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2010 DRUID HILLS ARTIST MARKET

St. John's Lutheran Church
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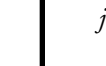




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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

by Joanna Stroud

St. John's Lutheran Church, at Oakdale Road and Ponce de Leon Avenue, once again hosts the Druid Hills Artist Market, now in its sixth year. The location in the historic Venable mansion of St. John's couldn't be better, especially with the 2010 Home and Garden Tour featuring homes "Only on Oakdale"! The Artist Market is becoming one of Oakdale Road's historic facts, being the only Artist Market in Druid Hills' history!

All attending will be pleased to find many favorite artists returning, as well as new artists working in new media. One in fine crafts is a furniture craftsman

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Druid Hills Tour of Homes **Only on Oakdale**

2010 Druid Hills Tour of Homes and Gardens & Artist Market

April 16, 17 & 18, 2010

Tour hours: Friday, 11am – 3pm; Saturday 10am – 5pm; Sunday 1 – 5pm
Artist Market hours: Friday, 10am – 5pm; Saturday 10am – 5pm; Sunday 1 – 5pm
Luncheon hours: Friday & Saturday only, 11:00 am–2:00 pm.

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 day of tour, \$10 single house, \$18 for group of 6 or more
For tickets, visit www.druidhillstour.org, or call 404-524-TOUR (8687)
Artist Market is free and open to the public

Parking: St. John's Chrysostom Melkite Church, 1428 Ponce de Leon Avenue, and one side of Oakdale Road and neighboring streets.

What do President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Atlanta architect Walter Dowling, cookbook author Henrietta Stanley Dull, and Chicago gangster Al Capone have in common? They all share connections to Oakdale Road in historic Druid Hills. [See "Oakdale Road Fun Facts" on page 6.]

You can learn about them and more famous residents of Oakdale at the 2010 Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour & Artist Market. The tour, "Only on Oakdale," welcomes visitors inside six elegant home and garden jewels on Oakdale Road, presenting a slice of the street's storied history. "Only on Oakdale" will be held Friday, April 16, through Sunday, April 18, 2010, along with a native plant sale, an artist's market, luncheons, and live entertainment. Joel Hurt first purchased a 1,400-acre tract for Atlanta's "ideal residential suburb." The neighborhood, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in the late 1890s, was named Druid Hills and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. The annual home and garden tour, run by volunteers of the Druid Hills Civic Association, benefits historic preservation and green space restoration in the neighborhood.

The Druid Hills Artist Market at St. John's Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Oakdale Road and Ponce de Leon Avenue, complements the tour experience. Now in its sixth year, the growing market hosts a juried group of more than 45 artists from across Georgia and neighboring states. The works include paintings in oils, watercolors, and acrylics as well as jewelry, pottery, photography, glassworks, and new and vintage textile arts.

Lunch may be purchased at the Artist Market locale, where diners will be entertained under the grand tent with live music and dance. Menus and a schedule for music and dance performances will be available at all the tour homes and market.

The 2010 featured tour homes range from large estates to cozy bungalows and maintain original historical details that blend with modern touches and thoughtful renovations. Here is a preview of this year's featured homes.



901 Oakdale Road
Stephanie and John Giegerich

This 1914 grand beauty is one of the oldest houses on Oakdale. Built by the editor of Sunny South Publishing Company, it served as the residence of Asa Candler Jr. during the renovation of his estate, "Briarcliff." Purchased by the current owners in 2007, the home features original wood accents in the foyer and living room, a two-story

stairwell with skylight, and a landscaped backyard with tennis court. Displayed to great effect are the owners' collections of family- and travel-related keepsakes: Asian and Turkish art, West Point and Army memorabilia, antique posters, stamps, and more.

937 Oakdale Road – Native Plant Sale

The Lullwater Garden Club will once again hold its annual spring plant sale in conjunction with the tour. Native perennials suited for Atlanta's climate and drought-tolerant succulents will be available, as well as a variety of heirloom tomato plants for homegrown goodness in the garden. All proceeds benefit Lullwater Conservation Garden, Inc., a non-profit organization for the care and maintenance of the Lullwater Conservation Garden, a natural green space and bird sanctuary located at the intersection of Lullwater Road and Lullwater Parkway.

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This is what you do: Find the membership application—in this issue it's on page 11. Fill it in, joining at whichever level you choose. The least expensive is \$25. In the section entitled Membership Involvement and Interests, in the center of the application, write "DHN subscription" in the line "Other—specify."

Send the application and your check to the regular post office box address (see the bottom of the application) and you'll continue to know what's going on in the old neighborhood.

Emory no longer sponsors a recycling site at the Emory Village CVS. Recyclables may be taken to Whole Foods on Briarcliff, DeKalb County fire stations and libraries, and DeKalb Farmers Market.

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Druid Hills News deadlines

The deadlines for the winter issue are: Advertising— May 10 Copy— May 17

Publication will be in mid-June

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Two Druid Hills Civic Association Committees need volunteers!

Community and Lifestyle

- Plan neighborhood events
- Assist with fundraising for neighborhood parks and common areas
- Create an increased sense of community in Druid Hills

To volunteer, please contact Chad and Lacy Henderson at 404-872-5964.

Membership

- Welcome new DH residents
 - Assist with administrative tasks
 - Create new opportunities for residents to join DHCA
- To volunteer, please contact Thomas Winn at tw1042@bellsouth.net

The DHCA is also looking for a **Coordinator**. To volunteer, please contact Elliott Kyle at 770-481-1960 or email adminvp@druidhills.org.

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Tour house sketches by Rod Pittam

Your Letters Are Welcome

DHCA Board Briefs

by Ken Gibson

January 2010

(Complete minutes available on DHCA Website)

Street Sign Toppers – Reported 32 toppers missing; extras should be purchased and stored. Motion passed without opposition to approve purchase of sign toppers to be installed before tour.

Master Plan - The local Historic District may be strengthened with development of more character areas; a Livable Cities Initiative (LCI) application would address traffic, transportation and land use issues.

Character Areas - Project underway to define character areas, including three areas of one-story houses built in early 50's, now more than 50 years old: Artwood, Barton Woods, and Ponce de Leon Manor. Help needed to collect data from residents knowing history, since original records not kept by county.

LCI Application Directive to meet with CDC and Emory to seek cooperation in developing a Druid Hills master plan agreed to.

Possible Change in FAA Flight Paths - Request to alter Atlanta Airport flight paths which will also affect PDK flights.

Annual Meeting Preparation - Presentations at annual meeting in February will include ING race, tour of homes, associated Artists Market, Theater Emory, character areas, and OLPA.

Division Reports
Div.1: Progress made in designing replacement for 'Mother Goose' building at Paideia.
Div. 2: Neighborhood watch meeting attended by 100 residents with presentation by 10 police and DH patrol members. A burglar (8 burglaries) turned in. Successful compromise with Georgia Power over new lines with increased set back.
Div. 5: Residents only parking granted to Emory Drive and parts of Ridgewood Dr.and Chelsea Circle.

New/Old Business
Residents are looking for properties the county may be interested in purchasing for greenspace.
DHCA not informed when Judge Scott granted permission to demolish an historic house on the Byway to build 2 new houses not approved by the HPC.

DHCA Board of Directors Meetings
Third Wednesday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church (Oakdale at Ponce)
7 p.m., refreshments, social; 7:30 p.m. meeting
All Druid Hills residents are welcome to attend
(check www.druidhills.org Calendar of Events for any changes)

President's Column

by Dick Shuey

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president during the past year. As I stated at the annual meeting, I found the Association to be in good shape when I received the reins from Jim Morawetz in 2009, and I am confident that Cathy Vandenberg will be pleased with its status as she begins her term this year.

For the most part, this has been a positive year for Druid Hills. While I do not mean to diminish the difficulties, many of our residents have proven to be resilient and creative in finding ways to turn lemons into lemonade. For example, when nine old- growth trees were condemned by the County on Oakdale at The By Way, removal was postponed until a second opinion could be obtained from a private arborist who subsequently determined that several of the trees might be saved. More importantly, the experience resulted in a tree-planting project on Oakdale to begin replacement of the aging tree canopy, a project now being replicated by residents on Ridgeview.

Another example is the roundabout at N. Decatur and Lullwater, which was changed from an eyesore to a garden at the initiative of a neighbor who enlisted In Bloom landscaping to provide complementary labor with funding support for materials from the County and the Civic Association. More effective measures have now been implemented to diminish the drive-throughs that had destroyed most of the foliage previously planted by neighbors.

In addition to contributing to the Olmsted Linear Parks Alliance, Emory's Burbanck Park, the Lullwater Garden Club, the Freedom Park Conservancy, and Druid Hills Youth Sports, which lost most of its equipment in the flooding last fall, the DHCA has nominated property for acquisition by the County for green space and is supporting a resident's nomination of another property in the neighborhood for the same purpose. Both properties are currently for sale.

A lot of good things are going on in our neighborhood – these are just a few examples. And there are a lot of good people on the DHCA board of directors and on the Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour & Artist Market planning committee who are working hard for you to make sure that good things continue to happen. Thanks to all of them for jobs well done!



Burbanck Park:
Now Open for Relaxing and Exploring
by Perry Mitchell

The first new park in Druid Hills in 50 years is ready to welcome you with a gentle walking path, picturesque Peavine Creek, granite benches, and a wooded, all-native landscape.

Burbanck Park, at Clifton and Oxford Roads, is a quiet oasis. It's also a prime example of effective community partnership: Emory University purchased the land and turned it over to the neighborhood – on the condition that it always be used as a park, and that the neighborhood provide funds for development and maintenance.

Under Becky Evans' untiring guidance, neighbors raised more than \$50,000 to turn the former Burbanck home site into a restful "pocket park" – but also a fun spot for kids to explore the lengthy creek bank.

A handsome plaque now memorializes donors of \$250 or more. Plus, DHCA has allocated \$1,000 a year for maintenance, and Emory ground crews are providing regular clean-up. The new Friends of Burbanck Park, co-chaired by neighbors Mark Goldman (mark@markgoldman.com) and Perry Mitchell (perwriter@comcast.net) will oversee the site. Email either with questions.

Please join a park workday Saturday, March 27, from 9 - noon. We'll be improving the path, planting ferns by the benches, and making the entrance more attractive. Just grab your shovel and work gloves, then head on over! Whether you can make the workday or not, please come see the park – we guarantee you'll enjoy your visit!

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School News

by Susan Merritt Jordan

The application process is underway for a new Health Medical Sciences Magnet Program at Druid Hills High School. The program will begin in the 2010-2011 school year with selected rising 10th graders. The curriculum will be geared to students interested in becoming physicians, nurses, therapists, pharmacists, dentists and other health professionals. An opportunity for members of the community to tour the new building housing science classrooms at DHHS was postponed because of weather.



Paideia School announced the intention to rebuild the Mother Goose building, which was destroyed by fire last October. Plans call for the new structure to reflect the character of the beloved converted red brick home. Paideia's annual auction to benefit student financial aid takes place March 20 at 6pm.

Mary Lin Elementary has received state recognition for excellence for two consecutive years. The honor calls for 95% of students to meet or exceed testing standards and 20% to exceed standards.

Shamrock Middle School holds Open House for rising 6th graders and their parents on Thursday, March 25 at 6pm.

In the next issue of *Druid Hills News*: Flavored milk may be phased out of some lunch lines.

To learn more about our neighborhood schools, visit their websites, listed below:

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DHCA Parents Network

by Claudia Edwards

DHCA members wishing to participate in future Parents Network activities, please register with us on the DHCA homepage (www.druidhills.org). We share information about resources and family opportunities only through email/internet.

The Parents Network hopes to have an event later this spring and summer. The way we communicate is through email/internet. If you are a part of the DHCA and want to be included in anything the Parents Network may do, please register yourself in the DHCA forum at www.druidhills.org. There is a special section there for the Parents Network as well. We know there are so many families in the neighborhood and want the network there to share information, resources and opportunities for kids and families. Willing to head up playgroups? Email communications@druidhillsparents.org

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Kids Enjoy Arbor Day in the Conservation Garden

by Kim Sutherland

At 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 20, twenty-four children celebrated Arbor Day with the Lullwater Garden Club (LGC) in the Lullwater Conservation Garden. Darlene Mashman organized an entertaining event that was both fun and educational. The children were greeted at the entrance by LGC members and were divided into groups for participation in three educational events.



Event 1 - Children from the area were invited to learn, using arboriculture standards, how to measure trees. David Zapanick, Chair of the Restoration Committee for the Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS) used a massive tulip poplar tree in the Conservation Garden to walk the children through the three measurements required for submitting trees to American Forests for the champion tree register.

Event 2 – LGC member Judy Keenan took the children on a tour of the Fern Grotto and the Patriot’s Garden, showing them all the different plants placed there. She told them about our plant rescues and the benefits to the Garden of these efforts with the GNPS. She also showed them some of the rare plants we are nurturing.

Event 3 – LGC members Renie Faulkenberry and Judy Clairmont discussed how to attract birds to the backyard and taught the children how to make a bird feeder using a pine cone, peanut butter, twine and bird seed.

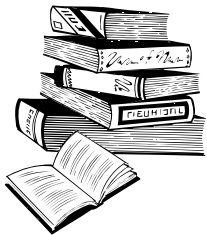
Each child received a gift from the Club which included: an individual bag of seed for starting their own, and a bird feeder kit which included a pine cone, bird seed and twine to make their own bird feeder. Children and parents alike were invited to stay and tour the garden at their leisure.

Darlene Mashman was happy “The children left with a renewed interest in preservation of the Georgia woodlands and its native plant and animal species, as well as a new appreciation of what makes a tree a champion, all while having fun on a glorious spring-like day!”

BOOK CLUB NEWS:

Critics all

by Faye Andresen



Stories elicit emotions; books elicit opinions, and book clubs exist for friends to compare impressions.

Members of Wine Women & Words feel Canadian writer Mary Lawson's debut novel *Crow Lake* is a beautiful story of life, loss, and family. Kate is only 26, but still remembers when her parents died 20 years ago and she and her siblings began their struggle to survive in the small northern Canadian town. The readers appreciated the author’s respect for her characters and her writing skill. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows met with mixed reviews. It is the story of how a book club changes the lives of folks on the isolated island of Guernsey during Nazi occupation. Some members felt the book was a little off-putting due to the “letters” format, but it was quite an eye-opener as to the effects of the war on the area.

Proud Mary had great discussions following *The Soloist* and *March*. *The Soloist* is the result of LA writer Steve Lopez's befriending a street corner musician dressed in rags and playing Beethoven. Lopez discovers that Nathaniel Ayers had been a classmate of Yo-Yo Ma but subsequently suffered a schizophrenic breakdown. *March*, by Geraldine Brooks, is based on Mr. March, the father in Louisa May Alcott’s *Little Women*. While his girls receive cheerful letters, March reveals the challenges and heartbreak of an idealistic man in the midst of the Civil War in this well-written book.

The Last Tuesday Book Club did not always like Olive, but they agree – they like the book. *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout, is the life's story of a strong-willed Maine woman. *The Elegance of a Hedgehog*, by Muriel Barbery, garnered positive reviews, although members admitted they often needed a dictionary. It is the upstairs-downstairs tale of a precocious twelve-year-old living with her family in a large Paris apartment and the middle-aged concierge of the building. Both secret away their intelligence and interests until a new tenant, a kindred soul, brings them together.

Harvard Road Book Club first enjoyed *The Elegance of a Hedgehog* and then entertained neighbor and local poet, Ann Lynn. Members enjoyed having Lynn read from her collection, *In the Butterfly House* (available from Finishing Line Press, look under new releases.)

EUWC, Emory University Women's Club, appreciated *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford and *The Book Thief*. Weatherford ambitiously works to revise Khan's image and document the Mongol's real legacy. (Check out the book on Wikipedia to learn their full impact on civilization.) The club followed with *The Book Thief*, a 2006 best-selling novel by Markus Zusak Set in Nazi Germany. Death himself narrates this story of Liesel Meminger, who at 9 begins to steal books. In the context of WWII and concentration camps, Death tells a sympathetic tale of one young woman's life amidst the horrors of war and death.

The Deepdene Book Club highly recommends both books on their list. Everyone loved *The Space Between Us*. Author Thrity Umrigar explores class and gender issues of modern India in this sympathetic telling of the relationship between an elegant Parsi widow and her elderly housekeeper. Their second book won the National Book Award for Fiction 2009. *Let the Great World Spin*, by Colum McCann, weaves the day-in-the-life stories of 10 ordinary New Yorkers on a hot August day in 1974 into a compelling novel.

Progress Made to Lullwater Roundabout

by Kelly V. Gray

Since last fall, the appearance of the Lullwater Roundabout – the gateway to Emory Village – has received a much needed face-lift because In Bloom, a local landscape company, adopted the maintenance and development of the roundabout.

The enhancements are funded by DeKalb County, who are working closely with the neighborhood and have established a plan to alleviate the large vehicle drive-through problem. Last month, In Bloom installed:

- A 3’ strip of stone paver around the roundabout, planted with liriopse, which makes the pavers invisible. In Bloom opted to use pervious pavers in lieu of concrete to decrease the impervious area and increase green space;
- Internal boulders to discourage vehicular traffic;
- New perennials and annuals to provide additional color
- Existing plant material in the area of the stone pavers was transplanted.

The Druid Hills Civic Association has committed \$500 annually for seasonal color. In Bloom plans two seasonal color plantings in the future. They also plan to install battery-powered irrigation to the center island this spring.

Tom

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948 Oakdale Road

Caroline and Phil Moise

From the exquisite architectural details and furnishings of this home, built in 1919 by H.W. Nicholes, visitors would never guess that it housed the Phi Chi Fraternity for three years in the 1930s. The current owners, who purchased the house in the early 1980s, wanted to preserve its period feel with their furnishings, including antiques from Phil's South Carolina family, dining room furniture from Caroline's family that once graced a townhouse on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and Asian treasures they acquired in Korea in the 1970s. They have renovated numerous times to meet the needs of their four children, but the front rooms—with original windows, fireplace, and columns—remain intact. HammerSmith, owned by Druid Hills resident Warner McConaughy, is one of Atlanta's top design-build firms specializing in environmentally sensitive kitchens, bathrooms, additions, and outdoor living.



1021 Oakdale Road

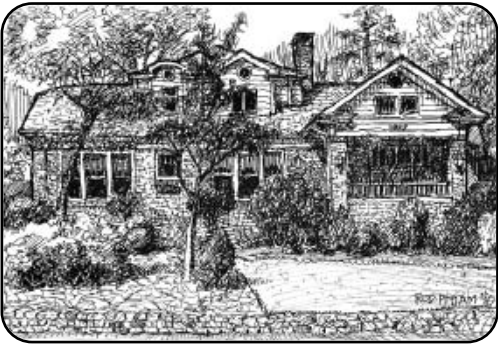
Kristina and David Crane

Built in 1922, this Tudor home looks down from a hilltop setting onto grounds extending across 1.5 acres. Expanded in 2008 with the addition of a master suite and family room, the house trumpets modern finishes crafted to reflect the original design, including a beamed ceiling and Gothic arches. Antiques and family heirlooms happily co-exist with modern furnishings, and whimsical animal prints and splashes of color run throughout the interior. Custom doors from Belgium beckon guests to explore a side courtyard, pool, and blue stone terrace. Ironwork and gates—designed by Druid Hills resident Charles Calhoun—and gas lanterns bring an old-world feel to exterior spaces.

1090 Oakdale Road

Jo Ann and Mark Herold

This bungalow, built in 1923, features much of the original architecture, moldings, and windows of the late Arts & Crafts period. Purchased in 2001 by the current owners, the house is decorated with artwork collected during their extensive travels. Notable pieces include a collection of masks from across the globe, a dining table fashioned from a door from Santa Fe, and an array of Southern folk art by Howard Finster, Mose T., George Rodrigue, and others. Updated in 2001, the kitchen and mudroom bear the personal touch of pottery from Jo Ann's native Mississippi. Added in 2005, a pool and garage include an outdoor kitchen surrounded by lush landscaping, featured on the HGTV program "Ground Breakers."



1118 Oakdale Road

Judy Trotochaud and William Pate

A charming garden welcomes visitors to this home, built in 1925. The original quaint design that first attracted the current owners 11 years ago is still evident in the entrance, dining room, and living room. Those areas blend into a spacious kitchen and family room, added in a renovation in 2009 and featuring a mixture of antique and contemporary fixtures. With its mixture of old and new, the house offers the perfect setting for frequent gatherings with extended family. A neutral palette flows throughout, and French doors at the back of the house open to a covered patio and well-equipped outdoor kitchen with skylights. The upstairs master suite includes a porch that brings the outdoors inside and new windows designed to match the originals.

1128 Oakdale Road

Frances Cullen

This charming bungalow, built by Arthur H. Bailey in 1927, originally offered 2,500 square feet of comfortable living space. But five years ago, soon after current owner Frances Cullen and her family moved in, an oak tree fell on the house, destroying the back half. After an extensive "green" renovation that included finishing the attic (with its original 12-foot ceilings) and improving the kitchen, dining room, and family room, this EarthCraft-certified gem now boasts a spacious living area of 4,800 square feet. Interior highlights include custom wooden cabinets in the family room, stained glass elements in the butler's pantry and stairwell, and Frances Cullen's eclectic art collection. Pinnacle Custom Builders, Inc., an award-winning local builder committed to green building and renovation, incorporates these same EarthCraft building elements into all their designs and projects.



Oakdale Road fun facts

- One Oakdale Road resident witnessed the signing of the Versailles Peace Treaty that ended WWI and went on to run the presidential campaign of his law school classmate Franklin Roosevelt in the state of Georgia.
- The original mansion of Samuel Venable, owner of Stone Mountain (and former head of the Ku Klux Klan) lived in Stonehenge, built of Stone Mountain granite and now the home of St. John's Lutheran Church.
- Al Capone's family rented another house on Oakdale while the mobster served time in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta.
- A milder-mannered resident of Oakdale, Henrietta Stanley Dull, penned a famous Georgia cookbook, *Southern Cooking*, in 1928.
- The owner of the King Plow Company made his home at the west corner of Oakdale and Ponce de Leon, and as the first automobile owner on the street, he gave rides to school for neighborhood children. His daughter Irene married George Woodruff, brother of Robert Woodruff of Coca Cola fame.
- Coca Cola Bottling Company President Samuel Candler Dobbs bought a house on Oakdale in 1914.
- Forrest Adair gave a home on Oakdale as a wedding present to his daughter. Adair, along with his brother George and Asa Candler, owned the Druid Hills Corporation with all land right sales in Druid Hills.
- Prominent architects Walter Downing and Robert Smith Pringle built their personal residences on Oakdale. Pringle even added a ballroom on the top floor of his home, where some neighborhood ladies still remember dancing in gowns, wearing long white gloves.
- Leila Ross Wilburn, one of the country's first prominent female architects designed one house on Oakdale in the "four square" style.
- Oakdale is no stranger to the movies. The site of the real accident in *Driving Miss Daisy* occurred on Oakdale, while Miss Daisy was visiting her cousin in one of the many Neel Reid-designed houses on the street. Serendipitously, movie makers chose 872 Oakdale to film scenes for *Stroke of Genius*, the film about Bobby Jones, without realizing that Bobby's wife had actually grown up there. The house later welcomed film crews from *Road Trip* and the sequel to *Dumb and Dumber*.
- Larry Douglas Embury, who plays the organ "Mighty Mo" at Atlanta's Fox Theatre, is a current resident of Oakdale Road.

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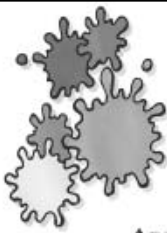


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First viewing of "the Children's Art of Druid Hills"

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2010 Artists Market...

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whose pieces are made of natural hardwoods, including ash, cherry, and mahogany, among others. The furniture is made with dovetailing and mortise-and-tenon, with no nails or screws. In fine arts, one new painter's medium is made from dirt from Georgia, neighboring states, and as far away as Wyoming! Incorporated are overlays of vintage photos, resulting in a unique art form. A new watercolorist, often using historic homes as her focus, paints on paper that is then cut and layered into 3-D works. This year's Market also boasts an exceptional, largely self taught stone sculptor from Andrews, North Carolina, whose award winning sculptures have been included in juried shows all over the country.

Media always represented in our fine arts and fine crafts will again be photography, paintings in oils and acrylics, mixed media art crafted with butterfly wings, jewelry, pottery, fine soaps and lotions, glass works, quilts, folk art paintings and sculptures, and the popular Ukrainian egg art of Pysanky. Textile works made from new and vintage textiles return with finely crafted specialty pillows. Vintage textiles will also be represented in fashion design with antique Afghanistan textiles crafted by tribal women and designed into stunning handbags. Little girls' fashions are included with pinafores hand made entirely from vintage handkerchiefs and other vintage textiles, incorporating vintage buttons, new ribbons, and hand embroidery.

The art of landscaping and gardening can never be overlooked in glorious, green Druid Hills. Demonstrations in this "medium" will be provided by sponsor GNR Landscaping!

This year's Artist Market will also feature delectable sweets from home owned and operated The Cookie Studio! Representing "The Fine Art of Baking," The Cookie Studio, which contributes a portion of all sales to the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, will sell their scrumptious cookies, brownies, lemon bars, and other items featured in their Decatur store; their cookie mixes will also be for sale.

Including everyone in this year's Market, The Children's Art of Druid Hills returns! Any child living in Druid Hills may contribute one piece of art to display or sell. Space is limited, so sign up and get instructions for admission by clicking on the Children's Art link at www.druidhillsartistmarket.org. All will receive a Certificate of Participation PLUS a coupon for a free cookie from The Cookie Studio!

You can't miss by attending the Thursday, April 15, Artist Market Opening Reception held under the grand tent on site! Free for residents of Druid Hills and Home and Garden Tour & Artist Market sponsors, the Reception will again serve hors d'oeuvres and drinks, while they last, from our generous sponsors Whole Foods and Sherlock's Wine Merchant. Soft drinks are served, as well, as families are welcomed! Do come early to not miss out on the refreshments! Live music will be provided by the band Olde Dog, with music and refreshments from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The Artist Market will be open for sales from 7:00 to 8:30 PM for first selection by Druid Hills' residents and sponsors only. Specialty desserts will ONLY be available within the interior Market, served as you browse and purchase from the stellar offerings of the 2010 Druid Hills Artist Market!

An event not to be missed, held in conjunction with this year's Home and Garden Tour - "Only on Oakdale"!

Dear Druid Hills Neighbor,

The 2010 Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour & Artist Market needs volunteers and we are asking for your help. The tour and market dates are Friday, April 16th through Sunday, April 18th. We need volunteers to guide tour guests through points of interest in the homes and assist at the Artist Market. There are six homes with four shifts each and five Artist Market shift choices. All volunteers will receive a free tour ticket, a \$20 value, plus you will be invited to the volunteer "Thank You" party after the tour. This fun party is held at Everybody's Pizza in Emory Village.

Listed below are the shift times for each date. If you are available to help, please register by March 20th. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mary Kyle, Staffing Chair - (404) 630-4543, Druid Hills Home and Garden Tour & Artist Market Committee

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(Volunteer for shift or shifts) We are returning to the tradition of encouraging Shift Chairs to recruit friends, family and co-workers to be docents. Work the tour together, and enjoy the tour together!

Shift Choices:	Home Tour	Artist Market	
Friday, April 16	___ 10:30 am - 3:00 pm*	___ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm	Email your shift choice to: druidhillshometour@gmail.com
		___ 1:00 - 5:00 pm	
Saturday, April 17	___ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm	___ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm	Or mail to: Mary Kyle 1455 Emory Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30306
	___ 1:00 - 5:00 pm	___ 1:00 - 5:00 pm	
Sunday, April 18	___ 12:30 - 5:00 pm	___ 12:30 - 5:00 pm	
___ No preference, assign me where you need me the most.			

Additional ways to participate!

There are other ways to support the Druid Hills neighborhood with your participation even if you are out of town the weekend of the Home and Garden Tour & Artist Market. Please see the list below and offer your time.

Help distribute posters and counter cards to local shops and restaurants to publicize the Home Tour & Artist Market, last two weeks of March - contact Nancy Jackson Anastasiades - nancyhja@comcast.net.

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Home at Last *By Jennifer Richardson*

In my job as a professional musician, it's often necessary for me to travel all over Metro Atlanta. One recent gig took me outside the Perimeter. After exiting the Interstate, I drove for miles along six lane roads, passing Big Box businesses, dozens of fast food restaurants, shopping center strips, and acres of parking lots. My destination was a country club, where I'd been hired to play.

As I entered the subdivision in which the club was located, I glanced around, and it became obvious there were no big trees. Had it been a field for cattle or had bulldozers flattened the trees and land to make it easier to construct houses? Lining the street were huge homes crammed on lots too small for them. Ultimately, they looked similar with their myriad roof lines, two-story foyers capped by arched windows, and two-and-three car garages connected to the street by ribbons of asphalt.

It was nearly midnight when I packed up and started for home. Back, past the garishly lit restaurants, malls, and mercury vapor street lights, which cast an eerie peach glow on the road. I followed a snake of red tail lights that wound in front of me until they blended in with the red of the horizon. At midnight, it should've been dark, but it wasn't. Like the oaks and tulip poplars that must have been here at some time, the darkness was gone, as well. As a musician, my ears were sensitive to the ambient noise: low frequency rumble from the Interstate, the honking of horns, and the roar of engines splitting the night. Above me, the sky was too well lit to see any stars. The road had a certain familiarity and predictability about it: I realized I could be on a main road most any place in Atlanta.

I grew up in Emory Grove, a modest storybook neighborhood of Cape Cod homes built after World War II. The lots there had big trees. Though we had streetlights, the brightest sign in nearby North Decatur Plaza was a rainbow and pot full of gold coins at the

Pot O' Gold convenience store. The sign was turned off at eleven p.m. There was no red glow at midnight in Emory Grove.

In 1970, I moved, but I didn't want to stray too far from the familiar: historic homes with character, the "tree tunnel" of Oakdale Road, Olmsted Park, Lullwater Creek, Fernbank Forest, and Druid Hills High School.

Making a right turn toward home, something hit me with a force like running into a tree. I pulled to a stop, realizing I hadn't struck any physical object: I'd hit darkness and quiet and the towering lions of the forest we call trees. Despite the glowing red from the nearby television tower, I could see the stars. The only thing splitting the night here was the bark of a distant dog. The houses, sitting far back from the street, were the proper scale for the large lots. Their lawns blended seamlessly with the public Olmsted Park across the street.

There were no high rises, big boxes, or brilliantly-lit shopping malls; no huge houses crammed onto tiny lots with gaping openings for three cars; no fast food establishments, no bright and garish billboards. I was indeed in another zone. I was home.

When I think about the "what ifs," I'm humbled. Today, Ponce de Leon could resemble Lenox Road, or Jimmy Carter Boulevard. It could be devoid of trees; its historic lot lines disrupted by a scattering of luxury shops and tract houses; its parkway dotted with billboards. There was a time, not so long ago, when this neighborhood was under siege: first, an expressway, then a high-rise zoning for Ponce, and finally, a public sentiment the in-town neighborhoods were doomed---obsolete houses that should be replaced. But it didn't happen here.

When I think of what could have happened, I mentally thank people who stopped the bulldozers. Folks who fought for historic zoning, who raised money and

turned a trash-laden overgrown eyesore into the Olmsted Linear Park, who protected the old-growth Fernbank Forest, who kept an historic golf club in Druid Hills rather than selling out to developers and moving away, who supported the often misunderstood Civic Association in keeping the greatest treasure we have in this community-- the historic community itself. For, the very attributes these old-timers saved are the same things that draw new families to this community today.

Our historic zoning, districts, and preservation guidelines are the very lifeblood that keeps us from going the way of many other areas in Atlanta. It's what keeps us a desirable, human and livable place in which to reside--- from the Cape Cods in Emory Grove to the mansions on Lullwater Road. Love it or hate it, the Civic Association has been the first line of defense in keeping what we all love and respect about this neighborhood safe from undesirable development. And for that, it deserves our utmost gratitude. What many new residents don't realize is that without the hard decisions, lawsuits, and unpopular stances, the DHCA could not have preserved exactly what makes us love it here. And, worse still, Druid Hills would look like every other neighborhood from the gated community where I played music, to the suburbs springing up like summer mushrooms in Fayette and Dawson Counties. As a notorious pro-road and inappropriate development supporter once shouted at me: "All you have to do is be asleep at the switch and lose once, and Ponce de Leon is mine!" "Mine" in this context meant going high rise from Moreland Avenue to the railroad arch. For over 70 years now, the DHCA has protected a way of life and a way of being in our historic community. I thank the many who have served as volunteers with the DHCA since 1939, and who have maintained the quality and livability of the place I think of always as "home."

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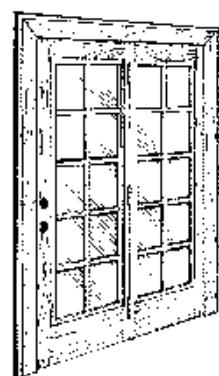
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Windows

By Betsy Marvin

The old saw that windows are the “eyes” of the house is true in more than one way; not only are they functionally our constant connection with the outside world, but like human eyes, they express personality and style. The word evolved from Old Norse, ‘vindauga,’ a composite of ‘wind’ and ‘eye,’ so the analogy is an ancient one.

We’ve come a long way from the days when continuous wind blew through the windows, but the transparency and light are constants. In modern times, the basic elements, materials and styles of a house’s window frames and shapes go far to reflect the personality of the building, and can be part of a larger expression of neighborhood harmony. When it’s an historic area, like Druid Hills, this harmony takes on greater importance, and rules can be developed to maintain an overarching personality.

Most houses in Druid Hills were designed and constructed during the 1910s, ‘20s and ‘30s, to fit into the attractive area whose graceful layout was earlier planned by the renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. Often dubbed “Father of American Landscape Architecture,” Mr. Olmsted created flowing landscapes, broad boulevards, and lush public parks. His prominence was an important factor in determining Druid Hills’ listing as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

Styles of these early homes were English Vernacular, Prairie, Mediterranean Revival, Italian Renaissance Revival, Craftsman, Spanish Colonial Revival, Neoclassical Revival and others. Clearly window forms varied widely, each appropriate for the size and style of the house, contributing to the overall impression of a gentle rhythm, in accordance with Olmsted’s vision.

Other styles appeared in Druid Hills, beginning in the late ‘30s, often smaller in scale, or less traditional. Because we live in a protected district listed on the National Register, these properties, too, are required to follow the guidelines set forth in the Design Manual for the Druid Hills Local Historic District. These include regulations for repair or replacement of windows and other building features.

The useful Design Manual sums up the Windows Guideline:

“Existing windows, including sashes, lights, lintels, sills frames, molding, shutters and all hardware should be retained and repaired through routine maintenance whenever possible. When deteriorated elements must be replaced, new elements should be compatible with the original in terms of material, design and hardware. Should it be necessary to replace an entire window, the replacement should be sized to the original opening and should duplicate all proportions and configurations of the original window.”

Sources of Information about Windows and Energy Efficiency

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has launched an online guide offering homeowners a one-stop resource with the latest information about how to make their home more energy-efficient and comfortable - without spending a lot of money or compromising the historic character of their home. Called the "Weatherization Guide for Older and Historic Buildings," it can be found at www.preservationnation.org; Click on Issues then Weatherization

- See also:
- The Georgia Historic Preservation Division's Energy Conservation Web page at www.gashpo.org for many more resources. Click on Technical Assistance / Energy Conservation.
 - HPD architectural reviewer William Hover's article on "Energy Efficiency and Historic Buildings" helps homeowners make logical and smart choices about energy efficiency and historic buildings.

DeKalb Youth Symphony
Upcoming Concert Information

The DeKalb Youth Symphony will be giving a concert on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at Perimeter College, Clarkston campus. The concert begins at 8p.m. in the Cole’s Fine Arts Auditorium. The public is invited. Admission is free. Donations accepted.

DeKalb Youth Symphony (DYS), under the direction of Earl Kuutti, is the honor orchestra for DeKalb County Schools. This orchestra is made up of more than 70 musicians, ages 13-18, from public high schools throughout the county. Many of the musicians are from Druid Hills High School and Chamblee High School.

The youth orchestra was started in 1967 as DeKalb County began its student string orchestra program. Originally developed to expand the musical horizons for DeKalb County’s young musicians, DYS has grown into a full symphony with strings, woodwind, brass and percussion.

The DeKalb Youth Symphony has entertained summer audiences internationally in Vienna, Salzburg, and Innsbruck, Austria; Lucerne, Switzerland; Paris, France; Budapest, Hungary; Prague, Czech Republic; Rome, Florence and Venice, Italy; and Tinjian and Beijing in The People’s Republic of China.

For more information on DeKalb Youth Symphony and concert information, visit www.dekalbyouthsymphony.org



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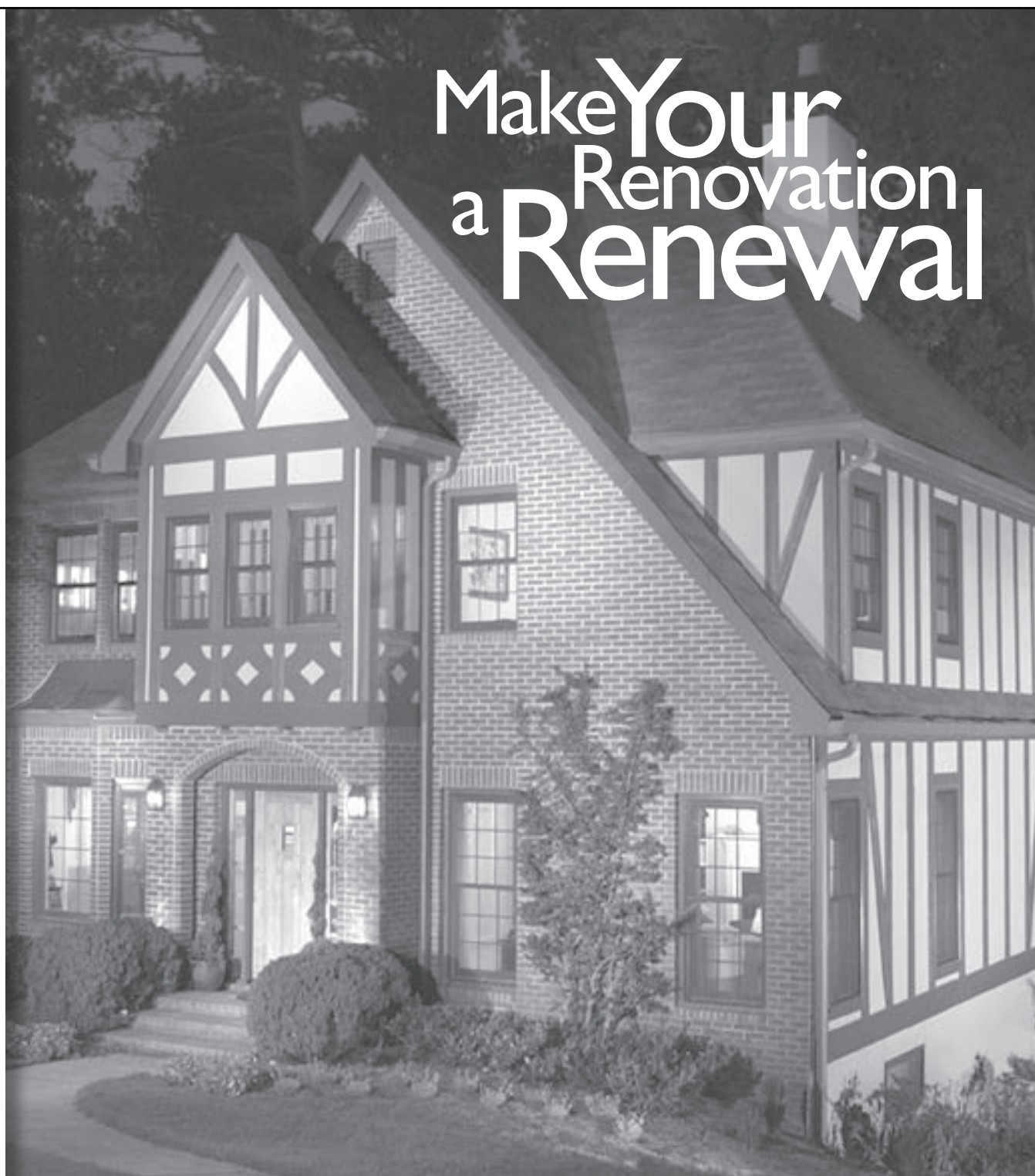
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Welcome to Your New Home



624 SYCAMORE STREET, DECATUR

Leila Ross Wilburn designed this stately brick home to provide a large wrap-around veranda with turned columns and a porte-cochere. The home is still as grand and inviting as it was when built in 1910, with a formal entrance hall and central stairway, spacious living areas and five bedrooms. The current owners have lovingly operated the home as The Sycamore House Bed & Breakfast. The home has been modernized with a larger kitchen which opens to a den, private owner's suite and large laundry room. Additional fireplaces were added in the owner's suite and den giving the home a total of six. Backyard features a lovely pool with waterfall and hot tub and a guest cottage. Basement offers a wine cellar, potting shed and workroom. \$950,000



209 GLENDALE AVENUE, DECATUR

Just a short stroll to Downtown Decatur, this impeccable four-bedroom, three-bath brick bungalow is a delightful find in desirable Glenwood Estates. Gardener's delight with stone patio and meandering pathway leading through beautiful hardscaping and gardens. Gatherings come easily in the gourmet-styled custom kitchen that features a large island or in the private dining area just off of the living room. Sunroom with large windows and painted exposed brick makes for a perfect place to relax. Main level features two bedroom and two bathrooms. Upstairs offers an owner's suite, an additional bedroom, office and laundry room. The owner's suite, with views to the lush landscaping, includes a spa-like bathroom and walk-in closet. \$739,000



157 VIDAL BOULEVARD, DECATUR

Stone sidewalk, beautiful landscaping and charming front porch greet you at this classic home located on one of the most sought-after streets in Decatur. Features include four bedrooms, three bathrooms, an office and a playroom. The living room features a fireplace with beautiful marble surround and adjoins an elegant dining room. Kitchen with granite countertops and stainless appliances offers views of the landscaped, private backyard. Main level features owner's suite with private bath and an additional guest bedroom and bathroom. Upstairs offers two more bedrooms plus a nursery, bathroom and play area. Unfinished basement with interior / exterior entrance offers ample storage. \$679,000



1701 EAST CLIFTON, DRUID HILLS

This classic two story brick bungalow is sited on a spacious lot within walking distance to Emory University, CDC and award-winning Fernbank Elementary. With fresh paint and gleaming hardwood floors throughout, this home offers five bedrooms and two bathrooms. Entry foyer leads to a gracious living room with fireplace. Entertain indoors and out with adjoining separate dining room leading to a large screened porch. Eat-in kitchen leads to a separate family room. Basement with granite foundation walls provides a workshop, drive under garage and ample storage. \$600,000



1880 RIDGEWOOD DRIVE, DRUID HILLS

Just a short walk Emory University and Emory Village, this completely renovated three-bedroom, two-bath classic brick residence is filled with character. Charming kitchen with beadboard ceiling features custom maple cabinetry, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and opens to sun-filled breakfast room. Upstairs offers an owner's retreat with extra large walk-in closet, large bathroom, and a sitting area. Yard is filled with beautiful flowering shrubs and perennials and features a fenced dog run area in the back. Parking and storage is a breeze in the three car garage and workroom. \$589,000



1818 RIDGEWOOD DRIVE, DRUID HILLS

Formerly a triplex, this spacious four bedroom, three bathroom Craftsman Cape-cod is filled with options. The main floor has a formal living room with fireplace and built-ins, separate dining room, light-filled study, kitchen with stainless steel appliances, master suite and separate den that leads to a sunroom. Architectural details include hardwood floors throughout, crown molding, arched doorways, plantation shutters and French doors. Two-car detached garage offers a full legal apartment above, perfect for rental income, guests or an in-law suite. \$500,000



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