

VISIT THE NATURE PRESERVE

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Directions to the Preserve:

The Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve is a 28-acre wildlife sanctuary with the entrance located on Pine Bluff Drive in Decatur. Take Medlock Road to Medlock School and turn right onto Wood Trail Lane. Continue past the stop sign at Harrington Drive. The entrance to the Preserve is one block straight ahead.



Clyde Shepherd  
NATURE PRESERVE

managed by South Peachtree  
Creek Nature Preserve, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As I write this message it is raining again, but nothing compared to the devastating flooding of recent weeks.

During the heavy rains of September, the boardwalk trail to the new photo blind and the meadow trail boardwalk were lifted off the concrete blocks (see article by Dave Butler), silt covered all of the boardwalks, and Pine Bluff was on the news with several feet of water at the cul de sac of Harrington and Pine Bluff. One of the important benefits of a floodplain is to absorb floodwaters, working like a sponge to help control the impact to our neighborhood. Unfortunately, some of our neighbors still incurred damage to their properties.

This year CSNP removed two trees that were about to fall due to the cumulative effect of the drought in previous years and the extreme rainfall experienced this year, which severely weakens tree root systems. The cost of removing these trees made a significant dent in CSNP's annual budget.

Please join us for our annual Harvest Festival, this year on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, from 4-8 pm, as we celebrate the fall season and nature.

We thank all of our supporters for the generous contributions you have provided over the years. As we come to the end of 2009, please remember Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve in your year-end tax-deductible gifts to non-profit organizations. CSNP is a 501 (c) 3 organization that completely depends on donations to maintain this beautiful wildlife sanctuary.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Madeline L. Reamy  
President, Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve

CSNP HARVEST FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 4-8 PM

Before or after Trick or Treating, come enjoy the sights and sounds of nature on an autumn evening at Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve's tenth annual Harvest Celebration. Bring the family to enjoy music, crafts, a composting demonstration, nature walks, and a warm campfire with your neighbors. **Music will be provided by Allen, Vinton, and Godfrey**, a vocal trio inspired by the full pallet of American music, from classic jazz, country and blues to contemporary indie rock, r&b and alternative. **Bring a picnic dinner this year and CSNP will provide snacks, marshmallows for roasting, hot chocolate and cider. A donation of \$4 is requested** to support the event and ongoing preservation programs at the Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. **Children 3 and under are admitted free.**

Madeline L. Reamy



FLOODING DAMAGE REPORT

The recent floods caused a lot of damage to homes near the creek in our neighborhood and we hope our friends are getting back to normal quickly. CSNP suffered from the flood too when the rising waters lifted our Meadow Trail boardwalks off their support blocks and left them looking like a twisted railroad track. On Saturday October 3, Hands On Atlanta volunteers and many of our neighbors joined together to rebuild the boardwalk. The effort was similar to putting together a giant jigsaw puzzle. The next step will be to fasten the boardwalk to the ground to avoid the same type of damage in the next flood. Thanks to all the wonderful folks who came out and gave us their time and strong backs to get a big job done in just a couple of hours.



Dave Butler



some photos by Laura Brand

## CSNP VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS SPRING-FALL 2010

Help mulch trails, remove invasive plants such as kudzu, privet and ivy; plant native trees and flowers; and make new friends. Volunteers are always needed to assist with our monthly workdays and to help supervise volunteer projects. Bring water, gloves and extra tools, as available. Training is provided. For more information, contact the CSNP volunteer coordinator, at [information@cshepherdpreserve.org](mailto:information@cshepherdpreserve.org).

- Saturday, November 7, 9-12
- Sunday, December 6, 1-4
- Monday, January 18 — MLK Service Day, 9-1
- Saturday, February 6, 1-4
- Sunday, March 7, 9-12
- Saturday, April 10, 9-12
- Sunday, May 2, 9-12
- Saturday, June 5, 9-12
- Sunday, July 11, 8-11
- Saturday, August 7, 8-11
- Sunday, September 12, 9-12
- Saturday, October 2, 9-1 (HOA Day)
- Saturday, November 7, 9-12 (Harvest Festival prep)
- Sunday, December 5, 1-4



donor appreciation party

## NEW POND STUDY AREA COMPLETED BY SCOUT

Eagle Scout Chris Antley completed his scout project at the Nature Preserve in September by building an outdoor classroom near the small pond on the Interpretive Trail. Chris also built a deck extending out over the pond to allow the collection of crayfish, tadpoles, and aquatic insects for study by classes visiting the preserve. This was a long awaited project and we are excited to have this area added to our facilities. Thanks to Chris, friends, and family for a job well done.

Dave Butler



photos by Dave Butler

## MARTHA KISER BIRD GARDEN DEDICATED

On June 7, the Martha Kiser Bird Garden was dedicated in her memory. Pictured here is Maurice Kiser unveiling the new plaque.



New signs with the trail guidelines (rules) have been designed and installed by Chris Radcliffe of Radcliffe Design Group. There are two signs, one at the entrance to the forest trail, the other at the entrance to the beaver pond trail.



photos by Laura Brand

### Sponsorships

We invite your business or organization to sponsor events in the future. For more information call 678-951-0105, email [information@cshepherdpreserve.org](mailto:information@cshepherdpreserve.org), or visit our web site at <http://www.cshepherdpreserve.org>.



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# Application Supporter

If you would like to become a supporter or if you already are a supporting member of the Clyde Shepherd Preserve, please consider a tax deductible donation. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are used directly for maintenance and improvements in the preserve. We receive no financial assistance from DeKalb County and depend on our neighbors, local businesses, and grants for our funding. Please mail this application with your donation to:

Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve  
c/o South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve, Inc.  
P.O. Box 33247  
Decatur, GA 30033

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