again, fashion gurus, interior decorators and bargain hunters will flock to the parking deck of the Atlanta Center on West Paces Ferry Road in Buckhead Sept. 18 through 20 for the For- mance Foundation's annual Flea Market, showcasing the visual arts in Atlanta.

Visitors will find treasures during the event, volunteers assemble designer furniture, jewelry, antiques, books, art and children's items for the free event Sept. 19 and 20. A limited ticketed party the evening of Sept. 18 will give visitors a chance to be among the early bargain shoppers, with a special extra charge that day.

For designers, collectors and bargain hunters, "we are a source for finding treasures at the right price," said Camer and Sophie Smulders, the 2014 chair.

Nita Robinson is serving as the 2015 chair.

The first Flea Market was assembled by one of the original High Museum employees, one of those dedicated supporters of the dynamic nonprofit foundation that nourishes cultural programming and visual artists through grants and a variety of programs in metro Atlanta.

Leadership was selected by their devotion to transform the carriage house property's Swan House estate on the cusp into a thriving restaurant, gift shop, art gallery, and support their mission.

The final Flea Market has become a major funding source for the foundation.

Information and tickets: (404) 261-2122 www.swancoachhouse.com or www.bull.com/2014fleamarket

Southern rock band, along with wine, beer and limoncello tastings. A silent auction featuring amazing gifts and experiences will benefit Open Hand. The event is produced by TasteATL and hosted by Cibo E Beve chef Linda Harrell.

Open Hand, the largest nonprofit community-based provider of home-delivered meals and nutrition education in the country, is celebrating 26 years of service. Its mission is to help people prevent or better manage chronic illness by using nutrition and nutrition counseling as tools to achieve improved health outcomes. Programs combine home-delivered meals and nutrition education as a means to reinforce the connection between informed food choices and improved quality of life.

Information and tickets: (404) 872-8089 or www.atlantameatballfestival.com

John Simpson, a World War II combat veteran, will be the featured speaker at the Sept. 18 Atlanta World War II Round Table luncheon at Petite Auberge restaurant on North Druid Hills Road in DeKalb County.

Simpson fought with the 45th Infantry Division at Anzio Beach, Italy, and later took part in the invasion of Southern France and Germany. He was a part of a 105-mm tracked Howitzers crew that swarmed ashore along a 15-mile stretch of Italian beach near Anzio and Nettuno in January 1944. At the time of the invasion, he was just an 18-year-old boy from the Pennsylvania coal mines who found himself in the middle of a war.

Simpson became an FBI agent after the war, and later served as a federal judge in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

The evening will feature dinner catered by Endive, live dance music by The Maxx Band, a silent auction, raffles and a special aerial performance.

Cara and Todd Lacey are chair for 2014 in honor of their youngest daughter Maddie, 6, who has mitochondrial disease and is currently progressing well thanks to intense therapy and a regimen of supplements.

Buckhead residents Lane and Richard Courts are being recognized as honorary co-chairs for originating the benefit.

There is no cure or permanent treatment of mitochondrial disease, only supplements and medicines to help manage symptoms. Almost all cells in the body have mitochondria, the tiny power plants that produce the body's essential energy. Mitochondrial disease happens when the power plants don't function properly and the body has a power failure.

The disease looks different in everyone that has it, and it can be distinguished in both children and adults. The nonprofit foundation's mission is to help fund the development of the most promising research and treatments of the many forms of mitochondrial disease.

In the past year, the foundation has made grants to researchers testing new drug compounds and studying brain activity in children with mitochondrial disease. It also has a partnership with the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation to drive innovative translational research for mitochondrial dysfunction. Both foundations are also providing one-year grants.

All proceeds from the event will go to fund further research for the treatment of mitochon-