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### Museum of Agriculture's Carter Exhibit Receives Award from the GAMG

The Peanuts, Mules, and Presidents exhibit at the Gallery of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, operated by ABAC, was selected by the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries to receive one of their annual awards.

The awards are given to the exhibits which exemplify excellence in planning and which make a significant contribution to the cultural fabric of the state. Nominations are based on all aspects of the event. The Gallery tied in everything including Georgia-grown decorations by Richard and Brenda Rose, local foods served by the Farmer's Market and Georgia Peanut Commission, a peanut-themed beverage by Tifton's Hilton Garden Inn, and peanut-related information and sponsorship provided by the Peanut Institute Foundation and ABAC alumnus Frank McGill and his

wife, Janet. Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, were in attendance for the grand opening of the event and cut the ribbon for the exhibit.

"Jimmy Carter: Georgia's Native Son" chronicles President Carter's remarkable life, from his roots in Plains to his White House years and humanitarian career



Contributors to the award-winning exhibit gathered for a picture with the award. Pictured left to right: Brenda Rose, Gallery Docent; Richard Rose, Gallery Docent; Polly Huff, Gallery Curator; Christie Womack, Hilton Garden Inn; Paul Willis, GMA Director; JoBeth Roberts, Wiregrass Farmers Market; Kathleen Moore, Courtney Moore, and Nicole Wilson all from Hilton Garden Inn.

through The Carter Center. The display is packed with rare photos and artifacts, giving viewers a snapshot of President Carter's life as a peanut farmer, politician, president, humanitarian, and Nobel Peace Prize winner. It was assembled last year and displayed at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport until September, 2011.

The "Mules & Presidents" exhibit featured a sample of the Wheelers' work on loan from collectors from across the country and several never before displayed pieces, including a life-size face jug of President Jimmy Carter bearing his signature, documented to be the only piece of pottery in existence bearing the signature of a President of the United States.

The Carter exhibit will remain in the Gallery until April, 2012. Exhibit hours are from 9-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. The pottery exhibit opened on Oct. 8, 2011 and ran through Jan. 7, 2012.

### ABAC Serving for a Cure Saturday

ABAC Tennis teams will host the Serving for a Cure clinic Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. The event is open to middle and high school players. Participants will be split into groups with similar levels and focus on fundamentals of the game. Register by contacting the ABAC

Athletic Office at 391-4930 or e-mail [akramer@abac.edu](mailto:akramer@abac.edu). Provide your name, grade, ranking at school, phone number, t-shirt size and completed waiver form by **Wednesday, January 25** at noon to reserve a spot and ensure proper t-shirt size.

The cost will be \$40 payable to American Cancer Society or Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence.

For more information visit [www.abac.edu/PE/womentennis/Serving%20for%20a%20Cure.pdf](http://www.abac.edu/PE/womentennis/Serving%20for%20a%20Cure.pdf)

### Pegasus Open Mic Night Thursday

Pegasus, ABAC's literary magazine, will host the first spring Open Mic Reading at Rockin' Joe's Espresso Thursday at 7 p.m.

This will be a monthly opportunity for writers from ABAC and the Tifton community. Readers are invited to bring original work or work that inspires them to the open mic night. Please limit yourself to 5-8 minutes. Acoustic musicians are also welcome to take part in this event.

Performers and readers will have five minutes to read and perform a piece. Please limit yourself to two or three short poems, one short piece of fiction, or a song. There will be a sign-up sheet on the night of the event.

Rockin' Joe's is located at 1811 Hwy 41 N., just a short drive from ABAC's campus.

For more information, contact Pegasus faculty advisor Dr. Jeff Newberry at [jnewberry@abac.edu](mailto:jnewberry@abac.edu) or 229-391-4972.

**Don't Forget**

**Stallion Day Feb. 11**

For more information visit [www.abac.edu/stalliondays](http://www.abac.edu/stalliondays)



# First Tuesday Concert Feb. 7 at ABAC

The First Tuesday Concert at ABAC on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths on the ABAC campus will feature "A Night of Chamber Music" with the Azalea String Quartet. There is no cost to attend this event.

The quartet is composed of Nina Lutz and Brent Williams on the violin, Laura Burns on the viola, and Steven Taylor on the cello.

The ABAC First Tuesday Concert Series takes place on five selected first Tuesdays during the year. Dr. Susan Roe, associate professor of voice at ABAC, directs the series. All First Tuesday concerts are presented to the com-

munity as a gift from the college through the School of Liberal Arts and the Georgia Council for the Arts. Roe said that persons who want to support the First Tuesday concerts can make contributions to the ABAC Foundation and designate them for the First Tuesday Concert Series.

Other First Tuesday events will be held on March 6 with "A Night of Classical Guitar", featuring Matt Cochran and April 3 with "A Night of Broadway Music" featuring ABAC faculty, students, and voice majors.

For more information, Roe can be reached at [roe@abac.edu](mailto:roe@abac.edu).



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## Save the Date

Celebrate ABAC Weekend March 2&3. For more info visit [www.abac.edu/celebrate](http://www.abac.edu/celebrate) or call the Alumni Office at 391-4900.

## ABAC Birthdays

- 25 Mike Chason
- 26 Olga Contreras-Martinez
- 28 Stefane Raulerson

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Please submit information by **Thursday at noon** to Ashley Mock at [amock@abac.edu](mailto:amock@abac.edu) for inclusion in the next FOCUS.



## Fitness 5K Draws Crowd of Young and Old Saturday

Over 130 participants gathered at the Red Hill Tennis Center Saturday morning for the start of the Fitness 5K. Pictured above are some proud runners showing off their medals from Saturday's event sponsored by the ABAC Health and Fitness Club.



## "Tea For Three" Exhibit Open at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village

The "Tea For Three" exhibit will remain open until March 21. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For a special private tour, a class visit to the Gallery, or a lecture by one of the featured artists, interested persons can contact Polly Huff, Museum Gallery Coordinator from the ABAC Arts Connection, at (229) 391-5222 or [phuff@abac.edu](mailto:phuff@abac.edu).