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Ray Smith assists in the syrup-making process at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. Cane-grinding and syrup-making parties will be held on Nov. 16 and Nov. 23.

Cane Grinding, Syrup Making at Museum of Agriculture November 16 & 23

TIFTON – From the mule-powered cane mill to the smell of syrup cooking, visitors will become enchanted with the days of old in South Georgia on Nov. 16 and 23 at the annual
Cane grinding and syrup making parties at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

For many Southerners, cane grinding and syrup cooking are family traditions that have been passed down through many generations. The Museum is one of the few places left where visitors step back into time to see sugar cane grinding with a mule leading the way. The sweet juice pouring from the cane mill will then be transferred to the syrup shed where it will be cooked down in a cast iron kettle to make delicious cane syrup.

Visitors can also enjoy wool washing, carding and dying at the Clark Cabin throughout the day. Cornmeal pancakes with hot cane syrup can be sampled at the Gibbs House. Cane syrup will also be available for sale. Concessions at the Historic Village Drug Store will include soup and corn bread, hotdogs, ice cream, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

An extra added attraction on Nov. 23 will be Native American dance programs from GoNativeNow. Leading the dancers will be Little Big Mountain, a fourth generation dancer, singer and educator on Native American culture. An encampment will accompany the dance programs throughout the day.

The “Backroads of Georgia” exhibit of photos and essays will also be available for viewing in the Museum Gallery. Sydney Cromer from Tifton received first place in the “Backroads of Georgia” photo competition with "Full Bloom". Dr. Herbert Shippey of Tifton received first prize among 30 entries in the essay contest with “Country of the Heart”.

Visitors can also take a ride on the steam train pulled by the 1917 Vulcan locomotive. Costumed interpreters will be visiting with guests and explaining the cane grinding process and the intricacies of producing a bottle of cane syrup.
Admission to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village on Tuesday-
Friday is $7 for adults, $6 for seniors (age 55 and over), $4 for children 5-16 years of age, and
free for children four and under. Saturday admission is $10 for adults, $8 for seniors (age 55 and
over), $5 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under. The Museum is
closed on Sundays and Mondays.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, interested persons can contact
the Museum staff at (229) 391-5205 or visit the Museum’s website at www.abac.edu/museum.

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