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Georgia Museum Captures Three Statewide Awards

Cited as a “very deserving recipient,” the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC captured three statewide awards at the recent annual meeting of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries.

Museum Assistant Director and Curator Polly Huff joined 120 museum professionals from across the state for the meeting which honored the best in the industry across the state of Georgia.

Huff said the Museum received the Best Museum Exhibit Award; Best Museum Gallery Event Award, and the Best Educational Program Award. Presenting the awards were Dr. Catherine Lewis, Georgia Association President, and Awards Committee Chair David Moore.

“We are very pleased to present this trifecta of awards to a very deserving recipient,” said Lewis. “Our members represent a good cross section of the museums and galleries in Georgia’s communities, large and small. We are happy to honor institutions, staff members, volunteers, patrons, exhibits, and special projects that have excelled in providing inspiring programs and leadership.”



Pictured (l-r): Moore, Huff and Lewis

The Best Museum Exhibit Award honored the Museum’s project, “Women’s Faces,” which was a special curated exhibit featuring the work of traditional potters Janice and Pat Shields, along with the montage “Faces Make Places” created by the Tifton 20th Century Library Club.

“The Tifton 20th Century Library Club helped us to honor more than 400 exceptional Tifton women in this exhibit,” Huff said. “I think everyone really enjoyed it.”

The Museum also received the Best Museum Gallery Event Award for the project “The Cotton Mill Children-Tifton’s Impact on America.” Huff said Museum staff members collaborated with Tifton public relations firm The Big Picture to create a traveling exhibit showcasing the story of five photographs taken in 1909 at the Tift Cotton Mill Village.

Huff worked with historian Joe Manning to tell the story of child labor in the early 1900s and uncover the story of the Young family featured in the five Lewis Hine photographs. At the exhibit opening, more than 100 descendants of the children in the photos traveled to Tifton to meet some of their relatives for the first time. They also heard Manning tell the incredible story of their family. South Georgia Banking Company, one of the Museum’s community partners, helped to make Manning’s visit possible.

Huff said the Museum’s multifaceted educational outreach program was the key reason the Museum won the Best Educational Program Award. The outreach program includes tours and workshops for students, adult skills classes and demonstrations, summer youth camps, and a unique and thriving Youth Apprentice program.

The Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries is a private, non-profit statewide organization dedicated to encouraging growth and improving professional practices of museums and non-profit galleries throughout the state.

Head out to Stallion Field and cheer for our team!

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Tuesday: Stallions vs. Thomas University DH @ 3 p.m.

Friday: Stallions vs. Wallace/Dothan College @ 2 p.m.

Saturday: Stallions vs. South Georgia DH @ 1p.m.

California Guitar Trio Performs February 12 at ABAC

The California Guitar Trio will warm up a winter night on Feb. 12 when “The ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series” features three very talented musicians at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. This performance is presented through a partnership between the ABAC Arts Connection and the Campus Activity Board (CAB).

ABAC Arts Connection Director Wayne Jones said the synergy in the trio is incredible.

“The technical magic is stunning and so is the variety of instrumental music the group extracts – from unique originals to alluring, cleverly-arranged



versions of jazz, classical, and even surf rock,” Jones said.

Since 1991, Bert Lams of Belgium, Hideyo Moriya of Japan, and Paul Richards of Utah have fascinated listeners with a singular sound that daringly traverses genres. Their shows are full of appealing stories and humor that allow concertgoers to feel like they’re part of the music.

The California Guitar Trio’s 14 albums, streamed over 11 million times on Pandora, offer diverse glimpses into the group. The trio’s most recent release, “Masterworks,” highlights its classical side, with expansive takes on Bach, Beethoven, Arvo Pärt, and Schubert.

While available tickets will be sold at the door, Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Individual tickets for each event are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students under 18 years of age. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895.



Alumni Partner with Admissions

Dr. Darby Sewell and ABAC Recruiter, Kristen Ray, visited with some of our young alumni at the Georgia Association of teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences. Alumnus, Marcus Pollard, was a presenter during the conference. Pictured (l-r): Katie Gilbert Foster, Leigh Cape, Ray, Sewell, Alisha Hall, Pollard.

**First Tuesday
Concert Series
featuring Nephina,
tomorrow at 7
p.m. in the
Chapel.**



Complete Student Activity and Fundraiser Forms Online

Student Activity request and fundraiser requests can now be completed online. This form can be found on the Clubs & Organization page under “Forms & Resources”. Remember that you can’t submit until the entire form is completed. Your Club President will receive an email once the event is approved, or in need of modifications. Contact Bernice Hughes at bhughes@abac.edu with questions.

Purchase Some “Sweets for Your Sweetie”

The ABAC Ambassadors will be selling Candy-Grams

Feb. 5-11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall

\$1-Sweets or \$2 Sweets & Balloons



Sweetie Pie Baking Contest Applications Due Friday! Contact Audrey Luke-Morgan at alukemorgan@abac.edu or Randi Walden at rwalden@abac.edu for more information.

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7 Rebecca Cofer 7 Ernest Kelly 8 Alison Mann