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The Tift House will be one of many locations showcased during the Victorian Village by Candlelight event on Dec. 8 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. Tickets for this event are available for purchase at the Country Store.

Victorian Village by Candlelight at Museum on December 8

TIFTON – Experience holiday life in the 1880s with Victorian Village by Candlelight from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture at Abraham Baldwin
Agricultural College. Tickets for this event are $15 per person and are now on sale at the Country Store. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be sold on the day of the event.

The evening is limited to 125 visitors with 25 people in each of five groups for the Victorian Village tours. Groups will meet at the Country Store to leave on the Museum train every 30 minutes beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the last group leaving the train station at 7:30 p.m.

During this lamp-lit event, guests will learn about two of the Victorian traditions that have become a part of the legend of Santa Claus. Visitors will get a taste of the community's celebratory spirit as they stop in for a Christmas Eve visit in a Victorian-era village in South Georgia back when electricity was a luxury, humble gifts were made by hand, and Christmas Eve was spent cooking delicious treats on the open hearth of the fireplace.

Guests will ride on train cars pulled by the 1917 Vulcan steam engine into the glowing Historic Village lit with lanterns and kerosene lamps. The first stop on the hour-long village tour will be the Clyatt Cabin, where Father Christmas and Old Befana will greet guests with a folktale.

Guests will then journey down a lamp-lit path to get a glimpse of how two Wiregrass Georgia families welcome the season. The Tift House will depict the Christmas of an affluent family. The Tifton Choral Society will be on the porch of the Tift House singing traditional 19th century carols for visitors. At the Knight Cabin, guests can see what a typical Christmas was like for a sharecropper family.

A stop at the Drug Store will follow, where Farmhouse Beef Stew and cornbread will be available for visitors before heading to the bonfire where they will enjoy some hot apple cider.
The train will then depart to take visitors back to the Country Store. All visitors will receive a
keepsake ornament hand-forged by the village blacksmith and a guidebook to remember the
evening.

For ticket information on this event, interested persons can contact the Country Store at
(229) 391-5205.

The Museum will offer more holiday events with Wiregrass Christmas on Dec. 14 from 9
a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and the North Pole Express on Dec. 19-20 from 5-8 p.m.

The Museum will be closed from Dec. 22, 2013 – Jan. 1, 2014 for the holidays. The
Country Store will be open for holiday shoppers through Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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