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C.L. Morehead, Jr., (left) attends the opening of an exhibit of his carving collection at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture Gallery. He will be honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the ABAC Alumni Association on March 2 during the Celebrate ABAC Alumni Weekend. Tickets to the 11 a.m. brunch can be purchased by calling (229) 391-4895. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Athens Resident to be Honored at ABAC on March 2

TIFTON—C. L. Morehead, Jr., will be presented with the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award on March 2 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College during the annual ABAC Alumni
Association awards ceremony. A native of Irwinville, he has made his home in Athens since beginning his studies 65 years ago at the University of Georgia.

Advance tickets for the 11 a.m. brunch awards ceremony are $25 each. No tickets will be available on the day of the event. The ceremony at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC recognizes ABAC alumni who impacted the college and their communities in significant ways.

The event is a part of the Celebrate ABAC Alumni Weekend. For more information or to purchase tickets, interested persons can call the College Advancement office at (229) 391-4895 or visit the web site at www.abac.edu/celebrate.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented annually in recognition of alumni who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement, community service and service to ABAC. It is the highest honor bestowed on an alumnus by the Alumni Association. It was first presented in 1969.

Morehead attended ABAC from 1946-48. He continued his education at the University of Georgia and earned a bachelor of science degree in horticulture in 1950. After graduation, he remained in Athens and taught horticulture classes at the university and took a job at a flower shop. In 1959, he opened his own wholesale-retail greenhouse business, Flowers, Inc. He is currently president of CLM, Inc. – Flowers Inc., Retail and Wholesale.

Morehead, an entrepreneur and avid art collector, has loaned ABAC’s Gallery at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture several featured exhibits including his carving collection and his paintings by well-known Georgia artist Lamar Dodd.
His professional memberships include the Board of Trustees at UGA, the Board of Advisors at the Georgia Museum of Art, the Board of Advisors at the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia, and UGA’s Heritage Society. He received the 2010 Regents’ Hall of Fame Award from the University System of Georgia Foundation and the 1999 Blue Key Service Award from UGA. He has also been recognized as a member of the prestigious Crystal Arch Society at UGA.

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