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'Brothers Again' Exhibit Opens February 26 at GMA

"Brothers Again," a new exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, will open Feb. 26 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum

Gallery. Guests will enjoy brief introductory remarks and light refreshments at 6 p.m. Admission to this event is free. It is sponsored by the Museum and by the Baldwin Players theatre group at ABAC.

Museum Assistant Director and Curator Polly Huff said this exhibit will focus on Civil War artifacts from the wiregrass Georgia area relating to the war, as well as memorabilia from life at the home front.

"The war fundamentally changed America, particularly the South, and its end marked the beginning of many changes,

mostly for the better, but some suffering lingered," Huff said. "This exhibit will feature opportunities to explore how the war impacted several facets of life throughout the United States, the South, and particularly south central Georgia."

Huff said a series of lectures and presentations will be presented during the life of the exhibit that look at the issues of the time, including the war itself, as well as politics, slavery, and religion.

As another part of the "Brothers Again" event, the Baldwin Players of ABAC will present "The Whipping Man" by Matthew Lopez, a powerful play set just after General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox. The play examines the issues of slavery, faith, and relationships in a time of upheaval and change.

Performances of "The Whipping Man" will be held March 5-7 at 7 p.m. at the Peanut Museum of the GMA. Admission is free to ABAC

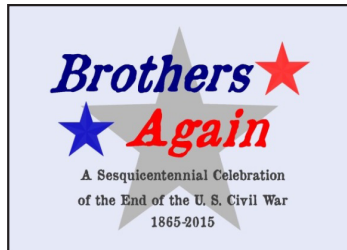
faculty, staff and students. The ticket cost is \$7 per person for the general public. This play is intended for mature audiences.

There will also be an original play, "Brothers, Husbands, and Sons," written by Dr. Brian Ray, professor of English and instructor of theatre, that explores the impact of the war on those Southern family members who remained at home.

The special exhibit opening inside the GMA Gallery as a part of "Brothers Again" is an exhibit curated by staff especially for this event. Artifacts will include uniforms, weaponry, photographs, diaries, household items, and more.

"Artifacts on loan from Fort McAllister along with various artifacts from a number of private collectors make up the new exhibit," Huff said. "Many of the items on display which belong to private collectors have never been displayed publicly."

For more information on this event, interested persons can contact Huff at (229) 391-5222.



Celebrate Georgia Arbor Day

Join the ABAC Tree Campus USA committee as they honor Georgia Arbor Day at 9 a.m. Friday near Bowen Hall. A live oak will be planted to replace one that was removed. Everyone is invited to attend.



The Student Alumni Council will give out cupcakes Tuesday afternoon to faculty and staff in appreciation for all they do on campus.

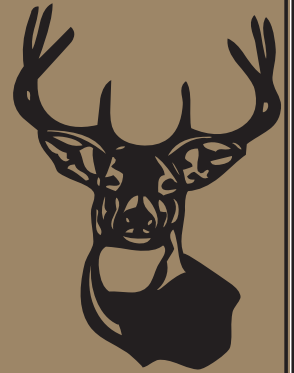
Third Annual Wildlife Society Beast Feast is Saturday

The third annual Beast Feast will be held on Saturday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC. Doors will open at 6 p.m. This event is hosted by the ABAC Wildlife Society.

The dinner will be comprised of a variety of game and non-game species and run the gamut from amphibians and birds to a few mystery meat delicacies for the more adventurous patrons. The evening will also include door prizes, and diners can purchase opportunities for a chance to win a variety of items.

Tickets for the Beast Feast are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. Children under the age of 10 are free of charge. Interested persons can purchase tickets from Dr. William Moore, Head of the Department of Forest Resources and associate professor of wildlife ecology and management in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Students will also sell tickets to the event on Feb. 16-20 in front of the Donaldson Dining Hall during lunch.

For more information on the Beast Feast, interested persons can contact Moore at (229) 391-4805 or at wmoore@abac.edu.



Concert Band to Perform at District II Honor Band Clinic

The Concert Band at ABAC will perform a monumental work by Dr. Quincy Hilliard, noted African American band composer, at the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) District Two Honor Band Clinic in Norman Park on Friday.



The Composer in Residence and the Heymann Endowed Professor of Music at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Hilliard will work with the ABAC Concert Band on his composition, "Requiem," on the ABAC campus earlier in the day

on Feb. 20. He will then conduct the ABAC band at the GMEA District Two Concert.

ABAC Concert Band Conductor Johnny Folsom said "Requiem" is a programmatic work based on the death of a civilization by an earthquake in 493 A.D. The music students of the ABAC

music program will also have the privilege of hearing Hilliard lecture on the mechanics of composing music in two music theory classes while he is on campus. The GMEA District Two's clinic consists of band directors and students from schools south

of Columbus and west of I-75 in Georgia. The District includes Tift County which will participate by bringing auditioned band members from grades 6-12 to perform in the Honor Band Clinic held annually in Norman Park.

Hilliard was commissioned by the GMEA band directors of District Two to compose a work for the 11th and 12th grade honor band that will honor one of District Two's great band directors, the late Jesse Walker, who followed Eugene Wyles as the high school band director at Worth County High School. After he retired from Worth County, Wyles was the director of the Concert Band at ABAC until his death in 2007.

Staff Forum Meeting Wednesday

Join Staff Forum on Wednesday at 3:30 in the Health Sciences Building room 114 to discuss the Staff Forum Scholarship and Relay for Life. President David Bridges will speak as well. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Kinsey at ckinsey@abac.edu

Roy R. Jackson, Sr. Award for Staff Excellence

Take time to nominate a deserving staff member for the Roy R. Jackson, Sr. award. For more information, visit the Staff Forum website at <http://www.abac.edu/more/employees/staff-forum>. Nominations must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. March 2. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Kinsey at ckinsey@abac.edu

Black History Month Events Continue Wednesday

At 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, an Inspirational Tribute to Our Ancestors will be held in the Donaldson Dining Hall. The Annual Black History Month Awards Celebration will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Howard Auditorium. The event will include a one act play, "A Day without Black People and Their Wondrous Inventions." Contact Bernice Hughes at bhughes@abac.edu for more information.



Valentine's Day Cookies

The ABAC Ag Business Club baked cookies for the residents at Southern Care Nursing home and attended their Valentine's Day party on Friday.

Purchase BBQ Tickets to Support the ABAC Cattlemen's Association

Let the ABAC Cattlemen's Association take care of the cooking for supper on Wednesday, March 11! Tickets for a beef BBQ



plate are on-sale now. Plate includes: 1/2 pound beef BBQ, baked beans, potato salad, bread and a slice of cake. Tickets are \$10 per plate and the plates can be picked up on March 11 from 5 -7 p.m. in the Ag Science Building. Contact Dr. Mary Ellen Hicks at mhicks@abac.edu to purchase your tickets.

ABAC Equus Debuts at Stallion Day

ABAC Equus performed for the first time at Stallion Day for prospective students and their families. Equus is ABAC's dance troupe in which any student can audition for. Auditions for fall semester will be held on March 4. Equus will perform at campus functions such as Pre-K Day on April 3 and in the community. For More Information about Equus, visit the School of Human Sciences in Bowen Hall 205.



Donaldson Advising Award Nominations Due

The Donaldson Advising Award recognizes advisors who have an effective and positive influence on the educational experience of ABAC students. This award will be presented during the Honors Day ceremony in April. Nominations should be submitted by email to Brenda Doss at bdoss@abac.edu by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Join the Center for Teaching and Learning on Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the President's Dining Room for a *Fulbright Scholar Presentation*. For more information, contact Dr. Hans Schmeisser at hschmeisser@abac.edu.

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