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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The April Meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 3:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the McMillan Museum on the Brewton College Campus.



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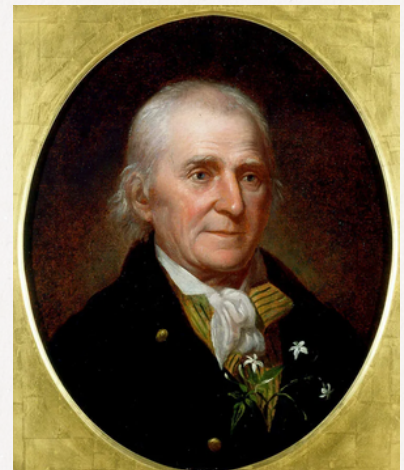
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William Bartram

William Bartram blazed a trail from 1773-1777 through the southeast documenting the natural flora and animals. He also became a champion of the Native Americans given the name Puc Puggy meaning "Flower Hunter" by the Seminoles.

Bartram sketched plants, birds and animals. He recorded his observations and sketches which became his book, *Bartram's Travels*. This information has been invaluable to future botanists, ornithologists and natural historians.

William Bartram was born in Philadelphia. He is the first American artist-naturalist. He explored the new American territory which consists now of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee.

Left: Bartram Trail Photo courtesy of Rivers Langley

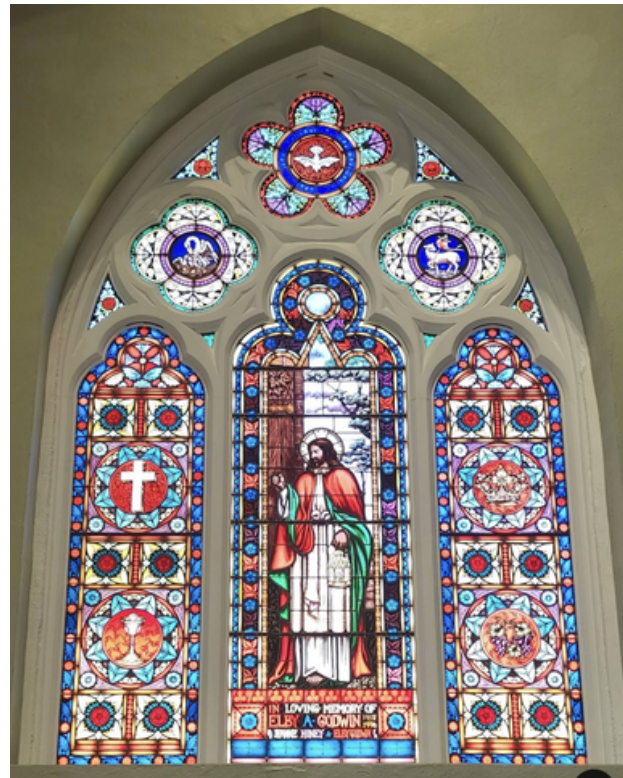
Right: William Bartram Photo courtesy of Independence National Historical Park Collection, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Coastal Alabama Historical Society Update:

The Coastal Alabama Historical Society took a walking tour of Historic Pensacola Village on 13 March 2026. They visited several museums along the way. They stepped back in time as they visited Christ Church, Pensacola Museum of History, Museum of Industry and the Museum of Commerce.





William Bartram and Alabama

A Traveling Exhibit

April 13 - May 14, 2026

Thomas E. McMillan Museum at
Coastal Alabama Community College
Fine Arts Center, 220 Alco Dr, Brewton, AL

Learn more at bartramandalabama.org



William Bartram and Alabama: A Traveling Exhibit tells the remarkable story of William Bartram's 1775 journey through Creek territory in what is now Alabama. This engaging traveling exhibit explores the adventures of America's first great naturalist-artist, whose four-year expedition through the colonial South produced groundbreaking scientific discoveries and vivid cultural documentation.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University. The exhibit is funded in part by the Leah Rawls Atkins Endowed Fund for Excellence and the Ann Draughon Cousins Endowed Fund for Excellence.



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Bartram Canoe Trail

The Mobile-Tensaw River Delta is one of the longest water trails in the United States. It is named for William Bartram and represents only a small section of his travels through the area in 1775.

The current trail encompasses 250,000 acres of marsh, cypress-tupelo swamp and bottomland hardwood ecosystem. It is home to over 50 rare and endangered plant and animal species.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 25, 2026. We will dedicate the new Battle of Burnt Corn Creek Historical Marker. More details to follow!



LEGACY

LECTURE

ON THE BREWTON CAMPUS

GUEST SPEAKER:

JAMIE RIGGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

AT 12:30 PM

NEAL AUDITORIUM

Jamie Riggs is a legendary Alabama high school football coach and athletic director with more than four decades of impact on student-athletes and communities. A graduate of the University of Alabama and Troy University, Riggs built a storied career at T.R. Miller High School, where he led teams to four state championships, over 300 career wins, and consistent playoff success. A multiple-time Alabama Coach of the Year and inductee into the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame, he is also a founding leader and past president of the Alabama Football Coaches Association. Known for his commitment to excellence on and off the field, Riggs has shaped generations of athletes, coaches, and programs across Alabama.



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