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TIFTON—Photography and literary works depicting rural life and culture in Georgia will be the focus of a new exhibit premiering with a 6 p.m. reception on Oct. 18 at The Gallery of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Polly Huff, assistant director and curator, said the Museum will host “Back Roads of Georgia” in conjunction with Georgia Backroads Magazine and the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council. Huff said a competition was held during the summer to determine the top seven essays
and photographs on the theme. All the photography entered in the competition will be exhibited, along with the top-scoring essays.

The reception for the new exhibit and an awards ceremony for the winners of the literary and photo competitions will be hosted by the Wiregrass Farmers Market. Guests to the reception will enjoy “backroads tunes” by Dr. Jeff Newberry, gallery tours, and excerpts read from the top three essay winners.

“Over 100 entries by Georgia amateur and professional photographers are a part of this new exhibit depicting everything there is to love about rural Georgia-old barns, dusty roads, vintage tractors, and country sunsets,” Huff said.

Janice Daugharty, Pulitzer nominee and author of numerous novels and shorter works, was the juror for the literary competition. Daugharty is also the current Writer in Residence for ABAC. Professor of Art and Photography W. A. Park, a retired faculty member from the Valdosta State University School of Art, selected the winners of the photography competition. No names were attached to any of the pieces during the judging.

Cash awards totaling $2,000 provided by the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council, publication consideration by Georgia Backroads Magazine, and annual passes to the Museum will be awarded to the top seven winners in the essay and photography categories.

The “Back Roads of Georgia” exhibit will remain on display at The Gallery until Jan. 25, 2014. For more information, interested persons can contact Huff at phuff@abac.edu.

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