The First Tuesday Concert Series on Feb. 2 will feature “A Night with Duo Allant” at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. This concert is open to the public at no charge.

The First Tuesday series, now in its 14th year, features regional professional artists on the first Tuesdays of five months during the year. Dr. Susan Roe, Director of Music for the School of Liberal Arts, is the First Tuesday Program Director.

Classical guitarist Francois Fowler and flutist Kathryn Thomas Umble make up Duo Allant. They are recognized for the high level of musicianship and artistry that they bring to each performance.

Fowler is a former faculty member in the ABAC music department. This performance is his third with the First Tuesday Series. Umble is an assistant professor of flute at Youngstown State University and has served on the faculties of Bowling Green State University and Grove City College. She holds degrees from the University of Michigan, Bowling Green State University, and Michigan State University.

The performance will include “Histoire du Tango” by Astor Piazzolla, “Two Lute Songs” written by John Dowland and arranged by Fowler and Umble, Jacques Hoert’s “Entr’acte,” “Mountain Songs” by Robert Beaser, David Morgan’s “One Dance, Many Dancers” composed by Duo Allant, and “Oceans,” an original piece by Duo Allant.

Duo Allant has received glowing accolades for its exciting and diverse programs. The two musicians’ innovative repertoire spans over 400 years of music from Brazil, Japan, Canada, United States, Great Britain, Argentina, and France. Fowler and Umble are also enthusiastic about new music and have premiered works composed specifically for them.

Recent performances by the duo include stops at Penn State University’s Esber Hall, the Dayton Classical Guitar Society, the Pittsburgh Music Academy, the Faculty Artist Series at Youngstown State University, and the Ohio Cultural Alliance and Defiance Community Cultural Council Chamber Music Series. In addition to the concert performances, Duo Allant is committed to reaching out to the community and the next generation of young musicians through university master classes and high school presentations. More information is available at www.duoallant.com.

For more information on the First Tuesday Concert Series, interested persons can contact Roe at sroe@abac.edu.
The ABAC Wildlife Society will hold its fourth annual Beast Feast on Feb. 27 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance and $13 at the door.

The wildlife supper will allow patrons to sample a variety of dishes prepared from venison, wild hog, alligator, bobcat, various fish species, and more. A number of raffles will also be held during the event for items including a shotgun, a chartered fishing trip for four in Florida, artwork from wildlife artist and former Atlanta Falcon Jose Portilla, limited edition framed prints, and more. All attendees will also be eligible to win a wide variety of free door prizes during the evening.

Interested persons can contact Dr. William Moore, Associate Professor and Department Head of Forest Resources, at (229) 391-4805 or Dr. Jason Scott, Assistant Professor of Forest Resources, at (229) 391-4806 for more information or to purchase tickets.
Giving Back

“Give Back to ABAC” was a great success in 2015 thanks to the generosity of ABAC’s faculty and staff. More than 62 percent of the ABAC faculty and staff participated for a total of 164 people -- which was a 500 percent increase from the previous year’s participation rate of 11 percent.

Key aspects of “Give Back to ABAC” were the focus on participation and on giving to your areas of interest. Contributions and pledges totaling $51,432 were received from faculty and staff who gave back to a wide range of areas across the campus as shown in this graphic. Support from current faculty and staff is particularly meaningful in our development efforts because it sends a resounding message to alumni, donors, the community, and our legislature that we believe in the mission of ABAC.

Annette Rigdon Swan Exhibit Opens Thursday at GMA

Members of the general public will have the chance to view Annette Rigdon Swan’s beautiful work in a retrospective show which opens with a reception on Jan. 28 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lobby of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC.

The opening night reception is open to the community at no charge. Refreshments will be provided by Dave’s Bread and Coffee House. The Museum Gallery in partnership with Tiftarea Artisans is sponsoring the exhibit which will remain on display through Feb. 27.