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TIFFON – The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will again offer the very popular Victorian Village by Candlelight and North Pole Express events this holiday season. The Victorian Village will be held on Dec. 6,
and the North Pole Express will take place on Dec. 16-18. Tickets for both events will be available for sale to the general public beginning on Nov. 9.

Tickets for the Victorian Village are $15 per person, and tickets for the North Pole Express are $7 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Country Store Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. All tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available on the day of the event.

The Victorian Village by Candlelight will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6. Only 125 visitor slots are available 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.

Guests will learn about two of the Victorian traditions that have become a part of the legend of Santa Claus during this spectacular lantern-lit event. 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.

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 follow the lit path to see how two Wiregrass Georgia families celebrate the holiday season. The Tift House will depict the Christmas of an affluent family. Carolers 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 might have been like for a sharecropper and his 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 hot apple cider.

The train will then depart to take visitors back to the Country Store. All visitors will receive a keepsake ornament hand-made in the Village and a guidebook to remember the evening.

The North Pole Express will be held on Dec. 16-18 from 5-8 p.m. The Museum’s 1917 Vulcan steam locomotive will depart for the North Pole every 20 minutes. Guests will be able to listen to Mrs. Claus read the holiday classic, “The Polar Express,” in the Clyatt Cabin before boarding the North Pole Express to visit with Santa Claus and enjoy the movie version of “The Polar Express” in a winter wonderland.

Tickets for the North Pole Express are available for $7 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Country Store. Tickets will not be sold at the event. The North Pole Express will run in all kinds of weather.

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

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.

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