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Mule plowing is just one of many demonstrations that will take place during the annual Folklife Festival at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. The Festival will be held on April 11 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Georgia Museum of Agriculture Hosts Folklife Festival April 11

TIFTON—Visitors can enjoy a celebration of the rich, rural heritage of South Georgia during the annual Folklife Festival on April 11 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.
Showcasing South Georgia’s history, art and culture, the event runs from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. with activities for both children and adults. ABAC alumni will get the best of both worlds since the Festival is a big part of the Homecoming Week at the college.

One of the can’t miss moments of the Folklife Festival will be the ceremonial firing of the Turpentine Still at 11 a.m. for the Historic Village’s annual turpentine distillation. Museum guests will see up close and personal this age old process that is central to South Georgia’s history and culture.

A Civil War memorabilia exhibit in the Museum Gallery titled “Brothers Again” commemorates the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Visitors can explore how the war impacted several facets of life throughout the United States, the South, and particularly south central Georgia. Artifacts on loan from Fort McAllister along with various pieces from a number of private collectors make up the new exhibit. Many of these artifacts have never been displayed publicly.

The Folklife Festival is all about hands-on activities including tree debarking and hewing, mule plowing and farrier demonstrations. Guests can also try their hand at sheep shearing, wool spinning, weaving, wool washing, butter-making and candle-making.

Everyone at the Museum site can hitch a ride on the 1917 Vulcan steam train, and children will love the face painting booth. Visitors will also be treated to entertainment from the Poultry Palace and its talented show chickens.
Guests can visit with the Little River Wood Turners as they ply their trade at the Variety Works building. Or take a whirl around the dance floor of the Square Dancing Museum. Why not join the Fiddlers Jamboree for a little pickin’ and grinnin’ on the Opry Shelter Stage?

To satisfy every hearty appetite, the Historic Village’s Drug Store will offer delicious lunch options from barbeque and hot dogs 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.

The Festival coincides with the seasonal opening of the Wiregrass Farmers Market. Local growers and producers will be offering fresh picked produce from 9 a.m. until noon as well as hand-made goods for sale at the Market located under the pole barn behind the Country Store.

Admission to the Folklife Festival is $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens, $5 for children 5 – 16 years of age, and free for children under five. For more information, interested persons can contact the Country Store at (229) 391-5205.