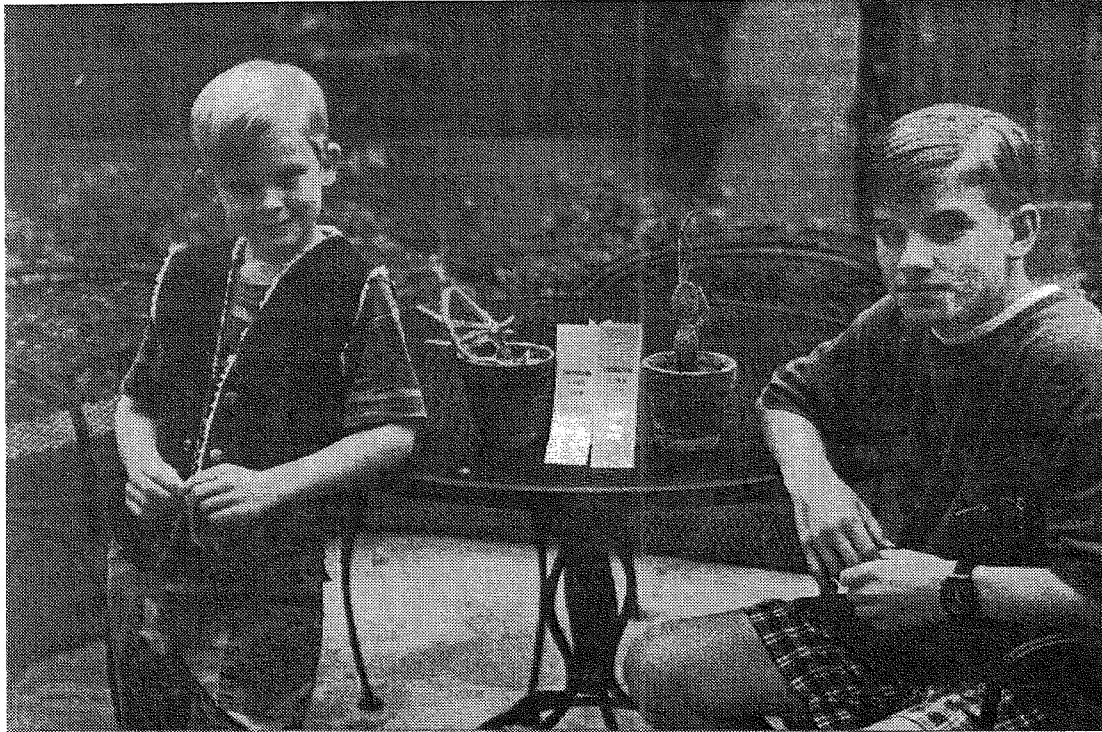




BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community



Howell and Parker Burke with award-winning cacti. Photo by Kay Summers

Brookwood Gardeners Triumph at Flower Show

The recent Southeastern Flower Show gave long-deserved public recognition to some of the great gardeners in Brookwood Hills. Linda Copeland won the Lynda Lowe Willingham Sweepstakes Trophy for the most horticultural and artistic combined points in the entire show. Among her six award-winning entries in the horticultural division, she won two blues for her entry in the category "Outside In." Her artistic entry was a pressed flower garden design in which she used the droopy purple flowers of a lespedeza to simulate a wisteria arbor.

Caroline Gilham was also a trophy winner for the most creative Large Niche display. Her entry, a flower-filled bugle in celebration of Armistice Day, won the James Crawford Foreman Trophy. Kay Ottley won in the Mass category with her large vase entry, and JoAnn Hagaman got a Second in Pot-et-Fleur, in addition to winning three blue ribbons for her bulbs. Esther Stokes produced an award-winning educational landscape display for the Perennial Plant Association with landscape designer Paula Refi. Other ribbon winners included Pricilla Hopkins, Celeste Porter, Micki Gambrell, Triff Phillips, and Jan Irvin.

In the Children's Division, brothers Howell and Parker Burke, ages 8 and 14, took an Honorable Mention and a Third for their unique cactus entries. The staff at the Flower Show claimed they had never before seen a cactus quite like Howell's. Parker and Howell think they know how to win a blue ribbon next year. They plan to make the bamboo support holding up the plant not quite so obvious and do a better job scrubbing their pots. Of course, as mother Sara Jean Burke points out, the patina of a dirt-encrusted pot is all the rage these days. Just ask Martha Stewart.

Trees Update

by JoAnn Hagaman, Trees Chairman

As most of you know, a number of trees have fallen in Brookwood Hills in the last few weeks. The suspected cause is soil compaction and/or soggy soil from the increased amount of rain during the past two years.

For the past two months, I have been collecting information from homeowners concerned about the city trees in front of their homes. The letter, which lists each person's name and address, as well the suspected problems with each tree, is being delivered to the appropriate city officials. Hopefully, we will be able to have these specific trees "batch" checked.

Pruning, condemnation and removal of all trees in the green space between the sidewalk and the street are the exclusive responsibility of the City of Atlanta. A homeowner may prune the lower limbs of very young city trees in order to encourage growth, but no city trees can be removed without the permission of the City. A new ordinance now makes it more difficult to cut down any tree on your property. More about that later.

The trees in Brookwood Hills are our community treasure. The character of our neighborhood changes irrevocably with the loss of every mature tree. Please use caution in your choice of words if you deal directly with the City. If you claim a tree is "hazardous," they may remove it for liability reasons, even if they disagree with your assessment. We have already lost more than one healthy tree this way.

We are considering working with City officials to set up a conservation plan for every city tree in the neighborhood.

If you have questions or concerns about a tree in your yard, please call me at 876-2606.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Alison Caughman, Community Club President

Have you seen the T-ball and baseball teams practicing in the park lately? It's one sure sign that spring is here, as the children scramble to learn those throwing, catching, batting, and running skills. Before we know it summer will be here! The Community Club -- with the strong financial support and leadership of the Garden Club -- has contracted to have the sidewalks around the pool and park repaired in time for the opening of the pool. The pool manager and swim team coach have been hired. Plans are in the works for the Opening Day Pool Party. All this must mean that it is dues renewal time. Don't forget that Friday, March 31st is the deadline for renewing your Community Club "A" membership. After that date a \$50 late charge will be assessed.

If you're not currently a Community Club member, you should have received by now a letter inviting you to join. During the past year, 87% of Brookwood Hills neighbors supported the Club with their membership dues. While it is gratifying to enjoy such strong support for the work of the Club, our goal is to see every household join in 1995. Even if you are not swimming, playing tennis or enjoying our beautiful park, you should at least become a B member to support the other amenities you receive, such as zoning and security protection.

If you've misplaced your renewal letter or application form, call Nancy Bramlett (351-3609) or Elaine Moynihan (351-5479) and they will see that you get a replacement. Thanks to the generosity of this month's sponsor of Brooknotes, Sarah Haygood of Specialty Homes, a newly updated Community Club Directory (based upon 1995 membership) will be going to the printer soon, so don't delay sending in your check.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is on April 10 at the home of Jim and Celeste Porter, 142 Brighton. Please give me a call at 355-7662 if you have any concerns you'd like addressed through the Club.

Security

The Atlanta Police Department has created a Citizen Reporting Form for Crime. Security Chairman, Nancy Kennedy, has copies for your use and asks that you report all incidents about which you have any information useful to the police.

Parks

The renovation of the sidewalks around the park and the pool is well underway. While concrete is being poured please do not let your children go to the park unsupervised--wet concrete is very tempting!

The Garden Club is looking for 6-8 inch Mondo grass to plant along the sidewalks on Wakefield. Please call Betsy Crosby at 351-8821 if you are thinning your Mondo grass and have some to donate.

Fountain of Youth

Two Techies, Sheldon Jeter and Nils Young, couldn't rest until they had solved the engineering challenge of the broken water fountain in the park. They removed the fountain and took it to Nils' s firm DBS, Inc. where it was sandblasted, taken apart, reassembled and painted. It is now up and running for all those thirsty kids (and parents) at the park.

Sheldon (who Nils credits as the mastermind behind this work) believes that the rocking of the fountain back and forth by children is the reason it breaks so frequently. Parents, if you see this happening, please ask the children to stop. Nils says that though the water is flowing now, it will have to be turned off in the winter to avoid frozen pipes.

Letters to the Editor

- ◆ I've noticed on two occasions Brookwood Hills drivers turning into the neighborhood from Peachtree who nearly struck pedestrians and blew their horns at the pedestrians. Doesn't someone on foot always have the right of way? **Flo Dawson**
- ◆ Please remember that the leash laws don't just apply to dogs in the park. My dog is fairly large and aggressive and I cannot contain him when he encounters dogs that are roaming free. Please keep your dogs on a leash or inside so that I can enjoy my morning walk without fear of a dogfight. **Elizabeth St. John**
- ◆ It's exciting to see the neighborhood come alive in the springtime. With all the children out walking and riding on skateboards, rollerblades and bikes, we need to remember that this is a pedestrian neighborhood. Please slow down so that our children can play safely. **A Brighton Resident**
- ◆ Please arrange to have your mail and newspapers stopped or picked up by a neighbor. The sight of stacked up newspapers and packages on front doorstoops is an invitation to crime. **Mimi Young**



BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Southern Living's article in its March issue on the home of Jim and Esther Stokes showed off their back yard and new addition to perfection. Unfortunately, the magazine omitted the view from the front, so we thought we'd include it here. Happy Birthday, Esther!

Shirah Caughman, the daughter of Alison and Wright Caughman, was one of five students selected from Georgia to receive a scholarship to study in Germany. The Congress-Bundestag scholarship is an exchange program that allows 300 American students to study in Germany, and the same number of German students to study in the United States. Shirah is a senior at Westminster.

At least two new babies are here to herald the arrival of spring. Libby and Frampton Simons announce the birth of their son Frampton Ellis Simons, Jr., who was born on February 22. Doting relatives won't have far to go to see the new baby-- aunt and uncle Laura and Frank Inman live on Camden Road, as do his grandparents Grady and Betty Buckley Black.

Dana and Mark Foley announce the birth of their daughter Kathryn Alexandra. She was born on February 6, and is now six weeks old.

CALENDAR

Easter Bunny to Visit Park

Grab your baskets, don your bonnets -- Come to the park for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers Realtors has once again generously agreed to sponsor this popular neighborhood event. All neighborhood children are invited.

Brookwood Girls

The Brookwood Girls will be hiking to a 2000-year-old Indian cave in Chattahoochee National Recreation Area on Sunday, April 2, following it up with pizza at M.J.Pippin on Roswell Road. Meet at the Parkdale Entrance to Brookwood Hills Park at 2:30 p.m. Please call Larry Pless at 892-6024 to let him know you are coming or if you have any questions.

Brookwood Boys

Join the Brookwood Boys at the Georgia Tech baseball game on April 2 at 2:00 p.m. Call Sheldon Jeter for details. 352-1216.

Brooknotes Schedule

The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes will be Friday, April 14. Submissions should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton.

The Tudor Revival Style In Brookwood Hills

As we drove down Palisades Road on a tour of our neighborhood, Elaine Luxemburger remarked on the number of homes built in the Tudor Revival style. This is without question the most prevalent building style in Brookwood Hills, she said, and one of the most popular styles in Atlanta's older neighborhoods.

During the historic revival period of the 1920s, Atlanta seems to have been particularly enamored with medieval England, a fascination not always shared by other cities during the same years. Romanticism was a major influence during the Revival movement, and the explanation simply may be that Atlantans were reading a lot more Sir Walter Scott and Shakespeare!

When we think of the Tudor Revival style, said Elaine, many erroneously assume that the term only applies to two-story homes. Several homes on Huntington Road are of the smaller cottage-size Tudor style.

Half-timbering is the characteristic of the original Tudor style that we most associate with fifteenth and sixteenth century England. Initially, these were the structural beams of a building, which were filled in with wattle (sticks woven tightly together) and daub (clay or mud).

In the 1920s revival version, the beams are merely decorative, and filled in with brick or stucco. Often the filled-in brick is of a pattern different than the brick on the rest of the house, such as on the Burkes' home at 30 Wakefield or at the home of Tom and Sandra Player at 90 Wakefield. The stucco infill may be textured or smooth, or sculpted in an interesting pattern, as in the home of Kay Whipple at 52 Brighton.

Drawing on romantic images of old England, many builders in the Revival period attempted to make their homes appear as if they were built from old stone ruins. The foundation and lower chimney of Diane Durgin's home at 100 Palisades are stone, while brick is used at the higher elevations. Stone is then randomly placed throughout the facade as if it had been salvaged. To the same effect, many homes were built with stone quoins (pronounced "coins"), or corners, such as may be found at the home of the Boyds at 40 Montclair.

Brick, stucco, wood and stone: a variety of materials are juxtaposed on the Tudor Revival home. The appearance can be somewhat hodgepodge, but that is the intended effect. Homes in Tudor England rarely looked well-planned in advance. Instead, add-ons appeared as needed: a wing here, a dormer there. They used whatever building material was available at the time, whether or not it matched the original part of the house.

The effect was almost always asymmetrical, and the American builders copied it as best they could. Many of the Brookwood homes have features that are meant to look like afterthoughts, such as the dormer window in the roof of the home of Andrea and Bunky Helfrich at 52 Wakefield.

Another familiar feature of the Tudor Revival style is small diamond-shaped windows. Small panes were used in Tudor England because the technique had not yet been discovered for making large sheets of glass. The fashion at the time was to place these small panes on an angle to create a diamond effect. Molten lead was poured in

between the panes to create mullions.

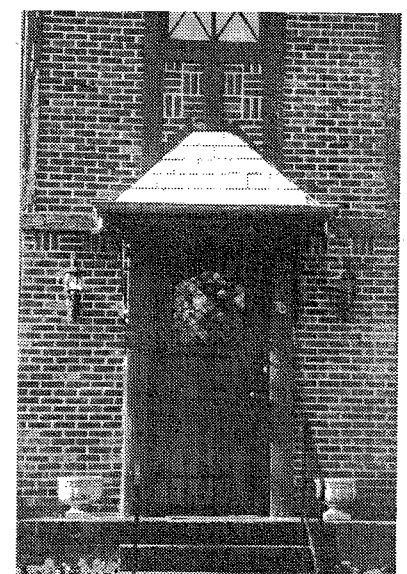
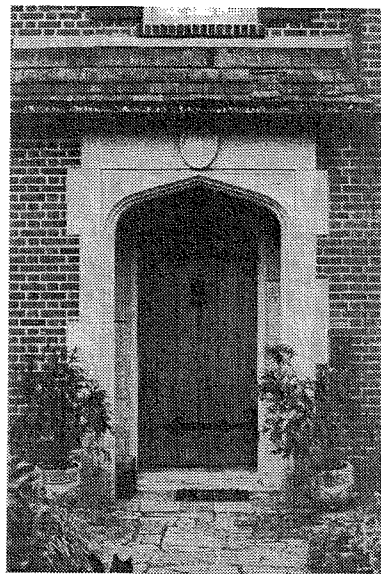
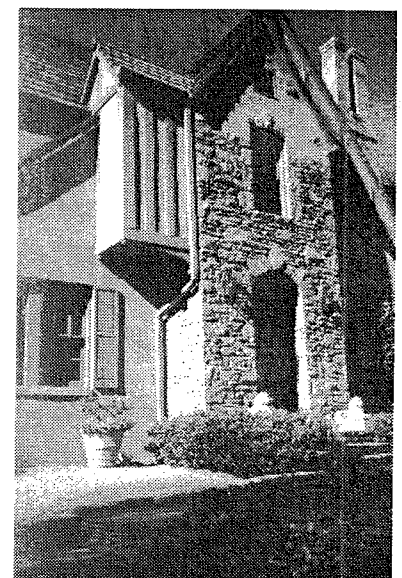
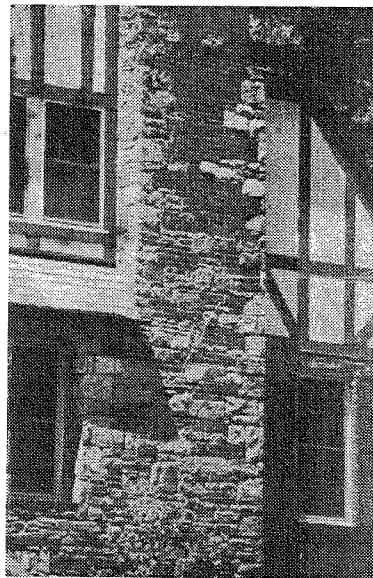
In the 1920s, many of the diamond-paned windows in the Tudor Revival homes were built with wood mullions, but occasionally leaded panes were used in the small windows of doors. A beautiful lead-paned window can be seen on the door of Steve and Judi North's home at 76 Brighton.

The Tudor arch turns up in many of doorways of the Revival period. This is a Gothic pointed arch that has been slightly flattened at the top. The stone surround of the doorway of the home of Frank and Mary Anne Chew of 7 Camden Road is arched in this manner, as are many others throughout the neighborhood.

Though the Tudor Revival style reflects a love of surface decoration, Elaine pointed out that modern tastes are less enamored with it. Many homeowners have tried to minimize the variety of materials and textures by painting the facade. Although sometimes this helps to harmonize the home, care should be taken not to eliminate important Tudor characteristics, such as half-timbering, by doing so.

Elaine had much more to say about the Tudor Revival style, and its use of metalwork, chimneypots, oriel projections, battened doors and crenelations. Look for a continuation of our discussion in a future issue of *Brooknotes*.

Elaine Luxemburger is an Historic Preservation Consultant, and has served on the Atlanta Urban Design Commission.



From Top Left: Dormer window in roof of 52 Wakefield; Stone quoins at 100 Palisades; Asymmetrical front gable at 30 Wakefield.
 From Bottom Left: Stucco fills half-timbering at 52 Brighton; Tudor arch indoor surround at 7 Camden; Tudor arch and leaded panes indoor at 76 Brighton.
 Photos by Kay Summers

CLASSIFIEDS

- ◆ **House Trade.** I am still looking for a smaller house (3 bedrooms) in Brookwood Hills. If someone wants to trade up, I have five bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths on Montclair. I love the neighborhood and would like to make a trade, or be contacted if you have a smaller house you are ready to put on the market. Mine is being listed in a few weeks. Call Teed Lowance at 873-3962 or put a note in my mailbox at 10 Montclair.
- ◆ **Wanted: Carriage house or servants quarters for rent.** Must allow small dog. Please contact Tyler Churchill, 10 Palisades Road, 873-3334.
- ◆ **Summer Job Opportunity.** We are looking for a college or high school student to take care of two boys (ages 8 and 12) and two Golden Retrievers (ages 1 1/2 and 5) this summer. Duties include taking kids to movies, Six Flags and Blockbusters. Car needed. Hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Job sharing would be fine if you want to split job with a friend. Please call Lee Wilder (876-0716).
- ◆ **Wanted: Nanny to share two days a week to take care of three small children.** Must be able to drive. Please call Paige Hays at 352-8306.
- ◆ **Golf Clubs Repaired.** Now that you've received your invitation to the Masters, it's time to regrip or reshaft those clubs. References include Bruce Lee, Margaret Thatcher and Claude Monet. Call Bob Crosby (no relation to Betsy) at 351-8821.

TURKEY TIME IN APRIL

Yes, Virginia, that was a turkey walking down Brighton Road the Monday morning after Freaknik last year, looking decidedly out of his element. The countdown for Freaknik '95 is on, and the Atlanta Police Department is prepared—they think. "We had a great plan for last year," said Major Green, the police officer in charge of Zone 2. "Roll call was at 3:00 Saturday; by 3:30 that plan was in the trash." Last year, the police expected a crowd of 50-100,000, and got a quarter of a million. This time, they're planning for 250,000 and admit that their plan may fall apart if they get 350,000.

The Buford Highway Connector will be closed, so that from 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 22 until 2:00 a.m. Sunday, and again from noon Sunday till 8:00 p.m., you will not be able to exit from I- 85 south onto Peachtree Street, but will be diverted back onto the highway. That will keep Freaknikers from downtown but will not prevent them from exiting at Lenox Square and traveling south down Peachtree through Buckhead.

Freaknik kids do want to cruise Peachtree, Major Green admits, but they mostly want to get to downtown and Piedmont Park. The gridlock started downtown last year and backed up into Buckhead, but this year Peachtree Street will be closed to all but residents from North Avenue south. Revelers will not be permitted to drive into Piedmont Park but must park and walk. Officers, traveling in five-person teams, will be out arresting anyone violating the law, whether by parking illegally, playing their radio too loud or riding on the roof. The police will impound the car and take the violators to jail. One hundred wreckers will stand ready to tow cars.

The north and southbound ramps from I-75 at Howell Mill and Northside will remain open, so that ambulances and hospital employees can get through. If too many revelers also try to pour onto Peachtree from Collier, Collier Road will be closed to all but emergency traffic.

"We can absorb 5-6,000 cars in Zone 2," Major Green said, "but 30,000 creates an issue." If you have someplace to go, he advises, get out of town Friday. Otherwise, stay at home or take Marta. "These kids will be in their cars and not on the trains." One bright spot for us in Buckhead: Club 112, a hot spot for Freaknikers, moved from Buckhead to Cheshire Bridge and LaVista.

As for that turkey, was it really left by the Freaknikers? "I wouldn't be surprised," said Major Green.

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Upholstery, Furniture Repair and Caning

James Pryor—622-1152

Mr. Pryor has done work for me on a number of occasions and I would like to recommend him.

Lillian Watts, 300 Camden

Slate and Tile Repair or Replacement

Scott Bolles—474-7563

Scott Bolles recently replaced my entire tile roof, and I would like to mention his excellent work in the next issue of Brooknotes. Any neighbor is welcome to call me for more information.

Nova Horten, 53 Camden, tel. 252-1983

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