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The firing of the turpentine still is just one of the many activities visitors can see during the Georgia Folklife Festival on April 6 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC. The festival takes place from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Turpentine Still, Quilt Show Highlight Georgia Folklife Festival April 6
Tifton—Come shop at the Wiregrass Farmers Market or view the quilts on display in the American Legacy Quilt Show at the Folklife Festival on April 6 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The annual celebration showcasing South Georgia art and culture runs from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. featuring events and activities to please both children and adults. The festival coincides with the seasonal opening of the Wiregrass Farmers Market. Local growers and producers will be offering fresh picked produce as well as hand-made goods for sale at the Market located under the pole barn behind the Museum Country Store.

A featured attraction during the Festival, the Turpentine Still, will be fired early for the Historic Village’s annual turpentine distillation. Make sure you’re on hand to see and hear about this age old process central to South Georgia’s history and culture. The festival will also include the American Legacy Quilt Show and a new Art Gallery exhibit, “A Trip Around the World” that showcases quilt panels created for countries that participated in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. The Tifton Garden Club will also hold a “Welcome to Our Garden” Flower Show in the Museum Atrium.

Visitors will also be treated to shows from the Poultry Palace to learn about chickens or they can venture over to the Variety Works building and watch the Little River Wood Turners ply their trade. Square dancing and a Fiddlers Jamboree will also be showcased in the Historic Village throughout the day.

Events taking place April 6th include tree debarking and hewing, mule plowing and farrier demonstrations. Guests can also try their hand at sheep shearing, wool spinning, weaving, wool washing and dyeing and rosin baked potato cooking. For the little ones, Rockin’ M Ranch will be offering pony rides and don’t pass up the opportunity to get your face painted.
There is not a need to leave the Village to find tasty vittles. The Museum will have homemade vegetable beef soup and cornbread, barbeque sandwiches and hand-dipped ice-cream in the Drug Store. Food vendors will also be on site offering delicious selections.

Admission is $8 for seniors, $10 for adults, $5 for children 5 – 16 years of age, and free for children under five.

For more information on the Georgia Folklife Festival, interested persons can contact Garrett Boone at the Museum at (229) 391-5203 or email him at gboone@abac.edu.

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