



It's BACK!! The Lake Claire Crafts Fair/Walking Tour! Saturday, Dec. 4

Not sure what to get that special someone for a gift in the holiday season? **Come one, come all** to the second annual 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 for several years. For 2020, with Covid, we repurposed this event in the style of a porch fest, and based upon

the surveys and voluminous verbal comments, everyone loved this new tradition, so it is being done that way again this year.

On **Saturday, December 4**, artists/vendors/businesses will be selling their wares, located outside and appropriately masked, throughout the Lake Claire Neighborhood. The list of the participating artists, musicians, and food providers is on the

Centerfold pages (pages 6–7). Please note, there will be some additions to this list we couldn't confirm as of press time. The final updated list/flyer as well as the walking map will be available at all participating addresses on that day.

A very important aspect of this is everyone's safety. In spite of vaccinations, global data trends show that the pandemic isn't over. 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 (60+!!), there will be room for social distance that makes all feel comfortable. We ask that all attendees mask appropriately (that means, of course,

covering nose and mouth). Please note that this year we've consolidated, so the fest includes the part of Lake Claire east-west from about Matthews down to Arizona on the south side of McLendon, and from Ridgewood to Arizona on the west side, and along McLendon where those streets cross. Please look at map so you don't miss the ones at the far ends of the sale area! Though this is a more concentrated area than last year, some people will drive in order to comfortably visit more locations—and easily carry away your purchases! Once again, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (CSM) has granted us permission to park in their lot on the corner of McLendon and Connecticut. You may also park on streets where available, but please be courteous and safe where tables are on the street, and

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NOVEMBER 13 . 9 AM—2 PM . THE LAND TRUST @ 270 ARIZONA AVENUE NE

Plant Dafs in Lake Claire*

by Miriam Herbers

Everything is coming up Jonquils in Lake Claire, or will be in early spring if you all come to the Lake Claire Community Land Trust plant sale on November 13. This past February, our Leonardo neighbor Boyd Baker suggested dazzling the neighborhood with brightly colored

jonquils in the right of way between the sidewalk and street all over Lake Claire. Let's be the jonquil neighborhood, not just "the neighborhood between Candler Park and Decatur," he suggested, and many of us have

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Goats in Lake Claire

When Rachel Weinthal and Robert Frank closed on their house at 545 Hardendorf in October, they knew that the vegetation overgrowth and unwanted brush in their backyard would be a nuisance to clear. The lot had sat vacant for many years, and the property had not been cared for. After some research, they realized the best way to remove the overgrowth while being eco-friendly was to hire goats! Five goats from DayDay's Goat Rental had the task of clearing the Franks' backyard over the course of two weeks. The goats received a warm welcome from the neighbors, as has the Frank family. Welcome, Rachel and Robert!



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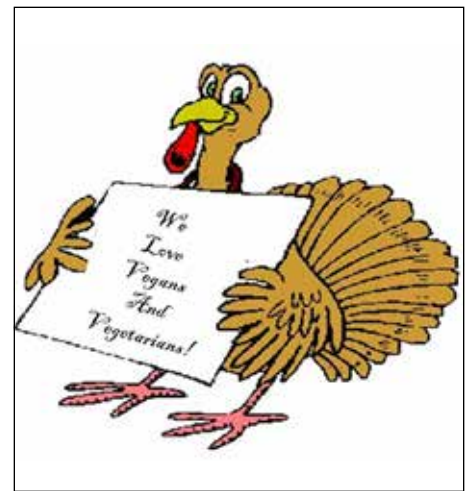
November Calendar

Please check Page 11 for Lake Claire Land Trust events.

- 13** Go to the Land Trust to buy flowers: see article Page 1. The address is 270 Arizona Ave.
- 14** Interfaith Atlanta first annual Fall fest, 3-7 p.m. See article Page 3.
- 18** Lake Claire monthly meeting, via Zoom. **Important Note: This is the meeting for elections for the neighborhood Exec. Committee.** See details on the website! 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m. To receive e-mails about Lake Claire and Zoom link for meeting, please sign up at lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/.

DECEMBER 4: You might not get your December Clarion in time for this important reminder—our imminent annual **Arts & Crafts Sale/Walking Tour** on December 4—arts and crafts, interspersed with some scrumptious food and music. See Centerfold this issue for participating addresses. Final updated list and map will be available at every address the day of the event. **Rain date is December 5.** Fingers crossed for no rain. Announcements will also be on our website at lakeclaire.org.

If you missed the screening of FDR in Georgia, you can view it at GPB's website anytime: www.gpb.org/television/show/president-in-our-midst-franklin-delano-roosevelt-in-georgia/special/president-in



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A Unique Fall Fest Offers Food for the Spirit

by Gillian Anne Renault

As the leaves fall and the air grows cooler, fall festivals are sprouting up all over town. Arts, music, funnel cakes, face painting, and more. But a festival unlike any other—**Interfaith Atlanta's First Annual Fall Fest**—will take place **Sunday, November 14, 3-7 p.m.**, by the Amphitheater in the Old Fourth Ward Park. This event, the first of its kind in Atlanta, offers food for the spirit and the soul, through music, conversation, and community.

Whatever your faith, spending an afternoon in the park is a wonderful way to enjoy this time of year. It can be a great ice-breaker too—a way to meet Atlantans with the same or different faith from you in a non-threatening setting. Have you ever wanted to talk with a Buddhist monk? You'll have that opportunity. Have you ever wondered about the symbolism of the Muslim mosque on 14th Street in Midtown? Ask a Muslim! What do you know about the relationship between Passover and Easter? What traditional foods are eaten at Chanukah? Ask around at the Interfaith Atlanta Fall Fest, and you'll find out. Or maybe you just want to enjoy music from these different communities.

The Keertania Jatha (aka Raagi Singhs) from the Sikh community will sing hymns and provide chanting

exercises led by an esteemed head priest. You'll hear musical instruments such as the harmonium and table. The Mamalehs Jewish women's singing group and DanceFx will be there, along with comedian Asif Lakhani. There will be a quiet area for meditation instruction as well.

More than ten faith communities and organizations will have tables at the event with information about their traditions and their work in the community, among them the Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center, the Emory Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, Temple Sinai, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Congregation Or Hadash, Unity Atlanta and the Interfaith Speakers Bureau.

"This event is a way for people to get to know us, and one another, as we emerge from our pandemic siloes," Jessica Mettadeen, Interfaith Atlanta's new president, said. "Atlanta is rich with diverse faith communities—Hindu, Jewish, Buddhist, Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Bahá'í, the spiritual but not religious community, and many more. Interfaith Atlanta joyfully accepts and celebrates all faiths. Everyone is welcome."

The Venerable Priya Sraman is a Buddhist monk, a chaplain at Emory



Group attending the 9/11 Event

University, and a member of the Interfaith Atlanta multi-faith board. New to town (he came from a similar position at Tufts University, Boston, and has a Master's in Divinity from Harvard Divinity School), Priya is eager to meet people and learn more about the city. "I am really looking forward to this event," he stated. "We are bringing music and chanting, and we welcome everyone to spend time with us. This is a great opportunity to meet people and enjoy new friends."

The mission of Interfaith Atlanta (formerly the Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta or FAMA) is to promote understanding, respect, prayer, interaction, and unity among the diverse faiths in the greater Atlanta region, and to advance the influence of voices of the faith communities for the common good. One of the organization's most successful programs is "the Interfaith Speakers Network of Atlanta." A panel of speakers from

different faiths provides interfaith education to organizations such as schools and colleges, law enforcement, businesses, and corporations.

In the last two years, we have faced an unprecedented global pandemic and shutdown, the killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Rayshard Brooks, and countless others, and a deepening political divide. We don't have all the answers at Interfaith Atlanta, but we believe that our chosen faiths and our compassion for others can help us negotiate these troubled waters and find commonalities with people who on the surface seem very different from us.

One way of doing that is by working together for the common good. Interfaith Atlanta is known for its successful interfaith Habitat for Humanity builds, its events memorializing 9/11, educational programs,

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Photos by Susan Rutherford



Dorfed and Confused

Hardendorf found a perfect way to celebrate cooler temps moving in, with a fun block party, the "Dorfed and Confused Street Party," the afternoon and evening of October 16. In addition to bands and smiling faces, it included a street taco booth selling authentic Mexican tacos, the best onion dip anyone ever tasted, and other culinary delights. The bands were

(in order of playing) *3 Dorfs Down*, *Webster*, *Chickens and Pigs*, *Mystery Cassette*, and *Love Child*, some of whom many of us know and love. It was a fantastic way to start the fall, as evidenced by all the smiling faces and excitement! Next exciting event, December 4, taking place on Hardendorf and the rest of the 'hood; see Page 1 and Centerfold.



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Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (aka Carol Vanderschaaf)

As 20,000 government leaders, journalists, activists, and celebrities from around the world descended on Glasgow for a crucial climate summit right as the Clarion came out at the beginning of November (the 15th United Nations Biodiversity Conference), another high-level international environmental meeting started in mid-October in Kunming, China, tackling the rapid collapse of species and systems that collectively sustain life on earth. The stakes at the two meetings are equally important. Please follow these conferences on your own, as these topics are too large for Wild to do anything but point you to them. We will move on to environmental, wildlife, and gardening concerns in our own neck of the woods. The first foray into the 'hood includes two items that came after last month's deadline.

First, from Matt W. on Hardendorf. He was walking his dog on the path between the creek by the golf club and the now demolished church. A mockingbird landed, faced him, and started a wing flash display usually associated with hunting. It seemed odd to Matt that he would do this so close to him and his dog. Moving closer, Matt saw a Dekay's Brownsnake!

Frank W. on Indiana saw a hummingbird attack a large bee or wasp that ventured too close to its flower patch and then attack a cardinal and his fledgling that were a few yards

away. He also heard an owl hooting, the first one in a while, and spotted a few hawks. He found a giant bees' nest in his front yard—FW was digging a hole a few feet away, and suddenly there were about two-three hundred of them all at once, and they swarmed until sunset; unfortunately, FW got stung several times. ;-(

Andrew S. (Harold) saw his first Monarch of the season sipping nectar from his butterfly bush, on its way to winter in Mexico—"That sounds like a good idea!" Andrew opined.

More recent sightings come from Meredith W., whom I quote: "I've been enjoying seeing many types of spiders recently, including lots of Joro spiders. I hope they can play nice with our native spiders and insects, because we have some really beautiful ones. Our goldenrod, blue mistflower, and asters are blooming and bringing in lots of happy bees. *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer has a beautiful essay on how incredible it is that goldenrod and aster bloom so beautifully together at the same time. On a walk a few weeks ago, I saw a doe and two "teenage" twins—one female, the other with tiny stubs of antlers coming out. They were frolicking in the water and looking very cute. On a more recent walk, I was standing and appreciating the sunlight in the trees when a giant praying mantis landed on my shin. I've heard the large ones aren't the native kind, but

this one was very friendly and fun to see up close. She didn't want to get off my leg no matter how many trees or bushes I put it up against. My favorite creatures recently might be the crickets and katydids. The crickets' songs at night are better than the sound healing I've done with lots of fancy instruments. I love to spot the giant green common katydids and the black-legged meadow katydids. The latter are beautiful, and their songs are so fun—they sound like an engine trying to start and then eventually humming along."

Sara G. is happy to report several sightings of monarch butterflies at the Land Trust and in CoHousing. After planting common milkweed (host plant for monarchs) over the last several years, she anxiously awaited their presence. Earlier this summer, she observed a monarch ovipositing (laying her eggs) on several milkweed plants; she later confirmed presence of the eggs on the undersides of the leaves, and then a week later, observed at least one tiny caterpillar beginning to eat the milkweed leaves. Over a couple of weeks in October, to her surprise and delight, she found a monarch chrysa-

lis (the "case" a monarch caterpillar builds and where it metamorphoses into its butterfly form over several weeks) attached to one of her fennel plants in the Peace Garden. She then observed several monarch butterflies enjoying the Mexican sunflower (one of the late summer/early fall bloomers) nearby. In addition to milkweed for monarch caterpillars, to attract these butterflies to your yard, you'll need to plant nectar-giving flowers for the adults to feed on. If you're interested in learning more about this amazing (and very endangered) species, Sara highly recommends Barbara Kingsolver's novel *Flight Behavior*.

An insert from Miriam H. on butterfly births: "My youngest daughter, Martha, had one in her house in a jar that she had been watching. As she was leaving for work, she saw it beginning to hatch. Naturally she was late for work because she could not leave the birthing of a butterfly.

Speaking of Sara G., she and I have agreed that she will assist with this column, leading toward my gradually passing it along to her.

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There's No Place Like a Home

by Heather Friedman

As a neighborhood of animal lovers, we in Lake Claire all know that there is no place like a home for a pet. When it comes to being a community hero to found animals, there are ways we can help healthy pets avoid the stress of ever entering a shelter.

Not every animal found outdoors is a stray. Most are usually lost pets, which means our first instinct should be to help them get back home before taking them to a shelter. Here are some quick things you can do if you come across a lost pet:

- Call the number on her or his tag.
- Take a picture, and post on Nextdoor or other social media
- Walk around the neighborhood asking people if they recognize the pet
- Take the pet to a vet or the Decatur Fire Station to scan for a microchip

If you don't find a pet's guardian, then you can contact Fulton or DeKalb County Animal Services and become a Friendly Finder (and if able, keep the pet for a few more days to try to find his or her home).

Not every outside cat is lost or stray. Bringing healthy outdoor cats to the shelter may take them away from their families. If you find a cat with the top of its ear snipped, that cat is a community cat who is already at home. The ear tip means that the cat is spayed or neutered, vaccinated and cared for by the community.

Homes can look different for different animals, and by taking a few steps first, we can help ensure that the animals that end up in overcrowded shelters are only the ones that need it most.

For more great information on how to help a lost pet visit:

LifeLineAnimal.org/found-pets.

#NoPlaceLikeAHome



Lance is Looking For A Home

This handsome 80 lb., 4-year-old has been in the shelter since June. He's truly a big softie and gives the gentlest of hugs! Lance is happiest when he's with the people he loves and when he has a few fun toys to play with. He is working on building his confidence, and his caretakers at LifeLine know a home would help him immensely. Spending time out-

doors can be overwhelming for this big guy, but having a dog friend join him on walks helps him work up the confidence to venture out into the world. He'd love to trade his kennel at the shelter for a loving, patient home. If you are interested in fostering or adoption please visit LifeLineAnimal.org to learn more.

ARTISTS/CRAFTERS/VENDORS/ as of mid-October. Finalized lists at all locations on Dec. 4.

(In **BOLD**: Kids/Teenagers/Young Adults)

(STARTING AT THE EASTMOST POINT OF LAKE CLAIRE)



Leigh Reynolds	Mixed media collage art, button flower bouquets, greeting cards	416 Lakeshore Drive
Dylan Edmondson	Wood burned & art pencils of anime & animation stills	433 Lakeshore Drive
Michele Feeney/Ann's Pottery	Pottery with artistic and practical use	1793 McLendon Ave.
Girl Scouts Troop 17097	Crafts, hot chocolate and treats	269 Casson Street
Katie Herman	Laser cut art, mythological/witchy women, whimsical Xmas ornaments, more	1826 New York
Kate O'Toole	Pottery	1826 New York Ave.
Little Fox Creations	Earrings, necklaces, rings, lipgloss, greeting cards	1838 New York Ave.
Reuben Haller/McKenzie Wren	Art, Hebrew calligraphy, collage art cards and prints	1838 New York Ave.
Lalah Manly	Extraversions jewelry	1838 New York Ave.
Nelms Creekmur Forge	Blacksmith fire pokers, fire boxes, pits, bracelets	New York (corner of 277 Connecticut)
Jill Stanley/Kindle Candle	Essential oil candles, home and body products	277 Connecticut Ave.
Lorelei Farnsworth	Greeting cards, baked goods, and hot coffee	277 Connecticut Ave (NY side)
Susan Beeching	Handmade Jewelry	301 Connecticut Ave.
Polly on the Avenue	Pottery—bright, colored, functional, fun, a fave	301 Connecticut Ave.
Amy Reilly	Looking glass crafts from Nashville, debut of Southern Sisters	328 Connecticut Ave.
Sara McGill	Intricate handcrafted jewelry	1776 Delaware Ave.
The Viking Potter/Eva Belle	Pottery, ornaments, textiles, refashioned clothes	1776 Delaware Ave.
"My Elderberry Fairy"	Elderberry syrup, extracts, tea, fire cider tonics, honey	1777 Delaware Ave.
Rebecca Dixon	Paper flowers, intricate paper flower arrangements	1777 Delaware Ave.
Véronique Perrot	Scarves and table linens in natural fibers designed & woven in Lake Claire	1778 Delaware Ave.
Heather Friedman	Magnet tins, photography, painting	1787 Delaware Ave.
Avani Hill Stained Glass	Stained Glass and Mosaic Items	1787 Delaware Ave.
Girl Scout Troop 21669	Accessories, ornaments, bath bombs, baked goods	1794 Delaware Ave.
Lake Claire Land Trust	Plants, bulbs, and t-shirts	290 Arizona Ave.
Valerie Peek	Cards, paper crafts, clay creatures	290 Arizona Ave.
Dani Woodworth	Clay art and small sculptures	290 Arizona Ave.
NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH	FREE HOT CHOC & GAMES FOR KIDS	295 Arizona Ave.
Miriam Herbers	Handmade soaps	300 Arizona Ave.
Girl Scouts Troop 29	Popcorn! And meet Scouts and learn about scouting	300 Arizona Ave.
Morgan Hatchett	Mistletoe, wood-burned art, and more	344 Arizona Ave.
Emily Toledo	Hand-knit scarves, mini wreath ornaments, upcycled crafts, kid creations	354 Arizona Ave. (@ Adolphus)
Milly Rhodes	Fabric masks, fabric gift bags, keychains, scarves	354 Arizona Ave. (@ Adolphus)
Rosemary Cox	Tie-dye shirts and accessories	354 Arizona Ave. (@ Adolphus)
Wilma Fernandez	Handmade Children's clothing	361 Arizona Ave. (@ Delaware)
Carla Biggs	Food and crafts	1737 McLendon Ave.
Miles Creations/Jeanette	Women's clothes, face masks for adults & kids	1737 McLendon Ave.
Little Jars Bakeshop	Hot choc bombs, cupcakes, cake jars, cake pops, truffles	471 Hardendorf Ave.
Rachel & Justin & kids	Kids art, bracelets, wooden bowls and pens	475 Hardendorf Ave.
Kristy Perez & kids	Kids' picture book (Mommy Where are You Going), handmade crafts, jewelry	475 Hardendorf Ave.
Jessica Dickerson	Rainbow art, macrame, Florida paintings	475 Hardendorf Ave.
Jim Carey/Laughing Wolf	Woodcarving creations, hand-carved items including holiday decor, and more	481 Hardendorf Ave.
Megan Carey	Handmade knit hats, adults/kids, customize on request	481 Hardendorf Ave.
Sela Sokol	Jewelry	482 Hardendorf Ave.
The Kitchen Crafter:	Handmade with family love: Organic, locally sourced, sustainable,	482 Hardendorf Ave.
(Klehr family)	socially conscious vanilla, chocolates (dairy-free), lotions, lip balms	491 Hardendorf Ave.
Aimee Wright	Nail Your Sparkle with Aimee	491 Hardendorf Ave.
Christine Woodhouse	Baked Goods	432 Harold Ave.
Grace van de Wiel	Embroidered pillows, bloomer covers, tea towels, etc.	432 Harold Ave.
Brandon Tai	Local Honey and Hive Products	495 Harold Ave.
Ellie & Naomi Goldberg	Jewelry, stress balls, and homemade caramels.	
Ivy Darnall	Crocheted hats, scarves, shawls, dishcloths, decorations,	506 Harold Ave.
	sewn tree decor, vases, fabric-covered journals	
Kids Collective	BIG variety of crafts, Mary Lin students, holiday gifts,	
(Chloe, Marsten,	personalized items, tshirts, keychains, bookmarks,	
Regina, Brynn)	fidget toys, SO much more	
Pen Sherwood	Ceremics, crafts, greeting cards	545 Harold Ave.
Lake Claire Neighbors	Lake Claire products, dues, banners, bumper stickers	592 Harold Ave.
Kathie Ryan	Salsa, catnip toys, seasoning salt	592 Harold Ave.
Michele Spears	Cards, lavender wands, jewelry, needle felted wool items	618 Harold Ave.
Ken Scott	Homegrown plants	618 Harold Ave.
Holly, Seija & Synnove	Dog treats, and banana bread twinkies. Also music.	1759 Indiana Ave.
Candle Hut (Sadie/Annabelle)	Scented candles, all natural and vegan	456 Leonardo Ave.
Boyd & Wendy Baker	Baked goods, sweet treats, Wallers Coffee, live music	471 Leonardo Ave.
The Beaumonts	Woodworking, cutting/cheese boards, holiday, more	476 Leonardo Ave.
		426 Ridgewood Rd.

Lake Claire Arts & Crafts Sale

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try to choose places with no tables, such as parts of New York and Indiana, and areas on Hardendorf and Harold that are away from tables.

Each individual artist is allowed to decide what form of payment to accept; many accept Venmo and PayPal; that is to be discussed with the artist. 10% of their proceeds will go to Mary Lin School after reimbursing LCN for expenses. And, 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 that the entire fair is in Lake Claire. We are happy that once again, many children/young adults are participating (see picture on Page 1 for one example; our list will highlight which locations have kids and young adults, in hopes you will be sure to visit and support them). This sets us apart from many neighborhood fairs and sales.

Thank you to our sponsors. A full list will be on the final copies

available that day. Thanks, BOND Community Federal Credit Union; Copper Sky Renovations; Cynthia Baer Realtor; Direct Furniture Modern Home; Gotta Have It Catering; Hill Manufacturing Company; John Morgan (Park Realty); Megan Riley Bowling, Assoc Broker; Sherry Warner; 24/7 Moving; and Beryl Firestone Design (logo, flyer, publicity). Their donations have allowed us to have extra porta-potties this year and contribute toward hand sanitizers, printing of maps, flyers, signs, and other crucial behind-the-scenes necessities for making this successful. Thank you to the co-organizers, Annsley Klehr and Beth Damon, who spent literally countless hours putting together the many moving parts. Special thanks to our super-volunteer Allison Troxell, who found many of the sponsors and coordinated some other volunteers, to Jill Stanley for poster art, and Debbie Livingston for photography; I'm sure we will have more to thank in the next Clarion; this effort is most definitely an example of "it takes a village," especially

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considering all the porch volunteer hosts, all the artists/crafters, potters, jewelers, painters, food vendors, and musicians. And thank YOU, readers!—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.

Finally, **our rain date is the**

next day, December 5, but we hope that doesn't happen, as not everyone could participate. Please do check the Lake Claire website, *lakeclaire.org*, for any updates.

Again, we are so excited to be able to make this fun Lake Claire tradition happen again in 2021. We hope to see you there!

MUSIC TIMES, as of Clarion going to press (if set time not noted or is ?, it will be on the final flyer.)

Brother Sam (Aranson)	(1-2:15 pm)	Americana and folk music (from The Foothill Brothers)	1776 Delaware Ave.
Tom McGill music TBD	(2:30-4 pm ?)	Bluegrass or other	1776 Delaware Ave.
Buford Highway	(1-4 pm)	Patrice Buford & friends play American roots and originals	501 Hardendorf Ave.
Alyssa & Peter...On Ice!	(1-4 pm)	Soft rock hits from the '70s '80s and '90s	456 Leonardo Ave.
Music TBD & Boyd & Wendy's	(?)	TBD	476 Leonardo Ave.
Carroll Street Bluegrass	(11:30-12:30 pm)	Fiddle, guitar, banjo—folk music	1770 Indiana Ave.
Druid Hills Billys	(1-2:30 pm)	Bluegrass, gospel, folkgrass, countrygrass	1770 Indiana Ave
Andrew Miller of the Electric Sons	(2:30-3:30 pm)	Singer-songwriter playing acoustic	1813 Indiana Ave.
Lonesome Shoes	(2-4 pm)	acoustic music, varied sound	1732 McLendon Ave.
Ian Mackenzie	(1:30-2:30 pm)	Singer-songwriter, folk music	451 Harold Ave.
Crash Landing	(2:30-4pm)	Americana, folk-rock, country rock, Irish, Dutch popular	455 Harold Ave.

FOOD AND DRINK

Lord of the Pies!	Delicious savory and sweet pies (possible to pre-order, see website)	482 Hardendorf, at Marlbrook
Hungry Hippo Eats Food Truck	Haitian Jerk BBQ with a Southern Flair!	1800 Delaware Avenue
De los Niños Taqueria	Street Tacos!	371 Arizona Avenue
Dogs on Wheels Food Truck	100% beef AND vegan hot dogs	Ridgewood Rd. @Almeta
Yom Ice Cream	Premium custard ice cream, pints, pots, variety of flavors	277 Connecticut Ave. (@ NewYork)
Kona Ice Food Truck	Kona ice Snow Cones, ice cream, Kona Kocoa (hot choc, coffee)	Hardendorf @ McLendon
Waller's Coffee Shop	Waller's coffee, hot chocolate, and baked goodies	476 Leonardo Ave.
Little Jars Bakeshop	Baked goods, holiday cupcakes, gingerbread, decorating kits, hot chocolate bombs, cakes	471 Hardendorf Ave.
Christine Woodhouse	Baked goods	491 Hardendorf Ave.
Carla Biggs, Mexican Vegan	Vegan empanadas and tamales	1737 McLendon Ave.
Pig Parts BBQ	Pork & Brisket Sandwiches	1813 Indiana Ave.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS This is where the parking is, also.

Lake Claire Neighbors	Lake Claire products, dues, banners, bumper stickers	592 Harold Ave.
Clifton Sanctuary Ministries	A transformational experience for homeless men through comprehensive life skills training,	369 Connecticut Ave. (@Delaware)
Stop by and meet folks (masked)		

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Wild

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This will afford me more time to observe what is going on in my own yard, and I will certainly be contributing my sightings to Sara. At first, we are going to take turns, leading to Sara taking over, with my writing some guest columns. She will do a wonderful job, and I thank her for stepping up.

Sara sent us a little about herself: she has lived in Lake Claire CoHousing for exactly 10 years (since November 2011), and she is the garden plot coordinator for the Land Trust. She is a conservation professional, having worked for The Nature Conservancy in Georgia for over 14 years, currently as Director of Freshwater Science and Strategy. Although her professional passion is for all things watery, Sara is most at peace in the world when puttering around the garden, where she enjoys growing all manner of edible delights as well as native plants that attract wildlife. Sara's husband, Wade Harrison, is the Executive Director of the Upper Savannah Land Trust, a small conservation non-profit based in Greenwood, South Carolina. Her offspring, Sage, is a student at Georgia State University, studying Studio Art (Editor's note—who has

done a lot of art for the Clarion over the years!) In addition to gardening, Sara enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, reading, listening to audiobooks and podcasts, and needlework. Sara's ideal for a newspaper column on nature is the fabulous Margaret Renkl, a Nashville writer who contributes regularly to the New York Times (check out her collected essays in her books *Late Migrations* and *Graceland, At Last*). She may aspire to Ms. Renkl's heights of linking observations in our own backyards with the state of the wider world in a lyrical style, but will rarely come close to it. Another inspiration is Rachel Carson, who sagely said, "Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life," and Sara firmly agrees with this sentiment.

So, WELCOME TO WILD, Sara!

And let us close this month with the immortal words of Albert Camus: "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." And if anyone wishes to share his, her, or their observations with WILD, please send them to my humble assistant, carvans82@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful Autumn, and see you next month, Flora Fauna

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Hello – Safe Journey – Skiing in and around Lake Claire

November Birthdays:

- Nov. 1 Jane Merkle (Connecticut)
- Nov. 2 Woody Spivey (Harold) turns 13
- Nov. 3 Seija Olson (Leonardo) turning 9
- Nov. 6 Cora Elisabeth Weeks (Leonardo) turns 6
- Nov. 7 Sue McAvoy (Leonardo) xoxo
and Aviva Berman Billinkoff (Harold)
- Nov. 11 Susan Ledbetter (McLendon), Elizabeth Knowlton (Arizona)
- Nov. 12 Tim Bonner (Harold)
- Nov. 14 Marilyn Schertz (Arizona)
- Nov. 15 Aileen Mary Styczynski—8 years old (Harold)
and Aileen Cole (Harold)
- Nov. 18 Debbie Livingston (Marlbrook)
- Nov. 22 Andrew Sherwood (Harold) and Criss Wood (Harold)
- Nov. 23 Christina Woodhouse (Harold)
- Nov. 24 Anne d'Agostino (Connecticut) and Georgeanne Wasick (Harold)
- Nov. 26 Mindy Kidd (Harold)

Take a minute, and send life cycle events for the next issue, December, the last of 2021, by November 15.

Interfaith Fall Fest

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and the creation of safe places for dialogue. Some of our partners include: Interfaith Community Initiatives, Interfaith Children's Movement, Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta, Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, Compassionate Atlanta, Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters Network, and EcoAddendum.

The presence of the Catholic Charities Refugee settlement program in Georgia means that families from around the world, often from war-torn countries, are settling in Atlanta. They bring their rich histories, their faiths, their cultures, and their food. Interfaith Atlanta believes in the Beloved Community

that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. espoused, and is ready to welcome all of them unreservedly—because every faith has its version of the Golden Rule: the principle of treating others as one wants to be treated. You could call it “revolutionary love,” a term coined by Sikh author and organizer Valarie Kauer in her book *See the Stranger*. It is a call to action. We look forward to seeing you on November 14.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Interfaith Atlanta Fall Fest, drop us a note at fallfest@interfaithatlanta.org or visit our website www.interfaithatlanta.org.

Neighborhood Dues for Lake Claire

Suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household. Or purchase a Lake Claire banner (normally \$45; a package deal of dues/banner is only \$60). 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, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA

31107. Since the last Clarion, the following folks paid dues:

Lalor Cadley
Elizabeth Young
Kathryn Halm
Rachel Patzer
Amanda Shipley
Kelly Crutcher
Christine McKenna
Ian Mackenzie



Senator Rahman Visits Frazer's Outdoor Classroom

by Dina Shadwell

Frazer Center welcomed State Senator Sheikh Rahman for a visit in our outdoor classroom, Frazer Forest.

Senator Rahman, of Georgia's 5th District, is chair of the Senate Outdoor Learning Study Committee. Spurred by the pandemic and the urgent need for safe and healthy educational settings, this bi-partisan committee is exploring the possibilities and feasibility of outdoor learning across the state of Georgia.

As part of this study, Rahman is visiting several sites around the state. Frazer Center caught his attention thanks to our nature-based early education initiative.

Senator Rahman joined Frazer CEO Paige McKay Kubik in the forest to observe a classroom of 3-year-olds. The “Ocean” classroom was on a scavenger hunt. Each child was partnered with a buddy, and each pair carried a laminated card showing an image and word for various items to search for in the forest—acorns, logs with moss, insects, for example. Once the children found an object, they marked its image on the card with a dot. Through these on-site observations, Rahman recognized that the

benefits of outdoor learning spread far beyond fresh air. As Kubik explains, “There is definitely a STEAM component; hands-on engagement encourages creativity, innovative thinking, curiosity, questions. But it also provides opportunities for social and emotional development. These children are learning to work in teams toward common goals.” The mental health benefits of outdoor learning are significant as well. Increased screen time during the pandemic is taking a toll on the mental well-being of children and adults. Research shows that natural settings provide a restorative antidote not just for students but for teachers who tend to experience less burnout.

Kubik shared with Rahman some of the specific challenges Frazer faces as an early education nature-based program in Georgia, such as the lack of regulatory standards for outdoor learning.

Rahman and the committee are examining ways to invest in outdoor learning programs, looking at the dollars that are already going into education and rethinking how they're used.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Lori White

Lake Claire neighbors, Colm and Bee, making sandwiches for our guests. Most days our folks have bagged lunches for their afternoon meal. Making sandwiches and providing bagged lunch items is a continual need. It's so great to have neighbors coming back into the shelter to volunteer and be a part of Clifton life! If you are interested in getting involved with Clifton, please email me at lori@cliftonsanctuary.com. We love our neighbors!



November into December in the Lake Claire Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton, knowltonew@earthlink.net

Ah, the two bins of finished compost down by the back gate are dark and sweet-smelling, dense yet quick-draining! Making compost is neither physics (which I never attempted) nor chemistry (for which I earned a D—by weeping) but something everyone ought to know how to do, like boiling water, taking transit, or bandaging a cut.

There is always the method used by my elder niece and her husband, whom I observed last week throwing fruit and vegetable waste from their doorway out under large shrubs that ring their small lot in Greensboro, NC. Way to go, Knowltons! Seriously, you can bury green waste under a large pile of leaves in an out of the way corner, or you can dig small holes in future garden beds and cover same waste with earth. However, a built or purchased system will more quickly produce the finished compost every gardener needs. If you decide to buy, do get a metal composter rather than something plastic or all wood which rats and squirrels can easily chew. Twice over 40 years we have constructed the system I consider superior to anything else, despite its eventual rot. Instructions for making

the three-bin wire and wood structure can be found on pages 180-184 of James Underwood Crockett's *Victory Garden*, published in 1977 and is as good now as it was then, except for his advice to use chemicals in the garden. (Mr. Crockett died of cancer at age 63 in 1979.) In case you cannot find a copy of this wonderful book, here is a YouTube link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qss6ESi01fo.

Much composting information is not relevant to the South. We can make compost very quickly; we also use it up quickly due to our long growing season and high temperatures. The advantage of the three-bin system is that you always have ready compost. Into the first bin, you throw your garbage as it accumulates (no flesh, fat, or bones) and bury it under leaves you have accumulated each fall. Or weeds. Or any old dirt. A cat or dog should keep the rats down, but this wire and wood system allows good air flow as well as a way for the rats to pass through without destroying the composter. Ideally, the bin should have many more leaves added than weeds or kitchen waste; however, do not sweat the math, just cover the stuff. Whenever Bin One

is full and/or the next bin is empty, that is when you do more scientific layering. I usually buy Superhot Compost Starter from Gardener's Supply. If you balk at the price, know that your ingredients will eventually disintegrate without starter: you just may need to read a little more about how to compost, and be patient. Also, I never use as much of the starter as they recommend. Our long spells of warm weather make that unnecessary. I begin by layering some stiffer materials, like old stalks of sunflowers, Jerusalem artichokes, or okra, to make a messy grid at the bottom of Bin Two that allows air in and keeps the ingredients from packing down too much. Then use a hay fork to toss the top materials from bin one to two. Every 6–12 inches, sprinkle some starter on the layer, and water it in generously with a watering can. When things get stiffer and wetter farther down in the first bin, switch to a digging fork. If there is a lot of green stuff, add leaves. The bottom of the first bin may actually be kind of soil-like, and you can use a shovel to shift it. Always add water to bins one and two if we are in a drought. Also, making the piles lower in the middle

than the outsides keeps them damp. As time passes, you will notice the level of Bin Two slowly dropping, as all the ingredients, helped by starter, water, and hot temperatures, cook.

Believe it or not, you are finished. Yes, you will shovel Bin Two into Three when the latter is used up or you need an empty Bin Two. By then almost all of what you are moving is already compost. If you find avocado pits or other identifiable stuff, throw it back into Bin One. Directions say to cover compost, but I use it too quickly to worry about it burning up or getting watered down.

There, wasn't that easy? Sprinkle your Bin Three compost onto existing beds before laying down mulch. Mix compost into new beds before planting. Add compost to holes dug for perennials or new shrubs. Just remember to keep fallen leaves and pulled weeds on-site for making new compost with your garbage.

It is autumn. Don't feed or prune anything until spring. Clean, sharpen, and oil your garden tools. Store garden furniture, and place plastic items in a frost-free location. Collect seed catalogs and gardening magazines for winter reading. Dream big.

Celebrating 20 Years!

As we approach our platinum wedding anniversary, we've been reflecting on how our marriage has served as the bedrock for our real estate business, which we also happen to be celebrating our 20th year in business together.

People ask us all the time, "How do you do it, being married and working together?" While marriage and real estate have their challenges, our deep love for both has kept us together through the bad times and the good times.

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Mystic Monk Mycology 101, with Jason Ospina

Jason Ospina has been growing edible and medicinal mushrooms in his back yard and teaching others his method for over 20 years. On Saturday, November 6, 1–3 p.m., he offers a hands-on workshop at the Land Trust, at \$15 per person.

In this hands-on workshop for beginners, Jason will share the techniques he has developed, which can be adapted to grow shiitakes, reishis, portobellos, and more. Topics discussed will include cultivating from spore to fruit; contamination

vs. healthy culture; and the fungi lifecycle. Jason will provide an informational packet and have startup supplies for sale. Please sign up in advance by emailing info@LCCLT.org.

Dafs for Lake Claire*

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embraced.

The benefit of planting these flowers now is that they'll come up in the spring BEFORE you have to cut your grass. That means they should have plenty of time to bloom and feed the bulb for next year, before they are cut down. Jonquils are the flowers that keep on giving because they'll spread. Then you can dig them up and share them with friends, or move some to another part of your yard.

The Land Trust will be selling 1000 high quality jonquil bulbs from

the respected nursery Brent and Becky. A variety of colors to choose from will be bagged up in quantities of 10, all ready to be put in the ground.

Come to the Land Trust entrance at 270 Arizona Ave. between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, November 13. Also available will be selected plants from neighbors who have thinned out their gardens and donated to the Land Trust. Come to support the Land Trust and to beautify the neighborhood. If you want to contrib-

ute bulbs or plants from your yard, please bring them to the entrance of the Land Trust between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., November 12.

We will also be selling these plants and bulbs—and t-shirts—at the annual Lake Claire Arts and Crafts Sale on December 4 (rain date December 5) discussed on Page 1; that day, this sale will be at 290 Arizona Avenue (on the corner with New York, just a block from the Land Trust).



*Daffodils and Jonquils are almost the same thing. ALL jonquils are daffodils, but not all daffodils are jonquils... Some use the genus name *Narcissus* as a common name to refer to the plants that can be found in the genus.

Tribute to Ella Blue

by Dawn Aura

I've been waiting for the Muse to inspire to me to write about my Ella Blue, who died July 31 of this year. But she hasn't come. So, I'll write about her, anyway, because she has passed away.

Ella was a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, found in a terrible rainstorm in Midtown, by our goddess daughter Amber. Ella was lactating, in heat, and heartworm positive. We couldn't find her pups. Maybe Ella had been tossed out and they just kept the puppies. We will never know. Ella had a fear of rain, thunder, and loud noises. She was young, but full grown. And I was a little bit scared, as the reputation of a pit bull preceded her. But even though she was built like a tank, she never wanted to hurt anyone, and she spent the rest of her life here, ten years, in a houseful of rescued kitties, ducks, and emu. She was polite and respectful with them all.

With dogs Ella was socially appropriate and heeded all the doggie cues. Her only bad habit was playing the fence game when a dog walked by. She'd bark like crazy, scaring both the dog and people on the other side and annoying our neighbors with the noise. But if the dog came inside our fence, she just wanted to play. Well, none of us are perfect... Ella loved her life with us. She loved her walks on the Land Trust and tried to greet everyone she met.

How can I describe my life with her? She was with me 24/7, as I am



retired. She read me like a book, and she took in every nuance of energy happening in me, and in the house. If I was arguing with my husband, I'd take one look at how it affected her and stop. She was super kind and nonjudgmental. Our place for snuggling and spooning was on the couch, where I'd look forward to our time together each night. The thing I remember most about Ella is how open and completely unguarded she was with us, always looking directly into our eyes, always allowing us in—all the way to her core. Not many people allow access to themselves like that. That is why we need the love of dogs; we need to be accepted unconditionally. Unfortunately, not all dogs are

November at the Land Trust

Sat. Nov. 6: Mystic Monk Mycology 101 with Jason Ospina, 1–3 p.m. \$15 per person. See announcement this page.

Sat. Nov. 6: Drum Circle, 8–11 p.m. (tentative – cancellation would be announced on the Sunday before. Check Facebook, or subscribe to our email list for updates.)

Fri. Nov. 12, 3:30–5:30 p.m.: Drop off plants for Land Trust sale the next day.

Sat. Nov. 13: Land Trust Bulb & Plant Sale, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. See announcement Page 1, continued above.

Sat. Nov. 20: Community Work Day, 1–4 p.m. Pizza follows.

For invitations and reminders to Land Trust events, join our email list at LCCLT.org (Hit "Subscribe," on any page.) If you'd like to offer an outdoor class or workshop at the Land Trust, please contact us at info@LCCLT.org.

NOTE: All of these events are subject to cancellation due to Covid. Check our Facebook page, or subscribe to our email list for updates.

like that. Some never quite recover from abuse and neglect, and there remains a look of suspicion in their eyes forever. But not so with pitties and pittie mixes. They have complete forgiveness for any wrong, and still love humans. Truly remarkable.

Ella left us a couple of years early. She had a mole on her side that may have grown into cancer. We brought her to the vet since she'd been coughing for a week, and after a chest x-ray, the vet said it was profound lung cancer and that she had two weeks to live. Stunned and shocked, we took her home where she did her favorite things with us, going to the park, dog walks, special food. Ella lasted only four more days until we had to go back and help her out of her beautiful doggy body.

All death experiences are different, and Ella left a peaceful mark on me. Unlike my Finnegan cat who

died in 2019, I was given a break, and feel somehow protected from the pain of losing my best friend. I don't understand it but am thankful for that salve. Does it mean I didn't love her a lot? Nope. I do, completely. As the saying goes, be the person that your dog thinks you are. I strive to be deserving of the unconditional love, joy, friendship, and companionship that Ella gifted me with, day in, day out, for almost ten years together, and I will miss her forever. She deserved this tribute.

The Clarion sends our warmest thoughts and deepest sympathies to you, Dawn and Wing. The remarks about pitties sure resonate with me (and I'm sure, with any current or former pittie owner), as I look down now at Taffy and still miss sweet Frida. Thank you, Dawn. And your muse obviously did come. ~ Editor



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER

We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate. This month London Alden promotes Scouting and her troop's involvement with the Lake Claire fest/walking tour this coming December 4 (see Page 1 and Centerfold). London is

12 years old and lives on Colebrook Street. She goes to David T. Howard Middle School. We thank London and all the Lake Claire children who read and contribute to the Kids' Page each month. And we look forward to meeting you and your fellow Scouts, London!

Add **your** creativity to this page! Submit your work or your suggestions to editor@lakeclaire.org, by **NOVEMBER 15** for the next issue of the newspaper, which will be December, the last one for the year!



The Arrow of Light Ceremony at Candler Park's Neighborhood Church

What's Poppin' with Scout Troop 29

by London Alden

Cub Scout Pack 586, which includes some of Lake Claire's neighborhood, has an Arrow of Light ceremony for the older scouts which celebrates Crossing Over. This ceremony of crossing the bridge marks your completion in Cub Scouting, just as it marks the beginning of a whole new experience. Pack 586 is encouraging Scouts to move onward and upward, and to figure out how to do things on their own. When you cross over from Pack 586, you can choose from one of these four troops: Troop 455, Troop 101, Troop 18 and Troop 29.

Troop 29 is the troop I chose. It represents the first female generation of Boy Scouts! It is also one of the few all-female troops in Atlanta. Troop 29 includes a senior patrol leader, usually a sophomore or junior in high school. Her job is to give the scouts a safe place where they can fail. What does that mean? It means that everyone is only human and that learning from our mistakes is the key to success.

Amber Ackerman leads Troop 29, which is only three years old. You can do so many different, fun things in Scouts, including kayaking, hiking, backpacking, cooking, camping, and so much more. Scouting is a way to give back to the community. Troop 29 will be setting up a **popcorn table** at the Lake Claire Holiday Walking Tour Crafts Sale this year [December 4] to help us raise money to support our troop. We will be located at 300 Arizona Avenue, along with lots of other activity, such as food trucks, Jazz and Bluegrass music, arts, crafts, flowers, and plants for sale. Many thanks to Beth Damon and Annsley Klehr, Tour/Sale Organizers, and Miriam Herbers, our host, for making this possible.

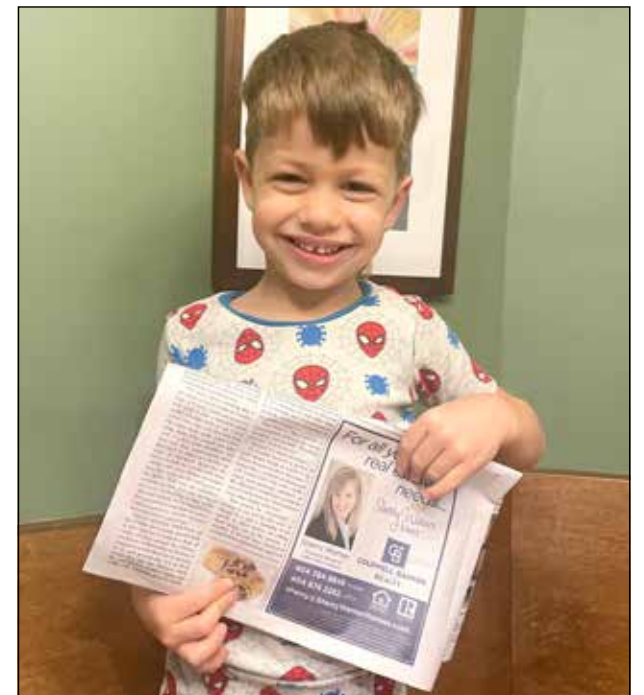
We hope to see you there! Come and see what's poppin'!!!

Contest Winners!

Our winners of last month's contest found the shawarma in honor of National Shawarma Day, on Page 6 of the October issue.

Lincoln Treadwell, 4 years old, came in first! He goes to school at Freedom Park Preschool (4-year old class). His family lives on Harold Avenue. Congrats, Lincoln, you are one of our youngest winners! Hawthorne Alden, eight years old, came in a very close second! (There are obviously lots of reasons for many exclamation points in this feature.) Hawthorne is in third grade at Mary Lin, lives on Colebrook Street, and his favorite ethnic food is enchiladas. His words: "What makes it so good is the sauce. Otherwise, it would just be a burrito." For answering that extra-credit question, Hawthorne wins the prize of being featured as a writer or artist in a future Clarion. We might note that his older sister London is the feature writer this issue, her second time. A family of talent!!

Congrats, Lincoln and Hawthorne, for finding the shawarma. You won the contest over a VAST number of Lake Claire kids who participated. Your prize is your picture in the Clarion. **Attention other Lake Claire kids**—Add your name to



Lincoln

the list of winners. To all of those kids who didn't win, many of you came close this time. Please do keep reading this page, and keep playing. See our new contest below.



Hawthorn

New Contest

Hi, kids! November is full of national holidays! To see some of these, you can go to www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/november.htm. Two of these are World Vegan Month and Peanut Butter Lovers Month. Find the picture of someone who wants to promote World Vegan Month, then send your guess in an e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org, identifying its page number and including your name, age, school, street, and grade, and a photo of yourself. (Please tell your parents to send

large picture files, 1mb+.) Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you cannot win two months in a row. For extra credit, tell us why that fellow would want to promote everyone being vegans! The extra-credit prize is that you'll be a featured writer/artist in a future Lake Claire Clarion with your original work. **The deadline is NOVEMBER 18. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.**