

ATLANTA PEACE TRAILS

Peace Poles, Monuments & Gardens
in Greater Atlanta



Atlanta Peace Trails

Atlanta Nobel Peace Prize History:

The Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded since 1901. Five Laureates have ties with Atlanta: 1) The Red Cross has several offices in Atlanta. The Red Cross' founder, Henry Dunant shared the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901, and the International Committee of the Red Cross received the Prize three times - 1917, 1944, and 1963; 2) Woodrow Wilson worked for a year in Atlanta as an attorney, and received the Prize in 1919; 3) The American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) received the Prize in 1947; 4) Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., raised and preached in Atlanta, received the Prize in 1964; and 5) President Jimmy Carter (former governor of Georgia) received the Prize in 2002.

Atlanta Peace Trails (APT) History:

Our Vision: To encourage people to visit places of peace in metro Atlanta.

This was accomplished through the collaboration of 3 women: Carla Smith, Atlanta City Council Member, District 1; Dr. Gail Lash, Tourism For Peace; and Andrea Kay Smith, Partnerships In Peace. Carla & Gail had a long history, dating back to when Carla visited constituent Gail's home to see a Peace Pole in the center of a labyrinth. Then one evening at a community meeting they started discussing ideas for District 1, which included the Peace Trails. This appealed to Carla because she saw it as an opportunity to encourage people to walk, bike or use MARTA to see what was in their own neighborhood. At the same time, Gail was working with Andrea on various peace activities, and Andrea shared that she had planted Peace Poles since 1990, and that she was working on documenting all the existing Poles in Atlanta. Thus, the 3 women came together in 2007,

and created what turned into this booklet - Atlanta Peace Trails! As more Peace Places are created, this booklet will be updated online, as well as expanded into a hard-copy book, "Peace Trails Atlanta: A Model for the World."



Dr. Gail Lash, Carla Smith, Andrea Kay Smith

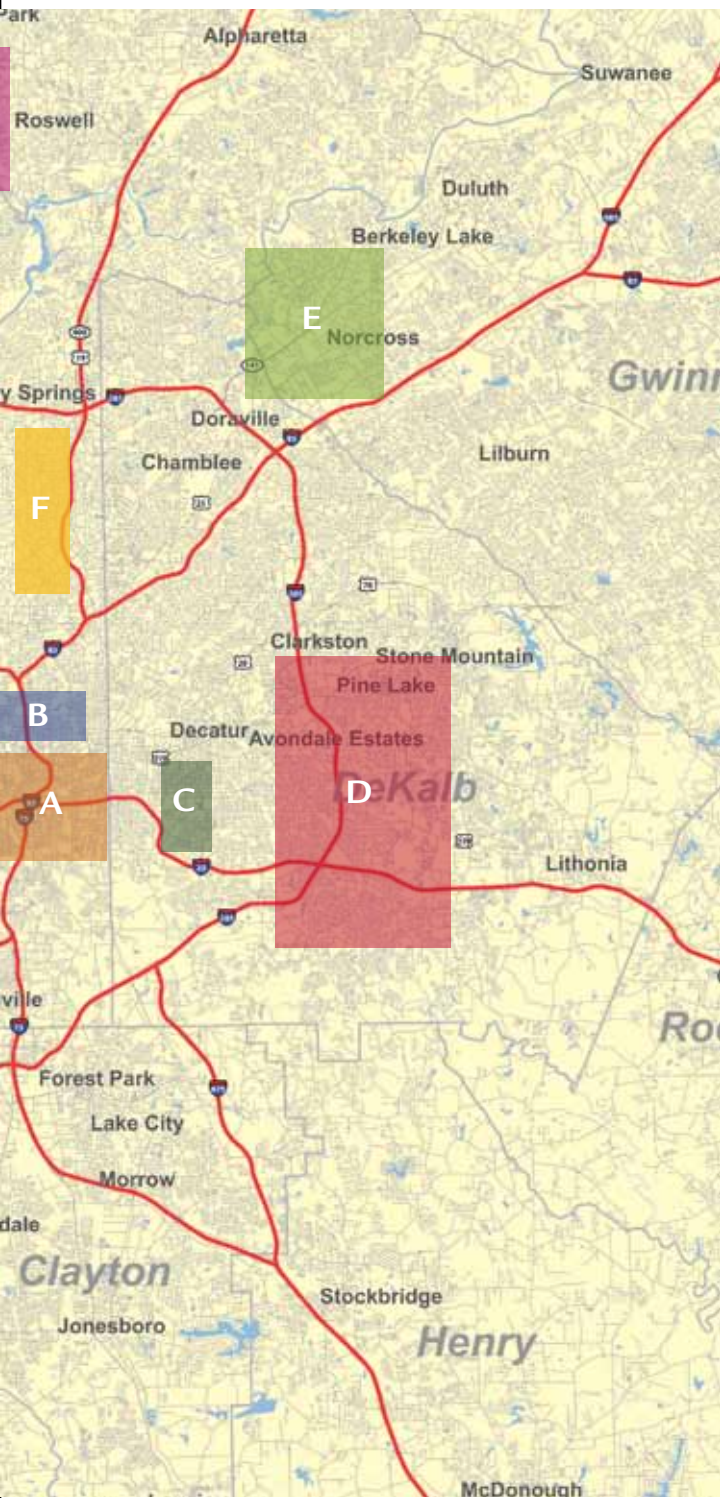
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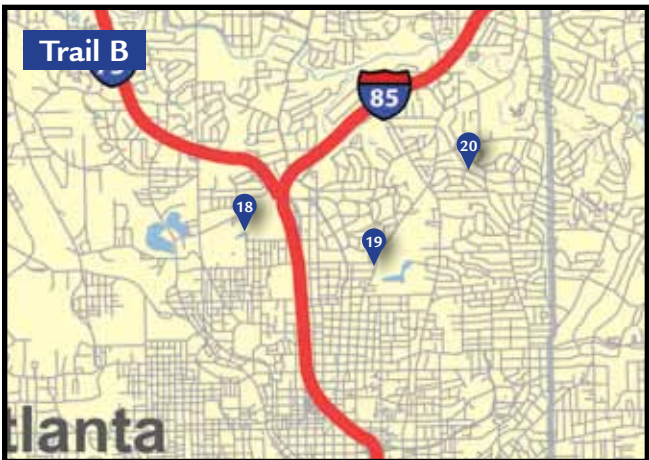
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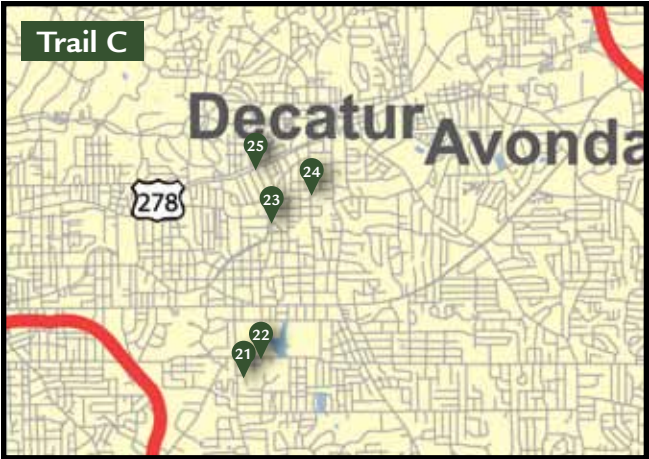
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Places of Peace within close proximity to each other.



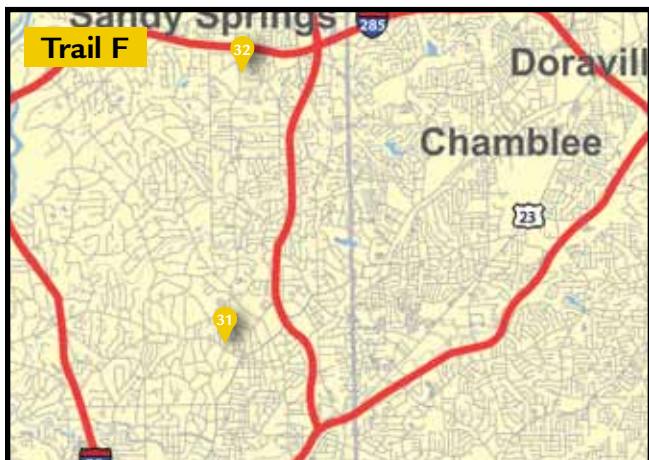
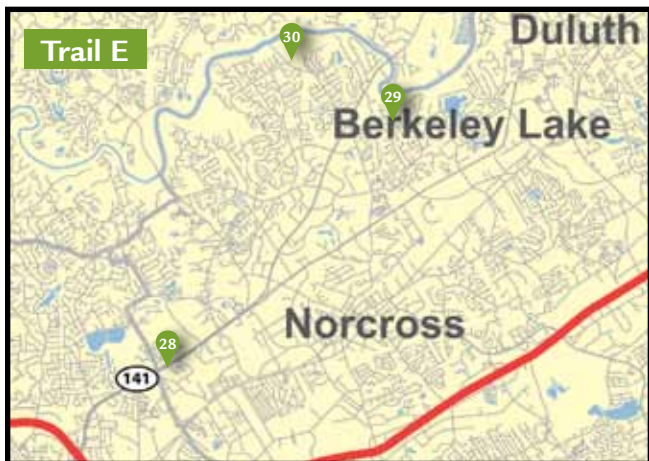
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“I consider this movement part of the human rights movement, ... Everybody is entitled to an equal chance in life. ... I’m going to keep pressing so everyone has an equal chance in the world. There’s still a lot of work to do, and we’ll keep doing it.”

Ted Turner
*Philanthropist and
businessman*

“I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments.

Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower
five-star general of the United States Army and 34th President of the United States from 1953 until 1961

1. Atlanta From The Ashes



Location:

Woodruff Park
Edgewood Ave & Peachtree St.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Contact:

A.J. Robinson, President
ajrobinson@atlantadowntown.com
404-658-1980

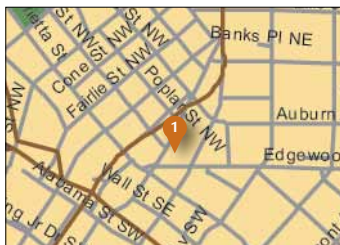
Cooper Holland
cooper@atlantadowntown.com
404-658-1877
Central Atlanta Progress
www.AtlantaDowntown.com

History:

This 21-foot bronze and marble statue depicts a woman being lifted from flames by a phoenix in flight. A phoenix is a bird from Egyptian mythology. The sculpture is allegorical in nature, symbolizing Atlanta's rebirth after a devastating fire during the Civil War in 1864. It was dedicated in January, 1969 by the Rich's Foundation. Given as a gift to the City of Atlanta, the sculpture commemorated Rich's Department store's 100th anniversary. The bronze sculpture, locally known as "The Phoenix" was moved from Spring Street and MLK Boulevard, refurbished and rededicated in 1996, and placed at the Five Points entrance of Woodruff Park as part of a \$5 million dollar renovation. The sculpture was cast in Pietrasanta, Italy based on a maquette by Gamba Quinino, it has foundry marks of F. Vezzoni. As a young man, the artist/architect Jim Siegler worked for Rich's in their planning department.

Artist:

Jim Siegler (b. Augusta, Georgia
1930, resides Houston, Texas)



2. International Peace Fountain



Location:

Woodruff Park
Auburn Ave. and Peachtree St.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Contact:

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404-658-1980

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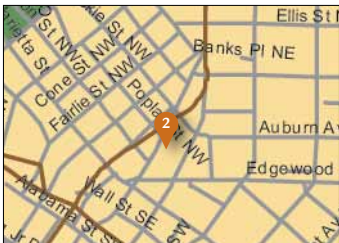
Central Atlanta Progress
www.AtlantaDowntown.com

History:

The International Peace Fountain unifies the park with an exuberant water display that commemorates Atlanta's pivotal role in the world wide human and civil rights movement. Woodruff Park celebrates a revitalized downtown with an elegant and sophisticated design that has dynamic pedestrian spaces to accommodate Atlanta's major events. Built prior to Olympics in 1995, The International Peace Fountain commemorates Atlanta's pivotal role in the Civil Rights movement. A geyser fountain and waterfall make a dramatic focus for the park, and a memorable gateway to Auburn Avenue and the M.L. King, Jr. National Park site. Olympic planners envisioned Woodruff Park as a strategic open space in downtown Atlanta for the Centennial Olympics in 1996. The fountain commemorates Atlanta's unique energy and culture, and her legacy for the twentieth century.

Artist:

Nimrod Long and Associates
http://www.nimrodlong.com/proj_woodruff.htm



3. The Phoenix



Location:

Broad Street Plaza on
Marietta St., near Five
Points MARTA train
station
Atlanta, GA 30303

Contact:

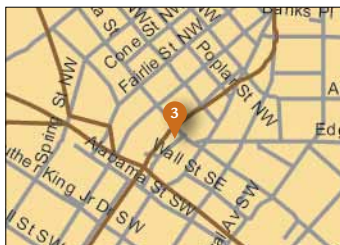
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of Cultural Affairs
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Public Art
404-817-6758
www.ocaatlanta.com

History:

Originally commissioned by Sun Trust Bank in 1964, this statue was located at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Park Place, across from Woodruff Park. In 1981, The First National Bank of Atlanta gifted its move to its current location in front of the MARTA Five Points Station at Broad Street Plaza, on Marietta. The statue's dimensions are 15' 10" high by 10' width, and 13' deep. Its medium is bronze with 23 Karat gold leaf, and a granite base.

Artist:

Francesco Somaini



4. Niki



Location:

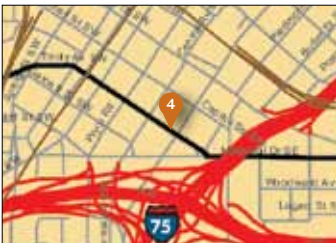
Atlanta City Hall
55 Trinity Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30303
(Located on
Mitchell St. side)

Contact:

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History:

This statue was a permanent gift from the City of Athens, Greece, to the City of Atlanta, symbolizing the Olympic ideals. It is a contemporary adaption of the Winged Victory of Samothrace. The Mayor of Athens, Dimitrios L. Avramopoulos, donated Niki to the city of Atlanta for the Centennial of the Modern Olympics, July 19, 1996. The artist is Pavlos Kouglioumtzis, who created a sculpture of bronze and marble, standing 10 feet, 8 inches high.



5. Georgia Aquarium



Location:

Georgia Aquarium
225 Baker Street
Atlanta, GA 30313
www.georgiaaquarium.org

Contact:

Kristie Cobb
404-581-4130
kcobb@georgiaaquarium.org

History:

The Georgia Aquarium opened in November 2005 as a gift to the community from Bernie and Billi Marcus. Mr. Marcus, who co-founded The Home Depot, wanted to give back to the community. Their extraordinary personal gift of \$250 million, along with major commitments from some of Atlanta's best corporate citizens created a new attraction for downtown Atlanta.

The Georgia Aquarium is committed to inspiring guests to conserve aquatic biodiversity throughout the world through education and engaging experiences. We have been honored to host visitors from every state and many countries from around the globe. Our exhibits and animals represent diverse environments and species, bringing the best of the aquatic world together in one facility.

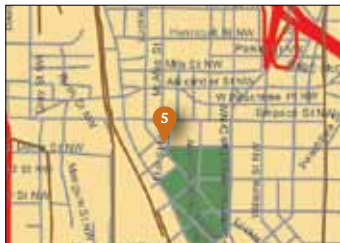


It is our hope that through the beauty of the aquatic world showcased in our aquarium exhibits, we can unite the joy of guests with the importance of sustainable practices and environmental conservation. Through these actions our team of staff and volunteers work daily with the hope making a difference in our community.

This Pole was dedicated on International Peace Day, September 21st 2008.

Languages:

Braille	Portuguese
Chinese	Hebrew
German	French
Spanish	Arabic
English	Italian
Russian	Sign
Japanese	



6. Tribute



Location:

Centennial Olympic Park
Corner of Marietta Street
and International Blvd.
Atlanta, Ga 30303

Contact:

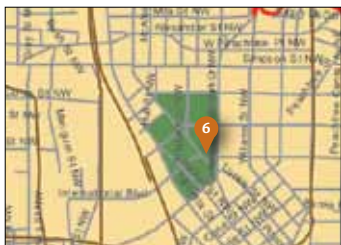
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History:

Centennial Olympic Park was designed by EDAW, Inc. A key feature of the park is the “world famous” Fountain of Rings interactive fountain which features computer-controlled lights and jets of water synchronized with music played from speakers in light towers surrounding the fountain. The fountain area is surrounded by flags representing the host countries of each Summer Olympics preceding the 1996 games. There are several pieces of sculpture scattered through the park including a statue of Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympic movement.

In the northwest corner of the park, this fan-shaped, eight ton sculpture was commissioned for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the modern games. Three runners, each 9 feet tall, cast in bas-relief, stand inside a huge arc that rests on a stone that was quarried on Mount Olympia, where the Olympics originated.

The sculpture was scratched by shrapnel from the pipe bomb blast that killed two people and injured 111 others during the games. Artist Calaboyias commented on this tragic event by saying: “Actually my sculpture protected people from the explosion.” Asked to repair the damage, he responded: “I wanted the damage left because those are marks of history now.”



7. World Peace Rose Garden



Location:

Martin Luther King Jr.
Center for Non-violence
& Social Change
450 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta, Ga 30303
www.thekingcenter.org

Contact:

Steve Klein
Sklein@thekingcenter.org
404-526-8944

History:

The Rose Garden was installed in 1992 by The International World Peace Rose Gardens (www.worldpeacerosegardens.org), with the theme: "Peace through Non-Violence." The Garden borders the Peace Plaza, in front of the Visitors' Center. The starburst design invokes the brilliance of Dr. King's life and its impact on humankind. The pink roses represent Mrs. Coretta Scott King and her continuation of his work. The band of red roses that weaves through the garden honors African-Americans' contributions to USA & world history. The solid bands of white roses honor the special bond and similarity of peace movements between King and Gandhi. Multi-colored roses symbolize nations of the world and the appeal of King's message. Plaques were written by Atlanta Public School students, and unveiled April 2008.



8. Gandhi Statue



Location:

Martin Luther King Jr.
Center for Non-violence &
Social Change
450 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta, Ga 30303
www.thekingcenter.org

Contact:

Steve Klein
Sklein@thekingcenter.org
404-526-8944

History:

A statue of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled at the Martin Luther King Jr. Historical Site in Atlanta on January 24, 1998. This historical event, taking place in the course of the 50th anniversary of India's independence, was made possible by sustained and concerted efforts made by the National Federation of Indian-American Associations (NFIA), along with the enthusiastic support of the National Park Service of the U.S., especially its superintendent, Mr. Troy Lissimore.

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) donated the statue, which was sculpted by Mr. Ram Sutar of New Delhi.



9. Homage to King



Location:

Boulevard and Freedom
Parkway
Atlanta, Ga 30303

Contact:

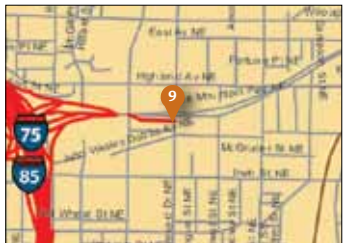
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History:

This dramatic sculpture (16 feet wide x 2.75 inches deep x 10 feet high (pole 7.4 feet high)) – a profile of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his arm outstretched – literally welcomes people to the King National Historic site at the southwest corner of Boulevard and Freedom Parkway. It was commissioned in 1996 by the Cultural Legacy Initiative, which brought major permanent works of art to Atlanta from Barcelona – the 1992 Summer Olympic city – as an Olympic cultural exchange. Cut and rolled from a solid plate of Cor-Ten steel, the sculpture is integrated into the bicycle and pedestrian path project linking Georgia Institute of Technology to Freedom Parkway.

Artist:

Xavier Medina-Campeny (b. Barcelona, Spain, 1943, resides Barcelona)



10. Conversation Peace



Location:

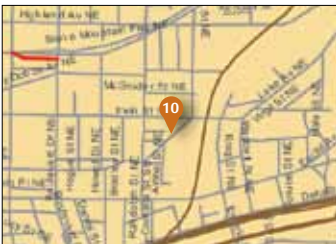
Studioplex
659 Auburn Ave.,
Atlanta, GA 30312
www.studioplexlofts.com

Contact:

City of Atlanta Office of
Cultural Affairs
Robert Witherspoon
Project Supervisor, Public Art
404-817-6758
www.ocaatlanta.com

History:

Influenced by the stories his grandfather told him about how African Americans were lynched by their neckties on their way to vote, Atlanta artist Kevin E. Cole created a four-part installation entitled, “Conversation Peace.” Since 1992, the artist has made use of the necktie as an icon, motif, and symbol of power, emphasizing a relationship between music and color. Kevin incorporates patterns and textures of traditional African clothes, which speak to human conditions and behaviors. The implied vigor and motion expressed in his artwork parallel the physical changes and growth taking place in the communities for which the artwork was originally created: East Atlanta and Grant and Ormewood Parks. Cole’s works can be found in over 500 public, corporate, and private collections. In 1996, he received the Georgia State Artist of the Year Award.



11. Dancing Bear Labyrinth



Location:

Bear Manor
366 Oakland Ave., SE
Atlanta, GA. 30312

Contact:

Dr. Gail Lash & Nevin Lash
www.tourismforpeace.org
404-523-3689

Open to the public anytime.
Also, come join Peace Prayer
Gatherings at the Labyrinth on
19th of each month – 7pm if
weekday, and 2pm if weekend.

History:

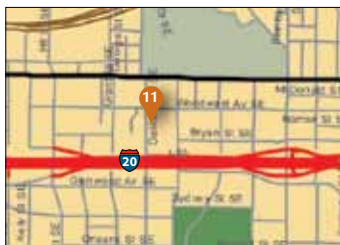
After traveling to England to attend a Labyrinth conference and walk the Tor at Glastonbury, the Lashes decided in March 2004 to build a labyrinth in their front yard, as a meditation garden and a place of peace. The Peace Pole was dedicated June 5, 2006 at the Dancing Bear Labyrinth. Elders from the Cherokee Nation spoke and drummed at the gathering, while peoples of all races read prayers of peace and walked the labyrinth broadcasting peace into the world.

This is in the front yard of a private house in Grant Park.



Languages:

Cherokee
English
Spanish
Chinese



12. Zoo Atlanta



Location:

Zoo Atlanta
800 Cherokee Ave.
Atlanta, GA. 30315

Contact:

Thomas Williams
Vice-Pres. of Govt. Relations
& Community Affairs
twilliams@zooatlanta.org
404-624-5633

Dayneen Webb
dwebb@zooatlanta.org

History:

Zoo Atlanta is one of Georgia's most loved institutions. Founded in 1889, it is one of the 10 oldest zoos in continuous operation in the United States. The Zoo's annual attendance exceeds 600,000 per year and Membership tops 34,000 households. Zoo Atlanta is best known for its leadership in the movement to provide naturalistic habitats for Zoo animals and began a multi-million dollar redevelopment campaign in 1985. Zoo Atlanta's naturalistic environment is designed to give guests a tour of select destinations around the globe without ever leaving Atlanta! On the Atlanta Peace Trail, Zoo Atlanta is located in Historic Grant Park. The Peace Pole at Zoo Atlanta can be viewed in the small garden near the reserved parking in the Cherokee parking lot. The Peace Pole reads "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in four languages: Swahili, English, Chinese and Spanish. These languages honor cultures where a majority of the zoo's well known animals come from – gorillas, elephants, giraffe, lions, and pandas, as well as the English, Spanish, and Chinese-speaking populations here in Atlanta.



Languages:

Swahili
English
Chinese
Spanish

13. FCS Urban Ministries



Location:

FCS Urban Ministries
at GlenCastle
750 Glenwood Ave
Atlanta, GA. 30316
www.fcsministries.org

Contact:

Dr. Bob Lupton
404-627-4304

History:

This Peace Pole had a long history beginning in 1994 when it was planted at the intersection of Briarcliff Rd. & LaVista Rd. by the Druid-Lavista Business Assoc. on Earth Day with a garden to commemorate the beginning of the construction of area sidewalks. When Don's Auto Repair business was torn down to make room for a Starbucks, the Peace Pole was temporarily moved to the Friendship Garden in Decatur. With assistance from Dr. Bob Lupton, Andrea was able to buy her first house, creating a community Peace Center. Through FCS Urban Ministries bus loads of youth from around the U.S. came to renovate the damaged house. When that was complete Andrea and Partnerships In Peace found a new home for the Peace Pole at GlenCastle, having a ceremony in 2000.

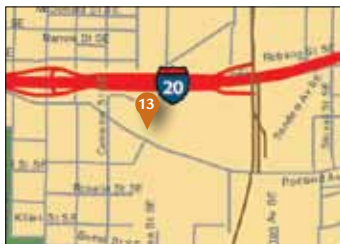


On Earth Day



Languages:

English
Cherokee
Hebrew
Russian



14. Little Five Points



Location:

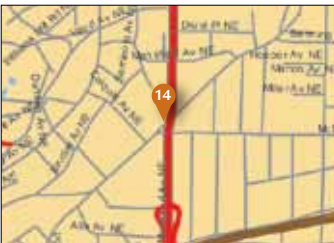
Little Five Points - near
The Vortex Restaurant
438 Moreland Ave NE.
Atlanta, GA. 30307

Contact:

The Little Five Points
Business Association
P.O. Box 5733
Atlanta GA 31107
404-230-2884
www.littlefivepoints.net

History:

Partnerships In Peace planted this Pole with the assistance of Don Bender and the Little Five Points Business Association on Christmas Day, 1995 for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. It was one of the 5 Poles that were delivered by Japanese friends from California. Four of five Poles were planted in one day.



Languages:

2 English
Japanese
Spanish

15. World Wall For Peace



When WWFP was rededicated September 21 2006 for International Day of Peace, some of the core members came together like (left to right) Andrea Kay Smith, Brad Young, Patty O'Keefe Hutton, Sandee Buscarino Majors, Don Bender (with L5P Business Assoc.)

Location:

1117 Euclid Ave.
1 block west of Moreland Ave.
in Little Five Points.
Atlanta, GA 30307

Contact:

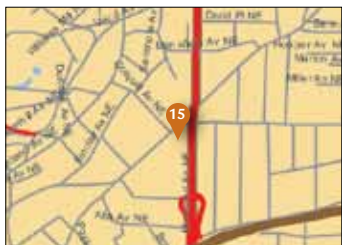
Andrea Kay Smith
Global Cordinator
www.PartnershipsInPeace.org
peacepartnership@mindspirng.com

History:

For the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta 2,000 people came together to paint their vision of peace and created this #30 World Wall for Peace. It took 1-1/2 years to complete and cost \$20,000. It represents the combined endeavor of many individuals, businesses, arts groups, government agencies & private contributors committed to working together to leave this legacy for our great city.

Once the tiles were all painted, they were sent to Alabama to be fired. We chose a tile that is resistant to freezing temperatures and we used paints and glazes that cannot be damaged by graffiti. We hired professional tile setters to install the tiles. We had a dedication ceremony and the wall was ready when the Olympic torch went by on its path to Olympic Park.

World Wall for Peace
was originated by
Carolyna Marks in Berkeley, CA.
www.wwfp.org



16. Hope Statue - Rose Garden



Location:

The Carter Presidential Center
One Copenhill
Atlanta, GA 30307

Contact:

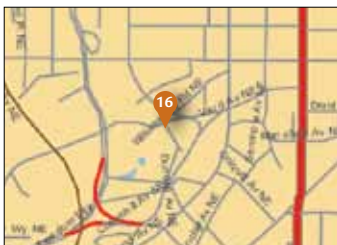
John Hartman
cjohns7@emory.edu
404-420-5100 x219



History:

The serene Rose Garden is home to more than 40 varieties, including the coral Rosalynn Carter, pink Queen Elizabeth, red and white Snow Fire, red Rotary, pink and yellow Peace, lavender Lady X, and Blue Girl. The garden centerpiece is the engaging statue, "Hope", donated by Dorothy C. Fuqua.

The Carter Presidential Center is named for Jimmy Carter (James Earl Carter, Jr.), thirty-ninth president of the United States. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2002, for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development. Through his Carter Center, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2002, Carter has since his presidency been active in several of the problem areas that have figured prominently in the over one hundred years of Peace Prize history - namely conflict resolution on several continents; commitment to human rights, fighting tropical diseases, and bringing about growth and progress in developing countries.



17. “Our City” - City Hall East



Location:

675 Ponce de Leon Ave, NE
Atlanta, GA 30308

Contact:

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Cultural Affairs
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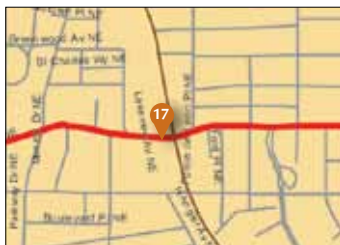
History:

“Our City” artist is Mahdi Fakhreddin. This wall was created with students from the private Industry Council 1993, and restored in 2002 by Mahdi with students from Inn Harbor Project. It was funded in part by the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs, with some percent from the Arts Program, Dept. of Parks & Recreation & Cultural Affairs.



“Evolution” Artist: Gary Flesher with Ebony Goff, Michael Jackson, Jasmine Jones, Rayletha Lowery, Tavares Murphy, Lecosha Pass.

1994 Public Library Program, City of Atlanta, Bureau of Cultural Affairs under auspices of Mayor Bill Campbell & Atlanta City Council.



“If you want to make peace, you don’t talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.”

Moshe Dayan
*Israeli military leader
and politician*

“There is so much love in your heart, that you could heal the entire planet.”

Louise L. Hay
Author and motivational speaker

18. Millennium Gate - Peace & Justice



Location:

17th St. and State St.
Atlantic Station,
Atlanta, GA.
30363

Contact:

Rodney Cook, jr.
National Monuments
Foundation
(404) 364-3002
www.thenmf.org



History:

Millennium Gate is the largest national monument of its kind to be constructed since the Jefferson Memorial. It opened July 4, 2008 at a cost of over \$15 million, privately-funded by Atlanta families, foundations and companies. Inside the building is a museum dedicated to Georgia history, and pioneer Atlanta families and philanthropists. It is built as a Gateway to the Atlantic Station complex, a new

“city within a city” located at the former site of the Atlantic Steel mill, on a piece of private land in the center of 17th Street. The Arch celebrates peace instead of military triumph for this new millennium. The Gate is 82’ tall, and built out of Indiana limestone and stucco. It is owned by the National Monuments Foundation.

The eastern façade is flanked by two feminine forms – Peace and Justice, created by Alexander Stoddart, a Scottish sculptor who has also done work for Buckingham Palace. Each bronze sculpture is approximately 8.5 feet tall and weighs 1.5 tons. To build excitement for the project, a procession carried the two sculptures from the port of Savannah to Atlanta in horse-drawn caissons across cities and small towns throughout Georgia, welcoming the statues with various arts and civics events. The two statues were dedicated on October 27, 2007 at Atlantic Station. Governor Sonny Perdue and Mayor Shirley Franklin took part in the promotional event.



19. Angel of Peace Monument



Location:

Just inside the 14th Street Gate of Piedmont Park, Piedmont Rd. 30309

Contact:

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Public Art
404-817-6758
www.ocaatlanta.com

History:

This statue represents the moment the Angel of Peace - with an olive branch in her left hand - appears before a Confederate soldier preparing to fire his gun. The Angel has come to proclaim peace between North and South. The statue was dedicated on Oct 10, 1911, by then-Georgia Governor Hoke Smith and the Governor of Connecticut, Simeon E. Baldwin. The monument was donated by the Gate City Guard to commemorate its "Mission of Peace", a group of Old Guard members visiting Northern cities and units that had fought against the South, coming here.

Sculptor was Allen G. Newman (1875-1940) from New York.
See: www.geocities.com/pentagon/barracks/1938/page6.htm



20. Woodrow Wilson Garden



Location:

A triangle garden on East Rock Springs Rd., & East Morningside Dr., and Bridle Path NE.

Contact:

City of Atlanta Office
of Cultural Affairs
Robert Witherspoon
Project Supervisor,
Public Art
404-817-6758
www.ocaatlanta.com

Park Pride
www.ParkPride.org

History:

The stone reads, “The Elm and Crepe Myrtle trees in this park and on these thoroughfares were planted and dedicated by The Atlanta Woman’s Club as a Living Memorial to our great statesman Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, March 4, 1913 - March 4, 1921, Commander In Chief of his country during the Great World War. Advocate of permanent world peace through a League of Nations based upon the brotherhood of mankind. Born Dec. 18, 1856 - died Feb 3, 1924. Dedicated this 25th day of May 1924.”

President Wilson won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1919 for advocating international law and arbitration during the war, and outlining his view on post-war settlement through his “Fourteen Points.” These became the guiding principles for the Paris Peace Conference (1919-20), and included the establishment of the League of Nations, the predecessor of the United Nations. Mr. Wilson grew up in Augusta, Georgia, and lived in Atlanta for one year practicing law, starting in May 1882.



“Peace is not a relationship of nations. It is a condition of mind brought about by a serenity of soul. Peace is not merely the absence of war. It is also a state of mind. Lasting peace can come only to peaceful people.”

Jawaharlal Nehru
*first Prime Minister of the
Republic of India*

21. East Lake Commons



Location:

East Lake Commons
2303 Dancing Fox Rd.
Decatur 30032

Contact:

Bert Skellie
404-378-5883
bertskellie@gmail.com

History:

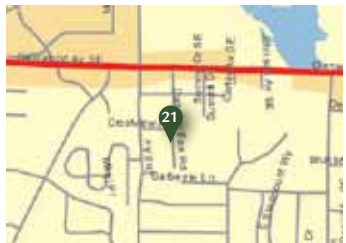
Many of the people at East Lake Commons (a Co-Housing Intentional Community) know Andrea and were at the dedication ceremonies of many of the previously planted Peace Poles in Atlanta. When ELC completed construction the community decided to plant a Peace Pole in 2002 next to the Common House. There was an interactive ceremony which included many residents and later a garden was planted.

(l - r) Andrea Kay Smith, Debbie Gathman, Kathy Johnson & Karen Skellie.



Languages:

English
Sign language
Leaves
May Peace be in our Homes
& Communities



22. Partnerships in Peace Center



Location:

Partnerships In Peace (PIP) Peace Center
516 Summit Dr., Decatur, GA 30032
P.O. Box 18101 Atlanta, GA 30316
404-377-8004

Contact:

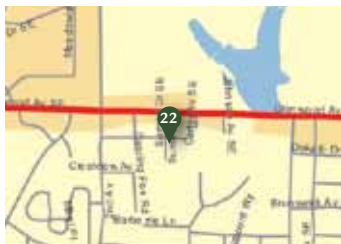
Andrea Kay Smith
Global Cordinator
www.PartnershipsInPeace.org

History:

In 1990 PIP planted their first Peace Pole at Goodwin House on Peachtree Rd. in Bookhaven area with ASHA, which has moved two times. In 1996 Andrea moved to a transitional neighborhood which needed revitalization. In 1999 for Earth Day PIP with residents planted one of five Poles donated by Andrea's Japanese friends from CA to commemorate the changes occurring in East Lake Gardens. A vortex of energy was found between three trees where the Pole was placed. A large labyrinth Peace Garden with fish pond grew up around the Pole over the years. In addition PIP has been a part of nine Peace Pole ceremonies in metro Atlanta.



The Friendship Garden in the backyard of the Peace Center has “Goodwill”, “Self-Forgetfulness”, “Mindfulness”, “Harmlessness” & “Right Speech” on its Pole.



Languages:

Japanese
English x2
Spanish.

23. Oakhurst Harmony Park



Location:

Oakhurst Village in
Harmony Park
on East Lake Drive, near
906 Oakview
Decatur, GA 30032

Contact:

Pastor Nibs Stoupe
Caroline Leach
404-378-6284
info@Oakhurst
Presbyterian.org

History:

Initially the park was created by private citizens who wanted to honor MLK to have a place for conversation, but using the King family name was going to cost money and getting approval caused many delays, so the community called for something else. Next, neighbors in the late 90's stepped in to raise money and designed the park, at which time a Decatur City Committee joined in and Harmony Park was completed. Oakhurst Presbyterian Church donated the Peace Pole which stands on a grassy knoll.



A local neighbor, Fred Dresh, was dying and the neighbors found out that “peace” in Scandinavian was “Fred” - so that decided the first language on the Peace Pole.

Languages:

Swahili
Spanish
English
Scandinavian
Braille



24. Oakhurst Community Garden



Location:

435 Oakview Road
Decatur, GA 30030
(404) 371-1920

Contact:

Stephanie Van Parys,
Executive Director
(678) 642-4977 or
(404) 377-8675
director@oakhurstgarden.org
www.oakhurstgarden.org

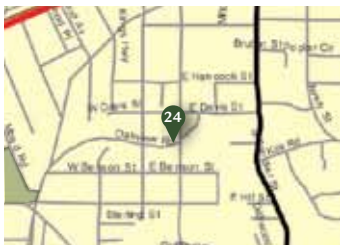
History:

In 1996, Ms. Louise Jackson, a resident of the Oakhurst neighborhood in Decatur, had no idea that one little nuisance would transform her community. What she knew then was that every afternoon, children leaving the nearby elementary school cut through her yard and trampled her beloved garden.

A single decision, however, made all the difference. Instead of involving the police, Mrs. Jackson partnered with a group of neighbors to invite the children to become caretakers of the garden. Working together, they restored Ms. Jackson's garden and added a beautiful, hand-painted fence. The children watched with delight and amazement as their plantings took root and flourished, and something ordinary turned into something special—a process they had never noticed or understood before.

With their newfound enthusiasm and knowledge, they moved on to create a garden in the median strip of the street in front of Ms. Jackson's house. The children took tremendous pride in their work, which was honored at a ceremony with the city's mayor, who presented each child with a certificate of appreciation. Faster than kudzu, word spread about how much fun it was to dig and plant, and suddenly, more children were lining up to work in Ms. Jackson's garden.

The next year, a nearby, undeveloped half-acre lot became available. The property, which had been used as a commercial basil farm,



was at risk for development in the rapidly gentrifying Decatur community. Instead, however, some neighbors acquired it, and the Oakhurst Community Garden Project was born.

25. Atlanta Friends Meeting House



Location:

Atlanta Friends Meeting House
701 W. Howard Avenue
Decatur, GA. 30030
404-377-2474

Contact:

Julia Ewen
404-534-3043



History:

Following September 11, 2001 the Atlanta Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends planted a Peace Pole. The Pole was placed in the ground as a road marker on the path of peace during the chaos following this tragedy.

The occasion was also the 50th anniversary of the Atlanta Meeting where, dating back to the Civil Rights era, peace and social justice remain a dynamic of individual faith. The Peace Pole was inspired and donated by Elizabeth Hendricks who is one of those most integral in the founding of the Atlanta Meeting. Elizabeth was living in a Senior Center in Pennsylvania and is there today. She first contacted Jim Tolmach who then asked Fred Stevens to help with planting it and creating a ceremony and garden. As a Quaker community the Atlanta Friends have been steadfast in their opposition to wars of any kind. Over 100 adults and children were gathered around the Pole at its dedication outside the entrance to the Meeting House. Making the event meaningful were Bert Skellie, Karen Morris and a host of others. The Peace Pole stands as an ever-present reminder that the peoples of this planet will stop fighting once they decide to stop fighting. In this way the Pole expresses how we are divinely and infinitely loved! It honors what we are most deeply all about. Like most Peace Poles it has four sides with four languages in a world of over 4000 different languages, connecting us in minute ways. In remembrance of devoted Atlanta peace activist Ed Arnold, Physicians For Social Responsibility, 1938-2008.

Languages:

English
Swahili
Spanish
Mandarin (Chinese)



“Every day we do things, we are things that have to do with peace. If we are aware of our life..., our way of looking at things, we will know how to make peace right in the moment, we are alive.”

Thich Nhat Hanh
*Vietnamese Zen Buddhist
monk, teacher, author, poet
and peace activist*

26. Columbia Middle School



Location:

Columbia Middle School
3001 Columbia Drive
Decatur, GA 30034

Contact:

Stephanie Amey, Principal
678-875-0502

History:

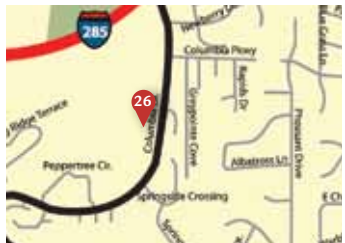
The intention of the Peace Pole planting was a program the school had with the theme: “Making the Connection Peace by Piece”
Motto: “Don’t wait for peace to work for peace.”

This Peace Pole was not ordered through the World Peace Prayer Society, but rather the children created it themselves, learning the art of woodburning called Pyrography. It was planted Dec 6, 2006 during a two-hour community dedication ceremony, unveiling the first Pole planted in a DeKalb School as part of the school’s Pathway to Peace Program.



Languages:

- | | |
|---------|-----------------|
| English | Arabic |
| Spanish | Amharic |
| French | (Ethiopia) |
| Fulani | Jamaican |
| Bengali | Patoix (Creole) |



27. Champion Theme Middle School



Location:

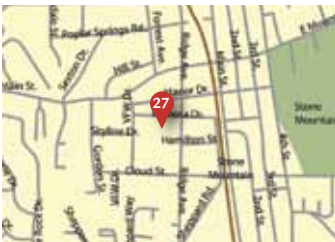
Champion Theme Middle School,
5265 Mimosa Drive,
Stone Mountain, GA
30083

Contact:

Izola Porter
678-875-1500

History:

Katherine Shamsid-Deen (purple dress) and principal Joanne Douté-Cooper (gray suit) with youth presenters representing many countries, announce “May Peace Prevail On Earth” in eight languages. The Peace Pole was dedicated on April 3, 2008. The whole school created pinwheels for the dedication ceremony. Anti-Defamation League designated Champion “No Place For Hate.” Each youth who spoke did so in their native language, and also wore native attire. The Pole was created by the youth of the woodworking class.



Languages:

English	Amharic
Spanish	(Ethiopia)
French	Ibo
Arabic	Hebrew
	Vietnamese

“Let peace roll down
like waters, and justice
like an ever-flowing
stream.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
*1964 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate,
Baptist preacher, civil rights leader*

28. Academy of Somatic Healing



Location:

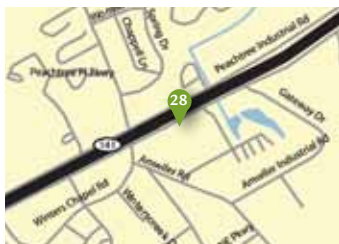
Academy of Somatic
Healing (ASHA)
7094 Peachtree
Industrial Blvd.
Bldg #4, Norcross
GA.30071

Contact:

Dr. Stan Dawson
770-368-2661
sdawson@
ashamassage.com

History:

Earth Day, 1990, was the first Pole that Partnerships In Peace planted with Therapeutic Supply & Services and owners Jim & Becky Gabriel (below right). The Peace Prayer Society used the picture of that group in their promotional brochure for years. The Pole was moved in 1991 to Cliff Valley Way where ASHA dedicated it on Earth Day (below left). When the Pole was moved again in 2003 to its current location, the whole Massage School participated in the re-dedication ceremony.



Languages:

English
Russian
Cherokee
Greek

29. Angel Garden & Harmony House



Location:

Harmony House
3735 Scotts Mill Run NW
Duluth, GA. 30096

Contact:

Rev. Rick Prigmore
Rev. Jeni Prigmore
770-242-1948
revdocjeni@comcast.net

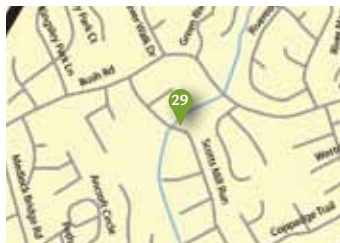
History:

There are two Poles on this property. Rick & Jeni have supplied information about Peace Poles to many Universal Brotherhood Movement ministers around the world, including planting one at Simpsonwood Conference Center in Norcross, Forrest Hills Conference Center in Dahlonega near Amacalola State Park, GA, Oviedo Conference Center in Orlando plus other locations in FL, CA, AZ, CO, MA, MI, TX, Findhorn in Scotland, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University in Paris, France & London, England & Portugal & Edinburg, Scotland. They first heard about the Peace Poles in the early 1970's. Rick was impressed by the fact that Masahisa Goi, who started the project, lived in Japan near where Rick was stationed right after WWII in 1945. Jeni has for her whole life known on a soul level that she was here to bring about peace, which the Peace Poles promote.



Languages:

At Angel Garden:	At Harmony House:
English	English
Vietnamese	Hebrew
Spanish	Spanish
Cherokee	Cherokee



30. Simpsonwood Conference Center



Location:

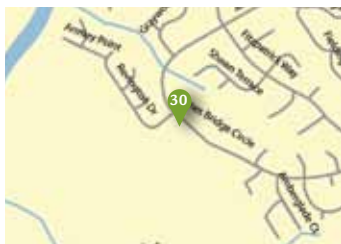
Simpsonwood Conference & Retreat Center
4511 Jones Bridge Circ NW,
Norcross GA. 30092

Contact:

770-441-1111
www.simpsonwood.org

History:

In 2001 the Universal Brotherhood Ministry had their 25th Anniversary Conference at Simpsonwood. In honor of that celebration they planted a Peace Pole with more than 125 people dedicating it August 4th to honor founders Rev. Rick & Rev. Jeni Prigmore, with singing, sharing a peace banner and prayers.



Languages:

American Sign Language
English
French
Cambodian

“Peace is not just an absence of war; it is a virtue, a state of mind, and a disposition for benevolence, confidence and justice.”

Benedict de Spinoza

(1632-1677)

17th-century Dutch philosopher

31. The Peace Tree



Location:

Gardens for Peace in Swan Woods Trail
130 W. Paces Ferry Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30305

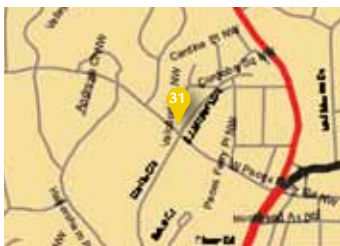
Contact:

Swan Coach House
Atlanta History Center
(404) 814-4000
www.swancoachhouse.com

History:

The Peace Tree is a bronze statue by Gia Japaridze, an artist from the Republic of Georgia. Tbilisi, Georgia is one of Atlanta's Sister Cities where Leslie Ennis with Project Peace Tree made the first contact with Gia when she visited there (artist Gia stands on left in blue suit jacket with his wife next to him - photo October 1989).

Set in ten acres of forest, this half-mile Swan Woods Trail leads past study stations explaining the ecosystems of the Georgia Piedmont. Vestiges of terraced agricultural fields abandoned a century ago are still visible, and sightings of birds and other wildlife reward the watchful. The Gardens for Peace trail segment and its Peace Tree statue both serve as reminders that people from all nations can join hands to further the cause of peace throughout the world.



32. Phoenix & Dragon Bookstore



Location:

Phoenix & Dragon Bookstore
5531 Roswell Rd.
Sandy Springs, GA 30342

Contact:

Candace Apple, Owner
404-255-5207
candace@phoenixanddragon.com

History:

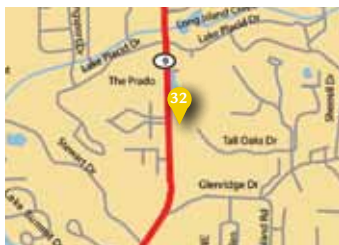
Candace, founder of the Peace Dream Bear Project, traveled with Project Peace Tree which built bridges of friendship with Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia (formerly USSR) on a children's cultural exchange during the Cold War. Tbilisi is Atlanta's sister city.

When she opened her bookstore, Phoenix and Dragon, the first Peace Pole was planted in November 1991 on Hammond Drive in Sandy Springs (lower right photo). When the store moved to its current location, the Pole was rededicated in December 1995.



Languages:

English
Spanish
Lakota
Georgian



“A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself. What one can be, one must be.”

Abraham Maslow
*American psychologist,
the father of
humanistic psychology*

33. High Meadows School



Location:

High Meadows School
1055 Willeo Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Contact:

Liz Gembecki, Head of School
Michelle Azzi, Marketing
770-993-2940
mazzi@highmeadows.org
www.highmeadows.org

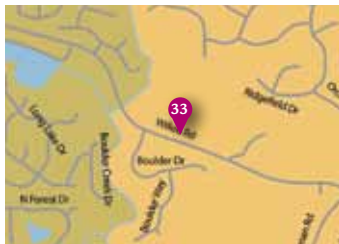
Kathy Shoji, parent
kshoji@bellsouth.net

History:

High Meadows is an International Baccalaureate World School, inspiring children for over 30 years to think critically, learn creatively, act globally and live compassionately. In 2005, grades 2-3 at High Meadows were given an assignment which resulted in parent Kathy Shoji (top row) helping her daughter's class get a Peace Pole - planted in Spring 2006. Each child placed their colored hand print on the Pole. In 2007, Dr. Peter van den Dungan (top row) from the Peace Studies program at Bradford University in England, came to visit Atlanta to meet High Meadows youth, and dialogued with them about their motivations for doing the Peace Pole. (l-r) Williams Fox, Akshay Bapat, Arman Spinola-Khazami, Zach Ciampa, Jake Parker, Mackenzie Hawkins, Erin Rawls, Taylor Moore, Isabel Ott, Jeri Brand, Annie Brown, Katarina Morris. (bottom row) Mattie Worsham, Reagan Olson, Katie Carithers, Lillian Shoji, Laura Kemp, Austin Lambert, Gared Colton.

Languages:

Cherokee
English
Japanese
Hands



34. Children's P.E.A.C.E. Center



Location:

Children's P.E.A.C.E. Center
(Peace Education &
Community Enrichment)
P.O. Box 379
Acworth, GA 30101
770-917-8815

Contact:

Jim & Andria Melham
www.childrenspacecenter.org
director@childrenspacecenter.org

History:

A special kind of traveling museum teaching character education, violence prevention, and peacemaking skills to Elementary aged children with fun, hands-on, interactive exhibits & Discovery Workshops. Andria & Jim Melham received a Peace Pole in 2004 from a Board Member, Larry Pool who ordered it for a Peace Church Reunion they were holding.

However, the church was in the process of being built so was unable to plant the peace pole. Larry decided to give it to the Children's P.E.A.C.E. Center.



One day, they expect to have a permanent location where they will officially plant their Peace Pole. The Children's P.E.A.C.E. Center holds Peace Camps where children build and design their own miniature Peace Poles which they get to take home with them.



Languages:

English
Swahili
Spanish
Russian

“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”

John Muir,
*naturalist, author, and early
advocate of conservation*

35. Hillside Chapel & Truth Center



Location:

Hillside Chapel with Peace Garden
2450 Cascade Rd SW
Atlanta, GA 30311

Contact:

Rev. Dr. Barbara King
404-758-6811

Atty. Don Edwards
404-526-8866
www.hillsidechapel.org

History:

Dr. King made frequent trips to Los Angeles, CA where she went to peace programs put on by the Baha'i community on Jefferson Ave. On one of her speaking engagements at a sister church in LA, she met Dr. Michael Beckwith in 1995 who had planted a Peace Pole. When she returned to Atlanta, she met a couple in the north part of Atlanta who came to the interfaith, integrated meetings at Hillside on Wednesday nights. They put her in touch with the Peace Pole people, and she ordered one with the assistance of Don Edwards (who appears in photo with Dr. King), planting it at her church Hillside Chapel with a ceremony and plague. In addition to the Peace Pole, the church has a Peace Garden accessible by going through the church in an inner courtyard.



Languages:

English
Spanish
Swahili
Native American

36. Cultural Arts Council



Location:

Cultural Arts Council of
Douglasville/Douglas County
8687 Campbelton Street
Douglasville, GA 30133

Contact:

Laura Lieberman
Executive Director
770-949-ARTS
culturedirector@earthlink.net
www.artsdouglas.org

History:

The Cultural Arts Council was chosen for the planting of the Peace Pole because the children of Georgia displayed their Masks for one month at the Art Center in 1989. They performed several times, sharing the music, dance, and customs of their Georgian traditions. The Douglasville students were very impressed by the flare and confidence of their fellow classmates from Tbilisi. The Arts are considered very important in the Georgian Culture. Our students got to see first hand how many languages, instruments and dances the students of the Republic of Georgia could do. It was an opportunity to share how the Arts can be an enhancement to the education of students.



Languages:

English
Spanish
Georgian
Mandarin Chinese



37. Hunter Park



Location:

Hunter Park
8830 Gurley Road
Douglasville, GA 30134

Contact:

Tracie Ivey,
Parks and Recreation Director
770-920-3007
www.eteamz.com/douglasvillerec

History:

When the children of the Republic of Georgia were visiting Atlanta in 1989, a Revolution took place in Tbilisi, the capital. With the support of the Mayor of Douglasville, Charlie Camp, we were able to comfort the children by planting a Peace Tree in Hunter Park. We then had a cement slab constructed at the base of the tree, allowing both American and Georgian children to place their hand print in the cement, honoring their friendship. We have chosen to plant a Peace Pole at Hunter Park to rededicate our prayers for Peace as once again, in 2008, there is violence in the Republic of Georgia.

We hope that the children and families that participated in the past dedication will come forward and reconnect with each other at the 20th year celebration in 2009. Contact Debi Merrifield SilvRhalo@aol.com 770-489-4154



Languages:

English
Spanish
Georgian
Mandarin Chinese

“It is good to realize that if love and peace can prevail on earth, and if we can teach our children to honor nature’s gifts, the joys and beauties of the outdoors will be here forever.”

President Jimmy Carter,
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate,
2002, thirty-ninth President of
the United States, serving from
1977 to 1981



In Memory - Peace Poles of the Past

38. HEAL Center



Location:

HEAL Center
180 Allen Rd. Suite 101
Sandy Springs, GA
30328

Owner:

Roz Zollinger
(middle of photo).
Also shown is Karen
Willis (right) of the
Aurora Healing Center.
www.HealCenterAtlanta.com
404-303-0007

History:

This peace Pole was dedicated in November 1994 at the HEAL Center in Sandy Springs. When the property was re-developed, the Peace Pole was not reinstalled.



Languages:

2 English
Japanese
Spanish



39. Early College High School at Carver



Location:

55 McDonough Blvd SE,
Atlanta, GA 30315

Contact:

(404) 802-4405
www.atlanta.k12.ga.us
www.gaearycollege.org

History:

Pat Williams (center) heard Andrea was gathering information about Atlanta Peace Poles and sent her this photo which was taken with her co-worker Art Hines (right) in 1996. When Carver was rebuilt in 2005, the whereabouts of the Pole were unknown.



Languages:

English - "May Peace
Be In Our Homes and
Communities"

“Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.”

Albert Einstein
*1921 Nobel Prize winner
in Physics*

“In a world where change is inevitable and continuous, the need to achieve that change without violence is essential for survival. ”

Andrew Young,
*Civil rights activist, former
U.S. congressman, mayor of
Atlanta, and United States’
ambassador to the United Nations*

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www.OCAAtlanta.com – Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs

www.FultonArts.org – Fulton County Arts Council

www.BikeSBL.org – Southern Bicycle League

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