

NEWSLETTER

THE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF ATLANTA, INC.

SUMMER 2010

PLANTING SEEDS AND IDEAS: EDUCATION AT THE BOTANIC GARDEN OF SMITH COLLEGE THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010 AT THE ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

In conjunction with the American Public Gardens Association conference, Madelaine Zadik, Manager of Education and Outreach at the Botanic Garden of Smith College will be visiting Atlanta in early June, and the Club has arranged for a special event at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. She will present *Planting Seeds and Ideas: Education at the Botanic Garden of Smith College*, during Cocktails in the Garden, an event held on Thursdays in the summer with a cash bar and light bites from local restaurants.

The Botanic Garden of Smith College was founded by Smith's first president, L. Clark Seelye, to incorporate the study of plants into academics and remains important to Smith's liberal arts curriculum. It currently contains over 7,000 labeled and mapped plants. The presentation will include spectacular images from the Botanic Garden, which includes not only the Lyman Plant House and Conservatory and adjacent garden areas, but also the Campus Arboretum and a variety of specialty gardens: the Japanese Tea House and Garden, Woodland and Wildflower Garden,

Herb Garden, Capen Garden, and formal Knot and Gazebo Garden.

Ms. Zadik has been working at the Botanic Garden since 1995 and currently oversees all of its educational aspects, including developing gallery exhibitions (several of which have traveled to other institutions), audio tours, interpretive signage and brochures; training and supervising docents, work-study students, and interns; and managing the website. She has also overseen the development of the Curricular Enhancement Program, designed to support faculty in innovative teaching that utilizes the Garden and its resources. As a result, the math, art, English, dance, engineering, Asian studies, and education departments have recently used the garden in their teaching. Her presentation will focus on this and other efforts to integrate the Botanic



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WHERE:

Garden House Classroom
Atlanta Botanical Garden
1345 Piedmont Avenue NE, Atlanta 30309
Visit <http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org> for driving and MARTA directions and information about parking.

WHEN:

Thursday, June 3, 2010, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

RSVP:

by June 1, attending only, online at <http://tinyurl.com/scgarden10> or to Nancy Gallagher at 404-327-7888 (leave a short message with your name and phone number and/or email address). You will receive a confirmation email prior to the event to print and bring along. Please note seating is limited to 25 and we must give priority to Smith alumnae and students. If you would like to bring a non-Smith guest, please fill out the RSVP accordingly you will receive an additional email on June 2 confirming whether there is space for your guest.

COST:

Free admission to Cocktails in the Garden for lecture attendees; \$15 for non-attendees.

WELCOME THE CLASS OF 2014 AT THE FIRST ANNUAL SMITHNIC!

WHAT:

A picnic to celebrate all Georgia Smithies, past, present, and future. All are welcome: alumnae, prospective students, current students, and especially first-year students about to embark on their Smith journeys this fall. This event will provide a great opportunity for first-years and prospective students and their parents to meet graduates and ask any questions they may have about the admissions process, life on campus (and in New England), academics, or any other aspect of Smith College life. Please spread the word and feel free to invite any young women from Georgia who may be interested in Smith now or in the future. Families of all sorts are welcome!

A silent auction held in conjunction with the Smithnic will benefit the Margaret Mitchell Scholarship fund, allowing the Club to continue its longstanding tradition of assisting deserving young women from Georgia with tuition expenses. If you would like to contribute an item or service, please contact Cara Saylor Polk at carabryn@comcast.net.

Barbecue, drinks, desserts, and scintillating conversation will be provided - and there's even a pool, so bring swimsuits and towels. The Smith College Club of Atlanta would like to thank Cara Saylor Polk in advance for hosting this event at her Marietta home.

WHERE:

The home of Cara Saylor Polk '65
680 Denards Mill
Marietta, Georgia 30067
(street parking; additional space available at Soap Creek Elementary School)

WHEN:

Sunday, July 11, 2010
2:00-5:00 p.m.

RSVP:

by July 1, online at <http://tinyurl.com/smithnic10> or call 678-528-2988 (attending only, please - leave a short message with your name, number of guests, and phone number and/or email address)

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope you're enjoying all the beautiful spring weather. Makes one want to get out into the garden. Speaking of gardens, we hadn't expected to have another spring event, but the opportunity to get an update on the Botanic Garden of Smith College from Madelaine Zadik, Manager of Education and Outreach, was just too good to pass up. Hope to see some of you on June 3.

It's hard to believe how fast this year has gone by and now summer is right around the corner. Many Atlanta alums have told us they'd like to see the club more active year-round and have activities which current students can attend, so we're introducing a new summer social event, which we've playfully dubbed the Smithnic. You can read more details on page 1, but think of the Smithnic as an opportunity: 1) to welcome first-years, 2) to give prospective Smithies an informal opportunity earlier than the holiday tea to meet alums and current students, and 3) to bring your partners and children to a fun, family-friendly Smith event. Thanks to Cara Saylor Polk for hosting, and not just because she has a pool! I'm also excited to announce that we'll have a special guest at the Smithnic, Michelle Clarkin, Smith College's

Development Officer, who will update you on the college's current endowment and be happy to answer any questions about how you can support Smith. And to do our part to help Georgia's current Smith students, you'll also have the option of participating in an informal silent auction to benefit the Margaret Mitchell Scholarship Fund.

The Smith College Club of Atlanta operates on an academic year schedule, so if you are interested in joining the leadership team, please get in touch as soon as possible. I and most of this year's leadership team are happy to stay on for another year. I hope you'll give them a big round of applause for their enthusiasm and hard work! However, the club could do even more with a vice president and additional team members. Even if you don't have time to volunteer this year, we'd love to hear your ideas for next year's activities and ways we can involve more Atlanta alums, as well as support Smith.

Finally, thanks to everyone who paid 2009-10 dues. You really made everything we did this year possible.

-Anya Martin '85

AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com

THE SECRET LIFE OF ISAAC NEWTON

As Smithies, we are lucky to be able to learn from brilliant professors - even after we've left Smith. On April 10, Atlanta-area alumnae gathered at the home of Anne Harper '70 to hear a presentation from Professor Douglas Lane Patey. Enjoy these photos from the evening (see more on facebook), and we hope to see more of you at future events, including June 3 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden!



Clockwise from top: a group of Smithies listening intently; Mary Hinkel and Caitlin Gill with the guest of honor, Professor Patey talking about Newton.

BOOK AWARD NEWS

BOTANIC GARDEN

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The Smith College Club of Atlanta is pleased to announce the 2010 Smith College Book Award winners:

- Chanel Diggs - Druid Hills High School
- Kaitlyn Grace Dinkins - Pace Academy
- Zoey Pait Morton - Woodward Academy
- Sarah Herbert - The Lovett School
- Anne Yee Wang - Walton High School
- Sara Wetzstein - Athens Academy
- Alicia Christine Muzzy - Roswell High School
- Meghan McWilliams - Atlanta Girls' School
- Annie McNeill - Galloway School
- Tasheena Hinds - Stephenson High School
- Cleo Rochat - The Paideia School
- Catherine Crooks - Chattahoochee High School

With the help of alumnae donations, we were able to invite three new schools to participate this year. If you have a school in mind for potential inclusion next year, please contact Mary Hinkel at hinkelfamily21380@earthlink.net.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Please help the Club to continue the tradition of the Margaret Mitchell Scholarship by sending in a contribution along with your annual dues. Checks should be made payable to The Smith College Club of Atlanta, Inc. and mailed to Jenny Miller with the form below.

Garden across disciplines.

While studying floriculture and ornamental horticulture as an undergraduate at Cornell, Ms. Zadik had a summer internship at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia, and she is looking forward to visiting again after many years. This will be her first visit to the Atlanta Botanical Garden; in addition, she is excited to explore Tallulah River Gorge and Panther Creek as well as a private tour entitled Artful Gardens of Atlanta. At the conference, she will be speaking on a panel entitled *Blending Palettes: Bridging Collections to Enrich Interpretation* with representatives from the Huntington Botanical Gardens in California and the New York Botanical Garden.

Before and after the presentation, socialize with other Smithies and take advantage of the rare opportunity to explore the Garden in the evening: Cocktails in the Garden, a special event held every Thursday during the summer from 6-10 p.m. Visit the Canopy Walk and the Cascades Garden and watch chef demos in the Edible Garden, all recently-opened parts of the Botanical Garden. Purchased food and drinks may be brought into the lecture, and guests are encouraged to fill their plates prior to the lecture as caterers sometimes run out of popular items by 8 p.m. Visit <http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org> for more information about Cocktails in the Garden and the exciting new features, including the long-awaited Canopy Walk.

THANK YOU TO ALL NEW*
2009-2010 CLUB MEMBERS!

Sustaining Members

Varner Chilton '65

Contributing Members

- Emily Bair '68
- Amy Bucklin '97
- Bobbi Patterson '74
- Nancy Roth Remington '72

Members

- Julie Bowers '94
- Josephine Boise Budell '67
- Elise Cormier '00
- Megan Lindley '00
- Elizabeth Opsahl '91
- Barbara Rothschild '47
- Renee Stein '94

*paid 2/14-5/15/2010

LIKE TO PARTY?

Are you interested in hosting a future Club event? From Amy Murphy '80 who hosted over 60 Georgia alumnae in her Decatur condo at our annual Holiday Tea in January: "Thank you to all my Smith Club friends, old and new, who joined us in Decatur for this year's Annual Tea. What a pleasure it was to host this gathering! The club's officers made the event totally stress-free, providing beautiful invitations, all the delicious goodies and a gorgeous arrangement of flowers, which I got to enjoy for days afterward. But filling my home with the energy of Smith women was the best reward. What an amazing group we are! Cannot wait to see everyone at the next event!" Contact one of our event coordinators (see page 2) for more inform

JOIN THE CLUB! 2009-2010

There are several levels at which you can support the Smith College Club of Atlanta or sustain your current membership. Please fill out the form below, and send with a check payable to The Smith College Club of Atlanta, Inc. to **Jenny Miller, 743 Myrtle St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent grad (2005-2009) | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing member | \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Mitchell Circle | \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic member | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining member | \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Book award (\$35 each or \$ _____) | |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Mitchell Fund (\$ _____) | |

Name: _____

Graduation year: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Save the green! Check here to opt out of receiving a paper newsletter; please double-check your email address above.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

JUNE

- 3 **Cocktails in the Garden with Madelaine Zadik** (see page 1)
- 13 **Book Club meeting** (see note, this page)
- 17 **Young alums cocktails and trivia**, location TBD (check our facebook page!)

JULY

- 11 **First annual summer Smithnic** (see page 1)

AUGUST

TBA **Atlanta Club officers' planning meeting for 2010-2011**

SEPTEMBER

- 7 *Convocation for the 2010-2011 academic year*
- 8 *First semester classes at Smith begin*

SMITH ADMISSIONS

Our Alumnae Admissions Coordinators are looking for volunteers to help with interviewing prospective students and other admissions-related activities. If you're interested, please email Kamina Pinder (pkamina@hotmail.com) or Charlise Lyles (lcharlise@aol.com).

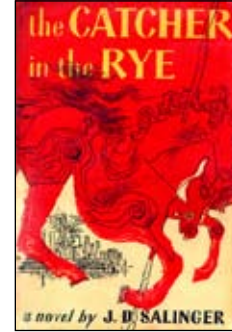
GET INVOLVED!

Do you want to get more involved in the Smith College Club of Atlanta? If you're interested in building a more active and connected Smith alumnae community in Atlanta and throughout Georgia as one of the club's officers in 2010-2011, send an email to AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com.

Help us plan future Club events - take our survey at <http://tinyurl.com/sccasurvey09> and let us know what you want to see! If you would like to get involved in any way, please send an email to any of the officers or to the Club's email address: AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

The Smith College Club of Atlanta's Book Club usually holds meetings at 3 p.m. on the third or fourth Sunday of each month at a member's home. The next meeting is on Sunday, June 13. Meetings are low-pressure with wine, snacks and great conversation!



This month's book is a classic: *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. If you'd like to join the book club to discuss this book or add your name to the list for future meetings, please email Cynthia Schlag-Mornebeck at cmornebeck@gmail.com.

Please note that some club communications may be sent by email only! Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date at <http://alumnae.smith.edu/>



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