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## House of Applejay Distillery Launches New Historical Series “The Spirit of Distillation” with Caroline Porsiel

*East Ellijay, GA — April 6, 2026* — House of Applejay Distillery, the Southeast’s only liqueur-first distillery, announces the launch of “**The Spirit of Distillation**,” a new multi-part historical series hosted by founder Caroline Porsiel in Ellijay, Georgia.

The series builds on Porsiel’s broader work in spirits history, including invited presentations for national industry organizations, and brings this perspective into a live, local setting.

This engaging series takes guests on a journey through the history of distillation — from early practices traced to ancient Mesopotamia to the refined craft of modern spirits. Each evening highlights remarkable true stories, influential figures, and key innovations that shaped distillation across the centuries.

The series begins with Part 1: “**Vapors of the Ancients: Early Innovators of Distillation & Alchemy**”  
**Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

In the opening evening, Porsiel explores the earliest chapters — from ancient Mesopotamian techniques to figures such as Tapputi, often recognized among the earliest recorded chemists, and Mary the Jewess, whose pioneering tools laid the foundation for distillation methods still reflected in modern practice.

Each evening is presented in two short sessions with a cocktail intermission, blending historical storytelling with the relaxed social atmosphere of the distillery.

### Event Details for Part 1:

- **Date & Time:** Thursday, April 9, 2026 • 6:00 PM
- **Location:** House of Applejay Distillery, 67 Fowler St, Building B, East Ellijay, GA
- **Admission:** Free
- **Age Requirement:** 21+
- **Refreshments:** Cocktails available for purchase

*“Distillation is far more than a technical process — it reflects centuries of curiosity, experimentation, and cultural exchange,”* said Caroline Porsiel, founder and distiller at House of Applejay. *“This series brings those stories to life in a way that people can experience together.”*

Future evenings will continue the journey through the Islamic Golden Age, medieval Europe, and the rise of modern spirits. Dates and details will be published on the website and social media.

Seating is limited, and guests are encouraged to arrive early.

**Media are invited to attend and cover the series.**



**About House of Applejay Distillery** House of Applejay Distillery is a Georgia-grown agritourism destination in East Ellijay, specializing in all-natural liqueurs and fine spirits rooted in historic methods and modern craft. Known for its award-winning *Applejay from Ellijay* and distinctive cocktail experiences, the distillery offers tastings, tours, and educational programs that connect visitors with the culture and history of distillation.

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