



3136 Andrews Drive

Style: Georgian Revival
Year built: 1929

At once elegant and relaxed, the home of Christine and Dean Eisner and their two children embodies the advice inscribed on a treasured scroll that hangs in their living room: "Treat each other as you would an honored guest." Family-oriented spaces in the rear of the home are personal but welcoming, and in the more public front rooms, humble keepsakes are displayed alongside valuable antiques.

"When we first walked in, we could see every room being lived in," says Christine, an interior designer. The creek in the front yard and fig tree in the back charmed Dean Eisner, CEO of Manheim Auctions, a subsidiary of Cox

Enterprises, parent company of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Since buying the home in 1993, Christine says, "We've been evolving, and the space has been evolving with us." Without changing the home's traditional character, the couple made numerous changes to the interior to let in more natural light and to better accommodate a modern lifestyle.

"Our idea has been to create a haven that is in harmony with the simplicity and beauty of our surroundings," Christine says, echoing the principles underlying the design of Peachtree Heights Park.

A clear solution: Custom glass cabinetry allows natural light to enter the windowless interior kitchen from neighboring exterior rooms.

TOUR AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Buckhead in Bloom home and garden tour

WHEN: Noon-5 p.m. April 15

WHERE: Tour's first house is 3136 Andrews Drive, Atlanta. Tickets sold there on day of tour.

COST: \$40; \$30 for APC members. To charge ahead, call the APC at 404-688-3353, Ext. 14. Tickets also sold at some Harry Norman Realtors offices in advance and on day of tour.

INSIDE SCOOP: Docents will be available to answer questions.

PHOTOGRAPHY: It isn't allowed inside homes during tour.

MORE INFO: 404-688-3353, Ext. 14; www.preserveatlanta.org

GETTING THERE: From downtown Atlanta, take I-75 north to Exit 252A (U.S. 41). Turn right onto Northside Drive. Go 1.7 miles to West Wesley Road and turn right. Go half a mile. Turn left at Habersham Road. Go one-fourth mile; turn right at Cherokee Road. Go half a mile and turn left on Andrews Drive. House is on left. See map, Page 2.

LECTURE ON BUCKHEAD HISTORY

In conjunction with the tour, Susan Barnard, author of "Buckhead: A Place for All Time," will give a lecture on the history of Buckhead, beginning with Native Americans who lived in the area.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday

WHERE: Gould Room at Cathedral of St. Philip, 2744 Peachtree Road N.W., Atlanta

COST: \$10.

INFO: For tickets and reservations, call 404-688-3353, Ext. 11.

2943 Habersham Road

Style: Tudor Revival
Year built: 1926

The only Tudor Revival on the tour, the home of Suzanne and Richard Detlefs evokes romantic images of the Old World. Tudor characteristics include a rambling, asymmetrical form, steeply pitched gables and peaked arches above windows and doors.

Suzanne Detlefs says she is happy to open her home for the benefit of the APC, whose preservation work she considers vital in Atlanta. "Older homes and neighborhoods provide character, especially in a city that is growing so fast," she says.

The owners especially enjoy being able to view the courtyard terrace, fountain and garden from several rooms. Azaleas are the stars in spring, but even during winter the grounds are colorful, thanks to 28 varieties of cold-loving camellia, planted by the original owner.

Private gallery: Nearly every room features at least one piece of the owners' eclectic art collection, which includes works by contemporary Native



American painter R.C. Gorman, naturalist John James Audubon and 18th-century Dutch painter Jan Frans Van Dael.



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2990 Habersham Road

Style: Contemporary Classic
Year built: 1981

Built by Sarah and Philip Gwynn in the boxwood garden of their previous home, this clean-lined stucco cottage exemplifies the kind of new construction Boyd Coons says is appropriate for Peachtree Heights Park.

"It in no way impinges on the effects of the ensemble as you drive down Habersham," he says. "It is perfectly in scale and consonance with the rhythm of the street."

What makes good neighbors: A striking 19th-century iron fence in front of the home has been in place as long as any of the neighbors can remember. It helps give the new construction a grounded presence and endures as a highlight of the Habersham Road streetscape.

2505 Rivers Road

Style: Colonial Revival
Year built: 1933

With its wide front porch and unadorned style, the Ivey & Crook-designed clapboard home of Boyce and Shepard Ansley exudes a relaxed, understated Colonial American character.

A discreet modern addition gives the couple a little extra living space at the back of the original house. An eclectic mix of antiques and modern pieces reflects the owners' unique tastes.

The Ansleys have solid preservationist credentials: Boyce is vice regent

for Georgia at Mount Vernon, the Virginia home of George Washington and the oldest preservation project in the United States. Both she and Shepard have served as president of the APC, and their philosophy of preservation in Atlanta is simple: "Older homes are viable, and they're an important part of what makes Atlanta great," Boyce says.

Timeless beauty: The silver tea service in the dining room, a family heirloom, was voted prettiest tea set at the International Cotton Exposition of 1881. A pair of chrome-and-leather Mies van der Rohe stools in the home's addition provide a modern touch.

