Among those honoring Monty Spinks on his retirement were (l-r) Director of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture Garrett Boone, ABAC senior diversified agriculture major Chandler Bartley, and ABAC Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and Operations Paul Willis.

Spinks Retires After 21 Years at Georgia’s Museum of Agriculture

TIFTON – Monty Spinks, a name synonymous with the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College for the past 21 years, has announced his retirement.
Spinks, the Museum’s Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor, began his career at the Georgia Agrirama in 1994. Every day since that time he has been an integral part of the operation of the facility.

Spinks approaches his retirement from the Museum with an eye toward the future and a tinge of trepidation.

“For the past 21 years I have had the opportunity to have a career in a place that is not only close to my heart but my Dad’s as well,” Spinks said. “It is going to be quite an adjustment.”

Museum Director Garrett Boone said the development of the Museum stemmed from a conversation between Spinks’ father, former state senator Ford Spinks, and Rosalie Shepherd, the widow of James L. Shepherd. Following that conversation, Senator Spinks spearheaded efforts to build a museum of Georgia agricultural history in Tifton, and the Agrirama opened to the public on July 4, 1976. On July 1, 2010, Georgia legislators made the Museum a part of the campus of ABAC.

With the ever-present and highly contagious smile that always adorns his face, Spinks said he plans to take up residence on the seat of his tractor during retirement.

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