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More sheep will be sheared at the annual Folklife Festival on April 5 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. The event also includes a quilt show, flower show, Fiddlers Jamboree, the Poultry Palace featuring live chickens and much more.

Georgia Museum of Agriculture Hosts Folklife Festival April 5

TIFTON—Visitors can connect with the rich, rural heritage of South Georgia during the annual Folklife Festival April 5 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The event showcasing South Georgia history, art and culture runs from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and features events and activities to please both children and adults. ABAC alumni will get the best of both worlds since the event is a big part of the Homecoming Week at the college.

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.

The highlight of the Festival, the Turpentine Still, will feature a ceremonial firing at 11 a.m. for the Historic Village's annual turpentine distillation. Museum guests will 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 the Tifton Garden Club will conduct a "Welcome to Our Garden" Flower Show in the Museum Atrium.

The Museum Gallery will be exhibiting "Her Life in Quilts," a one-woman exhibit spotlighting the work of 2013 American Legacy Viewers' Choice quilter Sue Turnquist. In the Museum's Main Hall, the Egg Commission's "Eggzibit" will be opening for the first time to the public.

Visitors will also be treated to entertainment from the Poultry Palace and its talented chickens which make up that show. The Little River Wood Turners will also be plying their trade at the Variety Works building. Square dancing, a Fiddlers Jamboree, and gospel singing are just some of the entertainment that will be on hand during the festival.

The Folklife Festival will also offer up demonstrations including tree debarking and hewing, mule plowing and farrier demonstrations. Guests can also try their hand at sheep shearing, wool spinning, weaving, wool washing, and butter-making. Little ones can also enjoy

having their faces painted. The day would not be complete without a ride on the 1917 Vulcan steam train.

For those with a hearty appetite, the Historic Village's Drug Store will offer delicious lunch options from barbeque and hotdogs to hand-dipped ice cream. Food vendors will also be on hand at the Opry Shelter with sweet treats and selections to tempt your taste buds. Guests can pop into the Country Store and pick up food items including jams, jellies, grits, or corn meal. .

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 the Country Store at (229) 391-5205.

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