On September 27, 2011, over 85 Georgia-based Smith College alumnae and their guests were treated to a wonderful reception and lively discussion at the Margaret Mitchell House. Smith College President Carol Christ and Professor Susan Van Dyne presented a fascinating talk, *Culture and Context: Margaret Mitchell’s Year at Smith, 1918-1919*. Their lively discussion explored the period in which Mitchell left the South for the first time in her life to travel north to Smith College and how her Smith experience influenced the unconventional life choices she made after returning to Georgia — including her sponsorship of Morehouse College scholarships.

The presentation was followed by an insightful question and answer session with the audience. Several administrative leaders from Smith College were in attendance — Carrie Cadwell Brown, Executive Director, Smith College Alumnae Association; Amy Holich-Dunn, Assistant Director, Reunions and Classes; Betsy Hopkins, Director, Programs and Events; and Sabrina Smith, Director, Development Office. Thank you to everyone who came out to reconnect with Smith and to learn about this pioneering Smith alumna!


**Smithnic 2011**

In July, we came together for our second annual Smithnic. For the second year in a row, Cara Saylor Polk ’65 hosted the event, and we honored her long-term service to the club with a special award. This year, we were honored by the presence of former Atlanta mayor and United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young. Additionally, a silent auction and raffle to benefit the Margaret Mitchell Fund raised nearly $600. The fund was established in 1950 and provides scholarship assistance for two deserving women from Georgia each year! Many thanks to Cara and to the alumnae who participated in this annual event.

**Save These Dates: November 1, 2011 & January 8, 2012**

Join us for hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar at Noni’s in the Old Fourth Ward! Reconnect with old friends, make new ones, meet the club’s officers, find out about upcoming events, and chat with local Smithies.

**WHAT:**  
Fall Social: Happy Hour at Noni’s  

**WHEN:**  
Tuesday, November 1, 2011, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  

**WHERE:**  
Noni’s Italian Deli and Bar  
357 Edgewood Avenue, Atlanta 30312  
www.nonisdeli.com (404) 343-1808  

**RSVP:** Please let us know (only) if you will attend. Access this link: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CYG2TMJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CYG2TMJ) or call Nancy Gallagher ’87 at (404) 327-7888 (Leave a short message with your name and phone number.)

Usher in the new year with Smithies at our annual holiday tea. Traditionally, the Smith College Club of Atlanta’s Holiday Tea is our largest event. This is a wonderful opportunity for Georgia alumnae to relax, socialize, and enjoy delicious food and drinks.

**WHAT:**  
Smith College Club of Atlanta Holiday Tea  

**WHEN:**  
Sunday, January 8, 2012, 3:00-5:00 p.m.  

**WHERE:**  
The home of Donna Gilli ’78  
1226 Redfield Ridge, Dunwoody 30338  

**RSVP:** Please let us know (only) if you will attend. Access this link: [http://tinyurl.com/tea2011](http://tinyurl.com/tea2011) or call Nancy Gallagher ’87 at (404) 327-7888 (Leave a short message with your name and phone number.)
Letter From the President

Dear Smithies,

So great to see so many of you at the Margaret Mitchell House in Atlanta, on September 27 — both familiar faces and others whom I hadn’t seen at a Smith Club event for awhile. And what a night of stimulating conversations. The dynamic discussion between President Carol Christ and Professor Susan Van Dyne reminded me so much of classes at Smith, but seeing photos of a young Margaret “Peggy” Mitchell with housemates and hearing about the camaraderie she felt during her lone year in Northampton took me back to the lifelong friendships I made at Smith and am still making thanks to the Atlanta Smith Club. I know you’ll join me in thanking everyone who came down from Smith for allowing us to reconnect with our college.

What a great start to the club year, and hope you’ll be able to join us and continue those conversations at our Fall Social at Noni’s, Book Club meetings, and at the Holiday Tea. The club leadership team is also hard at work already planning winter and spring events, including another Smith professor visit, a spring social, young alum gatherings and a volunteer activity. We also hope to raise awareness of Smith in Georgia and increase the number of applications from the state, both via recruitment activities and the Book Awards.

I always hate to bring up dues, but I hope you will consider becoming a member if you enjoy a more active Smith Club. Your dues allow us to increase the number of opportunities to meet up with fellow alums, reach out to prospective and current students, pay for this newsletter and invitations, and much more. I hope you’ll also consider sponsoring a book award or adding a little extra to your check to support the Margaret Mitchell Scholarship which supports two Georgia students to attend Smith every year.

I hope to see you at a club event soon!

-Anya Martin '85
AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com

Recent Event Photos

(L-R) Cara Saylor Polk ’65, Ambassador Andrew Young, Eve Hoffman ’64, Anya Martin ’85 at Smithnic 2011

Anne Faszcza Tierney ’57 and guests at Margaret Mitchell event

Jollica Thomas ’11, Dora Guzman ’05 at Smithnic 2011
LEADERSHIP TEAM
We are very excited to announce some changes and welcome several new members to the leadership team for the 2011-2012 year:

Communications Co-Chairs:
Angela Elrod ’92
Jocel Thornhill ’90

Young Alumnae Coordinator:
Karli Swift ’04

Volunteer Outreach Coordinator:
Morgan Moorehead ’09

Book Club Co-Coordinator:
Dora Guzman ’05

CLASS OF 2015
Welcome to the newest members of the Georgia/Smith community:

Binh Lay Chung - Flowery Branch
Werhawet Gidey Gebremeskei - Clarkston
Jordan Kristen Gooden - Atlanta
Jasmine Olivia Poteat - Lithonia
Syeda Nowmee Shehab - Snellville

The club is working to build stronger relationships with current and prospective students from Georgia. If you’re interested in helping prepare exam-time care packages (donating baked goods, crafts, time, funds, etc.) for current students from Georgia, email AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com.

LOCAL ALUMNAE NEWS
Colleen Giannotta ’06, left Fulton County Schools in May and, as of the fall, is teaching at Fugees Academy. Fugees Academy is a part of Fugees Family, a soccer club for refugee kids that was started by Luma Muflah ’97. This unique school is doing amazing things for refugee students. According to Giannotta, refugees come to America having escaped dangerous and traumatizing situations in their countries and they have to adjust very quickly to life in America. Learning the language, the customs, and the skills necessary to survive here are daunting tasks. School in particular can be difficult for refugees, because they are expected to acquire new facts and skills while also learning English. There are limited resources in public education, and refugees rarely receive the support they need to succeed.

The Fugees Academy is a private school for refugees, where they receive individualized, small-group instruction that meets their needs. Giannotta will teach 6th grade English. She states, “I can barely hold in my excitement about working with these remarkable students ... they are enthusiastic, curious, and eager to learn! I tell everyone I meet how thrilled I am to have the opportunity to be involved in such an amazing organization.”

The Fugees Family organization is raising money to build a permanent home for its academy. If you are interested in helping or participating in the Fugee’s “Your Five, Our Future” campaign, which is trying to get 1 million people to donate five dollars, visit http://www.fugeesfamily.org. Check out this video at: http://bit.ly/o0Uts8

Kamina Pinder ’93, will commute to Washington, D.C. from Atlanta to be a Visiting Associate Law Professor at Howard University School of Law, beginning in November. She will also teach a course on business ethics at Johns Hopkins Carey Business School.

View the restoration craftsmanship of Renee Stein ’94, conservator at Emory’s Michael C. Carlos Museum, on a rare ancient Egyptian Old Kingdom mummy. The special exhibition Life and Death in the Pyramid Age is running through December 11, 2011. For more information, visit http://carlos.emory.edu/2011-09-11-Old-Kingdom-Mummy

Thank You
2011-2012 Club Members!
Margaret Mitchell Circle
Jaye Hensel ’77
Sustaining Members
Anne Faszcza Tierney ’57
Members
Monica Elizabeth Barnard ’07
Angela Elrod ’92
Renee Stein ’94
Jollica Thomas ’11
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JOIN THE CLUB!
2011-2012

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, 119 Madison Avenue, Decatur GA 30030

☐ Recent grad (2007-2011) $20  ☐ Contributing member $60  ☐ Margaret Mitchell Circle $150
☐ Basic member $30  ☐ Sustaining member $90  ☐ Book award ($35 each or $ _____)
☐ 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.
The Book Club met Sunday, October, 23 at the home of Anya Martin ’85. To celebrate and prepare for Halloween, they read and discussed four short stories by Edgar Allan Poe — “The Pit and Pendulum,” “The Masque of the Red Death,” “The Fall of the House of Usher,” and “The Tell-Tale Heart.” Can you imagine the discussion about these dark stories?

The next book is Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff. The Book Club will meet Sunday, November 20, 2011 at the home of Melissa Carel ’80. Contact Dora Guzman at dorabguzman@gmail.com or Cynthia Schlag-Morneweck at cmorneweck@gmail.com if you’d like to join the club and for the meeting location.

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/