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Dear Sensei and Fellow Aikidoka:

I would like to announce that Dogwood Aikikai in Atlanta, Georgia, has a new name: PEACHTREE AIKIKAI ATLANTA.

You may know that Peachtree is widely associated with Atlanta. It also conjures beautiful Japanese cultural imagery, from the myth of Peach Boy to the Momoyama Era, the period of samurai supremacy in Japanese history. For me personally, it represents my vision of a traditional dojo.

It has been a pleasure to share the past fifteen years with you under the Dogwood shingle. I look forward to many more years to come under the spreading Peachtree. With thanks and best regards for the New Year,

Yours truly,

Blue Spruell