Folklife Festival April 2 at the Museum

Visitors can watch sheep being sheared or get a look at the operation of an authentic turpentine still when the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC presents the Georgia Folklife Festival, a celebration of art and culture on April 2 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Museum Director Paul Willis said the turpentine still gets fired up only once a year, and it will be featured at this event. Other activities will include soap-making, sheep-shearing, music by traditional folk musicians, and children's activities.

Vendors and artists will be on hand to sell original works and traditional fare. Visitors can purchase homemade sausage biscuits, soup and cornbread, and pound cake during the event.

"Folklife is a great way to kick off spring at the Museum," Willis said.

Cooper to Read March 29 at ABAC

Author and movie critic Jackie K. Cooper will be on the campus of ABAC March 29 to read from his new book "Back to the Garden: The Goal of the Journey" at 7 p.m. in Bowen Hall, Room 100.

This event is sponsored by the ABAC Office of Academic Affairs, the School of Business, the School of Liberal Arts, and the student literary magazine, "The Pegasus". This event is free and open to the public.

"Back to the Garden" is the sixth book in Cooper’s journey series. The stories in this book depict an ordinary man's ability to cope with the humorous and dramatic events that take place on journeys through life. Cooper's books focus on his childhood growing up in the South. He is also a well-known book reviewer and movie critic.

Yard Sale on Saturday At the Museum of Ag

A yard sale will be held at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC on Saturday from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. The yard sale will take place in the parking lot of the Museum’s Country Store.

Interested persons can rent a table for $20.

The deadline to reserve a place is Wednesday at 5 p.m. To reserve a spot for the yard sale, interested persons can contact the Museum’s Country Store at (229) 391-5205.

Buy Tickets Now For Athletics Hall of Fame

Former student athletes, coaches, and supporters of ABAC will be honored at the annual ABAC Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony and luncheon on April 2 at noon at the ABAC softball field.


Tickets are now available at a cost of $30 per person for the luncheon on April 2. Tickets can be purchased from the ABAC Athletics Office by calling Shirley Wilson at (229) 391-4930.
Mr. ABAC to Be Selected March 31

Nineteen men attending ABAC will compete for the title of Mr. ABAC in the 20th annual competition at 7 p.m. on March 31 in Howard Auditorium. The theme for this year’s event is “Far Out: Peace, Love, and Mr. ABAC.” The contest is sponsored, directed, and produced by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club.

The cost for tickets is $5. Tickets will be available in Bowen Hall, Room 205 beginning on March 28. If the event is not a sellout, they will also be available at the door.

Contestants are sponsored by campus clubs, athletic teams, and student media. They will compete in casual attire, formal attire, and interview categories. Contestants will also be judged on a written timed essay.

The top contestant will receive a plaque and a cash prize. Contestant, interview, and essay awards will be given. The Family and Consumer Sciences Club members will also choose “Fun Awards” that will be presented to contestants.

Students involved in this year’s competition include Joshua Boydston, a diversified agriculture major from Chatsworth; Scott Dismuke, a natural resources management major from Tifton; Frank “Pete” Dola, an agricultural business and agricultural economics major from Morriston, Fla.; Ronnie Few, a diversified agriculture major from Covington; Austin Gibson, a diversified agriculture major from Oustee, Fla.; Paxton Gordon, an economics major from Moultrie; Bernard Green, a business administration major from Tifton; John Grist, a golf course management major from Rabun Gap; Ronald Kerestus, a pre-veterinary medicine major from Valdosta; and Zebb Luster, an agricultural communications/diversified agriculture major from Fort Myers, Fla.

Other contestants include; Matthew McQuagge, an animal sciences major from Gainesville, Fla.; Zachary Miller, an undeclared major from Ocilla; Cody Morris, a political science major from Ashburn; Sammy Pennington, a diversified agriculture major from Clover, S.C.; Grafton Rabun, a diversified agriculture major from Monticello; John Schrier, an engineering major from St. Marys; Thomas Turcotte, a pre-veterinary medicine major from Ranger; Kevin Vantrees, an agricultural business and agricultural economics major from Douglasville; and Andy Whisnant, an agricultural education major from Hephzibah.

Center For Teaching and Learning Presentation
March 28 at 4 p.m. in Carlton 202

Members from the ABAC Faculty Learning Community (FLC) will present as part of the CTL’s Colloquium Series March 28 at 4 p.m. in Carlton 202. The topic of the presentation will be Learner-Centered Teaching. Participants of the Learning Community were given a copy of Maryellen Weimer's book "Learner-Centered Teaching: Five Key Changes to Practice" and met twice a month during the fall 2010 semester to discuss the topics in the book and develop plans to implement the concepts in their classes this semester. The FLC members will present their findings and implementation tips from the book.

The “Needles & Pins” exhibit will be at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture Gallery through April 12. Classes and group tours are welcome. To arrange a private tour, contact Polly Huff at (229) 391-5222 or phuff@abac.edu.
Wilson Wins Weekly High Five Award

Shirley Wilson, administrative associate for Athletics and Recreational Sports, has been nominated for a High Five Award by Nancy Anthony. Nancy writes, "Shirley is always willing to help with any activity that is happening at ABAC. She has been the chair of Staff Forum refreshment committee, and without fail, makes certain that we have a full table, even if she has to make several items herself. She is always helping ABAC to present a positive face through our Athletics Department. She works daily to show a positive customer friendly attitude to those coming onto our campus. For her positive attitude and her team spirit I nominate Shirley Wilson for the High Five Award."

ABAC Family

Dr. Darby Sewell, Rebecca Cofer, Cassie Spears, and Abbey Bowen went to the Southeastern Council on Family Relations 2011 conference March 2-4. The group presented a session called “Rural Studies: An Innovative Program”.

Staff Forum Meeting

Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

A Staff Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Health Sciences Room 237. To sign up to provide refreshments for the meeting, contact Shirley Wilson at 229-391-4932 or swilson@abac.edu.

ABAC Job Opportunities

- Business Intelligence (BI) Support Specialist
- Customer Service Representative, Student Financial Services
- Director of Student Financial Services
- Human Resources Assistant, Part-time
- Recruiter/Enrollment Counselor
- Registrar
- Senior Information Systems Administrator

For full descriptions of these opportunities visit www.abac.edu/hr

ABAC Faculty and staff will suit up March 29 to face the students in the faculty-staff basketball game in Gressette Gym at 7 p.m. The event is hosted by SGA. For more information, contact Joseph Brown at josephbrown@abac.edu.