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Evening for ABAC Raises Over \$48,000 for Scholarships



An Evening for ABAC, held Friday evening, raised more than \$48,000 for ABAC scholarships in one night. The net revenue from Evening for ABAC activities increase by 30% over the 2013 event. When added to above average 2013 giving and good returns on its diverse pool of investments, the ABAC Foundation will provide a record amount of tuition assistance for deserving ABAC students next fall. The event this year featured Indie-alternative folk group von Grey, a quartet of classically trained sisters, as the featured performer for the annual ABAC Foundation fundraiser for student scholarships. Platinum sponsors included Sodexo and Affiliates, Inc., and Southeastern Federal Credit Union. Gold sponsors include Merrill Lynch, First Community Bank/Synovus, Georgia Farm Bureau, an ABAC Foundation Trustee, South Georgia Banking Company, Mobley Gin, Bob Dutton/Needmore Properties, Bob McLendon Farms, AgGeorgia Farm Credit, Harley Langdale, Jr., Foundation, Inc., Captain D's/Checkers and Sodexo Physical Plant at ABAC. Thank you to all that donated, attended and planned the event. **Pictured above:** (Left) Dallas Hunt, Foundation Board of Trustee member, praises von Grey for their splendid performance. (Center) von Grey performs one of many outstanding numbers. (Right) Student Scholarship recipients and ABAC Ambassadors pause for a quick picture from their duties as hosts for the event.

Spring Break Dining Hall Hours

The Aggie C-store will close March 14 at 2 p.m. and will reopen from March 17-20 from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. and will reopen on March 23 for normal business hours.

The Lakeside C-store will close March 14 at 11 p.m. and reopen March 23 for normal business hours.

The Pizza Hut & Subconnection will be open for normal business ours on March 14-15. On March 16 they will be open from 11 a.m. -7 p.m. and will close from March 17-20. It will reopen for normal business hours starting March 22.

The Dining Hall will close after lunch on March 14 and reopen for normal business hours on March 24.

Join ABAC's Relay for Life Team!

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=60589&pg=team&team_id=1576503

Join the Team as an individual and by setting up your office, department or group. Contact Clayton Riehle at 229.391.4982

ABAC Home Games This Week

Last week was full of rescheduled games, wins and loses. Below are the home games for the week. For a full schedule and results visit www.abac.edu/athletics.

Baseball: Fri. vs. GA Highlands @ 6 p.m.

Sat. vs. GA Highlands @ 1/3 p.m.

Women's Tennis: Wed. vs. Albany State @ 1 p.m.



Third Annual 'Run for the Nurses' April 5 at ABAC

The School of Nursing and Health Sciences will hold the third annual "Run for the Nurses" event on April 5 at the Red Hill Athletic Center on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The event includes a one-mile fun walk/run, 5K run, and a one-half marathon. The 5K and one-half marathon will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the one-mile fun walk/run will take place at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Lisa Purvis Allison Spirit of Nursing Scholarship Fund which assists in the education of future nurses.



Runners can participate for a cost of \$15 for the one-mile run, \$30 for the 5K, and \$40 for the one-half marathon. Interested participants can register online at www.active.com or at www.abac.edu/academics/schools/nursing/ for a printable registration form. Online pre-registration ends on April 1. Runners can still register on race day.

For more information on the "Run for the Nurses" event, interested persons can contact Becky Arnold at (229) 391-5024 or e-mail her at rarnold@abac.edu.

Season of Quilts at Georgia Museum of Agriculture

It's a quilters' paradise at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC over the next eight weeks as the Season of Quilts continues with unique events sure to whet the appetite of quilters from across the globe.

On March 29, the Wiregrass Quilters Guild will unveil and dedicate a Churn Dash Barn Quilt that members created over the past year. Visitor to the 2 p.m. ice cream social will see the culmination of hours upon hours of creative work on the barn quilt which will permanently hang on the side of the Wiregrass Opry Stage, visible from both directions on Interstate 75.

Museum assistant director and curator Polly Huff said the represented design, Churn Dash, was a popular quilt block during the late 1800s and early 1900s, the period in history portrayed by the museum.

"The Wiregrass Quilters have also created a fabric replica featuring the Churn Dash pattern which will be hung somewhere on site," Huff said. "Visitors will be invited to follow clues to find and view the fabric quilt."

Visitors to the Museum on March 29 are invited to participate in the dedication and ice cream social. Wiregrass Quilters Guild members will be admitted free upon presentation of their valid Guild membership card.

The Season of Quilts continues on April 4 with the opening of a one-



woman exhibit featuring the work of Dr. Sue Turnquist, the 2013 American Legacy Viewers' Choice Quilter.

"Unique quilts bursting with unusual and unexpected colors, patterns, and large appliqued images will be showcased in this month-long gallery exhibit," Huff said. "I compare Sue's quilts to large watercolor paintings. You must get close to realize you are taking in a fabric quilt and not a masterful painting."

Turnquist's World in Quilts will open to the public at 10 a.m. on April 4 and will remain on display until April 30 in the Museum Gallery. Along with the quilt exhibit in the Gallery, the Museum will host the 2014 American Legacy Quilt Show in the Peanut Museum April 4-5, and the annual Folklife Festival on April 5.

Turnquist, a veterinary pathologist, began her quilting journey 20 years

ago following 18 years of higher education. Born in Nebraska and raised in the Midwest, Turnquist moved to Louisiana for veterinary school and fell in love with the southern culture. She worked for the University of Missouri veterinary diagnostic lab for 15 years before joining Pfizer Pharmaceutical as a toxicological pathologist.

Turnquist moved to Tifton in 2011 to get back to working in diagnostic pathology at the Tifton Veterinary Pathology Lab.

Huff said that Turnquist taught herself the basics of quilting via articles on the Internet, and eventually studied with well-known quilters including Caryl Bryer Fallert, Ruth McDowell, and Libby Lehman before settling into her own style.

Turnquist's first entry at the American Quilters' Society show in Paducah, Ky., received a third place ribbon in the Wall Quilt category. With her background in veterinary medicine, many of Turnquist's quilts feature animals, and she has a special fondness for the log cabin block, a recurring theme in many of her quilts.

"Many of Sue's quilts have been shown extensively in the United States and have also been displayed in international exhibits," Huff said.

The Gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry to the Gallery is included in the Museum admission price.

Marshall Speaks To Virginia FFA Students

Last week 46 FFA members from Virginia stopped in Tifton as part of their annual week-long tour through the Southeast. While in Tifton they visited the Georgia Peanut Commission, Georgia Museum of Agriculture, ABAC and Tift County High School. Pictured is Dr. Tim Marshall speaking to the group during the lunch in the Mercantile Building at the Museum.





Wildlife Society's Beast Feast

The ABAC Wildlife Society hosted their second annual Beast Feast this weekend. The club hosted more than 200 people on Saturday night at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. They raffled off many items including a rifle and a smoker. Thanks for all that supported the club's largest fundraiser.

STEM Hosts "Slime Your Professor"

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Affiliates Club is hosting a "Slime Your Professor" event to raise funds for travel to various STEM research locations across the southeast. From now until Spring Break, students will have the opportunity to recruit faculty or staff members to participate in the fundraiser. After Spring Break, students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to donate money towards one of the participants. The top three participants with the highest balance will be slimed. The final sliming event will be held on April 17. Contact Amanda Urquhart at aurquhart@abac.edu for the consent form and more information or to volunteer.



"Smoke on the Mountain" Has Successful Run at Museum

The Baldwin Player's rendition of "Smoke on the Mountain" was a success last week. They performed this to a full house all three nights of the musical production. Pictured (l-r) are cast members Ryan Norton as Dennis, Alena Phillips as Denise and Tre'mon Mills as Rev. Oglethorpe. Bravo!

Don't miss out on all the fun of *Homecoming Weekend*, April 4-6, register now! www.abac.edu/alumni



Club Day

ICC and CAB hosted Club Day, thanks to the clubs that attended. Pictured are representatives from SGA, Ambassadors and Forestry Society.

Mandatory USG Ethic Training

All employees are required to complete their mandatory USG Ethics Training requirement by April 15, 2014. Go to the following link to log in to D2L: <https://abac.view.usg.edu/>

Upon logging in to D2L, you will see a section labeled "My Courses" in the middle of the screen. Under "My Courses" click the link titled either "BOR-Ethics-Basic" or "BOR-Ethics-Refresher" (whichever is listed). Follow the directions under the "News" section. Please make sure to complete all sections of the assessment. If you have any questions, call Kaycee Jones 229.391.4892

Fulbright Scholar Presents Thurs.

"Study and Learning Abroad: Falling for Finland" by Dr. Benjamin S. Lawson, Fulbright Scholar will take place Thurs. at 2 p.m. in room 108 of the Nursing Building. This seminar focuses on helping faculty and students understand the value of a study abroad experience. Lawson will be speaking specifically about his experiences in Finland and how those travels shaped his education and career. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the presentation.

ABAC Birthdays

10 Monty Spinks 11 Bonnie Asselin
11 Richard Spancake 11 Charla Terrell
14 Katrina McCrae 14 Lori Pearman
15 Barbara Cody



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