




## Holiday Open Studio

Dozens of people turned out to print both Christmas and Holiday cards at our Holiday Open Studio. Two different presses were used. Most who attended also took time to tour Ashantilly and learn more about Thomas Spalding and Bill Haynes and the history of the amazing house and land. 



## Update: The Native Garden

The Native Garden has been completed, but requires continued maintenance. If you enjoy gardening and have some free time, please contact us at (912) 437-4473 to find out how to volunteer and help maintain this beautiful addition to the property. 



The Ashantilly Center is a 501c(3) non-profit corporation. Please consider donating. Your tax deductible gift is very much appreciated and helps us provide ongoing educational and environmental programs. Checks may be made to Ashantilly Center, Inc., 15591 Highway 99, PO Box 1449, Darien, GA 31305.



## Tickets are Available for an Art Raffle

Raffle Tickets are available for purchase.  
**Tickets: \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets**  
Drawing to be held at the Ashantilly Valentine's Tea.



Artist: David Dickerson

**CONTACT US:**  
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# Old Tabby

The newsletter for Ashantilly Center, Inc.

## Ashantilly's Holiday Open House



What a wonderful way to welcome the holiday season.



Many visited "Old Tabby" on Friday, December 1, 2023 to kick off the holiday season. There was good cheer throughout the beautifully decorated house. Volunteers used fresh greenery, magnolia sprigs and other decorations. Guests were served cranberry punch, mulled wine and delicious snacks while chatting with friends and listening to festive holiday music. It was a wonderful night to be at Ashantilly. 

**Ashantilly Center and Ashantilly Press wish everyone good health and happiness in the year ahead!**





## Dorinda Dallmeyer: "A Tale of Two Williams: William Bartram and William 'Bill' Haynes, Jr."

Dorinda Dallmeyer, president of the Bartram Trail Conference, expertly paired watercolors painted by William 'Bill' Haynes, Jr., with passages from William Bartram's book, Bartram's Travels.



The attendees were excited to see scans of these amazing works of art by Bill.


A limited number of BroadSides were printed at the Ashantilly Press. A

few are still available for sale in the Ashantilly Gift Shop. 

## Buddy Sullivan: Historical Atlas of McIntosh County, Georgia

Local author and historian, Buddy Sullivan, spoke to a packed room on Sunday, February 5, sharing his vast knowledge of maps, charts, surveys, and land plats. Attendees found Buddy's talk fascinating and were delighted as he shared his interest in local geography and topography. His book, the Historical Atlas of McIntosh County, Georgia, is meant to be a book for browsing.



Buddy's most recent book, Low-Country Historian: A Collective Omnibus relates aspects of the history of the Georgia low country from an ecological perspective and is available on Amazon and from area retailers where books are sold. 



## Annual Native Plant Sales are Always Well Attended




The spring and fall Native Plant Sales are always a big success.


Several native plant vendors with a wide selection of plants are always on hand with information and an array of plants.

Immediately following the 2023 Fall Native Plant

Sale, Ashantilly Center had a beautiful toast for the dedication of the native plant garden at Ashantilly in memory of Linda Lamb.

Special thanks to Coastal WildScapes for always making these events such a big success. 

## Darien's Blessing of the Fleet

Ashantilly participated in Art in the Park during the annual Blessing of the Fleet. There were a lot of visitors to our tent who printed on the small Kelsey press. Our t-shirts were a hit, as well as the large selection of books on the history of our area. 




**Ashantilly Center welcomes new members and volunteers!**  
**Visit our website: [AshantillyCenter.org/Membership-Information](http://AshantillyCenter.org/Membership-Information).**



## Annual Bluegrass & BBQ Fundraiser


Jackson Bethune and his band were terrific and played to a sold-out crowd! Rick Caldwell's BBQ was delicious!

Thank you to Jackson Bethune Bluegrass Band, Habersham Beverage's Vince Becker, for the selection of local craft beers, and Rick Caldwell and his delicious barbecue.

Special thanks to all of our sponsors, volunteers, many attendees and friends of Ashantilly for making our fall fundraiser such a fun and successful evening. 



## Lecture: Wildlife Care and Protection in Your Backyard

Brittany Dodge, Coastal Training Program Coordinator with the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve (SINERR) and Lauren Bowman Clontz, Coastal Conservation Coordinator with the Georgia Audubon Society, shared their knowledge and experience with the Group. 

For information about other events from 2023, visit [AshantillyCenter.org/News/](http://AshantillyCenter.org/News/).