Our mission is to create a destination and educational resource to inspire exploration, appreciation, and preservation of the natural environment and local history.
A message from the Autrey Mill Board of Directors...

One of the most frequent comments our staff and board members hear from visitors we greet is, “I never knew this place was here.” That comment, echoed nearly every day, is usually followed by something very complimentary.

Could not (have) chosen a better place to get married! The prices were reasonable and the staff are super friendly! Tiffany Brook Balli

My company worked a wedding at this beautiful place on 9/17. The place and the people that run it are great. It’s a beautiful property - a little unknown treasure in John's Creek. Dottie Bailey

We were driving through the area - we live in Athens - and decided to stop in when we saw the sign. We had a great time and talked a little with the staff, before checking out the trails. We’ll definitely be back sometime in the future! Charles Nicolosi

We visited today to participate in a Merit Badge class for Boy Scouts. The instructors Lauren and Mary were wonderful. They kept the boys engaged in the subject. The Preserve is wonderful. The historical buildings were wonderfully cared for and preserved. Nancy Thomas

My son’s Scout Troop completed the American Heritage merit badge here on Saturday. I must say WHAT AN OUTSTANDING time our boys had during this time. Ms. Mary and Ms. Lauren did an outstanding job teaching the class. It was so worth the drive and we will come back again too see what we missed. Janice Welch

It is a great place to go spend an afternoon with our girls. Perfect getaway close to home. My six year old attended some camps last year and she is excited to go this summer as well. I love to take my 11 month old to see animals in the mornings. Petra Blasko

This is one of our favorite places to take the kids for some time out in nature. We really enjoy the walking trails and can spend all day down in the creek during the hot days of summer. Sandra Walker

Our goal for 2017 was to make it easier for visitors of all ages to discover, explore and appreciate all that the Preserve has to offer. We have accomplished much to meet that goal: hiring both a new Operations Manager and a Heritage Curator; increasing programing that opens the historic buildings to the public, such as Take-a-Peek Tuesdays and Sunday Socials; expanding homeschool and summer camp opportunities; and completing 25 Scout projects totaling over $15,000 in donated materials to improve the grounds.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “Nature and books belong to the eyes that see them.” With a nod of thanks to our “authors” - our sponsors, staff and volunteers - we look forward to the next chapter, the year to come.
History and Mission

The beginnings of Autrey Mill date to a 1988 grassroots effort by community advocates to save the woodlands from development, prevent the loss of the old mill site and halt the demolition of historic buildings situated on the property. In 1989 the Autrey Mill Nature Preserve Association was formed as a non-profit organization to operate, protect and improve the preserve. The beautiful Autrey Mill of today was built over a 28-year period under the leadership and vision of our non-profit organization’s Board and its talented staff, with the vital help of generous public and private supporters, and by harnessing the indispensable work of volunteers.

The Autrey Mill Nature Preserve Association is a Non Profit (501)(c)(3) organization that operates the preserve, historic buildings, and provides all the environmental, heritage and event programming offered to the public.

Upon the incorporation of the City of Johns Creek, Autrey Mill was officially designated a city park. This created a unique partnership that preserves the roles of The Autrey Mill Nature Preserve Association in development, fundraising, and oversight of the programming, protecting the natural environment and preserving the history of the area. We anticipate the 2016 Johns Creek Parks Bond Referendum will contribute to increasing foot traffic and continued improvement of the facilities.
Staff and Board of Directors

2017 - 2018 Board of Directors

Pam Sutton - President
Jackie Bass - Vice President
Kathy Reed - Treasurer
Karen Daniel - Recording Secretary
Michael Hanft
John Herring
Mary Jo Malowney
Lara Maltby
Deisha Oliver-Millar
Jason Sutton
Janis Hill (emeritus)
Michelle Sienkiewicz (emeritus)
Judy Webb (emeritus)

Introducing Marnie Gordon

I have lived in the Atlanta area for over 25 years. I worked in the private sector before going back to school to pursue my Masters’ degree. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in History and English and also a Masters’ degree in Heritage Preservation from Georgia State University. I recently finished an internship with the Marietta Museum of History in collections management. I have worked on several preservation projects throughout the Atlanta community. I am very excited to be joining the Autrey Mill team as the Heritage Curator and can’t wait to see what the future holds.

Staff as of December 2017:

Chason Thompson - Intern
Alison Kane - Heritage Instructor
Marnie Gordon - Heritage Curator
Judy Webb - Office Assistant
Lauren McDaniel - Operations Manager
Mary Winder - Program Director
Community Offerings

Cost-free Recreational Area
- Free public access is available every day from 8am to dusk
- Over 3 miles of trails with bridges, boardwalks, benches, pavilions, and vantage points designed for quiet enjoyment of Autrey Mill’s habitats and historic sites

Educational and Recreational Programming
- Adopt a Stream workshops for adults
- Classes for children (includes home school classes, Scout badge activities, preschool activities)
- Field Trip destination (meets Georgia Curriculum Standards)
- Summer and holiday camps
- Scheduled Docent-led tours of historic buildings
- Guided nature hikes
- Outreach programming (offered off-site to area festivals, schools and community groups)
- Annual events (Spooky Mill, Scout Day, Wild Weekend)
Visitor Center and Natural History Museum
- Exhibits of live fish, amphibians, and reptiles native to Georgia, and an African tortoise
- Ducks, rabbits, and chickens in a fenced pond area
- Displays and dioramas of woodland animals, bones and skins
- Living lab for hands-on inspection of nature
- Lending Library of nature-themed children’s literature

Heritage Center
- Preserved landmark historic buildings and donated artifact collections
- Heritage gardens
- Oral history project and research into the inhabitants of this land during the past 400 years

Event Rental Facility
- A Victorian farmhouse, mid-1800s church, large pole barn, and amphitheater available for rent for parties, weddings, corporate retreats, reunions, and community groups
- 1,200+ attendees at over 25 rental events in 2017

Community Engagement through Volunteerism
- 12,705.5 Total Volunteer Service Hours in 2017
- 25 Scout Service projects completed, contributing over 4800 hours in 2017
- Our Heritage Docents: Jan Mairose, Janice Millner- Lock, Julia Barnes, and Mary Jo Malowney contributed over 200 hours in 2017
- The Executive Committee and over half our 2017 board members have been awarded the Presidential Service Award for their volunteer hours with Autrey Mill. Additionally, our Board President’s family of four gave enough hours to all receive the Gold Service Award
- Special thanks to Bill Yacola and Steve Prince, who contributed over 240 hours in 2017
Financial Overview

2017 REVENUE
- Special Events, $11,309
- Facility Rentals, $6,008
- Grants, $7,472
- Investment, $52
- Membership, $7,370
- Merchandise, $176
- Other, $504
- Programming - Events & On-Demand Classes, $16,597
- Programming - Pre/ Home/ After-School Classes, $9,261
- Summer & Seasonal Camps, $92,427

2017 EXPENSES
- Animal Care, $1,330
- Special Events, $4,158
- Seasonal Personnel, $27,640
- Programming, $6,132
- Banking Fees, $6,196
- Collections, $1,985
- Facilities, $1,279
- Fundraising, $372
- Grants, $576
- Insurance, $8,760
- Operating, $6,244
- Merchandise, $13
- Other, $589

Personnel, $94,125

3-YEAR REVENUE HISTORY

- Donations & Fundraisers
  - 2015: $30,540
  - 2016: $29,204
  - 2017: $9,610

- Facility Rentals
  - 2015: $6,710
  - 2016: $12,184
  - 2017: $6,008

- Grants
  - 2015: $11,508
  - 2016: $11,677
  - 2017: $2,077

- Investment Income
  - 2015: $26
  - 2016: $26
  - 2017: $52

- Membership
  - 2015: $8,577
  - 2016: $8,757
  - 2017: $7,720

- Merchandise Sales
  - 2015: $110
  - 2016: $207
  - 2017: $176

- Programming
  - 2015: $88,535
  - 2016: $90,237
  - 2017: $16,285

- Special Events
  - 2015: $19,411
  - 2016: $17,372
  - 2017: $11,389

* - WILD About Austrey Mill Fundraiser (held in Fall of 2015 and 2016) was moved from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018
Financial Supporters

$750 and above
- Karen & Bill Daniel
- Lara & Arlan Maltby
- Pam & Jason Sutton

$250 - $749
- Annette Vitullo
- Christopher Coughlin
- Jackie & Bob Bass
- Jeff & Mary Minchew
- Robert Webster

$100 - $249
- Alison Kane
- Courtney Tetterton
- Cyrille Holota
- Elaina Palincsar
- Fran Gillis
- Gary & Nancy Bivins
- Joan Compton
- John Compton
- Kelley & Greg Hundt
- Laura Gugliotta
- Lisa Cuya
- Mary & Andrew Winder
- Stephanie Endres
- Susan Brogden
- Vanessa Goggans
- Zhengxuan Feng

$99 and below
- Afrah Khan
- Alex Raskin
- Alexandra Hoffman
- Allison Redd
- Amanda Rountree
- Amy Rohner
- Andrienne Ware
- Angie Jones
- Annette Hendrickson
- Aron Canouse
- Ashley Hernandez
- Becca Oakley
- Bo Youn
- Brittany Koretski
- Caldwell
- Cara Endress
- Catherine Dansby Smith
- Catherine Long
- Catherine Sinotte
- Chandra Drake
- Chantal Puylerat
- Charles Nicolosi
- Cindy Imlay
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- Claudia Vigil
- Colleen Giannotta
- Cora McMicheal
- Daniel Skrok
- David Cain
- Deborah Gettings
- Deisha Oliver-Miller
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- Erika Morales
- Erin Nichols
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- Fran Cromer
- Gary Danielson
- George Rose
- Glisha Goel
- Heather Martin
- Hun Song
- Illya Tabor
- Jackie Davis
- Jamie Roach
- Janelle Hughes
- Janet Jones
- Janis Hill
- Janna de Brujine
- Jenna Walston
- Jennifer Jensen
- Jennifer Kenny
- Jennifer Miers
- Jennifer Romrando
- Jingshi Shi
- Jodi Davis
- John Bradberry
- John Herrig
- Judy Webb
- Julia Hurtado
- Julia Johnson
- June Price
- Karen & Chris Tostenson
- Karen Allgood
- Katherine Jeffrey
- Katherine Olsen
- Kathy-Trangmai Wynne
- Katie Pharr
- Katie Vander Velde
- Katy Cleveland
- Katy Johnson
- Keren Rosenberg
- Kevin Isom
- Kim MacConnell
- Kimberly Novak
- Kimberly Woods
- Kirr Franz
- Kristen Finley
- Kristie O'Connor
- Kristin Jones
- Kristine Reising
- Lacy Perry
- Laura Willson
- Lauren Mehberger
- Leigh Ann Eskew
- Lieselotte Cuya
- Linda Apino
- Lindsay Wilson
- Lisa Johnson
- Luba Bensman
- Luke Mays
- Lyn Mardant
- Marc Karum
- Marcella DeQuir
- Mary Park
- Megan McGuire
- Melissa Goldberg
- Meredith Kane
- Michele Flemign
- Mike Myilinski
- Mike O'Connor
- Nahoko Her
- Naomi Akita
- Nina Hanchark
- Noa Argaman
- Paige Holland
- Petra Alex
- Rose Szymanski
- Ryann Kennedy
- Samantha Morgan
- Sandra Guggenheim
- Saraswati Yagnavajhala
- Shana Silva
- Sharada Chandran
- Sharon Carnegie
- Sheetal Graffagnini
- Sher Ghouchani
- Simone Mendez
- Srividya Narayanan
- Starbucks Lane
- Steven Prince
- Sumbal Raza
- Susan Campbell
- Suzanne Grant
- Tara Singleton
- Tenise Cook
- Tim Maley
- Toby Bramblett
- Tonya Chelette
- Tracy Swanson
- Valerie McMichael
- Victoria Diamond
- Virginie Deavers
- Wendy Coletti
- Wess Winder
- William Underwood
- Yael Matana
- Yale Xiao
- Zszusanna Toth

All levels above include monetary support plus value of in-kind physical donations
The following companies and organizations deserve special recognition for the donation of their volunteer time:

- Alcon
- Beta Club
- Boy Scouts of America
- Calvert High School
- Centennial High School
- Chattahoochee High School
- Girl Scouts of America
- Grubly Farms
- Honda
- Jacqueline Bass Preservation, LLC
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
- LDS Missionaries
- LexisNexis Risk Solutions
- National Charity League
- Posco America
- Verizon
- Wilson and Reed Academy
- Young Men’s Service League

**Ongoing Partnerships**

- The City of Johns Creek
- Johns Creek Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Johns Creek Chamber of Commerce
- Arts Alliance of Johns Creek
- Boy Scouts of America
- Fulton County Schools
- Heritage Sandy Springs
- Keep North Fulton Beautiful

**Program Director Note:**

I have had the pleasure of working at Autrey Mill in various positions since 2014, but in 2017 I accepted the position of Program Director. Although I have added some new responsibilities and challenges, I consider it an honor to be a part of the evolution of such a special place.

Each morning, I park overlooking a reservoir. A security detail of crows in shiny black plumage announces my arrival. In turn, I am greeted by a rabbit running circles around my feet and the chatty hens. After our water cooler gossip, I begin my “real work”. There are many meetings with major stakeholders and investors. Our major stakeholders - children- enjoy exploratory sessions. “Getting our feet wet” and “leaving no rock unturned” are more than expressions around Autrey Mill! Our investors are the volunteers from all walks of life who donate time, knowledge, enthusiasm and love to our small non-profit.

Autrey Mill is many things to our visitors: a safe space for learning and exploration where a young teen with autism can find his voice; a site for first dates, proposals and weddings; a place of celebrations; a place for quiet reflection surrounded by nature; a piece of history connecting the past, present and future of Johns Creek for its residents. It is a privilege to contribute to an environment of inspiration.

Thank you all for your support during the past year. Thank you for your time. Thank you for loving Autrey Mill. I cannot wait to see what 2018 has to offer.

Sincerely,

Mary Winder
“Amazing location/facilities - just beautiful. My girls loved Allison’s doll camp! They have already said they can’t wait to do it again next year! Thank you!”

“This was our first time at Autrey Mill. We plan to attend the homeschool programs in the Fall; we’ve heard several parents rave about it.”

“The historic walk around all the buildings, especially the church and general store, was really fun! The whole program was very engaging.”

“Mary was a phenomenal teacher. She engaged the girls throughout the process. She was informative and provided all the components to complete our journey.”

“The Autrey Mill Homeschool Program completes our curriculum. Thank you Miss Mary!! My children LOVE homeschool days at Autrey Mill!!”