

# The Traveller

A Newsletter of the Bartram Trail Conference

Fall, 2021

## Our Newest Marker in Port Vincent, Louisiana



Left to right, Eric Edwards, Executive Director, Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau; Clark Forrest, President, Edward Livingston Historical Association (ELHA); Iris Martin Stillely is ELHA Secretary & David Lorin Wall is ELHA Treasurer.

By Michele Deshotels,  
BTC Secretary

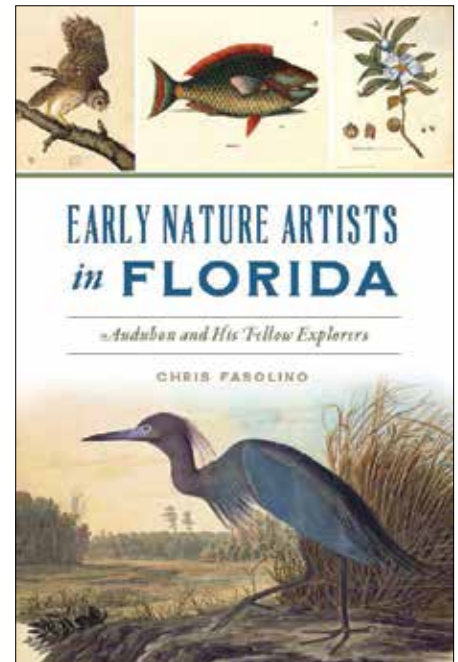
November 17 was a great day, sunny and not too hot or cold, for the dedication of the new Bartram marker in Port Vincent. The program was simple and elegant and it was definitely THE event in Port Vincent that day.

The Livingston Parish Council, the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Edward Livingston Historical Association, and St. Joseph Catholic Church are all acknowledged on the marker for their direct assistance in fund-

ing and providing the land to place the marker.

Quality Engineering, the company that owns the adjacent building and parking lot, also have assisted in getting everyone on board locally. Their landscape architecture staff have drawn up a charming little design to add a walkway to the marker from their parking lot, along with a couple of benches and some landscaping. The dedication date coincided with their Appreciation Day for staff, so they provided trailer restrooms, refreshments, and a seafood boil for their staff and those at-

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*Early Nature Artists in Florida*

by Chris Fasolino

Published by the History Press, Charleston, SC. 144 pages, 64 images.

Florida's landscape and wildlife were sources of inspiration for early naturalists seeking new horizons. Among them was John James Audubon. Elegant herons, acrobatic terns, endearing pelicans and colorful roseate spoonbills all feature among his beloved artwork. But Audubon was not the first nature artist inspired by Florida. Mark Catesby helped introduce the wonders of Florida to a European audience in the 1700s. William Bartram, a Pennsylvania Quaker, traveled south to explore the Florida wilderness, where he canoed across a lake full of alligators and survived to sketch those creatures. Author Chris Fasolino shares the stories of these artistic expeditions in a book illustrated with gorgeous reproductions of the original paintings. This book includes five chapters devoted to Bartram's travels and explores his legacy as an artist and natural historian. ❁

2022

# Bartram Trail Conference

Darien, Georgia  
January 27–30



The 2022 Bartram Trail Conference will convene in Darien, Georgia. The conference begins Friday morning with a field trip to Fort Barrington, site of the discovery of *Franklinia*. Saturday is a full day of exciting lectures. On Sunday morning there is an optional boat excursion on the Altamaha River.

## Thursday

Kayak Cathead Creek. Make reservations through Southeast Adventure Outfitters. The cost is \$85 per person, kayaks and shuttle are provided. contact [admin@bartramtrail.org](mailto:admin@bartramtrail.org) for information.

## Friday

### Morning

Outing to Fort Barrington, site of the discovery of *Franklinia*. The Fort Barrington Hunt Club owns two thousand acres surrounding the site of old Fort Barrington. The property contains several colonial area roads, trading paths, and the sites of several Native American villages. This is a rare opportunity to visit this important and historic area.

### Afternoon

#### Ashantilly Center

1:00–4:00 p.m. Creating the William Bartram National Historic Corridor, BTC Board, interested members, and invited guests

5:00–7:00 p.m. Reception hosted by the Ashantilly Center

Tour of Ashantilly house and grounds and the Ashantilly Press.

## Saturday

### St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Auction runs until 1:30 p.m.

8:30–9:00 a.m. Registration

### Morning

9:00–9:15 Welcome, Sam Carr and Harriet Langford

9:15–9:45 *Bartram on the Georgia Coast*, Brad Sanders

9:45–10:15 *Looking for Bartram's Lowcountry*, Philip Juras

10:15–10:30 Q & A

10:30–10:45 Break

10:45–11:15 *A Tale of Two Bills: Bill Haynes' Bartram Sketchbook* Ashantilly was the childhood home of artist Bill Haynes who knew the Bartram story well. In the 1930s, when he was in art school in New York, he completed a large number of watercolor sketches illustrating the Travels. Harriet Langford and Dorinda Dallmeyer are developing a project for a traveling exhibition of these works.

11:15–11:45 *In Franklinia's Noble Home*, Joel Fry, curator, Bartram's Garden, Philadelphia

11:45–12:00 Q&A

### Afternoon

12:00–1:00 Lunch

1:00–1:30 Florida Mapping Project, supported by the Fothergill Award.

1:30–2:00 Update on the Bartram Heritage Corridor Project, Sam Carr

2:15–5:00 Field Trip to the Bartram Trail marker at the McIntosh Cemetery

Christopher Robinson, Lachlan McIntosh re-enactor Steve Smith, and Suzanne Forsyth and Mariana Hagan, who are direct descendants of Donald McIntosh.

## Evening

6:00–8:00 Banquet and Keynote Lecture, Spartina Grill, Darien  
*History & Ecology of Coastal Georgia: An Overview*,  
Buddy Sullivan

## Sunday

9 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Boat excursion on the Altamaha, River (space must be reserved ahead of time)



# 2022 Bartram Trail Conference Registration

Choose a registration type and indicate number of participants:

	#		Total
All events (members): includes Friday Reception, Saturday Lectures & Banquet	_____	@ \$140 each =	_____
All events (non-members): Includes membership in the Bartram Trail Conference for 2022	_____	@ \$165 each =	_____
Saturday lectures only (Member)	_____	@ \$75 each =	_____
Saturday lectures only (non-Member) Includes membership in the Bartram Trail Conference for 2022	_____	@ \$100 each =	_____
Saturday lectures only (Student)	_____	@ \$35 each =	_____
Saturday banquet & keynote address only	_____	@ \$65.00 each =	_____

## Extra Events

Fort Barrington Field Trip, Friday morning, Jan. 28 (free)	_____	Yes No	
Bartram Trail Heritage Corridor workshop, Friday afternoon, Jan. 28 (free)	_____	Yes No	
Altamaha River Boat Excursion, Sunday morning, Jan. 30	_____	@ \$45 each =	_____

*Indicate number of T-shirts desired*

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*Mail registration to:*  
 Bartram Trail Conference  
 c/o Brad Sanders  
 189 Hidden Hills Lane  
 Athens, GA 30605

NOTE: for online registration and payment with credit card visit

<http://bartramtrail.org/2022-Conference>

It is time to renew your membership to the Bartram Trail Conference for 2022. If you are not a member, please join and support our work to promote William Bartram and the Bartram Trail.

## Bartram Trail Conference Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Areas of Interest in the Bartram Trail:**(try to be specific about geographic locations and activities, i.e., specific Bartram sites, and whether or not you like to hike, read, garden, etc.)  
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*Your dues support our newsletter, web site, Fothergill Fellowship Awards and other Bartram Trail Conference projects.*

You may also join online at:

<https://bartramtrailconference.wildapricot.org/page-1655351>

All you need is a PayPal account!

Annual Member Dues

Please check one.

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*Please check one of the choices:*

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tending the marker dedication. They also had all of their staff attend the program, many of whom were knowledgeable about Bartram and many others now interested.

The hole for the base was drilled courtesy of JJ's Dirt & Dozer. Port Vincent and the Livingston Parish Sheriff's office provided traffic control. WAFB, The Advocate newspaper and other news reporters from local venues were there as well.

Eric Edwards (executive director of the Livingston Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau) was the emcee. The Mayor of Port Vincent, Angela Elmore, spoke and welcomed folks. I gave a short presentation on Bartram. I did bring my well-worn paperback of *Travels* as a prop to hold up and had at least five people take

photos of the cover afterwards, so they could get their own copy.

Father Jason Palermo spoke a few words about history of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the privilege of providing the land for the marker. He then proceeded with a short prayer, followed by a traditional blessing of the marker with holy water.

If you would interested in placing a marker on your part of the Bartram Trail, see our website at <https://bartramtrailconference.wildapricot.org/Obtain-a-Marker> for more information.

For more news coverage of the dedication, see [https://www.theadvocate.com/baton\\_rouge/news/communities/livingston\\_tangipahoa/article\\_bec70430-4963-11ec-a32a-b3f828a3a6ed.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/communities/livingston_tangipahoa/article_bec70430-4963-11ec-a32a-b3f828a3a6ed.html). ☘

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