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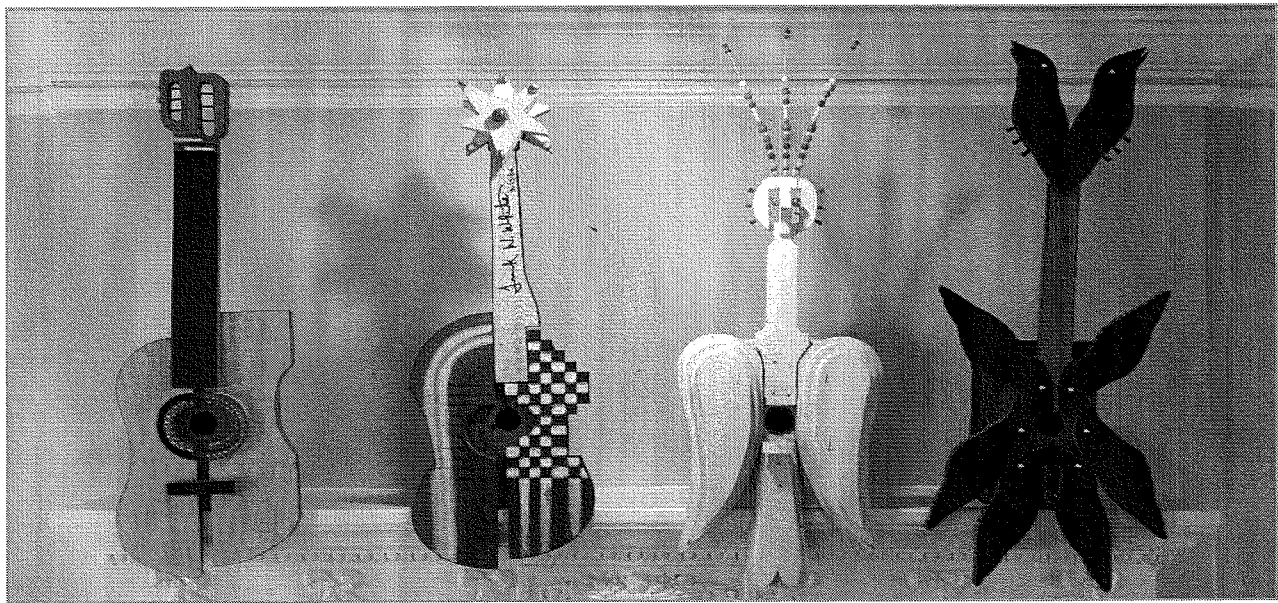
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Frank White: A Multi-Dimensional Artist

by Nathalie Fuson



Frank White's Fireplace Mantle in his Palisades Road Home

Neighbor Frank White on Palisades is probably best known as the current Executive Director of the Alabama Historical Commission, a state agency which handles and maintains a large number of historic sites, such as Creek Indian locations, Civil War sites and places of significance to the Civil Rights movement, so these can be preserved and shared with the public.

But if you are ever fortunate enough to enter the house of Cissie and Frank White, you will witness firsthand Frank's true passion. While Frank and Cissie are avid collectors of American Southern folk art, plain style furniture and folk pottery, Frank is also a talented artist in his own right. Their house is adorned with unique pieces from their collection, but most impressive and noticeable are Frank's own three-dimensional creations. These pieces represent combinations of two of Frank's great passions: musical instruments and architecture.

Because Frank's background is in architecture, he explained, he thinks three-dimensionally when he creates.

Frank's pieces begin on an unconventional foundation, or "canvas": he builds his sculptures around birdhouses.

With the birdhouse as the basis for each piece, Frank adds shapes of wood and other materials to create images of musical instruments, evoking elements of cubism, symbolism, folk art and musical lyrics. He then paints the finished pieces, decorating each one according to a theme. Often his work incorporates pieces of wood that have a particular significance. The standing piece, "Frank's Blue Wing Bluebird House," is made from a carved limb salvaged from a neighborhood tree felled during a storm in the early nineties.

Above the fireplace in the White's living room, four pieces are displayed side by side. "Segovia's Special" is reminiscent of Picasso's cubist paintings of instruments. "Frank's Dream Guitar" is a composition of bright colorful shapes, "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove" takes its title from an old African-American spiritual song, and "Blackened Crows".

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Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert signs** posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Information Hotline at 404-325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are a signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood, and the information has been recorded on the hotline. The cell phone number for the neighborhood security patrol is **404-242-3321**.

Mark Your Calendar!

2013 Home Tour: Inspiration in Brookwood Hills

Preview Party at Watershed
Tues, Mar 19th, 6 pm to 8 pm

BWH Home Tour
Sat, Mar 23rd, 10 am to 4 pm

Spring Fling in Brookwood Hills Park Sunday, Mar 24th, 4 pm to 5:30 pm



BWH New Neighbor Party Fri, May 3rd, 6 pm to 10 pm

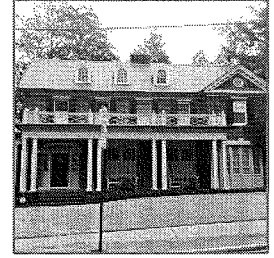
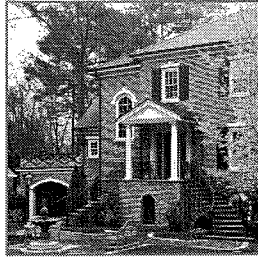
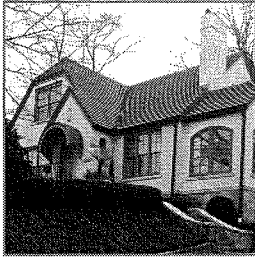


BrookNotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *BrookNotes* is **Friday, April 12th.**

Submissions may be dropped off at 102 Wakefield Dr. or e-mailed to brooknotes@brookwoodhills.com.

2013 Home Tour: Inspiration in Brookwood Hills Benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Liz Davies, BWH Friends



Home Tour

The Friends group is planning for what will be another spectacular Brookwood Hills Tour of Homes on **Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

The tour will be led by a panel of local experts in design, art and architecture. Come be inspired by touring each of the five beautiful homes:

- 32 Huntington Road, SCAD House
- 225 Camden Road, home of Diane & Roland Johns
- 45 Brighton Road, home of Zoe & David Zelby
- 89 Brighton Road, home of Caroline & David Milican
- 35 Palisades Road, home of Jane Wheeler

Save the date for what will be a fabulous event with all the proceeds going to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta!

Friends

Volunteering Because Every Child Needs a Friend



Can't make it, but still want to contribute?

Consider a donation to help Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Contact Liz Davies at liz@esdhomes.com.

Get Your Tickets Today!

Home Tour: \$30 per person

Preview Party: \$75 per person

To purchase Home Tour tickets, Preview Party tickets, and sponsorships, please visit our website:
www.giving.choa.org/BWHInspiration



WATERSHED

ON PEACHTREE

Don't Miss The Fun at the Preview Party!

The event will kick off with a party on **Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at our favorite neighborhood watering hole—Watershed!

Tickets are \$75 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres plus two beverages per person. The menu will include:

- Mini Crab Cakes
- Grilled Hanger Steak with Chimichurri
- Caviar Pie with Benne Wafers
- Cabbage Rolls
- Pork Loin with Bagna Couda
- Cheese Display and Crudites
- Petit Fours

Come meet the Inspiration Tour's panel of experts and taste the signature cocktails: "The Brighton" and "The Huntington" that Watershed is creating for the tour.

2013 Annual Meeting Overview

by Katy Fransen, BrookNotes Co-Editor



Matt Tolleson, outgoing BWHCC President

Brookwood Hills Moves to District 6

Presented by Howard Shook, City Councilmember

- Due to federally mandated redistricting, Brookwood Hills will be part of the 6th district effective Jan 2014.
- Alex Wan is the city councilmember for District 6.
- City Council District 6 encompasses much of North-east Intown Atlanta.
- For a list of neighborhoods in District 6 and to sign up for the District 6 newsletter, visit the website: www.atlantadistrict6.com

Brookwood Alliance

Presented by Joe Gardner

The Georgia Tech Architecture students who worked on Phase 1 of the plan have returned to graduate school and will be working on Phase 2, scheduled to kick off January 29, 2013.

Looking Ahead to 2013

Presented by John Wheeler, BWHCC President

- *Membership:* Manage the membership count to prevent overcrowding at our facilities.
- *Park:* install a new rubberized surface on the toddler playground.
- *Pool:* install new lifeguard stands, pool furniture, umbrellas and concessions equipment.
- Create a new Huntington entrance, in conjunction with the Garden Club.

The BWHCC Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 7 PM at the Rich Auditorium at Piedmont Hospital.

2012 Highlights

Presented by Matt Tolleson, outgoing BWH President

Membership

Sustained neighborhood membership of 301 members.

Park Improvements

- Resod the entire area of park with patchy grass.
- Added a removable bollard to keep cars out of park, which can be removed for food trucks.
- Patched and resealed the asphalt ring.

Pool Improvements

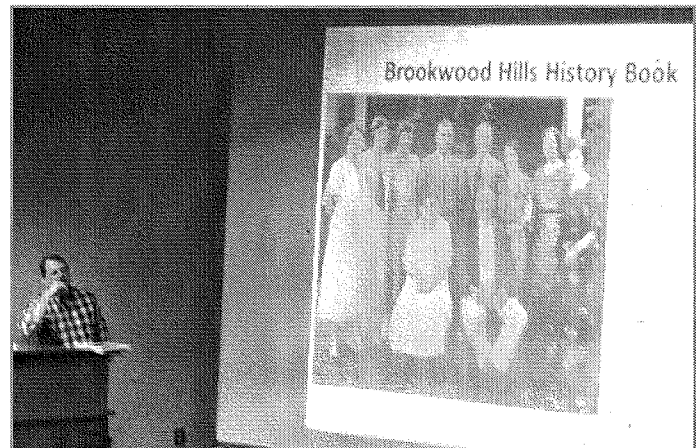
- Installed new filtration tanks in October.
- Added new boxwoods before the Garden Club party.
- Removed stain over 100 pieces of teak furniture which can now age to natural grey-silver patina.

Trees

- 31 trees were planted during the annual tree planting.
- 560 trees have been planted since 1991.

Brookwood Hills History Book

Betsy Crosby and Elaine Luxemburger are working on a history of Brookwood Hills to be published in December 2013 in recognition of the 75th anniversaries of the Garden Club and the Community Club.



John Wheeler, BWHCC President, shares a photo of the Wheeler family on Huntington Road, circa 1930.

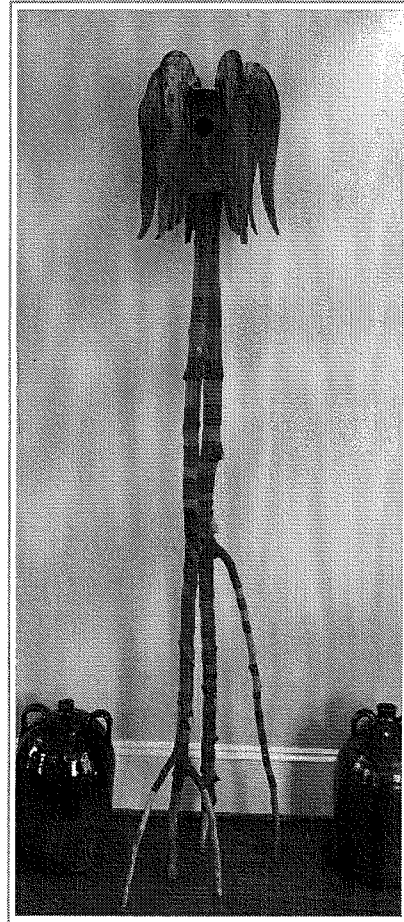
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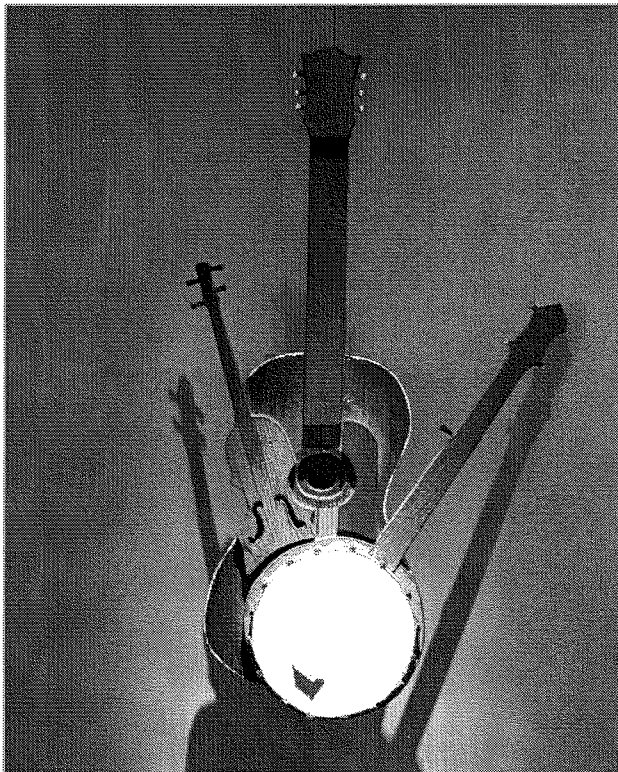
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Frank is devoted to music and to the contributions of some of the great musicians of our time. When legendary musician B. B. King played at Center Stage in 1990, Frank went to see him, bringing his birdhouse sculpture inspired by King, titled "King, B. B." and displaying the letters "B B" back-to-back with a crown on a headstock. The tour manager brought the sculpture backstage to show to King, who invited Frank backstage during intermission, and allowed him to watch the rest of the show from the wings. King then autographed and dated the piece, and it remains one of Frank's most cherished pieces.

Another homage to one of his idols of the music world is Frank's piece, "Hank Williams Will Always be the Greatest," dedicated to country musician Hank Williams who died at the age of 29. Frank also has a personal connection to the band The Black Crowes. Stan Robinson, father of band members Chris and Rich Robinson, is a family friend. Because his son Rich developed an interest in painting, Stan brought Rich to meet Frank and see his work. Frank's piece "Blackened Crows" is inspired by the Black Crowes and their music.



"Frank's Blue Wing Bluebird House" by Frank White



"Opry" by Frank White

The intense joy that Frank gets out of his own work is evident. When he displayed one of his favorite pieces, "Opry," at a group art show a few years ago, he deliberately asked an exceptionally high price in the secret hope that it wouldn't sell. However, it was quickly bought by an art lover. Frank soon regretted selling the piece, and he convinced the collector to sell the piece back to him, even paying a higher price than the original sales price to be reunited with his work.

Despite Frank's artistic prowess, he is fiercely private about his work. He does not have a web site, has no interest in exhibiting in a gallery, and does not do work by commission. "I can't sell my creativity," he says. "Creativity is a gift, and you can't sell a gift." Frank considers himself very lucky not to have to part with the artwork he loves. "A starving artist has to sell his work, to stay alive. I do not." In addition to his artwork, Frank is a progressive learning guitar player, but in this activity, too, his private nature is revealed. He does not like to play for other people. "I'll sometimes play for my family," he admits, "only because they are very sympathetic and understanding."

C L A S S I F I E D S

Summer Nanny/Babysitter– Grace Granade, a long time Brookwood Hills resident and current senior at Vanderbilt University, would love to be a nanny or regular babysitter this summer. She is an Early Childhood Education major and has access to a car. She will be in Atlanta in May, June, and the beginning of July. Please call (404-358-1672) or email at grace.granade@gmail.com if interested.

Upcoming Brookwood Hills Events

Tues, Mar 19	Preview Party for 2013 Home Tour 6 pm to 8 pm, Watershed Restaurant, 1820 Peachtree Rd.
Sat, Mar 23	2013 Home Tour: Inspiration in Brookwood Hills 10 am to 4 pm
Sun, Mar 24	Spring Fling at the Brookwood Hills Park
Mon, Apr 1	BWHCC Board Meeting Home of Katherine & Tom Dierdorff
Fri, May 3	BWH New Neighbor Party Pool Pavilion

Summer Is Around The Corner That Means Brookwood Hills SWIM TEAM 2013!

The team is for ages 4-18 and welcomes children of all experience levels.

Sign up will be both on-line and in person this year.

In-person sign ups will begin **Sunday April 21, 12:30 –2:30 pm** at the pool pavilion.

See you the pool!

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