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Magnolia Open Hosts Over 230 Competitors

Over 230 skaters from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina and 17 clubs and rinks participated in the 2011 Magnolia Open on March 11 - 13.

Thanks to our officials, the local organizing committee (below), and member volunteers for their tireless contributions to the success of the competition.



You're the best!

Congratulations to our Gold Medalists!

Stephanie Amodeo (2)	Jessica Gregory (2)	AnnaHarriette Pittman
Emily Brothman (2)	Samantha Gutzky (2)	Grace Rathbun (2)
Madeleine Brown	Lillian Ko	Gabrielle Silver
Sophie Burkus	Tatiana Kozmava	Maria Son
Andrea Carrasquilla	Charles Liu	Claire Sosnow
Ally Chebuhar	Mingda Liu (2)	Julia Wittosch
Lydia Choe	Casey Mallory (2)	Lily Xie
Katie Creecy (2)	Natalie Martin	Ying Yip (2)
Lily Nell Downing	Emily Nolan (2)	Yu Qian Yip
Helena Fisher (4)	Lucy Pease	Mathilda Zimmerman



41 Gold Medals



31 Silver Medals



29 Bronze Medals

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

Event Registrar Chair	Tea Junnila	Donations	Karen Hiller
Event Operations Chair	Dale Haar	Officials' Hospitality	Janet Payne, Barry Johnson, Kathy Shehee
Announcing/Music	John Richardson	Officials' Liaison	Gloria Lewis
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Coaches' Hospitality	Peggy McCarthy	Program	Jane Jud
Competitions Committee Chair	Jeannette Doney	Registration	Anna Marie Champion
Competition Ice Monitors	Christi Fisher	Runners	Jan Brown
Competitor Goody Bags	Jan Brown	SetUp/ Breakdown	Dale Haar

Ryan Bradley Appearance Cancelled

Due to the tragic earthquakes and tsunami in Japan that resulted in the postponement of the World Figure Skating Championships, Ryan Bradley will not perform in our "Georgia On My Mind" spring show. The championships have been rescheduled for April 24 - May 1 in Moscow.

We send our best wishes to Ryan in his third bid at the world championships and to the people of Japan as they begin to recover from their devastating losses.

Board of Directors Candidates Announced By Nomination Committee



The 2011 Nomination Committee, comprised of **Jan Brown, Anna Marie Champion, Anya Martynenko, Peggy McCarthy, Tami Mickle** (chair), and **Kathy Shehee** is pleased to announce the following 2011 - 2012 Board of Directors slate of candidates:

Senior Candidates (Vote for 3)



Sharon Hyre



John Millier



Kathy Shehee

Junior Candidates (Vote for 2)



Jan Brown



Anna Marie Champion



Christi Fisher



Haley Osenbaugh



Leon Qiao

Five positions must be filled; the three senior members will be elected to fulfill our club by-law requirements. Ballots with full biographies of candidates will be delivered to all eligible members no later than April 15, and all ballots must be returned by **April 30**.

Remaining on the Board for an additional year are **Jeannette Doney, Judith Flair, Dale Haar, Gloria Lewis**, and **Louise Szanto**.

2011 Atlanta Open Update

The requirements and on-line registration for the 2011 Atlanta Open will be posted on the club website soon. The on-line registration deadline is May 12. Critiques will be offered for IJS free skate events; skaters must sign up in advance. Final rounds for IJS free skate events will be conducted if a minimum number of competitors enter the competition.



EVENTS

- Free Skate (No Test - Adult Gold)
- Short Program (Juvenile - Senior)
- Compulsory Moves (No Test - Juvenile; Adult Pre-Bronze - Gold)
- Spins (No Test - Adult Gold)
- Showcase (No Test - Senior)
- Footwork (No Test - Juvenile)
- Jumps (No Test - Adult Gold)
- Couples Compulsory Dance (Pre-Juvenile - Adult Gold)
- Short Dance (Junior - Senior)
- Solo Dance (Preliminary - Adult Gold) (U.S. Figure Skating National Solo Dance Series)
- Pairs (Pre-Juvenile - Adult Gold)

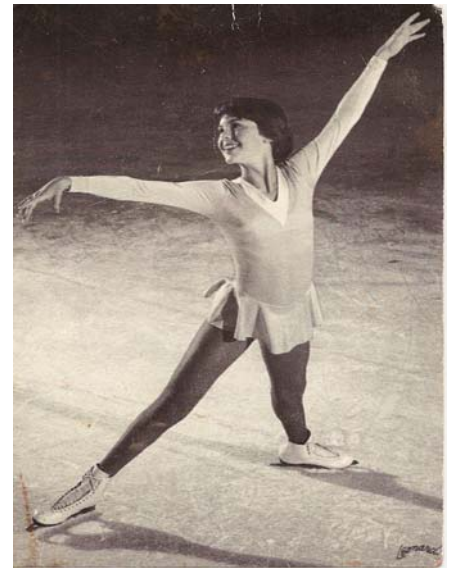
I began skating at age six with the Wagon Wheel FSC in Illinois. I fell in love with skating and my coach, Lynn Dixon Thompson, and four years later followed her to Atlanta where my first exhibition was as a guest skater for the Atlanta FSC grand opening of the Parkaire Mall as an Upper Great Lakes intermediate ladies champion. The stores were still under construction and bare, but it didn't matter - I was skating.

I continued to skate with Lynn as my coach for the next couple of years, representing the Atlanta FSC. Under her direction as a novice lady I won my first national medal. As a junior I split my time between Atlanta with Lynn and Denver with new coaches Carlo and Christa Fassi. I won silver at the national championships in 1979 as a junior and silver at the world junior championships. As a senior lady I competed on an international level in St. Gervais, France (1979, bronze) Garmish, Germany (1979, silver), St Ivel, England (1981, silver) and Ennia, The Netherlands (1980, gold) where I beat future Olympic gold medalist Katarina Witt. The highlight of my skating awards was placing fourth in senior ladies at the national championships when I was battling a serious eating disorder.

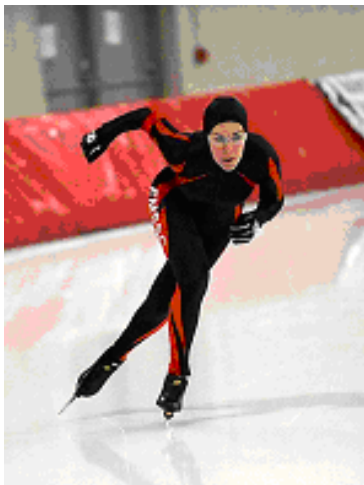


1st Jacki Farrell, 2nd Katarina Witt, 3rd Megumi Wanagihara

The highlight of my skating career was in Parkaire Mall landing my triple Lutz for the first time. I then was known as the first lady to land a triple Lutz in competition. I also landed my double/triple combination in competition well before Elaine Zayak landed hers. My strengths were my speed, power, and figures. I was an all-around skater.



My skating career ended dramatically because of my terrible eating disorder, and it would take the next 14 difficult years to recover. I was married to my first husband and had two children while coaching in Long Island, NY, where I worked with many talented skaters along with Sara and Emily Hughes as their speed coach. I also began instructing power skating for many hockey players who moved on to play in Division I, II, III college hockey along with IHL and NHL players. I then divorced and have been happily married for 15 years to my husband, Michael Munzel, who is a hockey coach to our son.



In 2010 I put my skates back on for the first time in seven years, entering the ice as a power skating instructor. After 17 years of stable living with my eating disorder, I have discovered a new me. I have a dream and focus, and it's all on the ice. Speed was my strength so I am challenging it on a new level. I am relearning skating from a different perspective and rebuilding my stride to prepare me for long track speed skating. Forty-two years after I first began figure skating, I have come full circle and am currently ranked 5th in Master Worlds long track speed skating!

I currently live in Long Beach, NY with my husband and three children: Sara Allen 23, an elementary music teacher; Zachary Allen, 20, a business major at Pepperdine University; and Thomas Munzel, 13, an 8th grade hockey goalie. I am training with the Flushing Meadow Speed Skating Club in Queens, NY where I will be preparing for next year's long track competitions.

What I remember the most about the Atlanta FSC is that it put on the best performances at their annual shows. Choreography, costumes and lighting were always innovative and over the top. And boy did we have... FUN! Skating has been my life, and skating in Atlanta is among my best memories. The people, the area, the hospitality and the club built me as a skater and hold some of my fondest memories.



Follow me on Facebook. <http://www.facebook.com/jmunzel>



Magnolia Open Exhibitions

February 25 and March 4



L to R: Chloe Rutter (Snowplow Sam), Grace Crossen (Free Skate 1); Stephanie Brimeyer, Morgan Sliker, Jessica Gregory, Charles Liu (All No Test A)



L to R: Casey Mallory, Lydia Choe (both Pre-Preliminary B), Tiffany Hatzikoutelis, Emily Nolan (both Pre-Preliminary A), Naomi Shneibaum (Preliminary).



L to R: Yuqian Yip (Basic 3), Ying Yip (No Test B); Nicole Reed, Claire Sosnow and AnnaHarriette Pittman (all No Test A). Apologies for the blurry photo. :>(



L to R: Lillian Ko (Open Juvenile), Renee Wang (Preliminary), Maria Son (Pre-Juvenile), Melody Wang (Preliminary).



L to R: Grace Rathbun, Madeleine Brown, Lily Xie, Ally Chebuhar (all Pre-Juvenile)



L to R: Anne Cole, Nile Ziegler, Mingda Liu, Rahly Osenbaugh, Katelyn Champion, Elvira Junnila (all Pre-Preliminary B).



2011 Magnolia Open Atlanta FSC Member Results

JUVENILE

Spins

Helena Fisher	1st/3
Madeleine Brown	2nd/3

Jumps

Helena Fisher	1st/1
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Compulsory Moves

Madeleine Brown	1st/2
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Showcase

Helena Fisher	1st/2
Stephanie Niu	2nd/2

OPEN JUVENILE

Free Skate

Lillian Ko	1st/4
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Compulsory Moves

Samantha Gutzky	1st/1
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Jumps

Samantha Gutzky	1st/1
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Impromptu

Interpretive

Samantha Gutzky	2nd/3
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JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE

Short Program

Maria Son	1st/3
Lillian Ko	2nd/3
Helena Fisher	3rd/3

PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate, Grp. A

Grace Rathbun	1st/5
Lily Xie	2nd/5
Maria Son	3rd/5
Kayla Moradi	5th/5

Free Skate, Grp. B

Madeleine Brown	2nd/7
Ally Chebuhar	3rd/7
Stephanie Niu	5th/7
Sydney Jiang	6th/7

Spins

Ally Chebuhar	1st/8
Grace Rathbun	2nd/8
Kayla Moradi	3rd/8
Sydney Jiang	4th/8
Lily Xie	5th/8
Drew Bryant	6th/8
Lily Nell Downing	7th/8

PRE-JUVENILE

Jumps

Lily Xie	1st/4
Grace Rathbun	2nd/4
Kayla Moradi	3rd/4
Sydney Jiang	4th/4

Compulsory Moves

Kayla Moradi	3rd/8
Stephanie Niu	4th/8
Melody Wang	5th/8
Ally Chebuhar	6th/8
Katie Creecy	7th/8

Impromptu

Interpretive

Grace Rathbun	1st/3
Ally Chebuhar	2nd/3

PRELIMINARY

Free Skate

Katie Creecy	1st/8
Melody Wang	2nd/8
Naomi Shneibaum	3rd/8
Natalie Martin	5th/8
Lily Nell Downing	6th/8
Renee Wang	8th/8

Jumps

Emily Brothman	1st/9
Natalie Martin	2nd/9
Katie Creecy	3rd/9
Olivia Shapiro	5th/9
Elvira Junnila	7th/9
Andrea Carrasquilla	8th/9
Nile Ziegler	9th/9

Compulsory Moves,

Grp. A

Mingda Liu	1st/8
Rahly Osenbaugh	3rd/8
Katelyn Champion	4th/8
Olivia Barnes	6th/8
Anne Cole	7th/8
Elvira Junnila	8th/8

Compulsory Moves,

Grp. B

Natalie Martin	1st/7
Julia Kornetzke	4th/7
Casey Mallory	5th/7
Amanda McDaniel	6th/7
Emily Brothman	7th/7

PRELIMINARY

Spins

Mingda Liu	1st/8
Sky Cameron Johnson	2nd/8
Katelyn Champion	4th/8
Casey Mallory	5th/8
Elvira Junnila	7th/8
Andrea Carrasquilla	8th/8

Impromptu Interpretive

Lily Nell Downing	1st/2
Drew Bryant	2nd/2

PRE-PRELIMINARY/ PRELIMINARY

Team Maneuvers

Katie Creecy	1st/1
Jessica Gregory	1st/1
Casey Mallory	1st/1

PRE-PRELIMINARY

A Free Skate, Grp. A

Lydia Choe	2nd/8
Sky Cameron Johnson	4th/8
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	5th/8
Andrea Carrasquilla	6th/8
Alexa Phillips	8th/8

A Free Skate, Grp. B

Emily Nolan	1st/6
Alyssa Levitt	4th/6

B Free Skate, Grp. A

Elvira Junnila	2nd/8
Mingda Liu	3rd/8
Anne Cole	5th/8
Rahly Osenbaugh	7th/8
Olivia Barnes	8th/8

B Free Skate, Grp. B

Katelyn Champion	2nd/8
Emily Brothman	4th/8
Nile Ziegler	6th/8
Hannah Carleton	7th/8
Olivia Shapiro	8th/8

B Free Skate, Grp. C

Casey Mallory	1st/5
Julia Kornetzke	3rd/5
Amanda McDaniel	5th/5

2011 Magnolia Open Atlanta FSC Member Results (Cont'd)

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Compulsory Moves,

Grp. A

Ying Yip	1st/6
Claire Sosnow	4th/6
Alexa Phillips	5th/6

Spins

Ying Yip	1st/8
Rahly Osenbaugh	2nd/8
Olivia Shapiro	3rd/8
Olivia Barnes	6th/8
Alexa Phillips	7th/8
Nicole Reed	8th/8

Jumps

Lydia Choe	1st/4
Emily Nolan	2nd/4
Alexa Phillips	3rd/4

Showcase

Emily Brothman	1st/4
Alexa Phillips	2nd/4
Olivia Barnes	3rd/4
Renee Wang	4th/4

Impromptu

Interpretive

Andrea Carrasquilla	1st/2
Alyssa Levitt	2nd/2

NO TEST

A Girls Free Skate,

Grp. A

Jessica Gregory	1st/8
Athena Landon	2nd/8
Olivia Patrick	3rd/8
Stephanie Brimeyer	8th/8

A Girls Free Skate,

Grp. B

Claire Sosnow	1st/8
AnnaHarriette Pittman	4th/8
Nicole Reed	5th/8

A Girls Free Skate,

Grp. C

Morgan Sliker	2nd/5
Vered Yudanin	4th/5

A Boys Free Skate

Charles Liu	1st/1
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B Free Skate, Grp. B

Ying Yip	2nd/6
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Compulsory Moves,

Grp. A

Olivia Patrick	2nd/7
Stephanie Brimeyer	3rd/7
AnnaHarriette Pittman	5th/7
Charles Liu	6th/7

NO TEST

Compulsory Moves,

Grp. B

Emily Nolan	1st/6
Vered Yudanin	3rd/6
Nicole Reed	5th/6

Jumps

AnnaHarriette Pittman	1st/4
Morgan Sliker	3rd/4
Jessica Gregory	4th/4

Showcase

Olivia Patrick	3rd/8
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Impromptu Interpretive

Athena Landon	3rd/5
Jessica Gregory	5th/5

DANCE

Pre-Gold

Tatiana Kozmava	1st/4
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Silver Solo

Helena Fisher	1st/1
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Bronze Solo

Casey Mallory	2nd/3
Wendi Hiller	3rd/3

Preliminary Solo

Stephanie Brimeyer	3rd/3
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BASIC SKILLS

FREE SKATE 3

Program with Music

Melody DeMerchant	4th/6
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Compulsory

Melody DeMerchant	3rd/3
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FREE SKATE 2

Program with Music,

Grp. A

Gabrielle Silver	3rd/6
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Compulsory, Grp. A

Gabrielle Silver	1st/4
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FREE SKATE 1

Program with Music,

Grp. A

Grace Crossen	2nd/5
Jeslyn Choi	5th/5

Program with Music,

Grp. B

Anastasia Papathanasiou	3rd/6
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Program with Music,

Grp. C

Stephanie Amodeo	1st/5
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Program with Music,

Grp. D

Elise Heydet	3rd/4
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FREE SKATE 1

Compulsory, Grp. A

Stephanie Amodeo	1st/4
Grace Crossen	3rd/4

Compulsory, Grp. B

Elise Heydet	4th/4
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BASIC 8

Program with Music,

Grp. A

Katie Sanyal	2nd/4
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Program with Music,

Grp. B

Lucy Pease	1st/4
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BASIC 7

Program with Music

Mathilda Zimmerman	2nd/4
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Elements

Mathilda Zimmerman	1st/4
Regan Williams	3rd/4

BASIC 6

Program with Music,

Grp. C

Leah Schultz	2nd/4
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Elements

Leah Schultz	3rd/6
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BASIC 4

Program with Music

Yu Qian Yip	1st/1
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Program with Music

Julia Wittosch	1st/4
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Elements

Julia Wittosch	2nd/6
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BASIC 3

Program with Music

Miranda Corbin	3rd/6
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Elements

Miranda Corbin	2nd/4
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TOTS/SNOWPLOW SAM

Tots Basic Program

with Music

Chloe Rutter	1st/2
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Snowplow Sam Basic

Program with Music

Sophie Burkus	1st/3
Deme Papathanasiou	3rd/3

2011 Magnolia Open



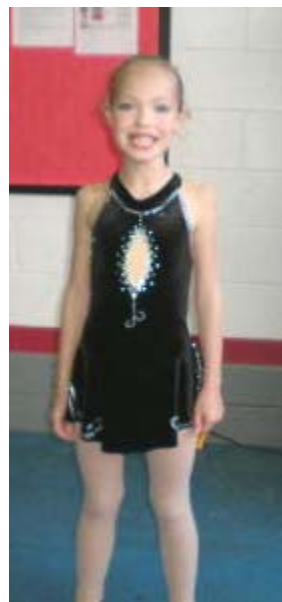
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Thanks

To **Christi Fisher, Joyce Jiang, and Peggy McCarthy** for the beautiful new awards podiums (meticulously crafted by Vladimir Martynenko), background drapery, podium skirts, and decorations. All materials and construction and sewing labor were donated by these three members.

To **Lee Mallory** for chairing our most successful consignment sale to date!





SPOTLIGHT SKATER

What made you decide to start skating?

My dad has played hockey all his life and he taught me how to skate when I was 3. When I was nine I wanted to take skating further so I signed up for learn to skate classes and have been skating ever since.

What keeps you motivated to continue skating?

I love the feeling of excitement I get when I'm on the ice. I love to see how fast I can go and how far I can push myself. What makes it all worthwhile is when I skate a great program, or hit a new element. The self-satisfaction and the surprises that come from skating and knowing I've done my best are definitely what keeps me motivated.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I usually skate four or five times a week. I work out about two or three nights a week, and I am in body conditioning class at my school.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is a double flip because it is simple to execute, and I love trying to see how high I can jump when I do it. My least favorite element is a sit spin since it takes me a few tries to find my center of balance.

Favorite music/program.

My favorite program so far is "Gypsy" by CH2. I love how upbeat it is, and I feel that I can really just skate and enjoy the music when I'm performing.

Competitive accomplishments?

I placed third at the Champlain Valley Open two summers ago. Since then I have been testing for moves in the field and freestyle to get to the level I am at now, which is intermediate.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

I'll never forget the first time I competed. I was so nervous even after I had finished performing, but I actually ended up getting first place.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I attend Marist school, and my favorite subjects are math, science, and American Lit. I am also a varsity basketball cheerleader and made honor roll last year. I have volunteered at My Sister's House, and I am a member of Habitat for Humanity at school.

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite skater is Kim Yu Na because of her ability to execute her elements with such power and grace.

If I weren't a skater, I would have been

A gymnast.

Best advice you have ever received?

Always do your best because it will eventually pay off.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire my parents the most because they have set such a good example for my sister and me. They have always encouraged me to think for myself and have supported me through all my activities.

Tell us about your family.

I have one sister, Brooke, who plays hockey. I have two dogs, Katie and Aspen, and a rabbit, Autumn.

What are your future goals?

I want to major in neuroscience and behavior, and possibly have a career that has to do with experimental research. I definitely want to continue skating through college, and I'm actually looking at schools that have figure skating teams.

My three favorite things are

Reading, going to the beach, and hanging out with friends.

Grace Elowe

Favorite word: Try

Least favorite word: Can't

What turns me off: People who limit themselves

Favorite quote: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." ~ Wayne Gretzky

Favorite book: The Pillars of the Earth

Favorite movie: "Titanic"

Favorite song: "Lose Yourself" by Eminem

TV Show: "The Vampire Diaries"

Sound I love: Beach waves

Sound I dislike: My alarm clock

I would never want to be: Salesperson

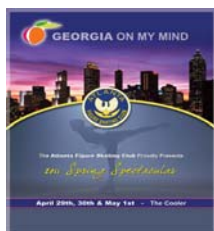
Three words that best describe me: Modest, caring, determined

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: Good books, my Ipod, healthy snacks

I would like to meet: Lady Gaga because she is so artistic and creative

GRACE





THE ATLANTA FIGURE SKATING CLUB PRESENTS
2011 SPRING SPECTACULAR
Georgia On My Mind
April 29, 30, & May 1
The Cooler, Alpharetta, GA



We are thrilled to sponsor our first ice show in many years featuring our own distinguished cast that includes **Alexander Aiken**, the 2011 U.S. Championships junior men's bronze medalist, **Timothy Dolensky**, the 2010 U.S. Championships novice men's bronze medalist, **Jamie Kim**, six-time sectional championships qualifier, **Ariel Collins**, a two-time National Showcase competitor, and **Nancy Ellis Riggs**, the 2010 National Showcase adult extemporaneous gold medalist.

Please help support our show and skaters by placing an ad in the program!

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Send us your personal good luck wishes for family, friends, and special skaters, and we'll design the ad. Personal ads are limited to 15 words in a business card size:

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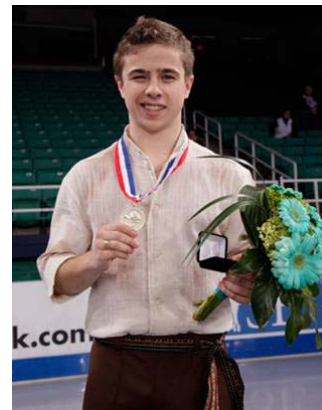
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Breakfast of Champions!



The Atlanta Figure Skating Club is pleased to sponsor a brunch on Sunday, May 1, at 10:30 am at Killer Creek hosted by 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships Junior Men's Bronze Medalist **Alexander Aiken**.

Tickets are priced at \$50 and will be limited to the first 8 club members* to respond. Net proceeds will be donated to the **U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund**.

Please submit your requests by [April 19](#) to Anna Marie Champion at annamariechampion@gmail.com.

*Priority to full skating members.



Awards Banquet/Cast Party

The annual Awards Banquet/Cast Party will be held immediately following the final "Georgia On My Mind" ice show on Sunday, May 1st 4:30 - 6:30 PM in The Cooler roller rink. The party will be catered by Low Country Barbeque; entertainment will be provided by the Cowtown String Band.

Evites with details will be e-mailed to all members. Show cast members will receive one free ticket for the party.

Tickets

Adult: \$15.00
Child (6 - 12 years old): \$10.00
Child (5 and younger): No Charge

Celebrate with this year's award winners - Skater of the Year, Adult Skater, Judge, Coach, Silver Blade, Golden Boot, Ice Dance, Spirit, and Most Tests Passed.

Sophie Burkus
Wendy Burkus
Frank Burkus
Macon Chiles
Maggie Chiles
Trey Chiles
Jeslyn Choi
Jeanelle Choi
Jin Choi
Miranda Corbin
Carrilynn Corbin
Bobby Corbin
Hannah Dubose
Natalie Dubose
Tiffany Hatzikoutelis
Donna Hatzikoutelis
Elise Heydet
Heather Heydet
Thomas Heydet
Juliana Holland
Vickie Holland
Todd Holland
Frida Johansson

Rosy Johansson
Bjorn Johansson
Anastasia Papathanasiou
Marina Papathanasiou
Steven Papathanasiou
Lucy Pease
Lane Pease
Chloe Rutter
Kimberly Rutter
Andrew Rutter
Katie Sanyal
Sammy Sanyal
Jean Sanyal
Sunny Sanyal
Leah Schultz
Lauren Schultz
Joseph Schultz
Regan Williams
Julia Wittosch
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Bob Wittosch
Mathilda Zimmerman
Stephen Zimmerman
Andrea Zimmerman



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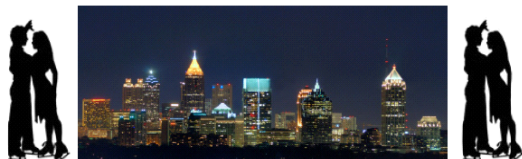
Tests Passed



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Janice Battersby	1	Lynn Thompson	13
Mingda Liu	2	Margarita Varshavskaya	15
Katie Creecy	4	Vicki Steiner	19
Lily Dwyer		Ling Xu	22
Fran Jesel		Sharon Davila	24
Elizabeth Wells	5	Anya Martynenko	27
Robert Pearce	7	Amy Moosbrugger	
Sharon Brothman	8	Grace Rathbun	
Katelyn Champion	9	Jean Sohn	
Teresa Dale		Alexa Davila	28
Karen Korn		Natalie Martin	30
Vakhtang Kozmava	12	Ying Xie	
Teara Preston	13		



Don't forget to register for the Atlanta FSC's 4th annual Ice Dance Weekend on June 3 - 5 at The Cooler. The application will be posted online soon.

For more information, contact **Laurie Sanii** at laurie.sanii@gmail.com or 404-987-2123.



Congratulations! Steven Torcivia

Gold Medalist

2011 Special Olympics
Georgia Winter Games
and 2011 Southeastern
Regional Games
with his coach of
20 years,
Peggy Rydberg!

February

Belen Bricchi	Preliminary Moves
Ally Chebuhar	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Emma Hardymon	Preliminary Moves
Sydney Jiang	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Intermediate Moves
Tatiana Kozmava	Tango Solo
Grace Liu	Senior Moves
Casey Mallory	Hickory Hoedown
Natalie Martin	Juvenile Moves
Kayla Moradi	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Aspen Ono	Intermediate Free Skate
Nancy Riggs	Adult Silver Moves
Dezarae Vazquez	Willow Waltz Ten-Fox
Grace Ying	Intermediate Moves

March

Kaia Culotta	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Lily Dwyer	Preliminary Free Skate
Casey Mallory	Willow Waltz TenFox
Emily Nolan	Preliminary Moves
Alice Tang	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Olga Vacariuc	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Sofiya Varshavskaya	Preliminary Moves
Catherine Yen	Preliminary Free Skate

**Don't forget to enter the club's monthly
skating trivia contest at atlantafsc.org! It's
your chance to win a freestyle session**



Christopher Nolan (right) at the live premier in New York.



Laurie Vieth, Barbara Landon, Athena Landon

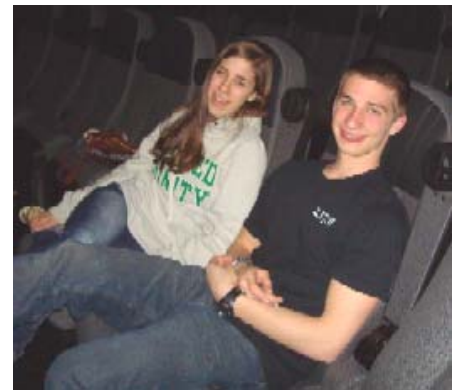


Lisa and Eric Bohnstedt



Tami Mickle in New York

"You can sleep when you're old."
~ Maribel Vinson Owen



Martine Szanto and Tim Dolensky



"Just get up!"
~ Scott Hamilton



Anya and Vladimir Martynenko



Gloria Lewis and Jennifer Silas



Brittney Bottoms, Dale Wright, Vicki Walls, Julia Janas, Debbie Prachar, Lynn Thompson, and Linda Preston.



Elvira and Tea Junnila



VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Tea Junnila

Our Cup of Tea



The Atlanta FSC benefits tremendously from our culturally diverse skaters and volunteers. This month's feature volunteer, Finnish import Tea Junnila, is a wonderful example. With gratitude and sadness in our hearts, we bid her farewell and best of luck upon her return to Finland!

~ Peggy McCarthy

When did you join the Atlanta FSC, and how did you first become involved as a volunteer?

My family moved to Atlanta in 2006. Coming from next door to the North Pole, we soon found our way to the Cooler. In 2007 my daughter, Elvira, joined the club and six months later, I also joined because I was interested in becoming a competition accountant (Dennis, the dream still lives on!). As a skater's mom you need to put in your hours, so I volunteered to chair runners as my first assignment a couple years ago. And like you never forget your first love, runners stole a special spot in my heart. That is a special area of volunteering that I will never forget!

Describe your past and current positions as well as any other contributions to the club.

Chairing runners was my first assignment with the club. I have played music during test sessions and monitored club ice and stretching class. I'm a member of the social committee and helped put together parties and events for the club members. This year I was the registrar for Magnolia Open 2011. I also worked in a new field for one day - awards. That was a really interesting experience. I'm also in charge of costumes for the spring show "Georgia On My Mind."



Tea Junnila

Please describe your accomplishments and goals as a skater.

I am from the north and was born with skates on. I was not a "serious" skater until we moved here, but now you could consider my family "heavy users" at The Cooler. My son, Oliver, plays travel hockey (Atlanta Fire), Elvira figure skates and I'm an adult skater. I take lessons from Tami Mickle, my inspiration on ice! A life changing moment for me was when I got my SP Teri's, my first real skates. Ever since I have just loved skating more every day! Skating is like addiction to me, so I try to skate three times a week. So far I have passed pre-bronze moves and free skate and am working hard to pass bronze moves in the near future. I love jumping, and I landed my first Lutz just a while ago. My goal is to land the Axel.

Why do you stay involved as a volunteer with the Atlanta FSC?

I have my skating family at The Cooler. The club is like the village where I belong. I have all my relatives in Finland so it is a good feeling to have a different kind of family here where you feel that people genuinely like you and share your values. So thank you everybody for being my support group here at The Cooler. When I volunteer with my family, it doesn't feel like work - I'm just hanging out with my friends, and it's fun!

Tell us a little about your background, education, profession, hobbies, and/or family.

I'm from Finland, and I speak Finnish, Swedish, a bit of German, Spanish, and English. I have a law degree from the University of Turku, Finland, and I used to work as an attorney in finance for 11 years prior to moving here. Five years ago I completely changed my life by staying home with the kids - no more pin stripes or high heels. I became a skate mom, hockey mom, tennis fanatic and adult skater. I also got two dogs (Brownie and Cookie). Now I mostly drive the taxi line between The Cooler and my house (sometimes 3 to 4 times a day, and yes it is ridiculous) and wash tons of stinky sports clothes every day. Family dinner is usually served on the back seat of my car, and I have calluses on my fingers from tying skate laces. And I love it - wouldn't change it for the world!

Every summer we fly to Finland where we have a sail boat, and we spend every minute sailing the Baltic Sea, and every winter I try to get back to my childhood sport and go skiing as many times as possible. I spent my entire childhood on the slopes skiing and snowboarding. And now the sad part: (I really have tears in my eyes typing this) My husband's (Olli) job was the reason why we moved here in the first place. Now his company is relocating us back to Finland. He already moved back, and it looks like we are following him this summer. But not before Atlanta Open! We'll have one more wonderful competition here with the club hopefully volunteering in some interesting area again!!! Thank you everyone for making this the time of my life!

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Central Carolina Skating Classic	April 7 - 10	Central Carolina SC, Chapel Hill, NC	
Test Session	April 17	Atlanta FSC	March 27
Florida Open	April 8 - 10	Central Florida FSC, Maitland, FL	
U.S. Adult FS Championships	April 12 - 16	Salt Lake City FSC, Salt Lake City, UT	
USFS Governing Council	April 29 - 30	USFS, Lombard, IL	
GEORGIA ON MY MIND SHOW	April 29, 30, May 1	Atlanta FSC	
Test Session	May 15	Atlanta FSC	April 24
ICE DANCE WEEKEND	June 3 - 5	Atlanta FSC	
ATLANTA OPEN	June 16 - 18	Atlanta FSC	
Test Session	June 26	Atlanta FSC	June 5