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GMA Gallery at ABAC Co-Hosts ‘Back Roads of Georgia’ Photography Contest

TIFTON – Entry forms will be accepted through Sept. 1 for the “Back Roads of Georgia” photo contest sponsored by The Gallery at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Georgia Backroads Magazine and the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council.

The contest ties in to an essay contest and an exhibit titled “Back Roads of Georgia” which begins at 10 a.m. on Oct. 19 and runs through Jan. 25, 2014. The first 200 photographs entered in the competition will be displayed during the exhibit. Any Georgia resident 18 years or older is eligible to participate. The awards reception will take place at 6 p.m. on Oct. 18 at the GMA Gallery.

A total of $1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded by the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council, with special consideration for publishing by co-presenter Georgia Backroads Magazine. The first place winner will receive $500 and a four-year subscription to Georgia Backroads Magazine; the second place winner will receive $200 and a three-year subscription to Georgia Backroads.
Magazine; and the third place winner will receive $100 and a two-year subscription to Georgia Backroads Magazine.

Four photographs will receive honorable mention status, along with a $50 cash prize and a one-year subscription to Georgia Backroads Magazine. All seven finalists will receive an annual pass to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, and the top three photos will be featured in the spring 2014 edition of Georgia BackRoads Magazine.

Photographers can submit up to five photographs. Registration is $5 per submitted image. Payment must be made by cash or check. All checks should be made out to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and submitted at the time that work is delivered to the Gallery.

W. A. Park, retired professor of art and photography at Valdosta State University’s School of Art, will judge the juried exhibition. Park will judge photographic interpretations of rural Georgia, antique barns, and farm life to go along with the “Back Roads of Georgia” theme.

Photographs must be at least 8x10 inches and no bigger than 20x16 inches. All submitted entries must be framed, matted, or mounted on foamboard. Framed works must have a hanging wire or a sawtooth hanger. Do not use any visible watermarks, copyright, or added identification on the images. Entrants must own and be the author of all images submitted.

The Gallery Curator reserves the right to reject any works deemed inappropriate for family viewing. Images must be delivered to the Gallery no later than 4 p.m. on Oct. 12 to be included in the jurying process.

Any work in the exhibition can be offered for sale with permission from the photographer, who will retain copyright and all other rights. The Gallery retains a 10 percent
commission on sold works and reserves the right to use award-winning images for marketing and promotional purposes. All unsold work must be picked up on Jan. 25 from noon – 4:30 p.m.

For more information, interested persons can contact Huff at (229) 391-5222.

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