



## Annual Event Tunes & BBQ at Ashantilly: A Night of Music, Food and Fun!

On a beautiful fall evening, friends and neighbors gathered on the lawn at the Ashantilly Center for the annual Tunes & BBQ fundraiser, a night filled with great music, good food, and plenty of laughter.

The crowd enjoyed lively tunes from **Squirt Gun**, and a delicious BBQ dinner made by **Rick Caldwell** as well as that Southern




favorite, banana pudding for dessert!  
It was a



night to remember, great music, full plates, and smiling faces all around. If you missed it this year, be sure to join us next time for another unforgettable evening at Ashantilly.



**A special thank you to all of our sponsors, donors and volunteers that help to make this event possible!** 


**For upcoming events visit:  
[AshantillyCenter.org/Events/](https://AshantillyCenter.org/Events/).  
New events are added often.**



## Become a Member or Volunteer at Ashantilly Center!

Whether you have a passion for history, gardening, helping with events, or simply want to support our mission, we have a place for you.

Volunteers assist with everything from event setup to groundskeeping and organization.

If you're interested in becoming a member, please visit [AshantillyCenter.org/membership-information/](https://AshantillyCenter.org/membership-information/), we'd love to welcome you aboard! 

**Call or email us to schedule a tour:  
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## Dear Friends of Ashantilly,



As the year draws to a close, the Board of Directors at the Ashantilly Center would like to express our deepest gratitude to you, our cherished members, donors, supporters, volunteers, and friends. Your continued generosity, encouragement, and presence have meant the world to us.

With each donation, volunteer hour, and word of encouragement, you help us preserve this historic home, the Ashantilly Press, and the enduring spirit of its visionary steward, William "Bill" Haynes, Jr.

Bill's legacy was rooted in a belief that history, art, and community should be shared and celebrated. Thanks to you, that vision lives on. Whether through our educational programs, artist residencies, workshops, or events that bring our community together, your involvement has allowed us to keep Ashantilly's mission vibrant and alive.

From all of us on the Board of Directors, thank you! **We look forward to seeing you in the coming year**, as we continue the important work of honoring Ashantilly's past and building its future.



With heartfelt appreciation,  
**Board of Directors  
Ashantilly Center and  
the Ashantilly Press**



## Preserving The Timeless Craft of Letterpress at Ashantilly



Seven students completed the **Introduction to Letterpress** class at the historic Ashantilly Press.

Over three consecutive Sundays in August, participants explored the timeless art of letterpress printing using Ashantilly's antique presses.

Under the instruction of Sara Blocker, Vice President and board member of the Ashantilly Center, and Nicholas Silberg, students learned about typesetting, printing techniques, and safety practices while creating their own original letterpress piece to take home.



If you're interested in joining a future Introduction to Letterpress class, please contact us at **(912) 437-4473** or **AshantillyCenter@gmail.com** to be notified when the next session is scheduled.



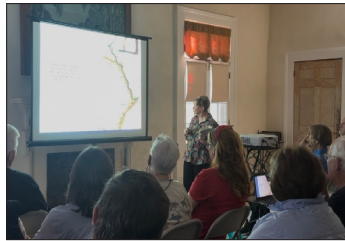
## Dr. Janet Gritzner Brought Highway 17 to Life

Ashantilly Center recently welcomed historian Dr. Janet Gritzner for her engaging presentation, **Highway 17: Georgia and South Carolina, Then and Now**.

Dozens of guests gathered for the presentation.

Janet brought Highway 17 to life, showing how the familiar route has evolved over time while still holding memories for generations who've traveled it.

Attendees enjoyed sharing their own experiences of growing up, living, and driving along the historic highway.



The evening was a wonderful blend of history, art, and community connection, just

the kind of gathering that makes Ashantilly such a special place!

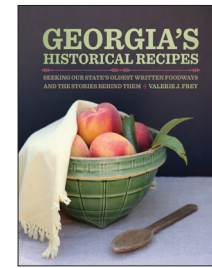
## Annual Event Coastal WildScapes Fall Native Plant Sale, A Gardeners Delight

Once again, the Fall Native Plant Sale drew gardeners and nature lovers from across the region!

Visitors enjoyed browsing various beautiful native plants perfect for coastal landscapes.



A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers and loyal plant enthusiasts who make this event such a success every year.



## An Afternoon with Author Valerie Frey

Guests gathered to hear author Valerie Frey talk about her latest book, **Georgia's Historical Recipes: Seeking Our State's Oldest Written Foodways and the Stories**

**Behind Them.** Valerie captivated attendees with her insightful and informative presentation, blending personal stories and passion for preserving Southern heritage and culinary history.

Her talk was not only educational but truly enjoyable, sparking lively discussion and plenty of smiles throughout the afternoon.



## Annual Event Holiday Cards Hot Off the Press!

The annual **Holiday Card Printing Event** at Ashantilly Press filled the studio with rhythmic hum of historic presses.

Visitors had the opportunity to print two different holiday cards, one on the Vandercook proof press and another on the Chandler & Price platen press.

Guests experienced the magic of traditional letterpress printing and took home beautifully crafted cards to share with family and friends.

Laughter and holiday cheer mingled together, making it a joyful day for all who attended.

