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Bottles and Brushes Art Class Saturday at Museum

The first in a series of Bottles and Brushes art events will take place at 6 p.m. on Feb. 12 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, now operated by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Participants will be painting "September Sunflower", an original painting by instructor Brenda Rose.

Participants can join ABAC for an evening of creativity and fun and enjoy a fantastic Valentine's treat. Participants can bring their favorite beverage, while the Gallery at the Museum will provide the paint, canvas and brushes, all adding up to an exciting evening with friends.

"Participants will not only have a great night out with friends, but they will have a one-of-a-kind creation at the end of the evening," Polly Huff, Gallery Coordinator from the ABAC Arts Connection, said. "This is not your average



Class participants will find their inner da Vinci with Brenda Rose in the Bottles and Brushes art class Feb. 12 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village.

art class. This is art and entertainment." Rose will guide everyone through each step of recreating the featured picture, while a piece of art materializes before their eyes. Huff said the Bottles and Brushes series will offer a class at least once a month. Gift certificates will be available for future classes.

There is a fee of \$25 per person for the class, or \$40 for a couple. Participants must register ahead of time either at the Tifton Welcome Center and Museum store or at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture Art Gallery. For more information

or to register, contact Huff at (229) 386-3849 or email phuff@abac.edu.

Stallion Day Set-Up Begins at 9 a.m. Friday

Participants in Stallion Day may begin setting up at 9 a.m. in Gressette Gymnasium on Friday. Everyone must have their complete displays in place no later than 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Please contact Brook Jernigan at bjernigan@abac.edu, if you wish to participate and have not requested a table.



The Mike Snider String band will play at An Evening for ABAC March 4. Read more on page 4.



Students Take Polar Plunge

Brave ABAC students jumped into the pool Thursday afternoon as a part of the first ever ABAC Polar Bear Plunge. Kris Liebegott, Director of Student Activities, brought the tradition with him from up north where it is commonly done. Liebegott also participated.

'Needles & Pins' Exhibit Opens March 5

A collection of quilts and rolling pins titled "Needles & Pins" will be the featured exhibit beginning March 5 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The exhibit will open at noon on March 5 as a part of the 2011 Celebrate ABAC festivities and will lead up to the American Legacy Quilt Show, "Pieces of Your Life", which will take place in Tifton on April 8-10.

"I can't think of a better way to welcome our alumni to campus during Celebrate ABAC and to showcase our new Gallery at the Museum," Polly Huff, exhibit coordinator from the ABAC Arts Connection, said.

The "Needles & Pins" exhibit will be open from March 5 through April 12, Tuesday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Classes and group tours are welcome. To arrange a private tour, contact Huff at (229) 386-3849 or phuff@abac.edu.

Huff said the ancient art of quilting originated in Africa. It came to North America via European settlers. Quilt-making became a way for people from all walks of life to express their creativity with fabric, needles, and threads and to provide a warm covering for their families.

"Whether made of the most expensive fabric or humble feed sack cloth, quilts bring history to life and tell a story like no other art form can," Huff said. "From an old farmhouse quilt made from scraps or old clothes to a complicated contemporary work of art created to celebrate a special occasion, both are equally treasured and equally meaningful."

Huff said "Needles & Pins" features an incredible collection of antique and modern-day quilts including works of the Wiregrass Quilters Guild, a large group of artisans from throughout South Georgia. The exhibit will also include several contemporary 3-D quilts, a collection of antique quilts on loan from the Hogan Family in Irwinville, and a spe-

cial, never before exhibited 9/11 Memorial quilt from Jim Tripp of Rochelle.

Also on display will be six never-before-shown quilts dating back to the 1930s. The quilts are on loan to the Gallery from the private collection of ABAC alumnus and Gallery supporter C. L. Morehead, Jr., from Athens.

Along with the quilts, the Gallery at the Museum will exhibit three private collections of antique rolling pins made of glass, marble, various types of wood, chrome, ceramic, and plastic.

"Rolling pins have been around for centuries," Huff said. "The material



used in the making of each pin is often a sign of the time and place of its creation. Glass pins were used in early Victorian kitchens, metal ones mark the 1920s, and ceramic

ones date back to the 17th century. Wooden rolling pins are the oldest and most commonly used."

The three rolling pin collections on display are on loan to the Museum Gallery thanks to the generosity of Kim Bridges, wife of ABAC President David Bridges; artist and collector Brenda Rose, and Museum of Agriculture educational coordinator Theresa Clemens. The collections represent pins from the states of Washington, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Virginia, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Ohio, Florida, Texas, Alabama, Michigan, and Georgia. Some of the pins were passed down for several generations, and one came from England.

"Needles and Pins will take you back hundreds of years through stories of love, marriage, family, patriotism, and fashion," Huff said. "Quilts stitched by hand a hundred years ago from old feedsacks will be displayed next to ultra-modern creations made of the most luxurious fabrics and using the latest technology. I promise you a stunning experience as you walk through this exhibit."

Events Abound For Black History Month at ABAC

February is Black History Month, and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will offer a variety of events and programs including motivational speakers, movies, and contests all across the campus.

Tonight the Minority Academic Social Development Association (MASDA) will sponsor Black History Movies on Mondays (M&Ms), featuring "The Great Debaters". All M&Ms are followed by a discussion and will be held at the Lakeside Grand Lobby at 7 p.m.

A Soul Food Extravaganza will be featured for lunch and dinner at the Donaldson Dining Hall on Tuesday. Author Keith Brown will speak at Howard Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. This presentation is free of charge. A reception with light refreshments will follow at 8 p.m.

A second installment of Black History M&Ms will showcase "Ruby Bridges" on Feb. 14. The Black History Quiz Bowl will be held at the Nickelodeon at 7 p.m. on Feb. 15. Teams of five will compete for cash prizes. Contact Jazmin Thomas, Student Government Association President at jthoma24@stallions.abac.edu.

On Feb. 16, students can take part in the College Activities Board (CAB) Open Mic Remix at 8 p.m. in the Lakeside Grand Lobby, and the Black History Award Celebration will be held Feb. 17 in Howard Auditorium at 7 p.m. The ceremony is free and open to the public. A CAB Nick @ Nite Series \$500 trivia contest will take place at the Nickelodeon at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18.

Black History M&Ms for Feb. 21 will feature the film "Higher Learning". A free Multicultural Fashion Show will take place Feb. 22 in the Donaldson Dining Hall at 6 p.m., followed by a Unity Party at 9 p.m. in the Nickelodeon. Admission to the Unity Party is \$2 with ABAC ID.

On Feb. 25, a "Step for History" Greek step show will be held in Gressette Gym at 7 p.m. ABAC students will be admitted for \$3 with ID, and the cost is \$5 for the general public with ID.

The celebration of Black History Month will culminate with the kick-off of Celebrate ABAC on Feb. 28 with a cookout at the Rowan Pavilion from 5-8 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Housing.

For more information on any of these events, contact Bernice Hughes, Dean of Students, at bhughes@abac.edu.

Stallion Day ~ February 12, 2011

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 – 9:00	Check-in & Tours	Donaldson Dining Hall
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome & Overview of the Day	Donaldson Dining Hall
9:30 – 10:30	Stallion Marketplace & Tours	Gressette Gymnasium
10:45 – 11:50 Pick 2 sessions to attend ✦ 10:45-11:15 ✦ 11:20-11:50	Conversation Corners Join the experts and have your questions answered on these areas from faculty, staff, and students.	Health Sciences Building <i>rooms:</i> 249— Honors 237— Housing 167— I'm a Homeschooler! 114— Learning Communities 254— Music 108— Student Involvement 257— Transfer Student
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Donaldson Dining Hall
12:45 <u>High School Seniors Only – must be present to win</u>	Drawing for a \$500 tuition grant, a meal plan for one semester, and two housing application fee waivers	Donaldson Dining Hall
1:00 – 1:45 <u>STUDENTS</u>	Interactive Classes Ag & Natural Resources Business Human Sciences Liberal Arts Nursing Math Science	Various Classrooms Ag Sciences—139 Conger—228 Health Sciences—114 Health Sciences—109 Health Sciences—163 Britt—105 Gray—206
1:00 – 1:45 <u>FAMILIES</u>	Information Session	Donaldson Dining Hall
2:00 – 3:30	Financial Aid Sessions Choose One – 2:00, 2:30 or 3:00 2:15, 2:45, or 3:15 Additional Housing Conversation Corners - 2:30 or 3:15 Continuous starting at 2:00 Compass Test Info Session Student Success Center Tours African-American Male Initiative Info Session	Ag Sciences Building <i>rooms:</i> 131 and 137 Lakeside Multipurpose Room Lakeside Lobby



ABAC Serving for the Cure Saturday at 10 a.m.

Register by contacting the ABAC Athletic Office at 391-4928 or e-mailing akramer@abac.edu. Participants will be split into groups with similar levels as much as possible and focus on fundamentals of the game. The cost of the clinic is \$40 and proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Author Keith Brown to Speak Tuesday at ABAC

Author and motivational speaker Keith L. Brown will speak on Tuesday to ABAC students on “not impossible – I’M POSSIBLE”. The speech will take place in Howard Auditorium from 7 – 8 p.m. with a reception to follow in Thrash Gym from 8 – 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided by the Office of Student Success.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Human Resources, the College Assistance Migrant (CAMP)/High School Equivalency Program (HEP), and the Office of Student Life and Housing. This program is open to all ABAC students at no charge.

Brown speaks to over 300,000 people each year. He was named as one of the top speakers and consultants in education by Insight Publishing. He is a mem-



Motivational speaker and author Keith L. Brown will be on the campus of ABAC on Tuesday to give his uplifting speech “not impossible – I’M POSSIBLE” at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

ber of the National Speakers Association, a professional speechwriter, and a legislative liaison. Some of his clients include Brown University, Savannah State University, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Emory University, and the American Cancer Society.

Brown is also the author of the award-winning book

“Chitlins” and “not impossible – I’M POSSIBLE”. He is the co-author of the 303 Solutions series that include “303 Solutions to Reaching your Goals and Living Your Dreams”, and also co-author of “Conversations on Success” with Jack Canfield, co-founder of “Chicken Soup for the Soul”.

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ABAC Birthdays

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7 Ernest Kelly

8 June Allen

12 Karen Dell

12 Todd Hicks

13 Natalie Youngs

ABAC Family

Dr. Gail Dillard spoke to a group of students and parents at Thomas County Central High School about joint enrollment opportunities available through ABAC on Jan. 31.

Ashley Williamson and Mike Chason gave an ABAC update to the Sylvester Kiwanis Club on Feb. 2. Chason also talked about Stallion Day on the Kyle Dean Show on WTIF on Feb. 1.

Mike Snider String Band to Play at Evening for ABAC

The Mike Snider String Band will be the featured performer at an Evening for ABAC as part of the Celebrate ABAC festivities at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on March 4. Formerly known as Dollars for ABAC Scholars, this event is the premier fundraiser for the ABAC Foundation for student scholarships at ABAC.

The Evening for ABAC event begins with a dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a 7:30 p.m. performance. Both the dinner and entertainment will be held at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture, now operated by ABAC.

Snider is a national banjo champion who broke into the country music scene in the 1980s. He made hundreds of tele-

vision appearances on The Nashville Network’s “Nashville Now” and had a seven-year stint on the television favorite, “Hee Haw”. He entertained crowds in Nashville, Tenn., at the Opryland theme park and his popularity garnered him membership into the Grand Ole Opry in 1990.

Tickets for the Evening for ABAC are \$75 per person or \$1,250 for a reserved table. Tax advantages for reserved tables and sponsors are available. Concert only tickets are available for \$30 each. Tickets can be ordered online at www.abac.edu/celebrate/, via mail, or by calling the ABAC Foundation at (229) 391-4900. The deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 24.

ABAC Offers Early Bird Discount on Fall Trip

The Educational Outreach office at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is offering an early bird discount for the South Pacific Wonders trip scheduled for Sept. 5 – 19. All travelers who sign up by March 1 will save \$600 per couple.

Travelers will depart Sept. 5 and arrive in Cairns on Sept. 7. Tourists will experience the best of what Australia and New Zealand have to offer on this 15-day excursion priced at \$5,199 per person double occupancy. Travelers also have the option to take a three-night Fiji post-tour extension. The South Pacific tour will feature

stops in the cities of Cairns, Sydney, Christchurch, Queenstown, and a cruise on the Milford Sound. There will also be points of interest that include the Great Barrier Reef, Mount Cook National Park, a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center, and the Riccarton House mansion.

For more information on the trip, visit the ABAC Educational Outreach web site at www.abac.edu/psbo/Travel/index.cfm, contact Diane Kilgore at dkilgore@abac.edu, or call (229) 391-5065.

Women’s Softball Team At Home This Week

The ABAC women’s softball team will host two games this week at Fillies’ Field at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The Fillies will play a double-header against South Georgia College at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

“The game with South Georgia is a non-conference game,” said Donna Campbell, coach of the Fillies. “But it is always nice to get a good look at one of our conference opponents.”

Tallahassee Community College will play at ABAC on Friday in another double-header at 2 p.m.

“Tallahassee is a powerhouse, and we like to play top teams,” said Campbell. “We have always played them at home and away. They are a great team, and that helps us to play good competition.”

For more information on upcoming sporting events at ABAC, contact the ABAC athletics’ office at (229) 391-4930.