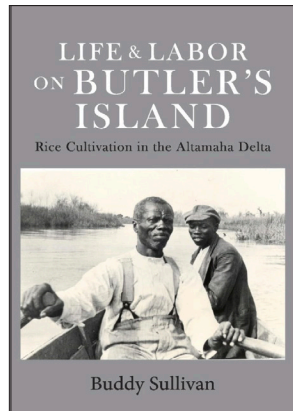




AUTHOR MEET AND GREET Life and Labor on Butler's Island with Buddy Sullivan

What an incredible turnout! On Sunday, July 13, Buddy Sullivan gave a fantastic presentation about the history of Butler's Island.



It was standing room only at Ashantilly Center, and Buddy did not disappoint. Refreshments were provided; many stayed after the presentation to discuss the lecture and mingle with other attendees.

Watch the video on YouTube!

Ashantilly on You Know Me Podcast

Frank Buda and Mike Gallace, aka Buda and the Beard, visited Ashantilly Center on Saturday, July 20, and interviewed Harriet Langford, board president, and Sara Blocker, board vice president.

Harriet and Sara shared the history, mission, events, activities, and other exciting facts about Ashantilly.

You can watch a segment of the Podcast on YouTube!



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Ashantilly Center is always looking for volunteers! We need help decorating for Christmas, event set-up, cataloging the libraries, washing windows, furniture inventory, weekly trash pick up on Hwy 99, weeding, and more. If you would like to help or have another skill that you think will help us meet our goals, please get in touch. We would greatly appreciate your help!

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Words cannot express our gratitude and appreciation for all of the donations, sponsorships and volunteer help we have received this past year!
Thank you!

St. Andrew's Cemetery Tour with Buddy Sullivan



On the morning of November 2, local historian Buddy Sullivan led 20+ guests on a tour of

St. Andrew's Cemetery. We learned about many prominent Darien families including Thomas and Sarah Spalding and their children. A big thank you to Buddy and everyone who attended.

To learn more, visit the News section of our website! Or visit YouTube.com/@theashantillycenter to view a video.

McIntosh County History Series

On Sunday, January 5, 12 and 19, from 3 until 4:30 p.m., Buddy Sullivan will present a three part lecture series on the History of McIntosh County. Each series will include a slide presentation using images from both private and public collections, and details from the eras in McIntosh County's rich history. The cost is \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. Seats are limited. Visit our website to register.



Annual Blues & BBQ Fundraiser



Despite the threat of rain, the lawn at Ashantilly was full of music lovers.

Savannah's own Eric Culberson Band rocked the "Old Tabby" on a beautiful fall Saturday evening while Rick Caldwell filled everyone's belly with his amazing bbq, baked beans, and cole slaw.



Board Member David Dickerson brought his beloved Nanner Puddin'. Habersham Beverage's Vince Becker selected some great local brews (Silver Bluff's Mexican Lager and Southbound's



Scattered Sun) to keep the SOLD OUT crowd in good spirits.

A special thank you to our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, and attendees! It was

such a great night. We couldn't have done it without you!

View a portion of the event on YouTube.



It's the RETURN of the Churn!

It was the ice cream event of the year! Ashantilly's Annual Churn Off was back this year and bigger and better than ever. What a turnout! Thank you to our raffle sponsors and to all who attended!

Business Winner: Open Gates Bed & Breakfast with Fresh Mint and Cookie Ice Cream.

Individual Winner:

Noel Gielegem with O Chame's Famous Balsamic Vinegar Custard Ice Cream with a Drizzle of Macerated Strawberries.



People's Choice Award: George and Ginger Pruden with Burnt Almond Fudge Ice Cream.

Watch highlights of the event on YouTube.

Salamander's of Georgia with Dirk Stevenson

It was a lovely afternoon at Ashantilly Center on Sunday, August 18 in Darien, Georgia. We were excited to host the Coastal WildScapes sponsored event.

We had a house full of nature-loving enthusiasts who came to hear Dirk Stevenson's presentation on the Salamanders of Georgia.

View a portion of the presentation on YouTube.



For information about other upcoming events, visit AshantillyCenter.org/News/



Coastal WildScapes Fall Native Plant Sale

It was a beautiful day at Ashantilly for the Coastal WildScapes Native Plant sale.

Native plant vendors Florabundance, Naturescapes, GA NPS-Coastal Plain Chapter, and All the Buzz displayed beautiful native plants for all the attendees to purchase.

Ashantilly Center hosts this annual event every spring and fall. Check our website for the date of the spring plant sale.

Holiday Open Studio

We were excited to welcome dozens of attendees to the Holiday Open Studio event at the Ashantilly Print Shop on Saturday, November 16.



Everyone who attended had the opportunity to make two different cards. Each card was printed on a different press. Envelopes for

each card were also provided. Attendees were invited to tour Ashantilly and stroll through the native garden. It was a fun day for everyone!

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