



378: Neighborhood Gallery Features LC Artists



Photo by Tom Zarrilli

378 is a new gallery located behind the Flying Biscuit on Clifton Road. It is an unassuming little building with 378 stenciled on the brickwork.

The gallery opened in May, and it has since hosted five of art exhibitions since its inception. The opening events have brought a diverse group of art lovers from Lake Claire, Candler Park, and the surrounding neighborhoods—and from the city at large. Both artists and neighbors appreciate having a gallery in the community. In addition to presenting a wide array of visual arts, the gallery also hosts performances ranging

from music, spoken word, and film screenings in its downstairs gallery.

The gallery's debut exhibition in June, *Animalia*, featured four Atlanta artists' paintings and prints of animals. Other exhibitions include *Moment*, a showcase of three local artists' abstract works, and *Repurposed*, a huge showcase featuring over 40 works by 27 artists—all featuring works created with repurposed materials. *Her Eyes* was an exhibition by the women's art collective Alice, curated by Michelle Pizer.

In September the gallery will be presenting *Lake Claire Mash-Up*, featuring **Cont. on p. 5**

What Makes Atlanta Ultimate Champions?

Atlanta Youth Ultimate Teams Dominate in U.S. Open

by Boyd Baker

So, what's so ultimate about Ultimate Frisbee? It's just frisbee football, right?

Well, that's what I used to think, before my daughter started playing in middle school. I learned that there were many kids from Lake Claire, Inman Park, and Candler Park playing this sport. Then, my mind was blown wide open when I learned that it is probably the most athletic and most intelligent sport played by anyone. Yes, I said intelligent.

What makes Ultimate so fascinating is that it combines the best skills required for football, basketball, and soccer, while adding the intellectual element of self-regulation. Having no referees means they adhere to what is called "Spirit Of The Game." That's the idea that they play fairly, they call each other for a foul, they work it out on the field, and each team doesn't believe that winning at all costs is the goal. That's pretty aspirational, if you ask me.

Each summer Youth Club Championship tryouts are held to form competitive girls' and boys' teams in the Under 20 and Under 17 age brackets. This year, Atlanta fielded two teams in each category (U20-ATLiens and CATLanta; U17 ATLas and RATLers) who practiced all summer in order to compete in the YCC U.S. Open, in Blaine, Minnesota. There

were over 80 youth teams from all over the country for this year's tournament at the beginning of August.

This was my first trip to the event, which is held at the National Sports Center, where there are fields for as far as the eye can see. There, I saw ultra-competitive adults and teens playing on over 40 fields for three days. At each game, Spirit Of The Game was obvious in the joyous rituals during breaks, high-fiving the opposing team after each score, as well as spirit circles after the game. Don't get me wrong: there were plenty of high-impact competitive moments, but "spirit" usually rules the day. What other sport do you know that has a competitive score and a spirit score? You can see the Spirit Scores for all teams, adult and youth, at usopen.usultimate.org.

I tell folks it reminds me of what I saw in youth rugby. In rugby, my son's team played hard against the other team, and then all circle up at the end to remind ourselves that they were part of the same Rugby Family—opponents on the field, but family beyond the game.

With my daughter's U17 team, the post-game was always worth paying attention to. Our team brought gifts for their opponents after the games. The two teams would rehash fun moments, then present their adversar-



ies with gifts for talent or great spirit. One team honored ours by singing a song they'd written as their tribute. It's definitely impressive to see athletes leave it all out on the field during the match and then gather after to celebrate being able to play such a cool sport.

This year's competition was tough, though. Seattle, Boston, and the Bay Area teams are perennial standouts, and this year was no different. Each Atlanta team had some great victories, but the U20 ATLiens boys pushed past the Bay Area team, and the U17 RATLers girls defeated the

D.C. team to make it to the Championship round. That meant the boys would have a rematch against a Boston BUDA team they'd beaten earlier in the tourney. The girls were then facing a Seattle Blossom team which had easily beaten each of their opponents.

Of course, the championships were **Cont. on p. 7**

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September Calendar

Labor Day weekend

Decatur Book Festival. The annual book fair, author readings, signings, panel discussions, children's parades & activities, live music, cooking demonstrations, poetry slams, and writing workshops in Decatur. www.decaturbookfestival.com.

1 - 29 Theatrical Outfit presents *Our Town and the Laramie Project*. One cast, two essential American stories. Considered by many to be the greatest American play ever, *Our Town* depicts the town of Grover's Corners in three acts: "Daily Life," "Love and Marriage," and "Death and Eternity." Narrated by a stage manager character and performed with minimal props and sets, this classic chronicles the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually—in one of the most famous scenes in theatre—die. In 1998, university student Matthew Shepard was kidnapped, beaten, and tied to a prairie fence outside Laramie, Wyoming. When he died days later, the world learned Shepard was targeted because he was gay. A breathtaking collage of the local residents, *The Laramie Project* is virtuously determined to find the light in an event of harrowing darkness and exposes the depths to which humanity can sink and the heights of compassion of which we are capable. "Laramie is a latter-day Grover's Corners, a cozy place where everyone appears to know everyone else's business and actually finds comfort in this. *The Laramie Project* is *Our Town* with a question mark, as in, 'Could this be our town? It can't happen here,' followed immediately by 'And yet it has.'" Info/tix: www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/our-town-and-the-laramie-project/.

7 and 21 Drum Circle at the Land Trust, 8-11 p.m. Walk/bike/carpool to the Arizona dead-end. And see lots of info every month on the Land Trust on the Clarion penultimate page (this time, Page 11).

7 *Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse*, last Candler Park Movie this season, sponsored by Cynthia Baer and Park Realty (**two consistent supporters of the Clarion, as well, see their and other ads herein, and please use them for real estate needs**). Movie will go on as soon as it gets dark enough. Info and raindate: www.friendsofCandlerPark.org.

7 Two more things on this night: 6-10 p.m.—Lake Claire Mash-up Art Exhibit (see page 1), and 6-11 p.m.—Mulberry Fields Gone Wylde. See Page 5 of last month's Clarion for full details.

15 Lake Claire Neighbors monthly meeting—3rd Thursdays, Rose Room in The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting. Free Pizza (THANKS, SAVAGE).

18 to Oct. 3 Actor's Express Theatre Company presents *Skintight*, a blistering comedy that hilariously excoriates America's obsession with youth and physical beauty. Playwright Joshua Harmon, directed by Freddie Ashley. When Jodi Isaac flies across the country to visit her famous fashion mogul father for his 70th birthday, she finds that his posh downtown New York townhouse has a new resident: dad's new boyfriend. Who is 20. And more shocking... Info/tix: www.actors-express.com/plays/skintight

20 to Oct. 7 Horizon Theatre presents *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time!!!*—by Simon Stephens and on Broadway recently, based on the best-selling novel by Mark Haddon. Winner of 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards including 'Best Play,' *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* brings the novel to thrilling life on stage. Tena-

cious and intelligent, Christopher is an autistic teenager who is better at solving equations than navigating a world stubbornly out of sync with how his mind works. After being wrongly accused of murdering his neighbor's dog, he resolves to find the real culprit. But, when his investigation uncovers painful truths about his family, he dares to strike out on his own, embarking on a thrilling adventure that upturns his whole world.

21 Lake Claire Land Trust Community Work Day, 3 to 6 p.m. Pizza and drum circle follow. See info on the Land Trust every month on the penultimate page of the Clarion. The Work Day is followed by the Drum Circle, which begins at 8 p.m. (see September 7, above.).

21 Fiddler's Green Coffeehouse - Michael Johnathon and Blackfoot Daisy, 8pm, @ 1st Ex Church, 470 Candler Park Dr., www.facebook.com/FiddlersGreenCoffeehouse.

29 Children's Garden Welcome Fall Party, 4-6 p.m. (See details on Page 11.).

Send calendar entries for the October Clarion by SEPTEMBER 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org.

Update from the CPLC Patrol ... and Zumba!

Join the Candler Park - Lake Claire Security Patrol. More members mean more hours the officers can patrol Lake Claire and Candler Park. The CPLC Patrol continues to patrol the neighborhoods 100-120 hours per month. Crime in Lake Claire is still very low. It is currently renewal season for membership, and the CPLC will be emailing the CPLC Patrol membership this fall with renewal reminders. The "AUTO RENEWAL" option with PayPal on www.cplcpatrol.com is the best way to renew.

Zumba in the Neighborhood: The only Zumba Fitness class in the

neighborhood is on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m., at Nazeem Allayl Belly Dance in Candler Park. Led by Lake Claire neighbor Cecily Stevens, Zumba mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party, featuring Latin and World rhythms. Zumba is a total workout, combining many elements of fitness: cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility. Join Cecily on Saturday mornings for a workout that is so much fun, you'll forget you're working out! Learn more at cecilystevens.zumba.com.



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Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (*aka* Carol Vanderschaaf)

Calling all Climate Change Deniers! The first half of this month's Wild is dedicated to you! We will focus on Wild in Lake Claire, September 2019: I cover the good things in our 'hood first, so that way, the CCDs don't have to put their heads in the sand until later when I set up my glorious soapbox (formerly a box of Florida oranges).

There are lots of little happy scenes going on close to home (and out of town, as well). I, Flora Fauna, finally saw some Gulf fritillary butterflies (or passion butterfly, *Agraulis vanillae*) in my yard around the second week of August. Also, one of their beautiful precursor caterpillars, bright orange with black spikes, was seated on a bare vine near my gate. It is about time, since I have enough of their favorite vine, the passionflower, growing in my yard to go around the globe three times. Two recent and welcome visitors to my yard were a pair of Catbirds (meow) and a chipmunk. Ilene S's yard is a small Garden of Eden. She recently had a Cooper's Hawk in her backyard bathing in the stream attached to her pond. While the hawk was bathing, lots of hummingbirds, finches, and mourning doves were flying and fluttering around. And they all were getting along. Rodney King would have been proud. Another Eden was reported from in the woods north of Macon by Bernard S. While visiting friends there, he saw a gathering of fauna on and under their feeder, "about ten squirrels, five chipmunks, a couple of cardinals...various other birds were all eating spilled seeds together, walking around each other like old friends. It looked like a [or another] garden of Eden."

Meredith W, as promised, reported on some Lake Claire 'hood items even though she's moved to a nearby 'hood. "I saw a beautiful Eastern box turtle...at Deepdene. His skin was almost orange, and his shell was bright and beautifully patterned. I was running and almost didn't see him in time

to avoid stepping on him, so I went to take him out of the path, but when I got close, he started to walk away from me. 'Okay,' I thought, 'if you're going to get off the path yourself, that's even better. I waited while he made his slow way to the edge of the path. Just as I turned to leave, I saw him turn as well and begin to make his way back to where he was when I almost stepped on him. Turtles are stubborn! I waited to see what he would do, and he eventually kept going to the other side of the path, making his way back into the forest. My husband and I also saw a good-sized barred owl in the Paideia forest (between Candler Park and Ponce). She stood still while we got within 20 feet of her. As we were admiring her, another, even larger barred owl flew from behind the trunk onto a nearby tree. It was a treat to see them so close!" (FF: I think the second bird was the 'She,' since female owls are unembarrassed to be taller than their men.)



That rabbit is still visiting Will C., who lives behind me. He took a beautiful picture of it which could possibly be included in the Clarion.

More now from our new anonymous contributor, M. Natural, who has seen lots of wildlife in the forest-

ed part of our 'hood that we (at least I) rarely enter. According to M., there are many creatures living around us. There is a family possums living in a back yard on Harold Avenue. In most of the unvisited areas, coyotes, raccoons, those possums, and some homeless folks all claim what is left of nature (until developers arrive to do the same). The positive thing about these wild things is they eat some of the invaders of our homes—the r-a-t-s.

OK, Now it is time for the CCDs to get their heads in the sand (and shaddup!). The present administration is on a roll to weaken the Endangered Species Act. In response, a group called the Endangered Species Coalition has formed. Its mission is to "stop the human-caused extinction of our nation's at-risk species, to protect and restore their habitats, and to guide these fragile populations along the road to recovery." Meredith W. brought the coalition to my attention. She said she is angry about the move to weaken the Endangered Species Act. I think we all need to be angry. The clear purpose of weakening the Act is to fill the already bursting pockets of the upper 2%. The Endangered Species Act has "successfully saved 99 percent of listed plants, fish, and wildlife from the irreversible plight of extinction for more than four decades. The law works to an unparalleled degree and is a global benchmark for the seriousness of our commitment." To find out more about the coalition go to their website, www.endangered.org/stop-extinction-challenge/.

Now on to the mosquito wars in the 'hood and in the world at large. I, Flora Fauna, have noticed the many yards that have signs up saying they have been treated for the bugs. Others proudly sport opposing signs assuring us that they have had no nefarious treatment. Hmmm..... to spray or not to spray, said Hamlet—and say we. Well, some of the

NOTE FROM THE CLARION

Flora Fauna is our hero, using her fantastic sense of humor to highlight the serious problems of mosquito treatments with insecticide. **WE ARE ON THE NO-SPRAY SIDE!** We spend a lot of time in the Clarion noting ways to make our neighborhood safe for honeybees, other wildlife, and for that matter, the barefooted children and pets. We beseech neighbors to be committed to protecting honeybees and other wildlife by not using insecticides. Far too many "Mosquito Joe" signs around here!! (On our street one could smell the insecticide for the next two days after they left one house.) Many Lake Claire neighbors keep bees in their yards and have personal knowledge of bee deaths by these companies. **PLEASE, FOLKS, STOP IT!!!!**

nicest folks (even those with kids) spray their yards. They seem to have good reason. According to the review of a new book called *The Mosquito: A History of Our Deadliest Predator*, by Timothy C. Winegard, as reviewed by Brooke Jarvis, in the 8-5-2019 New Yorker, mosquitoes have killed more of us than any other cause, including wars. The no-spray crowd probably doesn't read history books, but are concerned that these boundary-less sprays kill our most important insects, the pollinators, which insure our continuing food supply. The sprays of their neighbors also drift in the no-spray yards, defeating their abstinence.

We can do such simple things, like using insect repellent or making sure we have no water pooling receptacles in our yards. Remember that even a fraction of an inch of water gives those mass murderers a place to breed. David Malkin, on Nextdoor, gives a simple recipe for mosquito control: You can actually make traps yourself using *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), a naturally occurring bacterium that targets mosquito larvae. You can buy Bti granules at

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Lake Claire Mash-Up at 378

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turing the work of three Lake Claire artists, Cynthia Zarrilli, Karen Phillips, and Jean Bean. The exhibition will also include new sculpture by Atlanta artist Crash Hottman. The opening will be from 6 to 10 p.m. on September 7. The evening will feature musical entertainment by the Andy Browne Troupe in the lower gallery.

The mission of 378 is not only to be

a gallery but also to serve as a focus point for the arts in this community. The gallery is open Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 6 p.m. Openings and other events are normally held from 6 to 10 in the evening. If you would like to submit work to 378, send your submission to 378artgallery@gmail.com. More information can be found on Facebook at [378Clifton](https://www.facebook.com/378Clifton).



Photo by Tom Zarrilli

Frazer Happenings

by Dina Shadwell

It's a new school year, but we at Frazer Center have been here all summer with our inclusive programs for children and adults with and without disabilities. In our ongoing efforts to create stronger programs and a stronger community, we have started some new initiatives and are expanding others.

In our Child Development Program, our pilot program with the Adaptive Learning Center is going strong. We have increased our team of inclusion specialists who work in the classroom with teachers to help find effective tools and adaptations for children with disabilities who are growing, learning, and playing right alongside their peers without disabilities.

In our Adult Program, we have received grant funding for staff to receive professional development training. Some of our Direct Support Professionals have now become job coaches, which will enable more of our adult participants to find work through our Supported Employment Program.

Both the adult and children's programs will benefit from our new per-

manent scholarship fund. Previously, our scholarship funding has been tied to grant sources which come with restrictions and timelines. That means funds aren't always available when new needs arise. This new larger fund, built with unrestricted gifts, will provide the flexibility to serve more families, including those with an adult who is on the years-long waiting list to receive a Medicaid waiver for support services.

The Adult Program has started a photography club thanks to a grant from the Holly Lane Foundation, which allowed for the purchase of five new digital cameras, a laptop, and photo editing software. Professional photographer Steve Dinberg is teaching the participants on a weekly basis, giving students exposure to new artistic processes. If all goes according to plan, the class will culminate with a community-hosted exhibition of the students' work. Stay tuned!

Frazer Forest keeps doing what old-growth forests do, and we love it! We also love our Lake Claire neighbors who help us maintain the forest by participating in our volunteer days and stewardship walks (see calendar



listing). We're learning to identify invasive species and how to safely remove them without scattering seeds. In the past five years, Japanese chaff flower has quickly become the biggest threat to biodiversity in this area. Its seeds stick like velcro to clothing and dogs' fur, which is the primary way the plant proliferates, especially in the month of September. **Staying on the main trails and keeping dogs leashed** (also a way to be kind to your neighbors who have their dogs leashed. ~Ed.) is a huge help in preventing this aggressive species from spreading further in the forest and even into other neighborhoods.

Frazer has welcomed a new Sales

and Event Coordinator to Cator Woolford Gardens. Meghann Greineisen has joined the team and would love to give you a tour of all our indoor and outdoor event spaces. We are currently offering special packages for holiday parties, so if you or your office are looking for a venue, contact Meghann at m.greineisen@frazercenter.org or visit www.catorwoolfordgardens.org.

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Atlanta Youth Ultimate Teams

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played on the only day in which rain was forecast. Now for us, rain is rain. Upper midwest has another plan when it comes to weather. I wish I could describe the championship points played, but we had multiple lightning strikes that delayed our game start. As we sat in cars waiting for the “all clear” horn, it began to rain. Then it began to really pour down, and wind gusts 20+ miles per hour turned our pop-up tents into tumbleweeds that landed crumpled in the corners of the field. If that weren't enough, pea-sized hail pummeled our cars. This was an almost two-hour delay that sapped the energy of everyone and pushed timelines

ridiculously close to many teams' departure times to catch planes home.

Finally, the skies cleared, and it was a gorgeous afternoon again. Games began again, and within about 15 minutes, another lightning strike meant the tournament was over. There wasn't enough time to finish all games, so co-champions were named. Atlanta and Seattle were the only clubs with multiple co-champions.

So if you'd like to learn more about Youth Ultimate, and you should, check out www.afdc.com/juniors for all the latest. There are school leagues, rec leagues, and clinics throughout the year for all ages.



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In Middle School, Ultimate is a fall sport, and in High School it is a spring sport. Inman, Wesley Academy, Brookwood, Atlanta International School, Grady, ANCS, Henderson, Woodward, Decatur, Jackson, Druid

Hills, and Paideia are just some of the Atlanta schools with teams. Try-outs for next year's YCC teams will be held in the spring. Will 2020 be the year Atlanta Ultimate wins it all? Maybe your kids can help bring home the trophy.



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Hello – Safe Journey – Skiing in and around Lake Claire

September Birthdays:

- September 1 Thomas Mayer will turn 6 (Gordon Avenue)
- September 7 Vickie Smith, Harold
- September 13 Lilly Amato—11th birthday (Marlbrook) (Clarion deliverer, cat-watcher extraordinaire)
- September 15 Harper Gamble turns 10 years old. (McLendon Avenue)
- September 20 Keely Baker—16 this year (Leonardo)
- September 22 Rene Godiers (Marlbrook)
- September 23 Alyssa Olson (Leonardo)

Take a minute right now, and send life cycle events/important rights of passage, etc., for the month of OCTOBER to editor@lakeclaire.org, by September 15. Please send your stuff and help us make this feature inclusive of our LC 'hood.

The Lake Claire Garden from September into October

by Elizabeth Knowlton

September is a good time to look back at what worked this growing season and forward to what you want to do in the future; the gardening year, like the school year, really begins now. For newcomers, they are still telling us that Intown Atlanta is in Zone 7, but frankly you are better off accepting that it is Zone 8 and choosing plants accordingly. It is not too late to order flower bulbs to be delivered in November and planted from then into December.

My big success this year was watermelon, the same Sugar Baby I have tried multiple times. In a bed only 3 x 5 ft., I got four fruits, the largest almost five pounds, very sweet, although seedy. For the first time I had started plants in peat pots to give them a head start; even in this climate it paid off. Other successes have been okra, potatoes, green beans, carrots, eggplant, and peppers. I cut down my blueberry bushes in February, unwilling this year to fight varmints for them, grew only a few tomato plants, and harvested every one green the moment one was chewed. Many of these tomatoes ripened indoors and were enjoyed in sandwiches.

For those growing vegetables, you will need to buy broccoli plants and get them into the ground before about **September 20**. Sow beets, carrots, mustard, and turnips before mid-month. Lettuce, radishes, and spinach can continue to be planted later. Also, consider Swiss chard. My plants melted in the August heat, but you can seed chard again now for crops throughout our long autumns. And if you can find green onion plants, they can be set in throughout the fall.

I assume you have checked to see if that summer vegetable bed is still sunny. Mine, along the north side of our property, gets even more direct

sun as it moves lower in the sky. Amend the soil with compost and aged manure. For an established bed, don't bring in the rototiller or do double digging, which disturbs the network of soil inhabitants, from worms down to fungi, and turns up new weed seeds. Lightly hoe in your amendments, sow and plant, water well, and mulch all bare soil. Your major task at first will be coping with heat and drought. You may need initially to cover sown and watered beds with boards, checking each day and removing them as soon as you see sprouting. Or, you can protect your new plants with old lawn furniture or shade cloth supported by hoops.

Continue dividing perennials such as iris, daylilies, and others that seem to be getting bigger but have fewer blooms. Feed and water them at this time, and share your overflow with new gardeners who do not know that we always pass along thugs.

One of the gardening resources I regularly read is *Friends of Old Bulbs Gazette* from Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, Michigan: "Like many gardeners, you may have some beloved plants in your garden that have lost their names. If it's an iris you're wondering about, you can now ask the Historic Iris Preservation Society. On the HIPS homepage, there is a green box that says 'Need help with iris ID? Click here.' Do that, and you'll be taken to their ID Central . . . 'I don't know' is an acceptable answer to any of the questions. Do read the 'Photo Request' section, which explains how and when to take the three required close-ups of your nameless iris. Then enter its height, bloom size, fragrance, and so on, upload your photos, and send it. If you'd prefer, you can mail in your information and photos. Either way, you'll get a response from the HIPS experts, . ." May 2019 issue.

After all the exhaustion fighting squirrels for years, I did not see a single one on the ground until August 15, when they began to migrate from across the street as the neighboring oak's acorns ripened. Whether it was the total lack of acorns on that tree last fall or the many parties held in its branches each night by three or four owls last winter, the number of squirrel sightings in trees or on roofs from my garden have been nearly zero until now.

Continuing the bright news, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Per-

due (of Georgia) has announced that President Trump "knew instinctively that our great producers [of food] would bear the brunt proportionally of the trade disruption with China" ...[and is] fighting for a level playing field ..." by announcing "a new \$16 billion relief package for agricultural producers affected by increased tariffs ..." *Farmers and Consumers' Market Bulletin* (August 14, 2019, page 1).

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Lake Claire History: Was There a Lake?

Contrary to what some may think, there was a lake in the Lake Claire neighborhood! Where Claire Drive intersects with Lakeshore Drive, there is a deep geographic hollow, and this is the location of the former lake. The Provisional Plat of the Massell Development Company, July 1926, lists the name of the lake as Lake Ponceana. Subsequent maps by the Sanborn Insurance Company, the U.S. Coastal and Geodetic Survey (1928), and City of Atlanta maps from 1930 and 1934 all show the lake.

The creek which filled the lake still has a constant flow of water. It carries rainwater drainage from Palifox Road and Ponce de Leon Manor into Peavine Creek, which flows behind the west side of Lakeshore. Hiking 125 yards up the creek from Lakeshore, you will find a stonework dam

and outcroppings of tilted igneous rock layers, which lined the lake (be careful to avoid poison ivy).

Anecdotal stories from long-time residents confirm that the original lake was drained in 1928 or 1929 because of concerns about mosquitoes and the lake being a hazard to children. Soon after, the owners of the first house on Lakeshore planted a garden that extended from their house to the corner of Lakeshore and Claire. The children of the neighborhood regularly played in the garden, and from the mid 1930s until after WWII, the owners had annual picnics for neighborhood residents.

Bob Schreiber, formerly of Claire Drive, contributed to this article. Stay tuned for more neighborhood history articles! ~Ed.

Historic Stained-Glass Windows Commemorates African American History in Candler Park

by Edi/th Kelman, Project Manager, Early Edgewood-Candler Park BiRacial History Project

This past summer, the First Existentialist Congregation installed four beautiful and historic stained-glass windows that now grace the Sanctuary. These windows come as a legacy-gift from the Antioch East Baptist Church, builders of this Old Stone Church 100 years ago.

The lovely windows commemorate the 145-year presence of the Antioch East Congregation and families in Candler Park and Edgewood neighborhoods, now that Antioch has relocated to Ellenwood. They are a gift to the neighborhood, enhancing this favorite community gathering place. First E and the BiRacial History Project ask every neighbor to join us as conscious community stewards in our effort to honor and care for these treasures.

The old stained-glass and the window frames are fragile. Hits on the glass and spills of any kind on the win-

dow ledges could create serious problems. **Please work with us, Neighbors,** when you attend. **Do not put any objects in the stained-glass window areas** (including candles, beverages, beer/soda cans, plants, flowers, cell phones, nothing!!! We are in this together! Let's remind ourselves and each other to act as good stewards for these deep-rooted Legacy Windows. Their presence offers meaningful evidence of First E & Candler Park's connections with Antioch East and the History Project over the past 14 years—of neighbors learning and working together to come to a measure of trust, and a deeper understanding of our linked stories in the neighborhoods we live in now—including Lake Claire, Edgewood, Candler Park, etc. This place has been so treasured by many since its settlement in the 1870s.



Please leash the doggies!

To leash or not to leash, like treating or not treating for mosquitoes in our neighborhood, is a frequent discussion on NextDoor and every once in a while in the Clarion. Leashes are required by law in City parks, but the issue is as much about the law as it is about being considerate of neighbors. There have been far too many incidents with unleashed dogs over the years. It doesn't matter how friendly one's dogs are, how much you think they "love children" (a clear example of anthropomorphizing dogs—a dog I had fitting that description for years seemingly got jealous of a child sitting next to me and snapped at her, the dogs teeth scratching the child's face), or how great the dog has been to date. The fact is: dogs can be unpredictable. A dog on a leash meeting a dog off-leash is a particular problem. Some Lake Claire folks avoid taking their dogs—and sometimes their kids—to Lake Claire Park out of fear of this. People may have allergies to dogs, may have had bad expe-

riences with a dog, or may simply not like dogs. Not to mention the dogs doing their business without you there to bag it.

The exact wording of the code for City parks is: "Under Section 110-70 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, dogs are not permitted in city parks without leashes and an accompanying competent individual." There is an exception when the park or an area within it has been designated as an "off-leash area" for dogs. There is no off-leash area in Lake Claire Park. View the City's ordinances on pets in parks at www.atlantaga.gov.

As someone said on NextDoor, "no one can guarantee a dog won't get spooked by whatever. Of course many people don't think their dogs will cause harm, but it's not logical to count on that." Another person rightly noted, "if all of the dogs are on leashes, together we owners can decide whether they might be introduced off-leash or if it's not a good

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Intown Ace or order them through Amazon. The bacterium is completely safe for humans, pollinators, amphibians, birds, etc. You can read more about it on the EPA's website: www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol/bti-mosquito-control. To make the traps, just fill a plastic container with water (I use YDFM grain and bean containers), top with a few teaspoons of the Bti granules, and place around the perimeter of your house, maybe 1-2 containers per side. You can also place a few around the perimeter of your yard. Refresh monthly, and you'll notice a significant decline in mosquito population. I've used this technique at my house for the past 3 summers, and it has made mosquito season much more tolerable!

Well, I guess I'd better be buzzing off. Have a wonderful September.

~ Flora Fauna

idea/time/etc." There are great dog parks nearby in Oakhurst, off Freedom Park, in Decatur near St. Thomas More, and in Piedmont Park; people who want their dogs to run free will hopefully take them there, not to Lake Claire Park.



Thanks for Paying Neighborhood Dues

Lake Claire suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household. Lake Claire Banners are \$45, but a package deal of dues and banner is only \$60! Join these neighbors who have paid dues in the last couple of months: Jovani Brooks, Ricko Washington, Elizabeth Keathley, Jeanne Hatcher, and Christopher Gibson. (Please specify when you pay dues if you do not wish to be mentioned in the newspaper.) To contribute to worthwhile and fun initiatives of our 'hood, pay dues at lakeclaire.org via the link OR with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107. Thank you to all who have paid dues and/or contributed your time to our great neighborhood, Lake Claire!



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LCCT Same Old URL, Brand New Website!

If you haven't visited the Land Trust website lately, it is time to take another look. Thanks to a valiant effort by our new neighbor Brittney Cope-land, we have upgraded to a new website design platform, SquareSpace, and a fresh new layout designed by Brittney. A recent arrival at Lake Claire Cohousing who happens to work professionally in the web design field, Brittney is also responsible for the Cohousers' classy new website. Her fabulous design for the Land Trust features all the same amenities as the old one, with a few improvements, and offers multiple places to plug in and get involved in work days and committees. Of course we kept our original tie-dye logo header, created by MerryLeigh Giarratano. As always, the website address is *LCCLT.org* (caps optional!) We would appreciate your feedback as we fine-tune the new design. Many thanks to Brittney for taking the initiative and making this happen!

2019 Ladybug Events and the LCCLT Family Fun Programs

September 29: Welcome Fall Garden Party, 4-6 p.m. Let's gather in our Magical Garden Spot and Celebrate Fall! It's about time to make some new Scare Crows. Expect yummy treats, live music, crafts, and garden fun. All are welcome including bunny statues to add to our bunny family. \$5+ Suggested Donation . See www.ladybugeventsllc.com

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Poetry and Nature: A Natural Connection

by Stephen Wing

“Earth Poetry” is a term I coined when I noticed that imagery and metaphors of nature are a constant theme in the poetry of nearly all cultures and eras, all the way back to the beginning. “Mother Earth” may have been the very first poetic metaphor. Nature plays a key role in much of the poetry I personally enjoy, such as the work of Gary Snyder, Galway Kinnell, W.S. Merwin, and Mary Oliver.

I define Earth Poetry as poetry not just about nature, but about our relationship with nature as participants in a living world. In an age of widespread alienation from the natural world, this is one way to re-connect to our beautiful home planet. For at least a decade now, I have been hosting a small gathering of poets each season in a different outdoor venue around Atlanta to explore this notion and to deepen our individual relationships with nature.

In addition to an opportunity to practice the art of poetry in a natural setting, our outings are a great way to explore the wide variety of parks, greenspaces, nature preserves, and other natural landscapes tucked away throughout metro Atlanta. All active or aspiring poets are invited to join us. Donations are accepted but not required. At each workshop I share something I've been reading about nature, poetry, or both. My topics have ranged from the ancient Chinese poets to animal psychology to Nature Deficit Disorder. Participants are also invited to bring something to read to the group, whether their own work or that of a favorite poet. After sharing, we split up and wander on our own, gathering inspirations and observations, taking notes, writing, sometimes crafting a finished poem. Sharing what we have written when we come back together is optional.

Places we have visited include the Oakhurst

Community Garden (now the Wylde Center), Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve, Mason Mill Park, and Woodlands Garden in Decatur, the Outdoor Activity Center and Cascade Nature Preserve in southwest Atlanta, Stone Mountain Park, Kirkwood Urban Forest, Constitution Lakes Park, Deepdene Park, and of course the Lake Claire Community Land Trust.

The Land Trust has become our little group's winter refuge because of the Gorilla Grill and its tiny pot-bellied stove—though we have rarely needed it with the warming trend of our changing climate. *Last Man on Earth* is the product of this past winter's workshop back in February. *Just So* is the poem I came home with the winter before. The two poems demonstrate the broad stylistic and thematic range of Earth Poetry, though both contain references to the climate crisis. In July, Earth Poetry ranged a little farther afield with an appearance at the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute up in North Carolina. Seven people signed up for the workshop, at

Just So

Pink flower fallen
among the litter.
Bamboo swaying above my head.
Trees budding out
too early, bees weaving
among the understory blossoms.
Two cardinals flitting
branch to branch,
the bright red one trailing
a respectful distance behind.
I pick the litter up,
leave the flower
where a living universe has so
deliberately placed it.

which I attempted to share a condensed version of all of my workshop presentations to date. My Fall 2019 Earth Poetry workshop in Atlanta is not yet scheduled. Locations I am considering include Arabia Mountain and the Chattahoochee Nature Preserve. To join my email list, contact me at swing1027@gmail.com.

Last Man on Earth

The air is cool today, fresh and damp
against my skin. But if I glance up,
against any dark shape
I see the tiny swimming specks of raindrops
like microscopic organisms
under the lighted lens of afternoon.

Years ago, or even last year,
this would have been a winter day.
Today, the birds around me in every direction
clamor instead, Spring!
So what? The climate is changing.
All we have to do is rip the pages from the calendar
and shuffle them,
call this March instead of February . . .

Hiding here in the bamboo thicket,
unseen even by the birds,
I can pretend the noises of the city
and the airplane droning overhead are no more
than delirious memories
of ancient times
when humans swarmed the Earth.

The birds are a different matter altogether.
I can't imagine them away.
Even the thought of trying makes me begin
to disappear a little around my edges
into damp spring air.
The birds clamor on, oblivious
to whether I go or stay



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER

We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate.

This month's featured writer is Lily Cornell on Arizona who has just started kindergarten at Mary Lin.

Hey there, Lake Claire kids of all ages: we want to see **your** creativity. You could draw a picture, write a poem, or join Lily in writing about something special to you, long or short. Submit your work to editor@lakeclaire.org, by

SEPTEMBER 15 for the OCTOBER issue of the newspaper. We hope this is a good starting place for kids' future writing careers. I definitely think Lily shows promise of being a future poet!



Lily's First Day at Mary Lin

My Favorite Things about School

by Lily Cornell

My favorite thing is the coloring books that we color and then I bring home.

I also like telling my little brother what things will be like when he's a big kid like I am!



Lily showing how Lin is the Home of the Rockets

Last Month's Contest

For the first time I remember, no child found the hidden graphic in the August issue of the back-to-school classroom. To all of those kids who didn't win, please do keep playing. We are sorry if we made it very difficult last month, but this month, I'll bet someone wins! See the new contest below.

NEW CONTEST!

Observed around the world on September 21, the International Day of Peace, sometimes known as World Peace Day, was established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nation resolution for humanity to build a culture of peace. This month's hidden graphic commemorates this day with a child's drawing of "the peace dove." To win, send an e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org, identifying the page number, and you must include your name, age, school, street, and grade, along with a picture. Ask a parent to take a picture of you, perhaps of you finding the hidden graphic, or doing whatever you like. For extra credit, tell us one of your ideas about peace, in general, or at home or school. The extra-credit prize is that you'll be a featured writer/artist in the Lake Claire Clarion with your original work. **Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you cannot win two months in a row. The deadline is September 15. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**



Walking to school