

## Lake Claire Crafts Fair Walking Tour, December 5, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.!

Not sure what to get that special someone this unique holiday season? Come one, come all to the greatest (socially distanced) Lake Claire Craft Holiday Fair Walking Tour! The popular Annual Lake Claire Artists Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale has been one of Lake Claire's signature events of the year. For 2020 (!) and Covid, we have repurposed this event in the style of a porch fest.

On Saturday, December 5, artists/vendors/businesses will be selling their wares, located outside and masked, throughout the Lake Claire Neighborhood. The list of participating artists, musicians, and food providers (as of November 23 when the Clarion went to press) is featured here on the Centerfold pages (pages 8-9). Please note, there will definitely be some additions to this list. The new and updated list/flyer as well as the walking map will be distributed to all Lake Claire porches, potentially along with this Clarion.



Kitchen Crafter, vanilla extract and more (482 Hardendorf)



Sara McGill, Jewelry (1777 Delaware Avenue, @ Arizona)

**A very important aspect of this is everyone's safety.** We ask that when you arrive at a porch, please be considerate about holding back as appropriate for social distancing. So, of course, if one or two people are perusing the wares, and there is not room for you to approach without being six feet apart from others, please wait, six feet apart, until someone leaves. We hope that with so many locations (over 40 as of now!!), there will be room for social distance. Please note that we've covered the entire neighborhood of Lake Claire, down to McLendon at Hardendorf, and South to Dekalb Avenue, which may mean some people will drive, in order to visit all the locations—and easily carry away your purchases!

Individual artists are allowed to decide what form of payment to accept; many accept Venmo and PayPal.

In addition to Lake Claire's own talent, we are happy to have several local artisans, crafters, and others who aren't Lake Claire residents;

they are located on Lake Claire porches/yards, kindly provided by residents of Lake Claire, so the entire fair is in Lake Claire. In addition, we are happy that once again, many children/young adults are participating (see picture to the left for one example; our list will show which locations have young adults, in hopes you will be sure to visit and support them).

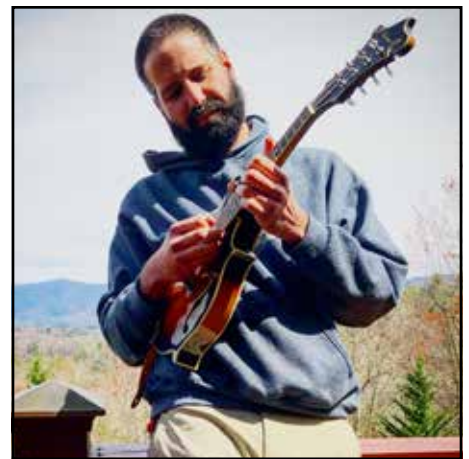
Thanks to our sponsors, without whom we could not have done this: Cynthia Baer, BOND Community Federal Credit Union, Hill Manufacturing Company, and Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN). BOND and Hill Manufacturing Co. each rented a Porta-Potty, Hill purchased all of the hand sanitizers, and Cynthia all of our receipt books, the copies of maps, flyers, etc. (1400+!!!), all of which are crucial behind-the-scenes factors for making this successful. Thank you to organizer Annsley Klehr, who has spent literally countless hours putting together the many moving parts, as well as to all the porch volunteers, all the artists/crafters, potters, jewelers, painters, food vendors, and musicians, and thank YOU!—we hope you will be happy to get out of the house in a safe fashion, enjoy music, food, and find some one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. 10% of the proceeds for artists' sales will go to Mary Lin Elementary School. Finally, our rain date will likely be the next day, but we hope that doesn't happen, as not everyone could participate. Though you'll get the Clarion the first week of December, it went to press Novem-



Morgan Hatchett, Mistletoe and more (1728 Adolphus)

ber 23, with the information we had as of then; please do check the Lake Claire website, [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org), for any updates.

Again, we are so excited to be able to make this fun Lake Claire tradition happen in 2020. We hope to see you there!



Sam Aranson (playing on McLendon Ave. @ Harold)

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Kona Ice, one of many great food vendors (parked on Hardendorf near McLendon)

## Clarion Costume Contest!

With the convergence of a full moon, a blue moon, daylight saving time ending, and it being on a Saturday night—plus the unprecedented situation of this year—Halloween 2020 will truly be one to remember. Much has changed, not only for Halloween but for the rest of the winter holidays this year... but Lake Claire's love for the fun, fright, and delight of Halloween was as strong as ever, as evidenced by yard decorations, creative ways to give out candy—and by entries to the Clarion's Halloween Costume

Contest! People certainly demonstrated some fantastic Halloween inspirations, and we are excited that many people participated. The winners are featured on Page 7. As previously noted, they will receive ten-dollar gift cards to Candler Park Grocery (for candy or something more healthy). Please check out the great costumes on Page 7.

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December 2020

Our Dear Sweet Neighbors:

**THANK YOU** doesn't seem adequate, but that's all we know to say. Our Lake Claire neighbors have totally pulled us through 2020. Just as you have taken extraordinary measures in your own lives to make it through the year, Clifton did as well—our guests sheltered in place and, for the first time ever, we socially distanced from our volunteers. Our volunteers are the life-giving secret sauce at Clifton, and that was so hard and felt so wrong—but for everyone's sake, it was right. And it worked! Our guests and staff have stayed healthy.

In 2020, we relied on you more than ever—you dropped off stews, casseroles, and laundry detergent. You left meals and donations at the door, waved through the window, and talked with the guys from 6 feet away. When we thought you could do no more, you did. You continued to support Clifton financially, and, because of several great donations, we now will have a new vent hood with a fire suppression system and stove. These improvements are necessary so that we are able to contract with the Veterans Administration to serve more homeless veterans!

*IF you are new to Lake Claire, let me fill you in on the Clifton story. On November 1, 1979, members of Clifton Presbyterian Church, most of whom lived in Lake Claire (and still do!), drove downtown in their church van and convinced three men who were homeless to come back to the church and enjoy a hot meal, a hot shower, and a comfortable place to sleep. Those three men were the start of a tradition that has now served many thousands of men, enabling the majority of them to transition to living independently. We have guests who have completed advanced degrees while at Clifton, *including one who received his Masters Degree at Georgia Tech! How awesome is that?!**

The holiday season this year will be ever more poignant. Many of us will be distanced from our families like never before. All year, churches, synagogues, and mosques have had to plan creatively for telling the stories of our faiths. We hope you'll make Clifton part of your holiday season; whether it's contributing to the gift bags that are given to each of the Clifton men on Christmas Day, dropping off a meal, or making a financial contribution, it is all appreciated. The list of items needed for our Christmas bags can be found on our website, [www.cliftonsanctuary.com](http://www.cliftonsanctuary.com).

Please again accept our thanks from the bottom of our virus-free hearts. You are simply the best!!

With gratitude,  
**Leslie Prince**

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## December Calendar

Please continue to support entertainment and restaurants to the extent you are comfortable, as they CONTINUE barely to survive in some cases.

**5** Lake Claire Arts & Crafts Holiday Walking Tour: Music, Food, and Artists and Crafters of beautiful products throughout Lake Claire. See article Page 1 and more information at the centerfold, pages 8-9. Our number 1 goal: to stay safe—please be careful not to form crowds, and to hold back and visit another porch if one has too many people there.

**1** Actor's Express, through Jan. 3rd, *A Christmas Carol*, the timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge comes to thrilling new life. A streaming event of a live performance, info at [www.actors-express.com/plays/a-christmas-carol](http://www.actors-express.com/plays/a-christmas-carol)

**8** Lunch & Learn with the DeKalb History Center. Russell Clayton, once a friend to the Menabonis, about the life and work of Athos Menaboni. Via Zoom. 12–1 p.m. Tickets: Free for members, \$5 for non-members, and the Zoom link will be sent out on the day of the event via email to members and those who purchase tickets. Ticket link: [dekalb-history-center.square.site/](http://dekalb-history-center.square.site/).

**10** Chanukah begins at sundown (24 Kislev).

**16** Public Engagement Session for Freedom Park Conservancy (for details, see Naka Nathaniel's article in the November Clarion, and the Conservancy website for the meeting details, master plan, and other info.)

**17** Lake Claire Neighbors monthly meeting—and every 3rd Thursday. (Other years no December meeting, but again, 2020!) Live from Lake Claire via Zoom! [lakeclaire.org](http://lakeclaire.org) for updates and Zoom information.

**25** Christmas day, open up the chimneys, and put out the cookies and milk! Ho-ho-ho!

**31** Bye-bye, 2020, and good riddance!

## Congrats and Thanks to Lake Claire Volunteers

by Beth Damon

Congrats to all the Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) officers, listed on the masthead above. They were all willing to stay on in these volunteer positions and were re-elected unanimously. In addition, these are the continuing appointed positions: Annsley Klehr, LCN Education Chair, Jennifer Silver, LCN Representative to the City of Atlanta Department of Films, Ben Klehr; LCN Representative to the Candler Park Conservancy; and Robert Bryan Davis, Representative to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. The position of LCN Representative to the Freedom Park Conservancy is open at this time, as Naka Nathaniel resigned this month. Thank you for your service to Lake Claire, Naka!! I'm sure we will continue to see your and Kai's writings in future Clarions and your neighborhood participation in many ways. (As Clarion frequent readers will know, Kai is Naka's son and a great writer, plus contributor to the Clarion.)

I take this opportunity also to mention the Clarion volunteers. Many other neighborhoods have gone totally online, or only have newsletters. Our neighborhood newspaper is brought to you each month through the efforts of so many—advertising coordinator Pat Del Rey, the advertisers themselves, who completely support the publication financially, layout coordinator, Véronique Perrot (with occasional help from child Roshan), delivery manager Alicia McGill (again, often with some assistance from 1-2 children, albeit older children at this point), and—as our final link to readers—the dedicated volunteer “Clarion Carriers,” who faithfully deliver this newspaper the old-fashioned way—in person, often up steep hills, through rain, sleet, and snow, during the pandemic, to your porches! Well, maybe not sleet and snow.

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## Speaking of Volunteerism:

Thanks to Mario and Kai on Lakeshore, the Lakeshore sidewalk next to Lake Claire Park is clear of the branches that have been blocking

the sidewalk. No more kids having to walk in the street. Thanks, guys, for being good Lake Claire citizens.

## Cator Woolford Gardens' Exceptional Volunteer

by Dina Shadwell, [d.shadwell@thefraziercenter.org](mailto:d.shadwell@thefraziercenter.org)

Many hands make light work, but in Cator Woolford Gardens, one specific pair of hands has done a lot of heavy lifting over the years. They belong to Jim Pruckler, a retired microbiologist who has spent countless hours volunteering in the garden. It's his pleasure and passion.

Jim calls himself a grower. He en-

joys grafting plants, acquiring cuttings from botanical gardens that are willing to share with him. He has a particular fascination with camellias. “I'm intrigued by the flower that blooms at the ‘wrong’ time of the year,” Jim says. Indeed, camellias are often the star of the winter show in Cator Woolford Gardens.

Jim is a member of the North Georgia Camellia Society. As such, he offers his time, expertise, and supplies to several gardens in Atlanta, including Woodlands Garden, Atlanta History Center, and Oakland Cemetery, as well as gardens throughout the state, such as Lockerly Arboretum in Milledgeville, and Masee Lane

Gardens in Fort Valley, the botanical headquarters of the American Camellia Society. In Cator Woolford Gardens, Jim coordinates his efforts with garden designer Cooper Sanchez. Cooper's vision is to keep the formal garden area as the focal

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## 30+ Years in Lake Claire: Animated Xmas Display

Don Newby and Joe O'Brien have lived on McLendon in Lake Claire for the past 40 years. Since they retired from AT&T, they have decorated their front yard for all the holidays during the year. Easter, Halloween, and Christmas have the most elaborate decorations. This Christmas, they are adding a very special, one of a kind, Christmas display.

55 years ago, when Don was 15, he made an animated Christmas display to go in his home's picture window in Kokomo, Indiana. He had been fascinated by the Christmas windows at the department stores in Indianapolis. He had requested that his mother ask the store's upstairs offices what they did with the old displays, since there were new ones each year. At 12 years old, Don thought they might let him have one. After several years of her refusal to even ask, Don said defiantly, OK, he would build his own. He finished the "MouseHouse" and installed it on Christmas Eve 1965. He made it by dismantling his battery-operated toys and taking the parts and motors from the toys to construct it. It had two hand-sewed characters that were mice. He called it the "MouseHouse." Unfortunately, after only 10 minutes, the batteries ran down, and all the movement stopped. Don's dad, who was a TV repairman, saved the day when he got a piece of equipment out of his shop that converted 110 volts to battery power.

Over the next five years, Don perfected and added to his "MouseHouse." He tore up more toys to get more moving parts, used his tinker toys and old record players. He made everything with a toy saw and a glue gun. He changed the mice out for four kittens. The story line is of 3 naughty kittens that have stayed up past their bedtime on Christmas Eve. Santa Kat catches them in the act of opening their Christmas presents. The last time the "MouseHouse" was on display was **47 years ago**. Don had rented it out to a department store, and the lights in their window were so hot that pieces of the "MouseHouse" kept falling off as the heat from the hot lights melted the glue that held everything together.

Don never repaired the "MouseHouse," at that time, but when Don and Joe moved to Atlanta, the "MouseHouse" came along. It has been stored in the basement all these years. There was no place to display it, but Don was not willing to part with it. The "MouseHouse" needed a lot of work, as it wasn't covered, and there were decades of dirt on it. Some motors would no longer work,



*This cat spins 3-4 rounds, and like any good dancer, stops with his face to the audience. The quilt on the bed is 100 yrs+. It was pieced together by Don's grandmother and found in a family cedar chest.*

and all those pieces that had fallen off were never put back.

This year, starting on Don's 70th birthday, August 4, Don and Joe have refurbished it and built a special Christmas shed for their front yard to display it. **It is planned to be in place by December 15. It will run between dark and 9 p.m.** Don recorded himself playing the piano for background music. The cat in the picture was part of it. I didn't use Don's suggested caption, "Naughty Kitten dances on the bed after receiving a teddy bear for Christmas."

If you remember and loved the Christmas windows at Rich's, then you will enjoy this scaled-down version.

*Editor's note: I have had a series since 2011 that highlights longtime residents of Lake Claire, and I am adding this story about Don to that series. I hope to hear from and feature other longtime residents of Lake Claire. Write to editor@lakeclaire.org. And: Happy 70th, Don! We can all use something like this lovely and creative display during these times. Check it out after December 15, y'all!*



## Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (aka Carol Vanderschaaf)

"Blue skies smiling at me, nothing but blue skies do I see..." Composed by Irving Berlin for the 1926 Broadway show *Betsy*, and first sung by its star, Belle Baker.

And under those blue fall skies, Ilene S. has seen "lots of owls, daytime and at three in the morning. A noteworthy migrant redstart. A rabbit. Noticed that the upper segment of the Candler Park beaver pond is refilled behind a repaired dam."

Meredith W. begins her report by saying, "I don't have much to report (except she does), but I did have a fun experience with my mother on a walk by S. Peachtree Creek on a trail that runs between Hahn Woods and Lullwater Preserve. We were walking on the side of the bank by the VA Hospital the day after the torrential rains had flooded the creek. The water was back in its banks by the time we walked, but there were lots of puddles. Movement in one caught my eye, and I realized that there were fish suffocating as their puddles evaporated. Some were the size of my hand and some smaller than my pinkie nail, and there were all sizes in between. They were beautiful, iridescent green and blue. My mother and I had plastic bags with us, so we scooped them up and returned them to the creek—dozens of them! Some I thought were already dead flopped back to life when I lifted them up, even though they were only half-covered by water or mud. We also saved quite a few tadpoles and scooped up some crawfish and salamanders, as well. It was a fun, messy endeavor, and we felt good to have saved so many fish (even if they were just going to be eaten by all of the herons)." Meredith suggests, and I (FF) agree

that "folks should check puddles after a flood or large rain to see if there is anybody who needs a ride back to the river. I know I will. After the next rain, I searched a puddle, and while there were no fish, I did find a baby snapper (see photo on p. 10). His shell was no bigger than the circle I make by touching my index finger to my thumb—super cute. I left him where he was, since he had the feet to carry him back to the water."

Miriam H. "finally figured out the loud wood knocking chucking sound I keep hearing from as far away as two houses is a chipmunk. I thought it was a bird, at first. I was surprised such a small creature could make so much noise. Apparently from a National Geographic video, it is a warning sound." Wish we could reproduce it here in the Clarion.

Bernard S. writes that he and Genise "went to Cloudland Canyon a couple of weeks ago, and we saw this nice rat snake lounging on the grass, trying to catch a few sun rays (see photo on p. 10). Except for that, here at home, the chipmunks seem to have lost all inhibitions. Pretty often, they don't even run when they see me. I think they plan to take over!"

Dorothy D. recently "watched a LARGE red-tailed hawk in my backyard eating some furry animal, a chipmunk, I think. Perhaps one of Bernard's. He tore it apart and then, with some difficulty, swallowed the rest of it whole."

More news from Frank W. on "Red Pants the squirrel, propped up on the fence enjoying the sunshine—a beautiful day, and I clicked at her to see if I could get her attention, and

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## Fireworks—Please Consider This

by Dawn Aura

In spite of Covid, people did set off fireworks for July 4. With New Year's eve around the corner, many of us pet owners are hoping that if our neighbors are considering this, you will be conscious of the effects on animals. We have an emu living in the back yard, and many of us in Lake Claire have dogs and cats. The noise of fireworks frightens animals tremendously. One time a piece of the fireworks fell into Big Lou the Emu's sanctuary! Firework displays at public places usually last fifteen minutes or so, but when residents shoot them for longer periods, usually spread over an hour or more, it becomes very difficult for the terri-

fied animals to endure, not knowing when the next one will come or when they will stop.

If you set up fireworks this year, and of course there is a temptation, even more because of Covid, please reconsider continuing fireworks for a long time. How about a more concise, finite 15- to 30-minute period like the displays in downtown Decatur or Piedmont Park? That would be so helpful to many of us who have pets that live close by to the fireworks' shot-like sounds. Animals (including emus) would still be frightened, but I think it frightens them so much more when it goes on and on. Thank you for your consideration.

## Keeping an Eye on the Crime and the Time: Safety in Lake Claire

by Miriam Herbers

This month we have a check list for home security that was provided by Jammie Tillman of the Crime Prevention department of Zone 6 APD. Here are their suggestions for neighborhood security:

1. Is your house number visible from the street, with numbers at least 3 inches high?
2. Can your neighbors see your house?
3. Have you talked you your neighbors about mutual neighborhood security?
4. Do you know your neighbors and have contact information?
5. Do you routinely lock your

door when you leave, no matter for how long? And keep it locked when at home?

6. Do you leave your porch lights on even when you are not home? (See sidebar.)

7. Do you have a house key hidden outside, but not in an obvious place?

Many people have lived here so long that house keys have been exchanged for emergencies, but I hope newer neighbors will get to know those living around you. It gives a great peace of mind to know you can call out for help.

## If your Clarion does not appear on your doorstep

If ever you do not receive your Clarion by the end of the first week of the month/beginning of the second, please let us know at [distribution@lakeclaire.org](mailto:distribution@lakeclaire.org) or [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org). We will get your paper to you. Also let us know if you are willing to be a backup Carrier for when your Carrier has an unavoidable delay due to life's little surprises. We appreciate our delivery volunteers!

## Clarion Thoughts on Leaving Porch Lights On

**When Home at Night** it is a good time to leave the porch light on. It alerts burglars to your presence, particularly if indoor lights are on. The porch light also acts as a spotlight on the front door to see who is approaching, through either a window or peephole.

**When You, a Roommate, or a Family Member Plans to Return Late at Night** it helps to leave a light on for people who won't get home until long after dark. Keeping the porch light burning helps people get to the door and unlock it safely.

**Pro Tip:** Use a smart lightbulb in your porch light so you can turn on the light fixture from anywhere.

**When You Leave the Kids at Home.** Again, as in #1, supplement the outdoor light with indoor ones so it looks like several people are home.

**When You're Expecting a Home Delivery.** It is wise to turn on the porch light if you have a package coming. The extra light helps the delivery person find your home, and it reminds you to grab the package before settling in for the evening.

### WHEN TO TURN THE PORCH LIGHT OFF:

**When You Go on Vacation:** If you're out of town, you should turn the porch light off during the day. A constantly lit porch makes your home a target. You should either have a neighbor turn the light on and off or invest in a light timer to maintain the illusion that you're home.

**When You Go to Bed.** When it's "lights-out," your porch should be no exception. Turn off the porch light, as you would in any room in the house. Turning off a light regularly suggests that the home is in use. Plus, many porch lights available today use infrared sensors to turn on automatically if they sense motion.

**When You Feel Anxious about Being Home Alone.** If you feel anxious, you may not want to turn on the porch light. Burglars often stake out a property for weeks before striking, and it might signal you are alone if they notice you turn on the lights more often when your partner, significant other, or roommates are away.



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# HALLOWEEN CONTEST WINNERS



Lyle Lowenthal (Dekalb Ave.)  
Welcome to LC!



*Alice in Wonderland*, as portrayed by the Pittman family! Hayden was Alice, Drew was the Cheshire Cat, Lisa was the Queen of Hearts, and Andy was the Caterpillar. (Marlbrook)



The Raimonde family, Ridgewood Rd.



This little rainbow is Iris Breedveld, age 5, McLendon Avenue



Scott family, Ridgewood Rd., as characters of Netflix series *Ratched*. Grey as Dr. Hanover, Ginger as Gwendolyn Briggs (Cynthia Nixon), & Joni as Nurse Ratched, posing by classic cars owned by neighbors of the Neighborhood Church in Candler Park



Spring, Adam, and Baby Cillian O'Donnell (Harold Ave.) as Maverick, Goose & Charlie from *Top Gun*.



Johanna Heutel (age 10, Palifax, and a Clarion contributor)



Gabe Tobin & Cara Haycak Tobin, Hardendorf

**The winners are getting gift cards to Candler Park Market!  
Thanks for participating!  
Next year, hopefully, the usual signature parade and fun in the park!**

*Editor's Note: If I misplaced a child's picture, please forgive me, and let me know at editor@lakeclaire.org. In the crunch of year-end, our Arts Fest, and the longer newspaper, there was a flurry of activity and email organization. I certainly want no child to be forgotten, and I will print that child's picture in 2021. ~Beth*

# ARTISTS/CRAFTERS/VENDORS (In RED: Kids/Teenagers/Young Adults)

Artists/crafters/vendors are listed starting from McLendon Ave. at Palifox and going south, and then east to west (i.e., going counterclockwise)—but go in any order you wish! In fact, better crowd control if some folks \*START\* at Almata and go clockwise to the top of McLendon!

The Viking Potter/Eva Belle  
**Little Fox Creations**  
 Haller-Wren Art  
 Marirosa Fine Art  
 Brittany Schwartzwald  
 Kiln It Pottery/Kate O'Toole  
 Nelms Creekmur Forge  
 Jill Stanley/Kindle Candle

Pottery, ornaments, jewelry, textile, refashioned clothes  
 Earrings, necklaces, rings, lipgloss, greeting cards  
 Hebrew Calligraphy, Collage art cards and prints  
 Handmade mixed media fine arts, resin prints, more  
 B Hart Art—Pottery  
 Pottery, Masks, and Planters  
 Blacksmith fire pokers, fire boxes, pits, bracelets  
 Essential oil candles, home and body products

**2083 McLendon (@Palifox)**  
**1838 New York Avenue**  
**1838 New York Avenue**  
**1838 New York Avenue**  
**1826 New York Avenue**  
**1826 New York Avenue**  
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**277 Connecticut Avenue**  
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**261 Connecticut Avenue**

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 Susan Beeching  
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 Heather Friedman  
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**Sam Prausnitz-Weinbaum**  
 My Elderberry Fairy

Handwoven scarves in alpaca & silk; rag-rugs made w/repurposed clothing; designed & woven in Lake Claire  
 Baby items, leggings, hand-knit hats, bibs, more  
 Handmade Jewelry  
 Pottery—bright, colored, functional, fun, a fave  
**Stop by to say hi! On way to more art/nearby food**  
 Magnet tins, photography, painting  
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 Immune-supporting elderberry syrup, extracts, tea, fire cider tonics, all organic, pure raw honey

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 Holiday Baked Goods Gifts, Kids' masks, craft kits  
 Christmas Decorations  
 Paintings, drawings, prints, notecards  
 Red House Soap, all handmade soaps  
 Unique Holiday card holders  
 Food and Crafts  
 Women's clothes, face masks for adults & kids  
 Dolls, ornaments, bags, felt, starting at \$3  
**Baked goods decorating kits (see also under Food)**  
 Wood and Resin Home Furnishings  
 Woodcarving creations, hand-carved spoons, toys, Fan birds, holiday decorations, and more

**1777 Delaware Avenue**  
**1728 Adolphus Avenue**  
**290 Arizona Avenue**  
**290 Arizona Avenue**  
**290 Arizona Avenue**  
**300 Arizona Avenue**  
**1732 McLendon (@Harold)**  
**1737 McLendon Avenue**  
**1737 McLendon Avenue**  
**1752 McLendon Avenue**  
**471 Hardendorf Ave.**  
**471 Hardendorf Ave.**  
**481 Hardendorf Ave.**

Megan Carey  
 Sela Sokol/Wandering Cauldron  
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**481 Hardendorf Ave.**  
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Crafty Amanda  
**Magical Wands**  
 Jesse Bathrick/Merle Art Works  
 Grace van de Wiel  
 Brandon Tai  
 Boyd & Wendy Baker  
**Candle Hut (Sadie/Annabelle)**  
**The Olson family**  
 McCalla Hill Art  
 Aimee Wright  
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 Local Honey and Hive Products  
 Live music (see details under Music) and Wallers Coffee  
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**Homemade dog treats (plus see under Music)**  
 Watercolor Paintings, Handmade Xmas Ornaments  
 Nail Your Sparkle with Aimee  
 Woodworking, cutting/cheese boards, holiday, more  
 Homemade over-the-collar bandannas dogs & cats  
 Vintage home goods (books, glassware, mugs, artwork, small furniture, porcelain/brass figurines)

**491 Hardendorf Ave.**  
**545 Harold Avenue**  
**435 Harold Avenue**  
**432 Harold Avenue**  
**432 Harold Avenue**  
**476 Leonardo Avenue**  
**471 Leonardo Avenue**  
**456 Leonardo Avenue**  
**1842 Almata Avenue**  
**1842 Almata Avenue**  
**426 Ridgewood Rd.**  
**411 Ridgewood,**  
**porch & driveway**  
**411 Ridgewood Rd.**

Tawny Kempf/Lion's Drawer

ATL hats for adults, kids—and pets!



Sela Sokol, Magic wands (482 Hardendorf)



Jim Carey/Laughing Wolf, Woodcarvings (481 Hardendorf)



Sofia Pozzo, Bandanas for dogs and cats (417 Ridgewood)



Sam Prausnitz-Weinbaum, wooden side-tables (1778 Delaware)



Little Jars Bakeshop, baked goods and more (471 Hardendorf)



Grace Van de Wiel, embroidered goods (432 Harold)



Miriam Heberts, hand made soaps (300 Arizona)



Tawny Kempf/Lion's Drawer, ATL hats (411 Ridgewood)



Jesse Bathrick/Merle Art Works, Paintings and more (435 Harold)



# MUSIC

Musicians plan to play the whole time with short breaks, except as noted below.

- Brother Sam (Aranson)** Americana and folk music (whom you may know as a member of The Foothill Brothers) **1732 McLendon (corner @Harold)**
- LoveChild (12-2 p.m.)** Live music with **Elijah Haller and friends** **1832 New York Avenue**
- Patrice Buford and friends** Americana, folk, and originals (whom you may know as a member of The Amblers) **505 Hardendorf Avenue**
- Yoshi and Friends** Live Music **455 Hardendorf Avenue**
- Peter and Alyssa Olson** Live Music From the Porch **456 Leonardo Avenue**
- Neon Queen** ABBA Tribute Band **476 Leonardo Avenue**
- JJ & the Hustlers,** Different groups throughout the day, **1777 Delaware Avenue**
- Tom McGill, Joseph McGill** time TBA in the flyers **290 Arizona Ave.**
- Silvia Medrano-Edelstein** Southern-inspired and Hawaiian Ukelele **1770 Indiana Ave.**
- Zone 6 Customer Support** Mandolin, guitar, banjo—folk music (12-1 p.m.) **1770 Indiana Ave.**
- Druid Hills Billys (2-4 p.m.)** Bluegrass/countrygrass/folkgrass/gospel

# FOOD AND DRINK

- Hungry Hippo Eats Food Truck** Haitian Jerk BBQ with a Southern Flair! **1794-1800 Delaware Ave.**
- BaddaBing! Catering and Weekly Food Delivery** Delicious, well-balanced, nourishing food, comfort food, favorites. Globally inspired Premium custard ice cream, all natural, pints, pots, variety of flavors **371 Arizona Ave.**
- Yom Ice Cream** **277 Connecticut Ave.**
- Little Jars Bakeshop** Baked goods, holiday cupcakes, gingerbread, decorating kits, hot chocolate bombs, cakes **(house on corner of Conn./NY)**
- Kona Ice of Downtown** Kona ice Snow Cones, ice cream, Kona Kocoa (hot choc, coffee) **471 Hardendorf Ave**
- Kushina Catering** Ethiopian food, spices, cookies, cupcakes **Hardendorf, @ corner with McLendon**
- Waller's Coffee Shop** Coffee, hot chocolate, and baked goodies **491 Hardendorf Ave.**
- Carla Biggs** Food and Crafts **476 Leonardo Ave.**
- Dogs on Wheels Food Truck** 100% beef **AND** vegan hot dogs **1737 McLendon Ave.**
- Almeta @ Ridgewood Rd.**

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries will have a table and hope you stop by (masked) to say hello! (369 Connecticut)



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My Elderberry Fairy, elderberry products (1777 Delaware)



Crafty Amanda, paper crafts (491 Hardendorf)



Heather Friedman, magnets and more (1787 Delaware)



Megan Carey, handknit hats (481 Hardendorf)

**WALKING TOUR**  
**SELF-HELP STATIONS:**  
482 Hardendorf Ave.  
1778 Delaware Ave.

**PORTA-POTTIES:**  
Hardendorf @ Marlbrook  
Ridgeview @ Almeta  
2106 McLendon  
2050 and 2055 Palifox



Kat Cagle, holiday card holders (1732 McLendon)



Veronique Perrot / Petit Chêne Fibers, woven goods (261 Connecticut)



Hungry Hippo Eats food truck (1800 Delaware)

**Please note:** all the information in these pages is as of Clarion going to press. The flyer has final info, which you \*may\* receive before you receive your Clarion. We hope you can get your gifts, enjoy some music, and have some delicious food at this great Lake Claire event.

# Adolphus Costume Contest

by Crystal Johnson

Adolphus Street hosted a carefully distanced costume contest. Winners of three categories were awarded Revolution Doughnuts gift cards, way to go! Pictured: Warlock, Best Child Costume (left,) Dalmatian and Firefighter, Best Incorporation of Masks (center), and Sock Monkey, Best Adult (far right).



## Wild in LC

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to both of our surprise, a medium-sized hawk swooped down and nearly grabbed her. She barely escaped, then called out, presumably warning others of the hawk's presence. I also



Rat snake (photo by Bernard Spenlé)

saw a giant possum. Early in the evening, a nearly dog sized animal walked by; I didn't know they got that large."

Sherri McL. has seen a "whole bunch of tiny little bitty birds in her yard." (FF: I think those are the words birders use to describe that elusive "little brown bird" that they can't identify).

I, Flora Fauna, have seen lots of squirrels and chipmunks, as well as the shadow of a medium sized hawk flying by, most likely that Cooper's hawk that made a meal of a chipmunk in my side yard. Surely, Bernard's.

Well, we'll be playing a waiting game for a while, but spring will come and then there will be...

"Bluebirds singing a song, nothing but blue skies all day long..." as covered by Ella Fitzgerald, Willie Nelson, Count Basie, Doris Day, and oh so many more. Have a good holiday season!

Your harlequin of hope,  
Flora Fauna

PS. If you have any wild sightings or garden happenings you'd like to share, please contact my very pleasant associate, Carol, at [carvans82@gmail.com](mailto:carvans82@gmail.com).



Baby snap turtle (photo by Meredith Walters)



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## Thank you LC Volunteers

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Whether it's a familiar neighbor (sometimes assisted by kids who love helping out) or newcomers contributing to the same vital community spirit that has drawn so many of us to Lake Claire, you've all probably seen your delivery folks showing their commitment, **door-to-door**. When you get the chance, let them know they're appreciated, and consider filling in for someone who might need help on those steep driveways, or need a backup during a vacation or illness. It's really one of the easiest ways we can all build closer ties to those around us. If you are looking for a way to help and might like to help to deliver Clarions to porches while 'getting in your steps,' please contact Alicia at [distribution@lakeclaire.org](mailto:distribution@lakeclaire.org).

Thank you to all the writers this year and to those who have sent ideas. As Editor, I would like the Clarion's content to be of interest to all and am always thrilled when people want to

write something or even keep me apprised with calendar dates - and birthdays and such. My favorite part just might be the Kids Page, and I know so many Lake Claire kids via email—though I would recognize few if I saw them on the streets. Please give me your feedback at [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org), and send your wild animal and backyard sightings, be it flora or fauna, to Carol Vander-schaaf, "our" dedicated Flora Fauna, at [carvans82@gmail.com](mailto:carvans82@gmail.com).

Finally: **Stay informed!** To receive occasional e-mails about happenings in, around, and concerning Lake Claire, as well as reminders of upcoming meetings (every 3rd Thursday except December), and for now the Zoom links for the meetings, please sign up at [lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/](http://lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/). Check website for Zoom link and/or to be put on the mailing list.

## PAWS Holiday Ideas

by Kris Byron, Volunteer and Foster Parent, PAWS Atlanta

Not sure what to get that special someone this holiday season? Here are some gift ideas that also benefit PAWS Atlanta, Atlanta's first no-kill animal shelter.

One idea for animal lovers is a 2021 PAWS Atlanta Calendar. Each month features adorable cats and dogs who were adopted from PAWS Atlanta and proceeds benefit the shelter. To pre-order a calendar, go to [www.pawsatlanta.org/events/2020-paws-atlanta-calendar-contest](http://www.pawsatlanta.org/events/2020-paws-atlanta-calendar-contest), and click on Calendar Pre-Orders.

Of course, many people have too many things but would enjoy spending time with you. What better place to do that than at Java Cats? You can also support PAWS Atlanta by supporting Java Cats, Atlanta's first cat café and one of PAWS Atlanta's partners. Java Cats, located in Grant Park, features adorable and adoptable cats that you can visit (and even adopt) while you enjoy your coffee or other beverage. For more information, go to [www.javacatscafe.com/](http://www.javacatscafe.com/).

And, finally, a gift that many people appreciate is for a donation to be made in their names. PAWS Atlanta accepts donations of all kinds. At this time, monetary donations are most needed—but it can also be a great way for your child to learn about giving to go to a pet store and have them choose some items for donation. Items can be dropped off at PAWS Atlanta, located on Covington



*Leopard the dog*

Highway right outside 285, in their outside donation box. Thanks in advance for your generosity! And happy holidays from all of us at PAWS Atlanta!

## Effects of Covid-19

A quarter of metro Atlantans have lost jobs due to Covid-19, and nearly one in five has gotten help from a food bank since March, according to a major annual survey. Nearly half of 4,400 people also said they either had their wages or hours cut or had to quit their jobs for safety reasons. 58% of people in the 10-county metro Atlanta area know someone who has had the virus, according to the 2020 Metro Atlanta Speaks survey organized by the Atlanta Regional Commission, a group of metro Atlanta's governments. The survey covers Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb,

Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale counties.

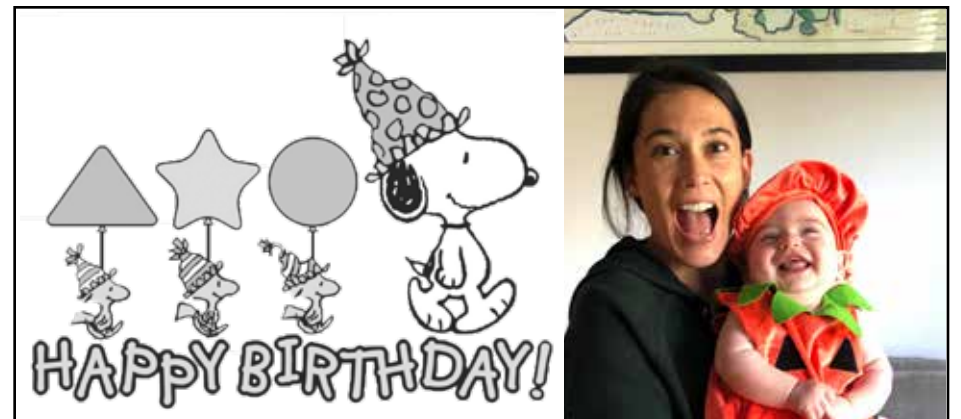
Only about 18% of metro Atlantans have experienced no meaningful change to their employment, the study found; And, the vast majority of people either had hours cut, lost their jobs altogether, or quit over health fears. And of course, layoffs were the worst at jobs that pay the least. Sadly, the health and economic crises only serve to magnify the systemic problems that have faced lower income and minority people for decades.

## One Positive Side Effect of Covid

Efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 have radically transformed travel patterns. Between April and September 2020, global air travel dropped by 58% compared to the same time period in 2019. Domestic air travel dropped by 79% in that same time period. The steepest reductions occurred in April, when air travel fell by 95%, and in May, when air travel fell by 68%.

While these changes have been disruptive, they also have led to a 17% reduction in daily carbon dioxide emissions from air travel, which

accounted for 2.5% of global CO2 emissions in the most recent years. Most organizations have benefited from an accompanying reduction in air travel costs, which extend beyond the cost of the plane ticket to include hotel stays, ground transportation, and per diem costs. But sadly, of course, direct negative effects on the accommodation and food services industries, the entertainment industries, and for transportation and other workers at all levels, continue to be heart-breaking.



## Hello—Safe Journey—Skiing in and around Lake Claire

### December Birthdays

Dec. 4 Drew Pittman, happy 5th birthday!! (Marlbrook) And congrats on Halloween costume (p. 7)

Dec. 7 Jeff Debell, Harold Avenue

Dec. 10 Happy b'day, Tim Kline, Leonardo Avenue

Dec. 12 Henry Allen –Happy 8!!!! - Harold Avenue

Dec. 13 Happy b'day to Laura Tanguturi, Harold Avenue

Dec. 17 Happy b'day to Dawn Aura, Arizona Avenue

Dec. 19 Happy b'day to Elliott Williams, Howard Circle

Dec. 26 Happy 8th birthday to Cabot Williams, Howard Circle

Dec. 31 Happy b'day Cara Haycak Tobin, Hardendorf

### Welcome to Lake CLaire

Welcome to Michelle, Ben, & Lyle Lowenthal, who just moved to Lake Claire, Dekalb Ave., and baby Lyle is one of the costume winners (see Kyle p. 7 and with mom, Michelle, above).

*Life-cycle events to editor@lakeclaire.org by December 15 for January issue. Please help us make this feature inclusive of our LC 'hood.*

## Cator Gardens Volunteer

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Jim Pruckler

point and primary site for weddings and events. The periphery, however, is prime for a more romantic garden feel, keeping a balance between design and nature Jim's work has been focused on this peripheral area. Most of the plantings done this month have been three years in the making, from camellia cuttings acquired through Jim's various garden connections and nurtured in Cator's production yard.

The camellia genus has about three hundred species and about three thousand hybrids. Jim doesn't like to play favorites, but he is particularly fascinated by the very rare and antique species. "I like the ones that are forgotten. I like to bring them back." Jim helps propagate a love for camellias, along with awareness and education, by making sure his plantings are labeled. He stamps the name of each camellia onto clay placards which he fires in his own kiln.

This past summer, Covid may have shut down events at Cator Woolford Gardens, but it didn't stop Jim from carrying on with his projects. He is currently finishing up the restoration of a path on the north side of the garden. Erosion had rendered it hidden and useless, but Jim excavated the stone borders of the path, laid mulch, and to prevent future erosion, he repurposed wood from stairs at the old caretaker's cottage (no longer accessible to visitors), and created plateaus along the pathway. "Jim has done a lot of this with pretty much no budget," says Mike Rogers, Frazer Center facilities staff member. "Almost everything

he's added has been acquired, done piece by piece each day. It would be a lot easier if things were purchased, but the amount of money we would have spent would have been in the thousands." On the corner of Ponce and Lakeshore Drive, after a storm brought down a large tree, Jim planted the area with unusual varieties. "It's a collection of everything," says Mike. "In springtime it'll be a whole space of color, especially in a year or two." Now that Jim and his wife are both retired from the CDC, they are planning to move to north Georgia, where Jim can find more space to grow things. He plans to check in on the garden from time to time, but he is now wrapping up this years-long project. He has been a true gift to Frazer and Cator Woolford Gardens, and his botanical magic will continue to shine on all who enter Lake Claire's "hidden gem," especially during these winter months.

Cator Woolford Gardens is an event space and social enterprise of the Frazer Center. It is open to the public, yet it is not publicly funded land. The property is held in trust, and Frazer Center holds a lease and is responsible for maintaining the gardens and forest. Since Frazer is in the business of creating inclusive communities for people with and without disabilities, we rely heavily on donations and volunteers to keep the property beautiful and accessible to all. If you are interested in volunteering with or donating to Frazer Center, please visit [www.fraziercenter.org](http://www.fraziercenter.org). For event and rental inquiries, visit [www.catorwoolfordgardens.org](http://www.catorwoolfordgardens.org) or email [cwginfo@fraziercenter.org](mailto:cwginfo@fraziercenter.org).

## Please don't put out rat poison.

by Neighborhood Voices on NextDoor

Someone in Lake Claire may be putting out rat poison. A dead red tailed hawk was just found that appeared to have been poisoned. If the hawk eats a poisoned rat, it gets the full dose. Rat poison often kills pets, too. Use traps if you have a rodent problem. If they're getting into your house, hire an exterminator to do a wildlife exclusion (mesh screens in the attic, etc.) Please, folks!

This is so sad to hear, we have a pair of red tailed hawks and a pair of barred owls that live really close to us (am close to Frazer Forrest) with so many owls and hawks around. No one should have to use poison; the rodents aren't around for long!

Poisoned rodents get eaten by wildlife and outdoor cats! A friend of mine lost her cat due to this. Remove bird feeders near the house, and

have a pest control company or good handyman seal your home. I love Cook's Pest Control.

Please, please, don't put rat poison out! Our cat came home one afternoon and must have found rat poison somewhere. She was acting super clingy, and the next morning was paralyzed and vomiting a green substance which I knew was rat poison. For many animals there is no antidote for rat poison. Please be safe and keep our furry friends safe.

*Editor's note: As I have previously noted in the Clarion, the same thing happened to my pup, Taffy; I got her to the ER in time, and she survived, but she obviously ate it on a walk, as I only use traps. It was terrible—and selfish and unnecessary. PLEASE, folks, I say again, knowing the perpetrators likely don't read the Clarion.*

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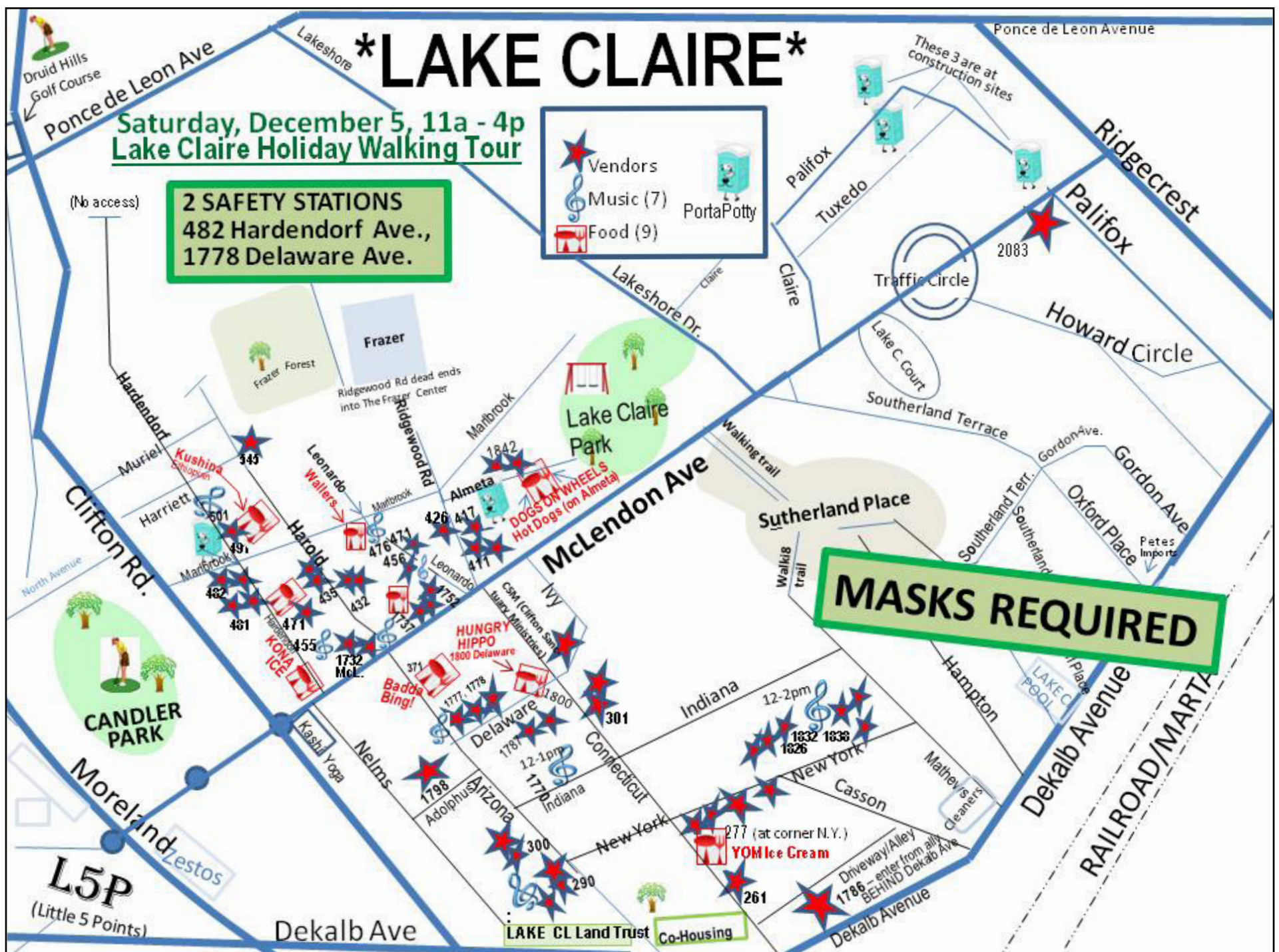


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# Map of Lake Claire Crafts Fair Walking Tour



## Last Chance to PAY DUES in 2020!

Lake Claire is open for dues payments, Covid or not. We much appreciate everyone who has continued to send his, her, or their payments during these challenging times. Suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household. Lake Claire banners are \$45; a package deal of dues/banner is only \$60! Since the November Clarion, the following folks paid dues:

- |                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lori Kimsey         | Albert Guthrie                 |
| Audra Melton        | Morgan Strickland              |
| Jeffrey Fisher      | Deniz Zizzi                    |
| Christine Woodhouse | Elizabeth Brock                |
| Brian Collins       | Anne Marie Reines              |
| Eden Smith          | Ben Lowenthal                  |
| Don Newby           | Janet Royalty and Leslie Brant |

Please specify when you pay dues if you do not wish to be listed in the newspaper. Pay at lakeclaire.org via the link OR with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer, Post Office Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107. Thank you to all these and others who have paid dues and/or contributed your time to our great neighborhood, Lake Claire. Happy Holidays!

## Adopt an Artifact

The DeKalb History Center invites you to adopt an artifact. Founded in 1947, the DeKalb History Center, initially the "DeKalb Historical Society," has been collecting, preserving, and sharing the vibrant history of DeKalb County. Collecting archival documents, records, and objects of historical significance has been one of their main duties as keepers of history for decades. With thousands of items, it can be difficult to organize it all. There is much to be done to keep a small non-profit like it is running. Luckily, last year, they hired a part-time Collections Coordinator who has made incredible prog-

ress in processing and organizing the collections, and they are seeking help in keeping this going. By donating or by "adopting" an object you can help DHC to reach the goal of **\$10,000**, to keep their staff in full force. Once adopted, your object and name (unless otherwise noted) will be **featured in an online exhibit** in early 2021. You can view the objects up for adoption at their website, [dekalbhistorycenter.org](http://dekalbhistorycenter.org): By adopting an artifact, you support the DeKalb History Center in preventative care, treatment, archive, and display of all objects in its collection. **Happy Adopting!**

**THE CLARION WISHES EVERYONE IN LAKE CLAIRE A FANTASTIC NEW YEAR—  
STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!  
SEND US YOUR IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR—ANYTIME!**

# December into January in the Lake Claire Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton, [knowltonew@earthlink.net](mailto:knowltonew@earthlink.net)

It is not too late to plant spring flowering bulbs in December. Just be sure that any bought from a store are firm, like a good onion. Flaky skin or a little surface mold is normal and all right. To get the best selection, shipped at planting date, consider ordering your 2022 spring flowering bulbs early this summer.

Spring! It is not too early to think about that season, planning vegetable and annual flower beds and ordering seeds by January. I'm sure you are "all ready for the holidays" (to be over by now), and so have time for the important task of seed selection. Sowing must be done early in the South, and, again, the earliest orders are shipped fastest. I am sold on Seeds 'N Such (<https://seed-snsuch.com/>) (despite the name) in South Carolina because they germinate well (some kept over a year in our humid house) and come in small packs that are dirt (sorry) cheap, only \$1.99 apiece once 20 packets are ordered, ideal for home gardeners.

I still order from Park Seed, also in South Carolina, more expensive but carrying my favorite white begonia 'Pizzazz' (sold out for 2020),

salvia 'Summer Jewel' in separate colors, and torenia 'Kauai,' great for shade. Other favorite companies are Harris Seeds (NY), Johnny's Selected Seeds (VT), and John Scheepers and Select Seeds (both CT). I will confess that my disorganization last spring led to many purchases of Botanical Interests seeds (CO) because they are carried at local hardware stores. Their tomatoes, eggplants, and flowers were great, but neither sowing of a cantaloupe ever germinated.

What a wonderful year for Lake Claire gardens! Considering the pandemic, the weather could not have been better: warming up early so we could socialize safely outdoors last spring; remaining mild all summer (topping at only 94 degrees for a mere three days in late July, with Aug. 12 the last 90-degree day); promptly cooling off in September with most days in the 70s (and the last 80-degree day September 28); and then remaining warm for most of October so that we could continue to entertain outdoors.

And the rain. Atlanta gets an average of 48-50" a year; and despite the 1/20th of an inch in September 2019,

we did have 57 inches total. But this year, only Sept. 1-15 could be called a drought; that whole month had 4.4" of rain, and by Oct. 31, we had accumulated over 75" for 2020, little of it the occasional monsoons that wash away soil and still require us to water constantly.

Of course, I am hoping for some chill hours this winter. Without temperatures below 45 degrees, neither blueberry bushes nor peach trees will produce fruit, and even new tulip bulbs will fail to flower in the spring. Although new perennials struggle in our spring heat, therefore do better planted in fall, if they are set out in February or March with sufficient watering, they should survive. Have you admired those you saw blooming this past fall? Plan now for a beautiful display in September 2021. The English envy our long light-filled autumns that barely end in December.

My favorite fall perennial is still the Japanese anemone, given some shade and water. However, there are other good flowers: the sedum that blends well with pink asters blooming at the same time; dahlias in their rich, jewel tones that do not need to

be lifted and stored here in Atlanta; autumn crocus (not colchicum from the lily family) in shades of lavender and white, come up dependably in my summer-shaded front lawn each fall, especially if it is not mowed too early or too often.

Then there are the annuals that chugged along in the heat but are even better when it cools off: gomphrena or globe amaranth, large and small zinnias, and later planted cleome. If yellow and orange are your favorite colors, however, there is nothing like the ordinary French marigold. On March 29, I sowed some called 'Hot Pack Mix' in a pot. It germinated on April 1, was transplanted to 6-packs April 12, was planted in the front of the watermelon bed, and it is still throwing up gorgeous flowers on November 12.

I am delighted to report that I received *The Modern Cottage Garden: A Fresh Approach to a Classic Style* by Greg Loades (Timber Press 2020) for my birthday and will happily share its riches in future columns. "Fifty Essential Plants" is already my favorite chapter.

## Happy Holidays Neighbors!

We hope your holidays are full of love, peace and happiness — and may it continue into the upcoming year. This season we are proud to be partnering with the Atlanta Children's Shelter annual Holiday House which focuses on providing families in need with gifts for the holidays. We invite you to open your hearts to these local Atlanta families. You can find out more at [acsatl.org](http://acsatl.org).

We continue to be grateful for our clients during these strange times and could not be more thankful. We want to share some positive news about the still booming real estate market. "Home prices are growing four times as fast as median family incomes. Mortgage rates are at record lows. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.01% in the third quarter — which is offering savings in financing the home purchase amid rising home prices."

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## The Land Trust Virtual Jack-o-Lantern Fest Winners!

In the last Clarion, a rather glaring typographical error announced our “Fest” would be a “Contest”—right in the headline! (Note to editor: not a proofing error, you’re off the hook.) At the last minute, the Land Trust board decided to drop the original idea of a competition and go for a more cooperative virtual event. The result was exactly four entries, one of which included four sub-entries, and all are obviously winners. Judge for yourself! Thanks to

Holly Edmunds, Sean Fowler, Guthrie Nash, and the Herbers family, Elizabeth, Rashida and Luna. Your scary, funny, and creative efforts helped us through the scariest Halloween ever. Next year, let’s all visualize a return to our traditional community gathering to carve jack-o-lanterns together, light them up, and then line them up cheek-by-jowl for a single photo-op, instead of this virtual social distancing!



*The Herbers family*



*Sean Fowler*



*Holly Evans*

## Help Wanted: Filling the Gaps in the Land Trust Archive

by Richard Powers

Ahhh ... the visions, passions, volunteers, mistakes, hopes, disappointments, and celebrations! Many long-time Lake Claire neighbors remember it well. But newer residents do not, including the young people who may grow up to keep the Land Trust going. Now, the work on the archives comes into its own: filling the gaps in the flyer and newsletter binders.

Thanks to Miriam Herbers, who placed the available flyers, newsletters, documents, photos, etc., in multiple three-ring binders as well as accumulating donated videos. After her efforts to organize the binders chronologically, I’ve attempted the same by organizing the flyers by seasons and filling in gaps with my hoarded stash, since I have booked, worked, danced, and attended a major portion of events.

The main challenge has been determining the year of an event, as often the flyers left out that minor detail. The newsletter binder helped. The

archives are also missing some flyers for several recalled events, such as Dirt Festival, “Obamamation,” the various Food, Clothing & Shelter Fests, Olympic camping, U.S. Social Forum, etc.

Most notably, we’re missing the flyer announcing the first public notice (1981) of the availability of the surplus MARTA property that became the current Land Trust space, including additional plots since the founding/incorporation in 1983. The Atomic Café (now a dress shop) hosted a meeting of neighbors to learn about the vision for a future green space. We’d love to have a copy of the flyer for that meeting!

Please respond if you have a copy of any of these flyers. Also, videos need to be combined to help “tell the story.” Contact me at [r\\_powers43@yahoo.com](mailto:r_powers43@yahoo.com) or 404-931-4568 (text or voicemail), OR leave such material on Miriam’s front porch at 300 Arizona Avenue. We hope you’re interested and will become involved in the Land Trust. It’s worth it!



*Guthrie Nash*

## Have You Borrowed Our Garden Tools?

Missing from the Land Trust garden shed:

- wheelbarrow
- road rakes (like heavier steel “hard” garden rakes)
- long-handled five-tined pitchforks

Any of these tools may or may not be marked with “LT,” or yellow paint. Please return ASAP, **no questions asked!**



# LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



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

This month we feature Sawyer Klehr. Sawyer is a 2nd grade at Mary Lin and enjoys playing with his friends, Beyblades, Hatchimals, and he

loves the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. Like everyone, Sawyer is studying remotely, but in his spare time, he came up with a great idea for a contest that all the kids should enjoy. (See below, and send in your guess directly to Sawyer at the address provided) Thanks, Sawyer! And also thanks

to all the Lake Claire children who read and contribute to the Kids Page each month. Add **your** creativity to theirs. Submit your work to editor@lakeclaire.org, by **DECEMBER 15** for the next issue of the newspaper, which will be the JANUARY 2021 issue, i.e., "NEXT YEAR."

## A Kids' Contest!

by Sawyer Klehr

My name is Sawyer, and this contest is all about geography. It's called **Jammin' Geography** and will be featured frequently in the Clarion. Each time it is in the Clarion, I will give you facts about a country, and you will have to guess what country it is. Whoever comes back with the answer first is the winner, and gets to pick the next column's country for Jammin' Geography. (You will not be able to win two times in a row). Please email your answer to Sawyer: [education@lakeclaire.org](mailto:education@lakeclaire.org).

### Jammin' Geography for December

1. One of my bays has the highest tide in the world at 43 feet tall.
2. I have more than half of the world's lakes.
3. 33 million people live here, (which is 288 million less than the United States).
4. 99% of my population is literate.
5. I was freed from Great Britain in 1931.
6. Part of me is in the Arctic Circle.
7. I am home to the Hudson Bay.
8. I am home to Lake Superior.
9. My flag is red and white.
10. I have the second largest French-speaking city in the world.

**Which country am I?**



Drew and Hayden Pittman, 2nd place winners



Sawyer and Layla Klehr, 1st place winners



Kusher Tanguturi, 3rd place winner

## CONTEST WINNERS

These five winners submitted their correct entries by the deadline this month, finding last month's symbol of tolerance and diversity. First place winners Layla (11 yrs) and Sawyer Klehr (7 yrs) live on Hardendorf Ave. with their dog, Gulliver, and cat, Stormy. Layla is in 6th grade at Howard and enjoys playing with her friends, reading, and writing stories. Sawyer is the featured writer this month, so read about him above. The close second-prize winners are Hayden and Drew Pittman. Hayden is 7, and Drew's 5th birthday is December 4. They live on Marlbrook. Hayden goes to Mary Lin, and Drew goes to Frazer. Third prizewinner Kusher Tanguturi is age 7, lives on Harold Avenue, and is in the first grade at Arbor Montessori.

**Layla, Sawyer, Drew, Hayden, and Kusher**, congratulations, and thanks for participating. You won the contest over a **VAST** number of Lake Claire kids who participate every month in the contest on the Clarion Kids' Page. Your prize is your picture in the Clarion, and we hope your parents enjoy hanging it on the frig and sending to grandparents! Attention Lake Claire kids—Add your name to the list of winners in the future. To all of those kids who didn't win, please do keep reading this page and keep playing. See our new contest below.

## NEW CONTEST!

Hello, Kids! Somewhere in this newspaper is a graphic representing how glad we are to end 2020 and start 2021. The winner/winners will have their pictures in the next Clarion. To win, send e-mail to [editor@lakeclaire.org](mailto:editor@lakeclaire.org), identifying the page number where you find the graphic, and include your name, age, school, street, and grade, along with a photo of yourself. **(Please tell your parents to send large picture files, 1mb+.** They can choose the size on their phones, if they eschew cameras, lol.) For extra credit, tell us 'eschew' means, used in the previous sentence. (Extra credit= your art or writing will be published.) **Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you cannot win two months in a row. The deadline is DECEMBER 15. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**