



# FOCUS

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### 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 music artist, 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.

"The event spotlights activities that aren't featured on a daily basis like the turpentine still and sheep shearing." Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 – 16 years of age, and free of charge for children under five.

The festival will be accompanied by a plein aire gathering of local artists. Plein aire artists will work outdoors during the day to create paintings on-site.

For more information on the Georgia Folklife Festival, interested persons can contact Garrett Boone at the Museum at (229) 391-5204. Vendors interested in participating in this event can contact Polly Huff, exhibit coordinator from the ABAC Arts Connection, at 391-5222 or via e-mail at [phuff@abac.edu](mailto:phuff@abac.edu).

### 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. In middle Georgia, he is known as the 'Entertainment Man' due to his popular entertainment reviews in newspapers and on television. He also teaches writing classes for schools and organizations around the South and performs as an after-dinner speaker.

For more information on this event, contact Sandra Giles at (229) 391-4961.

### 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.

Inductees for 2011 include the 1995 ABAC national championship women's softball team; Kyle Farnsworth, pitcher for the 1994-1995 Stallions baseball team; Benny Dees, basketball coach of the ABAC Stallions from 1962-1967; Harley Stewart, player for the Stallions basketball team from 1968-1970; and the late A. B. Malloy, loyal supporter of the Fillies softball team from 1985 - 2005.



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.

# Stallion Day For Juniors April 16



## Mr. ABAC to Be Selected March 31

Nineteen men attending ABAC will compete for the title of Mr. ABAC in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Morrison, Fla.; **Ronnie Few**, a diversified agriculture major from Covington; **Austin Gibson**, a diversified agriculture major from Olustee, 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.

## Summer Job and Internship Workshop Thursday

A Summer Job and Internship Workshop will be held for ABAC students on Thursday from 5 – 6 p.m. in Bowen Hall, room 100. Free food and door prizes will be provided.

At the event, ABAC students will learn of opportunities available for employment with industry and government agencies and options in the workforce upon completion of their degrees.

For more information on this workshop, contact Annie Sims in the Student Development Office at (229) 391-5135.



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.

## 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.

## Baseball at Home Tuesday



The ABAC Stallion baseball team will take on Middle Georgia Tuesday at 7 p.m. Come out and support the stallions!

## Relay for Life Yard Sale On April 2

A yard sale to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on April 2 beginning at 7 a.m. in the Nickelodeon at ABAC.

Interested persons can rent tables for \$10 each or three for \$25. All proceeds from the table rentals will go to the Relay for Life.

Set-up for the sale will be from 3-7 p.m. on April 1. Sellers keep their profits, and anything that does not sell will be hauled off and donated to charity.

For more information on the Relay for Life Yard Sale, contact Dean of Students Bernice Hughes at 391-5130.

## 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](http://www.abac.edu/hr)

## 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](mailto:swilson@abac.edu).

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## Faculty and Staff Face Students March 29 at 7 p.m.



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](mailto:josephbrown@abac.edu).