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## President's Message August/September 2010

Your Executive Board met in July to discuss and plan the programs for the upcoming year. Each month's program will be sponsored by one of the Departments. Ways to volunteer will be noted at each month's program. The Conservation and Garden Department, chaired by Connie Routh, will lead off the year with the September program.

All during the year you can learn about different volunteer opportunities available through the various departments. This information will be sent via the newsletter and e-mail. Please take part in these activities. It is a great way to get to know your fellow Atlanta Woman's Club members and to do service for the community.

Also at the September meeting will be a report of the Georgia Federation of Women's Club's State Institute meeting that will be held in August.

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## Membership Committee News

By Myra Carmon  
1st Vice President



We are happy to announce that four new members were approved by the Executive Committee at the May meeting and were introduced to our membership at that time. Once again we'd like to welcome the following ladies to our Club

- ❖ Penelope (Penny) Anne Blackford
- ❖ Page Henry
- ❖ Margaret Frost
- ❖ Janecia Heard

Including these four members we now have a total of 59 members. The new membership roster is on the AWC website under "Member Area". This roster will be kept up to date each month. We continue to have many on-line inquiries about membership and interest in the AWC. We are expecting to have several potential members at our September meeting, please reach out to them and welcome them to our Club.

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## September Observances

Labor Day	September 06
Rosh Hashanah	September 09
Grandparent's Day	September 12
Nat'l Hispanic Heritage Month	Sept. 15- Oct. 15
Constitution Day	September 17
Yom Kippur	September 18
Int'l Day of Peach	September 21
Sukkot	September 23
First Day of Autumn	September 23
Native American Day	September 24

**President's Message**  
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Since this is the beginning of a new two year cycle, 2010-2012, new notebooks and information concerning Departments will be distributed at the meeting.

Please remember to make your reservations for the September 13, 2010 meeting. This will help us plan and be able to order the correct amount of food for the meeting. In order to help with the meal planning the Executive Committee voted to keep the cost of the luncheon at \$12.00 for all who make reservations and to increase the amount to \$15.00 for all who show without a reservation. Again, please assist us by making your reservation in advance.

Stay cool and enjoy the rest of the summer.

See you September 13, 2010 at 11:15a.m. at our next meeting.

Karen Bacheller  
President, Atlanta Woman's Club, 2010-2012

**Tuesday Yoga Classes**



11:45 am-12:45 pm at the Wimbish House for all members & non-members. \$10, All Levels Welcome, especially Beginners! Bring a mat (or borrow one from Connie Routh, our yoga instructor).



**Conservation Department News**

By Connie Routh  
Conservation & Gardening, Chair

William R. Mitchell will be the guest speaker at the AWC luncheon on September 13th. Bill is an Atlanta native and resident, and a ninth generation Georgian; he is a graduate of the Westminster Schools,

Emory University, and the University of Delaware. An architectural and cultural historian, historic preservationist, lecturer, and award-winning author, he was a founding trustee of The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation in 1973 and author of its first major book, *J. Neel Reid, Architect*, published in 1997. In 1998 he was the founding president of Southern Architecture Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit educational corporation that has published his *The Architecture of James Means* (2001) and a reprint of the rare 1931 *Southern Architecture Illustrated* (2002), for which he wrote a new preface. His eighteenth book, *Madison, A Classic Southern Town*, will be published in early 2010. An ongoing project is establishing the Mitchell Southern Architecture Collection at the Atlanta History Center, based on his professional library and papers.

If you currently own or would like to purchase a copy of his book, *J. Neel Reid, Architect*, he has graciously agreed to autograph the book for members before or after the meeting. It can be purchased at local bookstores or from The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Ansley Park Civic Association is sponsoring The Neel Reid Tour of Homes October 2nd & 3rd as a part of the 125th celebration of Reid's birth, October 23, 1885. Volunteers will be needed to make this tour successful and to run smoothly, I would love to have as many AWC members participate as possible. As soon as the volunteer information becomes available it will be sent to each of you.



**ESO Reminder-Education Department News**

By Cimi Douglass, ESO Recorder

I'm sure this summer was the perfect time for all of us to catch up on a stack of books that have been waiting to be read. If so, please remember to keep a running list of all of the books you've read. Although our ESO reporting is not due until December, sometimes we tend to forget all of the books we've read throughout the year. For your easy convenience, I am attaching an ESO form for you to complete by listing all the books you've read so far this year. I will also have ESO forms at the September

meeting for your convenience. If you have any questions, please email me at [cdouglass@balch.com](mailto:cdouglass@balch.com). Also, if you would like to recommend a book to our members, please let me know.

#### **Book Recommendation by Cimi Douglass**

I recommend *The Shack* by William P. Young. (Christian/Fiction). This book is currently well within the top-100 best-selling titles at Amazon. I must say ladies, as a mother of a young daughter it can be a hard read in the beginning, but the message it leaves behind is wonderful. In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant "The Shack" wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers the main character, Mack, gets will astound you and will probably transform you as much as it did him.

#### **Book Recommendation by Ellen Milholland**

I recommend *The Imperfectionist* by Tom Rachman, (Fiction). A first novel that is essentially a group of short stories that have the same characters and on one hand the action moves forward in time on two planes.

A good reading club book - it is short and the method of using a chapter a character is very popular right and lends itself to discussion.

You will not like this book if you do not like "a story within a story" or Italo Calvino. Interestingly, the story is set in Rome.

The NY Time Book Review is here -

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/02/books/review/Buckley-t.html>.

### **Arts Department News**

By Beth Jetha

Arts Department Chair



Support the Arts! One can only imagine the personal struggle that women artists have endured for the sake of art. If a woman were fortunate enough to realize that she had talent or a desire to create—whether she wrote, danced, acted, drew, sculpted, took pictures or played a musical instrument—she needed to nurture that talent. Funding to sustain this talent must be a main concern; materials, equipment and training are necessities. For a

very long time, society encouraged women to be caregivers and men to be principal income earners. Support for a male artist was deemed a priority because he was assumed to be the breadwinner for his family whereas a female would be expected to sacrifice her talent and to devote her time to family. Thus, women artists were relegated to obscurity; they became a rare breed.

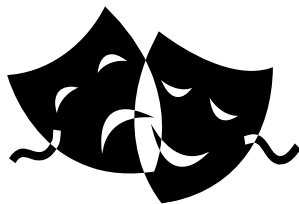
The GFWC and the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs have encouraged and supported programs and educational efforts that focus on women in art. Additionally, awards have been given annually to members who submit their photographs and stories. Our very own Betty Daniels, former Dean of Departments, won an award for a short story she wrote in 2009. The Atlanta Woman's Club encourages members to pursue their passions. A painting that hangs over the fireplace in the sun room at Wimbish Mansion is the work of a former AWC member.

With dismay, we've seen the cutbacks in education spending that have targeted art and music classes in schools today. The Atlanta Opera, which has experienced funding decreases like many others, can no longer afford to sponsor the rehearsal performances for grade school students, who could have become the adult audiences for opera in the future. If long-standing institutions such as our school system or the Atlanta Opera cannot provide the artistic experiences for our youth, where will that leave the female artists of the future?

As AWC members, we need to continue to promote interest in art and connect our community to the arts in Atlanta. The Atlanta Woman's Club will continue to support art education at Grady High School by sending funds in August to repair the kiln used for their pottery class. One of our members, Dr. Marilyn Morton, suggests we look into the Art Museum at Oglethorpe University which seeks financial support for their modest but remarkable art collection.

The GFWC and GaFW promote self-education for its members. I heartily recommend the beginner's drawing class at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens that is inspired by books such as, *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain* by Betty Edwards. Even if the only thing you accomplish is how to draw a straight line, I believe these classes help you fully appreciate other works of art. Enjoying the learning process is a side benefit you will never regret.

Do not miss the opportunity to see *Twist*, a musical set in New Orleans in the 1920s, at the Alliance Theater between Sept.1st and Oct. 3rd. This show is directed by Debbie Allen, who is known for her work as choreographer of the musical, *Fame*.



If you would like to attend this musical production with other AWC members, please call or email me at 770.565.3410 or [beth.jetha@gmail.com](mailto:beth.jetha@gmail.com).

Performances are Tuesday-Sunday evenings with Saturday & Sunday matinee shows.



## Swan House Tour and Art Lesson

By Beth Jetha

The Arts Department of the Atlanta Woman's Club promotes and upholds all art education, including lessons for its members. I was notified by Allison Elkins, a local Atlanta artist and instructor at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, about an outing at the Atlanta History Center on the Swan House gardens and grounds in the fall. This is a full day class from 10 am – 3 pm that will include general admission and a tour of Swan House. The dates under consideration are:

Wednesday, September 15  
Wednesday, September 22  
Wednesday, October 20  
Wednesday, October 27

Ms. Elkins' preliminary schedule for that day's activity at the Atlanta History Center includes:

10:00 am - arrive at Swan House and set up in the grounds.

10:15-12:00 pm - Start your sketch (Allison will go around and help everyone with their sketch, composition, perspective, shading, contrast, etc.)

12:00-1:00 - Picnic Lunch

1:00-1:45 - Tour Swan House and learn about the architecture of Philip Trammell Shutze

1:45-2:30 - Finish Sketch

2:30-3:00 - Group Critique

Allison Elkins emphasized that the Swan House Tour is "...meant to be a fun experience for both the beginning and experienced artist." She added: "For those with little to no experience in painting and drawing, I will be able to help them start a drawing and show examples of drawing techniques."

It would be wonderful for AWC members to go as a group. Please contact me and let me know your preferences: by email, [beth.jetha@gmail.com](mailto:beth.jetha@gmail.com) or by telephone 770 565 3410.

## Public Affairs Department News

By Lisa Banes

Public Affairs Dept. Chair



A big thank you to Ruth Yurchuck for introducing me to a wonderful book called *REDISCOVERING VALUES On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street: A Moral Compass for the New Economy*. Written by bestselling author and speaker Jim Wallis, it examines the need for balance among the public sector (the state), the private sector (the market), and the civic sector (voluntary and nonprofit institutions), especially in light of the current economic crisis. "It is in the voluntary institutions where we most build social capital, create trust, develop community, and strengthen the moral fabric of our society," he says. It's a great read (just 245 pages!) for anyone who is involved in volunteer organizations, including AWC.

Ten AWC volunteers participated in the Georgia Justice Project's fourth annual Back-2-School Event on Saturday, July 24 at John Hope Elementary School, located at 112 Boulevard NE. Each year, the Back-2-School Event

provides a family-oriented festival atmosphere featuring information booths, health screenings, games and food for families of Georgia Justice Project clients. This year, families from The Genesis Shelter were also invited to participate. At the end of the festival, all school-aged children were presented with new backpacks that are fully stocked with school supplies. This is the second year that AWC members have participated.

Volunteers included Karen Bacheller & her son Daniel Johnston, Lisa Banes & husband Bruce Freeman, Judine Heard, Janecia Heard & daughter Jade, Connie Routh, Sabrina Hagin, Elizabeth Tanner, and Renee Sanders. Thank you to you all! Check out the fun photos at the end of this newsletter!

## Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard

Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



It has been a summer filled with construction equipment, steel beams and the excitement of seeing the academic building develop into three floors of modern classrooms for the TFS students. When they start school in the Fall, there will be nine new classrooms supported by beautiful rock columns completing Phase I of the academic complex renovation project.

TFS students will begin their classes on August 9, 2010 after the summer break. This year TFS will open their doors with the largest student body since TFS was a public school serving Rabun and Habersham counties in the early 1960's. The Admissions Office projects that they should expect about 240 students this year which is an 84% increase in enrollment since 2007. In fact, because of the continued interest in TFS this year, combined with exceptional retention of returning students, enrollment is at capacity in most grades and many students have been placed on a waiting list. The continued growth and retention will create about \$1,000,000 in additional tuition revenue for TFS. President Peevy and others at TFS are doing an incredible job with TFS.

## Tallulah Falls School Holds Reception at the Wimbish House

Tallulah Falls School and the Atlanta Woman's Club recently held a dessert reception at the Wimbish House for new and returning students from the Atlanta area. The event was held on Thursday evening, July 15. Several dozen attendees joined TFS staff members and members Lucy Willard, Myra Carmon and Karen Bacheller of the Atlanta Woman's Club at the event. In addition to the great desserts, new students from Atlanta were able to meet other returning students from the same general area. President and Head of Tallulah Falls School, Larry A. Peevy also addressed the gathering, as did Dean of Enrollment Management, Kelly Woodall.



## International Affairs Department News

By Pat Walsh

Int'l Affairs Dept. Chair

The Atlanta Human Society is in need of empty prescription bottles. These empty bottles are needed and used to dispense medications when pets are being adopted and need the first round of medicine when arriving at their new home. The labels do not need to be taken off. As far as I know all sizes of bottles will be accepted. This is a great way to keep plastic out of the environment or landfill, and to help the Atlanta Humane Society. We could probably set up a box for the bottles, and I will get them delivered to the Atlanta Humane Society.



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Also the International Committee looks forward to another productive year. Here's a list of upcoming opportunities to get involved with some of our AWC sponsored charities through collection of goods, donations, etc. it might be a good idea to start saving, collecting and looking for items appropriate for our Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox drive.

**September** - UNICEF boxes will be distributed at the September meeting to be filled and brought back in October. That should give us a month to collect loose change and to bring the box back in October. UNICEF is the United Nations Children's Program. UNICEF uses the hard-earned funds to provide clean water, health care, food and education to children in 156 countries and territories.

**October** – October is World Food Day. We would like to ask everyone to start collecting food such as cereal, pasta, peanut butter, pancake mix. I realize that the canned goods are too heavy for some of us, but the canned goods do give us the "weight" that we need to get the pounds, the more pounds of food, the better! We will collect food at our October meeting.

**November** – Reminder that November is our Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox drive. Start looking for those items that are appropriate for a Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox. The Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" is the program run by the son of Billy Graham; Samaritan's Purse operates all over the world, and they are very mobile being able to get into disaster areas very quickly. They were there for Katrina, the Tsumani, Haiti, even up to Alaska for the very impoverished areas.

**Collections that are accepted throughout the year are:**

- Empty Prescription bottles – collected by Pat Walsh for the Atlanta Humane Society
- Campbell Soup Labels – collected by Lucy Willard for TFS
- Soda can tabs – collected by Ruth Yurchuck for the Ronald McDonald House.

Our mission at AWC is to encourage our members to become interested, involved citizens of the community by engaging in charitable activities that benefit the community as a whole. We should all consider doing things each and every day that will have an eternal impact that will continue to make a difference long after we are gone. I encourage all of you to "Make a Difference" not only every day, but every month by bringing in some type of donation, whether it be an empty used prescription bottle, Campbell soup labels or soda tabs – it doesn't have to cost you anything. "These are difficult days in our world's history. There are 1.75

billion people are desperately poor, natural disasters are gouging entire nations, and economic uncertainty still reigns across the globe. But you and I have been given an opportunity to make a big difference.... Let's live our lives in such a way that the world will be glad we did." (quote by Max Lucado).

**All AWC Members are Welcome to Attend:**

The GFWC Southern Region Conference will be held in Huntsville, Alabama at the Huntsville Marriott on Oct. 29-31, 2010. The Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs invite you to attend. For more info please visit: [http://www.gafwc.org/html/southern\\_region\\_conference.html](http://www.gafwc.org/html/southern_region_conference.html)

In 2011, the 120th GFWC Annual International Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. For more information please visit: [http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Annual\\_International\\_Convention.asp?SnID=1035945264](http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Annual_International_Convention.asp?SnID=1035945264)

**Members Shining the Light .....**

As you know, the GFWC Convention was held in Omaha, Nebraska on June 12-15th. I am happy to announce that the Atlanta Woman's Club was represented by Anne Jones, Dinah Peavy, Helen Robinson and Lucy Willard. Georgia won a lot of awards this year.

Below is a photo of the Georgia members who attended the conference, unfortunately Helen Robinson is missing from this photo. The Georgia members are standing behind the GFWC International President and the GFWC International Jr. Director from the GFWC Headquarters.



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Georgia Justice Project's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Back-2-School Event  
Saturday, July 24 at John Hope Elementary School**



*Karen Bacheller & her son Daniel  
Johnston, Lisa Banes & husband Bruce  
Freeman, Judine Heard, Janecia Heard &  
daughter Jade, Connie Routh, Sabrina  
Hagin, Elizabeth Tanner, and Renee  
Sanders.*

*Thank you!*



*Crafts Anyone?*

*Renee Sanders, Sabrina Hagin and Lisa  
Banes in the background with hat.*



*Connie Routh at the Art Table*



*Rene Saunders, Sabrina Hagin, Lisa Banes  
Elizabeth Tanner at the Craft Table*



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