julie and her husband Scott are the proud parents of a baby girl born January 30th, named Molly Faith Pedersen. Julie and Scott live in Jacksonville.

Elizabeth and Wade St. John's son Edwin Harman, a senior at West Georgia College, is completing two weeks of USMC Winter Survival Training at Fort Drum, NY this week. Edwin will now be an Artic survival expert, and will complete his training in Norway in January 1996. He served in the Gulf War, and is attached to the Rome, Ga. Ammunition Reserve unit. He is one of the youngest staff sergeants in the USMC.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Ludowici "Imperial" red clay roof tile in excellent condition. We are willing to sell as a lot or in portions. Included is about 17 squares of tile, plus a large assortment of accessory pieces. Call Sara Jean or Fred Burke. 355-6288 or 355-0537.

FOR SALE: Ethan Allen Entertainment Center and Amana Microwave. Call Kathy McCune 872-1177.

Housing needed for several French students who will exchange babysitting for room and board. They will be in school from 8:30 to 3:30. Call Flo Dawson 876-8339.

Housekeeper has Mondays available. Call Lucy at 758-7060 or Elizabeth St. John (for reference) at 872-8782.

Brownies and Thin Mints



Back Row: Virginia DeRosa, Anna Pless, Devon Simons, Casey Dunlevie; Front Row: Katie McCune, Elena Duralde, Carter Samples, Katie Long, Elizabeth Bray

Some of us diet after Christmas just so we can splurge on Girl Scout Cookies come spring. Some of us skip the diet and buy the cookies anyway. Who cares that you or your spouse already bought at the office? When these little faces appear on your doorstep, who can resist?

Brooknotes has learned that a number of Brownies and Girl Scouts were out in force during the sale that ended February 5. Anna Pless, Virginia DeRosa, Elizabeth Jablonski, Elizabeth Bray, Katie Long, Carter Samples, Casey Dunlevie, Devon Simon, Elena Duralde, Caitlin Weems, Katie McCune, Anna Mintz and Elizabeth Robinson were among those selling during the blustery days of early February.

Although some girls, like Elena Duralde

and Katie McCune, preferred the personal touch of door-to-door selling, others capitalized on the use of the telephone. Elizabeth Bray was able to snatch a few orders from the salesclerks at Parisians who noticed the cookie order form in her hand while she was shopping with her mother at Phipps.

The girls reported that they didn't meet with much resistance in their campaign. Carter Samples did reveal her special selling technique: "I said, 'Would you like to buy some Girl Scout Cookies?'" Carter sold 184 boxes. Her biggest order was the 13 boxes bought by her mother.

At least 900 boxes of cookies were sold by these neighborhood girls. They will be delivering the cookies in March.

Recycle Your Phone Books

It's not too late to recycle your telephone books. Drop them off through the end of this month at the Kroger at 1715 Howell Mill Road or at Chastain Park, 140 W. Wieuca Rd.

Olympic Update

On Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m., five real estate brokers interested in renting homes in Brookwood Hills for the Olympics will make a presentation in the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital. If you are thinking about renting your home, please plan to attend.

Mary Lynn Eckl has compiled a list of those neighbors who have so far indicated an interest in renting for the '96 Olympics. If you would like to join this list, please mail your name, address and telephone number to Mary Lynn Eckl, 348 Camden Road, Atlanta, 30309. Having your name on the list will not place you under an obligation to rent.

Brookwood Girls To Meet

After a "brief" hiatus of a year and a half, Brookwood Girls is back. Larry Pless, father of fourth-grader Anna, has organized a trip to the Parkaire Skating rink at Parkaire Mall on Sunday, February 26. Brookwood Girls is open to all neighborhood girls in the first through fifth grades, and offers them an opportunity to get to know each other outside of the school setting. Interested girls should bring a father, grandfather or special friend to the Parkdale entrance of Brookwood Hills Park on the 26th at 2:45 p.m. to caravan to the skating rink. The outing should last until about 5:45 p.m. If you know of any past Brookwood residents who should be invited, or if you need directions or other details, please call Larry at 892-6024.

Sidewalk Repair

Homeowners who've been thinking of having the sidewalks in front of their homes repaired by the City (at the homeowner's expense) would be well-advised to call the Department of Public Works at 330-6087. The City is currently considering approval of a request by the Public Works department submitted last October to increase the price per square foot from \$1.50 to \$6.50. The change may be imminent.

Comings and Goings

Belinda and Robert Donovan have moved to 80 Huntington from Pittsford, New York. They have a daughter Callan, who is 18 months.

Laurie and Chad Hood have moved into 110 Huntington, the former home of Paige and Richard Hays. Laurie works for former Brookwood resident Joe McCall.

Jan Wingfield, who works at the Atlanta Speech School, has bought 37 Camden. Jan has two children, Anderson, 17, who attends Atlanta Country Day School, and Catherine, 20, who is at Auburn University.

A spring wedding is planned for Emily Sadler and her fiance Mike McIntyre, who will be moving into 138 Brighton Road. Emily is an interior designer and Mike is a developer with Cheswell Properties.

Steve and Kim McCollam and their 5 month old Grace have moved to 12 Camden Road from their former home on Brighton. Grace and her dog Ginger love their new back yard.

Beth and Jonathan Bean have written Brooknotes to say that they have sold their home at 1919 Peachtree Road, Rear Cottage to Dale Mitchell. Their careers have taken them to New York City, where their address is 955 Lexington Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10021.

For those friends who wish to keep in touch with Mrs. Margaret Fredrick, formerly of Wakefield Drive, her new address is 1 Lindberg Drive, Statesboro, GA 30458, Tel 1-912-764-4647.

Brooknotes Schedule

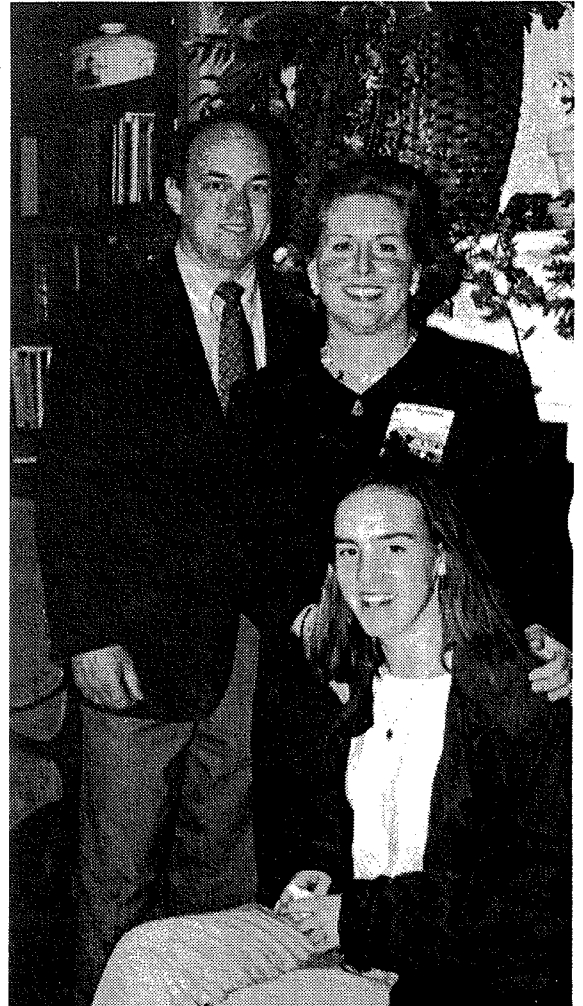
The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes will be Friday, March 19. Submissions must be in writing and should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Rd. Brooknotes needs story ideas, and writers and photographers. Call Betsy at 351-8821. If you have any problems regarding Brooknotes delivery, call Judy Horton at 351-6257



Party Chairpersons Mary Marsteller and Betty Walker



Ed Seagraves, Patti Junger, Herron Weems



Host and Hostess Jim and Pat Ingvoldstad and daughter Allison

The TWIGS annual party would not have been such a success without the contributions of talent and financial resources of our sponsors and members. We would like to acknowledge gratefully the generous support of: Kathi Pierce Rhodes and Carol Young of Harry Norman Realtors; Sarah Haygood of Specialty Homes; Laranne Oser and Chuck Wood of Dorsey Alston Realtors; Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers; Andrea Helfrich of Jenny Pruitt and Associates; Marge Henson of Northside Realty; Sandra McGibbon Interior Design; Carole Parks Catering; Habersham Wines; Kay Ottley's Floral Arrangements; The Easy Way Out; The Bread Market; St. Louis Bread Market; Hospitality House; Sam's; Village Flowers and Wolf Camera.

Special recognition goes to those individuals who assumed leadership roles for this year's event: Betty Walker and Mary Marsteller - Chairpersons; Janet Frederick - Reservations; Micki Gambrell - Bar; Katrina Newton - Photo/Name Tags and designer of the invitation; and Lombard Puri for her catering expertise.

Finally, we want to thank all the wonderful neighbors who supported this event - either by their presence at the party or by their financial contributions - and, of course, Pat and Jim for the use of their fabulous home.

TWIGS Plant Sale

One of the projects undertaken by Brookwood Hills Twigs to raise funds for Egleston Hospital is the Spring Bedding Plant Sale. Watch for order forms in your mail box soon. Plants will be delivered to your home the week of April 17-21. Questions, call Diane Kellum at 876-8976.

Flower Show Not A White-Glove Affair

by Daphne Pottle Coley

Flower shows were once the domain of the Thursday morning garden club. Lots of tea and linen and silver. Lots of long Latin names. Lots of leisurely luncheons. Not much of the community was touched by all the folderol, and no one really cared whose *Ilex latifolia* took the blue in Horticulture.

Times have changed. The white gloves are in the top drawer and the work gloves are in the dirt. An intensely vibrant, modern look at the green and growing elements in our city has created the Southeastern Flower Show, whose theme this year is "Celebrations." There will be some of the old linen and even some lace, but the place cards say "Ms." and the men are helping with the centerpieces.

This year's show will be at the Town Hall Exhibition Center at City Hall East, the renovated Sears building on North Avenue at Glen Iris. From Wednesday, February 22 through Sunday, February 26, there will be exhibits, workshops and competition entries designed to attract both the experienced gardener and the dabbler. Many different hands--male and female, amateur, professional and novice have stirred this pot.

Even the children have gotten their hands dirty, producing some very carefully raised carrot tops in the Children's Division. Be sure to take your own children to see these wonderfully dear and unusually original entries; it could provide inspiration for next year or for a career in horticulture.

Among the educational gardens are Shepard Spinal Center's Enabling Garden, a welcome spot for the wheelchair bound. The Sierra Club's theme for its garden is Camping and Conservation. One garden definitely on my list is the Allergy Free Garden, which might help us alleviate a few sniffles this spring.

For those procrastinators who've been meaning to enter the show, it's not too late for two of the entry classes. Qualify for the section called "From Outside In" by taking three different cuttings from your own back "forty acres" and arrange them with flair in the container of your choice. Horticultural Division H-17 has three open classes: woody stem (for that overlooked *Mahonia* at your back door), perennial and jonquil or tulip. The nice people at the show will provide a container for your entry.

You may bring your entries between 6:30 and 8:30 on Monday night, and 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Tuesday morning before the show. Unfortunately, you still need the long Latin names, but there are people at the show who can actually identify the plant and give you the correct spelling for your entry card. If you need additional information or directions to the show, call 888-5638.

Tickets may be purchased here in the neighborhood from Caroline Gilham at 355-0245, or from Pikes. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults, or \$10 at the door. Tickets for children 4-16 are \$5.



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