

# think **TIFTON** TOURISM NEWS

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## TIFTON TOURISM NEWS – October 3, 2016 – (10)

**BIG ENTERTAINMENT HEADED TO TIFTON** – Tifton is quickly becoming the place to go to see awesome entertainment! Coming up in October, there is a big name headed to the Tift Theatre on October 6 that you don't want to miss!

- **October 6, Tift Theatre, 7pm** – McAlpin Entertainment is proud to present multi-Platinum selling artist, Sammy Kershaw live at the historic Tift Theatre in downtown Tifton! Don't miss this opportunity to see one of Country music's biggest names in an acoustic setting as he performs his biggest hits including "She Don't Know She's Beautiful," "Queen of My Double Wide Trailer," "Love of My Life," "Yard Sale," "Politics, Religion and Her," and "Third Rate Romance." Doors will open at 7 pm. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.freshtix.com](http://www.freshtix.com).

**MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE FALL EVENTS PLANNED** – The Georgia Museum of Agriculture has a full slate of fall events planned:

- **Pumpkin Patch:** The Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze opens on Saturday, October 1. Visitors can pick out the perfect pumpkin or travel through the tractor-shaped corn maze beginning October 1 when the Georgia Museum of Agriculture opens its annual pumpkin patch and corn maze locations. They will be open throughout October, Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm.
- **Annie Greene: Yarn Farmscapes Exhibit:** The grand opening of the newest exhibit at the GMA, featuring Georgia artist Annie Greene was held on Saturday, October 1. Greene's work is well known around the state and around the country, showcased by more than 50 one-woman exhibits, 205 group exhibits, and countless awards, honors, and recognitions. The exhibit will remain open until December 13.
- **Trick or Treating:** Once again, the GMA will have trick or treating in the Village on Saturday, October 29 from 9 am until 4 pm. Dress up the kids (adults can join in too) and come on out for sweet treats around the village. There will even be a costume contest!

**HALLOWEEN EVENTS PLANNED** – Check out these fun, kid-friendly, Halloween, trick-or-treating events:

- **Downtown Trick-or-Treating:** Monday, October 31, 5 until 6 pm – Load up the kids and head to Downtown Tifton for some spooky, safe fun. Enjoy trick-or-treating with your favorite Downtown businesses. It will be loads of fun and laughs. The candy is free for all costumed children age 12 and under.
- **Public Library's Halloween Carnival:** Start your Downtown Halloween Trick-Or-Treating at the Library! The carnival kicks off at 4:30 pm. There will be loads of fun with story time, candy, games, and prizes!
- **Trick-or-Treat in the Village:** Saturday, October 29, 9 am until 4 pm – The Museum of Agriculture invites children to don their favorite costume and participate in the costume contest. Each historic building in the Village will have candy for the children as they trick or treat their way around the site.

**TIFT THEATRE HAPPENINGS** - The **Tift Theatre's Haunted Theatre** will be open on October 21-23 and October 28-31. Hours are October 21-22 and 28-29 from 7 until 11 pm and October 23 and 30-31 from 7 pm until 10 pm. Please keep in mind, the entire theatre is utilized for the Haunted Theatre; therefore it is not handicap accessible. Also, please note that strobe lights and fog machines will be in use.

**FREEDOM GALLERY OPENS AT ABAC** - For Dr. David Bridges, there's no question that those who sacrifice their lives for the United States of America should be honored in a special way. That's why the president of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and his wife, Kim, are so excited about the public opening of the new Freedom

McAlpin Entertainment PRESENTS  
**SAMMY KERSHAW**  
**LIVE ACOUSTIC**  
**OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2016**  
DOORS OPEN: **7PM**  
HISTORIC TIFT THEATRE  
320 MAIN STREET  
TIFTON, GA  
Hit Songs Include:  
"She Don't Know She's Beautiful"  
"Queen of My Double Wide Trailer"  
"Love of My Life"  
"Yard Sale"  
"Third Rate Romance"  
TICKETS **\$30**  
AVAILABLE ONLINE  
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Gallery at ABAC on October 13. The Freedom Gallery focuses on the life of Harold Bascom Durham, Jr., an ABAC alumnus and Tifton native who gave his life for his country on a Vietnam battlefield on October 17, 1967. For his bravery, he was selected as a posthumous recipient of the Medal of Honor. The Freedom Gallery project will open to the public at a 1:30 pm ceremony on October 13 on the front steps of Tift Hall. All veterans and members of the community are invited to attend.

**VENDORS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS EVENT** – The UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center is hosting the second annual “Mistletoe Market” on Saturday, November 5 from 10 am until 4 pm. You will be able to find arts, crafts and other merchandise. Admission is FREE and door prizes will be given throughout the day. Vendors are being accepted! If you’ve got something that would make a great Christmas gift, give the UGA TCCC a call. You can contact them at [ghargett@uga.edu](mailto:ghargett@uga.edu) or by calling Gail, Karen or Barbara at 386-3416. You can also find information and register online at [www.ugatiftonconference.org](http://www.ugatiftonconference.org).

**PINK CUP CHALLENGE TO BE HELD** – Calling all Breast Cancer Warriors! Save the date for the second annual Pink Cup Challenge, sponsored by Tift Regional Medical Center. The Pink Cup Challenge is more than just an event; it’s a chance to fight breast cancer in our community. The Challenge is set for Saturday, October 22 from 9 am until 2 pm at Tift County High School.

The Pink Cup Challenge is a fun filled day with entertainment and great prizes to be won, all to fight breast cancer. Cost of participation is \$100 per team member, which can be raised through donations. Each team must have a minimum of ten and maximum of fifteen. The proceeds gained from the Pink Cup Challenge will benefit a special fun through the TRMC Foundation, which allows qualified, economically-disadvantaged members of the community to have free breast screening procedures performed at TRMC. To register your team or for more information about this event, call 392-1597, email [thepinkcupchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:thepinkcupchallenge@gmail.com) or visit the Pink Cup Breast Cancer Challenge event page on Facebook.

**TIFTON GEARING UP FOR PEANUT BANK WEEK** - The Georgia Peanut Commission and the Georgia Bankers Association join forces Oct. 17-21, 2016, in an effort to promote Georgia's peanut industry during the 40th annual Georgia Peanut Bank Week. Local banks and financial institutions across the state will honor Georgia's peanut farmers and their contribution made to the state and local economies during one of the biggest times of the year: peanut harvest. This year's theme, "In Georgia, Money Grows on Vines - Peanut Vines," will showcase the importance of peanuts, Georgia's official state crop, and how Georgia's peanut farmers contribute approximately \$1.3 billion annually to the state and local economy to help maintain Georgia's largest industry: agriculture. The theme will also highlight the National Peanut Board's campaign, The Perfectly Powerful Peanut, a platform showcasing the nutritional benefits of peanuts. The Georgia Peanut Commission invites everyone to visit a participating bank in your area to show support for Georgia's peanut farmers, as well as the banking industry. Peanuts, recipe cards and other promotional material will be available at participating financial institutions.

**WIREGRASS FARMERS MARKET PLANS HOLIDAY EVENTS:** The Wiregrass Farmers Market has some really fun holiday events planned for November. Go ahead and save the date and make reservations!

- **Harvest to Table Dinner:** November 3, Springhill Country Club, Annual Fundraiser for the WFM, Watch for more details coming soon!
- **WFM Holiday Market:** Saturday, November 19, 3-7 pm, Peanut Museum at Country Store of Museum of Ag, Featuring home grown, home baked and hand crafted items.

**HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PLANS UNDERWAY:** Plans are underway for the 2016 Hometown Holiday Christmas Celebration: Christmas Around the World. The festival and parade are set for Saturday, December 3. The parade will begin at 5 pm, followed by FREE ziplining, carnival rides, skating, entertainment, vendors, dining, shopping and more! This year, vendor applications and parade entry applications can be done online! Just go to [www.tifton.net](http://www.tifton.net) and click on the Hometown Holidays link. Mark your calendar now and make sure you are in Downtown Tifton for this fun celebration and kick off to the holiday season!

**KEEP CALM AND COLOR:** The Tifton 20th Century Library Club is co-sponsoring Keep Calm and Color On at the Public Library at 6 pm on Tuesday, October 11 in the library's multipurpose room. This fun coloring party for adults will allow attendees to spend a creative relaxing time with friends. Coloring sheets and colored pencils and markers will be provided, along with chicken enchilada soup and snacks. Genie McCook, who won 3rd place in a national competition for the arts, will read her award-winning poem. Quilts and artwork by club members will be on display.