



## Party For The Parks On Ponce "Dream In Green" Feb. 22

The 2009 Olmsted Linear Park Alliance Gala and Auction will take place on Sunday, February 22, 2009 at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.

Event chair Kevin Steward said the theme for this year's gala is "Dream in Green." "The Olmsted Park is all about green and more," said Steward. "It's about planting trees, relaxing and being quiet. It's about being out there with nature. And of course, it took a huge dream to get us to the point where we are now with the rehabilitation."

As in previous years, OLPA has an outstanding evening lined up for guests. Catering will be by "Affairs to Remember" and includes an open bar. Music will be provided by Atlanta Acoustic Jazz and guests will enjoy both silent and live auctions, as well as an Imax film.

Some outstanding items are currently being collected for the auction portion of the evening. Fine art, prints, and one of a kind hand-crafted items will go to the highest bidder. Vacation homes and trips will be featured. There will also be a few "surprises" to fit all tastes and budgets.

"Most of all, the Gala is a way for friends and neighbors to gather and celebrate the work that has been accomplished, and to support the work yet to be done. Proceeds from the party will go to maintenance on the park above and beyond what the City and County can accomplish," Steward said.

Steward's gala steering committee includes Philip Thompson, co-chair, Lynn Alexander, Kirk Elifson, Claire Sterk, Barbara Vogel, Lisa Presmanes, Steven DeFrancis, Jennifer Richardson, Julie Ralston, George Ickes, and Tally Sweat.

"It's going to be a great party, and one that

raises money for the park we all enjoy," said Steward. "Come and enjoy a festive evening and help us support the continuing beauty of our 'Dream in Green'."

Reservations for the party may be made on the OLPA website, ([WWW.AtlantaOlmstedPark.org](http://WWW.AtlantaOlmstedPark.org)) or by calling (404) 377-5361.

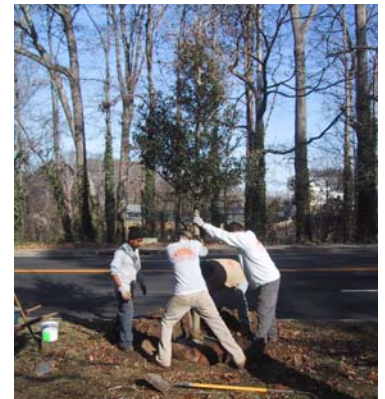
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Use the inserted mailer to join  
today!**

### Men Working in Trees!

OLPA extends deep gratitude to Trees Atlanta and Arboguard Tree Specialists for their work in the linear park. Arboguard recently donated over \$6,000 of work on tree trimming. An Arboguard employee works in Virgilee Park in the photo below. Trees Atlanta replaced twelve Darlington Oaks in Shadyside Park. In the picture at right, four men from Trees Atlanta plant a Darlington Oak in Shady Side adjacent to Ponce de Leon Avenue.



**"Bounding Bacchanal", a mixed media painting by Maxey Andress will be auctioned to the highest bidder at the Gala.**





At Druid Hills Day in Dellwood Park, Maria, the granddaughter of Druid Hills residents Gail and Spencer King enjoys the African music.



The above acrylic painting will be auctioned at the OLPA Gala. It's called "Sunday by the Fish Pond" by artist Clem Bedwell.

## OLPA Honors Tally Sweat for Years of Service

The OLPA Board is honoring President Tally Sweat for her years of service to the organization by naming a prominent feature of the Park, the Promenade in Deepdene, after her. The OLPA Development Committee has identified a goal of \$100,000, which will be used to complete construction of this feature of the Park and to establish an endowment for its long term upkeep.

"We hope this action will appropriately symbolize Tally's tireless efforts and extraordinary leadership on behalf of the Park as she retires as President of the Board," said Jim Waits, a member of the Development Committee. "If you wish to contribute to this fund, you may do so by mail or by visiting our web site. All donors will be invited to a special naming recognition. Please call me at (404) 378-5999 if you need further information."

The following persons have made contributions:

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**New Offices for OLPA**

Thanks to a generous arrangement with Fernbank Museum of Natural History, the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance office has moved into one room of the McClatchey House located at 1788 Ponce de Leon Avenue. OLPA's mailing address will remain Post Office Box 5500, Atlanta, GA 31107. The new phone number is (404) 377-5361 and the fax number is (404) 377-5362. The website address is:  
[WWW.AtlantaOlmstedPark.org](http://WWW.AtlantaOlmstedPark.org)



George Ickes (seen here with hand truck) and Jennie Richardson helped move the OLPA office to its new home from City Hall East.



(Above) Administrator George Ickes and President Tally Sweat stand outside the historic McClatchey house. OLPA's new office overlooks Dellwood Park on Ponce de Leon Avenue.

**Kevin Steward Chairs Gala**



Kevin Steward

Kevin Steward has graciously agreed to be chair of the 2009 OLPA Gala. Kevin is a neighbor and has lived in Druid Hills for many years, most recently on Harvard Road, and presently on Briarcliff Road. Kevin is a realtor with Paris and Associates Realtors. He's already assembled his Gala Steering Committee, and plans are well under way to obtain a host committee and sponsors.



Sam Williams, President of Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, holds a one-of-a-kind hand-crafted bowl that he turned in his shop. OLPA board member Williams has generously donated a bowl to each of OLPA's auctions.

Photo compliments of Byron E. Small and the Atlanta Business Chronicle

**You Must Be Present to Win!**

One of the most coveted object d'arts at OLPA's Gala Auction is a hand-turned bowl made by Sam A. Williams. That's because artist and craftsman Williams doesn't sell his bowls—he only gives them away to friends and to charity. Last year, many determined bidders saw their hopes of acquiring a bowl dashed when the price rose ever higher. After all but two bidders dropped out, a bidding war ensued. What will happen at this year's gala? Who will be the winner of the 2009 bowl? Anything can happen, but remember that you can't acquire Williams' bowl without bidding for it, and you must be present at the OLPA gala to win!!

## OLPA

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**A Park Bench Named in Honor of  
Fentress Waits**  
By Her Grandchildren

### Druid Hills Garden Club Plants Memorial Trees

Members of Druid Hills Garden Club gathered recently in Oak Grove Park to plant dogwood trees in memory of two of their members: Kathleen Wilkinson and Betty Minor. The memorial trees are located directly across from Paideia's new middle school. The Garden Club was founded in 1928 and has been a consistent donor to OLPA's efforts to rehabilitate the linear park. Pictured below are Sister Hood, Mary Hood, Sylvia Kortan, Jeanne Frazier, Betty Crawford, Tally Sweat, Laura Patterson and President Paula McInerney. And to the left, some of the same members apply mulch to the dogwood planted in memory of Betty Minor.



**DH Garden Club members plant a dogwood in memory of member Betty Minor**

