

Bartram Trail Conference

2007 Biennial Meeting

Spanish Fort, Alabama

October 26–28, 2007

Friday Evening, October 26, 5:30 p.m.

Five Rivers Conference Center, Spanish Fort.

Registration and welcome reception.

We will assemble at 6:00 to talk and renew friendships, meet new folks and enjoy a tour of the Five Rivers Center by *Hank Burch*, of the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. After the reception and tour, we will be treated to a seafood dinner and enjoy a presentation

by *Dr. Robin Fabel*, Professor Emeritus of History, Auburn University. Professor Fabel is the leading authority on British West Florida and will be speaking on the West Florida colony of Bartram's era.

Saturday, October 27, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Five Rivers Conference Center: "William Bartram in West Florida"

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| 8:30–9:00 | Registration Continues |
| 9:00–9:15 | Opening Remarks:
<i>Kathryn H. Braund, President of the Bartram Trail Conference</i> |
| 9:15–9:45 | The Colony of West Florida in Maps
<i>Dr. Greg Waselkov, University of South Alabama</i> |
| 9:45–10:15 | William Bartram: A Life in Letters
<i>Dr. Thomas Hallock, University of South Florida</i> |
| 10:15–10:30 | Coffee and Refreshment Break |
| 10:30–11:00 | William Bartram's Plants and the Challenge of Nomenclature
<i>John Hall, University of Alabama</i> |
| 11:00–11:30 | Bartram's Evening Primrose
<i>Joel Fry, Curator, John Bartram House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</i> |
| 11:30–12:00 | What I Learned by Following William Bartram across the South and into the Tensaw
<i>Dr. James Kautz</i> |
| 12:00–1:00 | Lunch provided by Bartram Trail Conference. |
| 1:00 | Bus Tour |

We'll travel by bus to the *Weeks Bay Estuarine Research Reserve* where we'll learn about the site and its missions, view exhibits, stroll the elevated boardwalk, and view a native pitcher plant bog and other wonders. We then depart from Weeks Bay for *Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge*, where we will enjoy looking for the migrating sea and shore birds. There are a number of trails to explore in this marvelous gulf coast setting. We'll finish up with wine and light refreshments before heading back to the Five Rivers Center. We also plan to view the evening primrose growing in its

natural habitat along the way.

Saturday Night Dinner, on your own.

You might try The Camellia Café in Daphne, whose roasted pork chop with garlic grits & green tomato chutney is one of the "100 dishes to eat in Alabama before you die." Or head over to the Blue Gill Restaurant on the causeway at Spanish Fort for seafood and music too. Directions for local restaurants will be available in conference registration packet.

Sunday, October 28, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Canoe on the Tensaw. Assemble at the Five Rivers Center. The BTC will provide canoes or bring their own. Naturalists and historians will discuss the history and natural wonders of the delta. BTC will provide refreshments and lunch.

Our exact route along the William Bartram Canoe Trail will be determined in mid-October and will depend on water levels. The route will be suitable for all skill levels.

Registration Form

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Hosted by Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,
Baldwin County Department of Archives and History, and Alabama Museum of Natural History.

Five Rivers Center, Spanish Fort, Alabama
October 26–28, 2007

Registration should be received by October 10, 2007. Please complete the registration form and return to Chuck Spornick, Treasurer, 390 St. Mark's Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047 along with a check payable to the Bartram Trail Conference. This is also a good time to pay your dues for 2008. We'll also have a Bartram-themed conference T-shirt. Make sure to include the size you need. Please register promptly so that we have time to adequately assess our food and canoe needs.

Complete Registration Fee*	_____	@ \$100.00 = \$	_____
Extra Friday Night Dinner Ticket	_____	@ \$30.00 = \$	_____
Sat. Symposium (incl. lunch)	_____	@ \$25.00 = \$	_____
Sat. Symposium & Sun. Canoe Excursion	_____	@ \$50.00 = \$	_____
Student Registration: Sat. only†	_____	@ \$15.00 = \$	_____
Student Registration: Sat. & Sun†	_____	@ \$30.00 = \$	_____
2008 Dues	_____	@ \$20.00 = \$	_____
Conference T-Shirt	_____	@ \$20.00 = \$	_____ (Circle Size: S, M, L, XL)
Fothergill Fund Donation**	_____	\$	_____
TOTAL	_____	\$	_____

Name/Names of Registrants: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

*The Registration Fee is per person and includes Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch and refreshments, bus trip and beach refreshments, Sunday lunch and canoe expenses. Additional dinner tickets are available for spouses/guests who do not plan to register for the entire program. You may also register for only the Saturday Symposium and Sunday Canoe Excursion (Omits Friday night dinner).

†Student Registration covers Saturday Symposium and bus trip and Sunday canoe excursion, including lunch and refreshments (No dinner ticket).

Please note if you require a vegetarian dining option for your meals.

**The Fothergill Fund supports research awards to Bartram scholars working in any field on topics relating to William Bartram and his world.

Hotels and camping information

The Hampton Inn Mobile—East Bay Hotel in Daphne, just three miles from the Five Rivers Center, will serve as our conference hotel. The hotel overlooks the Eastern Shore and Mobile Bay and provides a free breakfast. The BTC has secured a very low conference rate of \$119 per night (regular rates are \$144–164). To secure this low rate, call 1–251–626–2220 before October 12 and ask for the BTC group rate when you make your reservations.

Camping is available at Meaher State Park. For information, see the Alabama State Parks website at <http://www.alapark.com/parks/park.cfm?parkid=24>

The Friday Evening Reception and Dinner and Saturday Sessions will be held at the Five Rivers Center. The Five Rivers Center is located across from Meaher State Park on the Mobile Bay Causeway (US Highway 90/98) in Spanish Fort, about five miles from downtown Mobile [30945 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527] For complete driving directions to the Center, visit the Five Rivers site at <http://www.outdooralabama.com/outdoor-adventures/5rivers/contact.cfm>