



GEORGIA National Fair

October 6-16, 2011

“Fair Fever . . .Catch It!”

**Georgia National Fairgrounds
& Agricenter**

Executive Director.....Ransom S. Moore

Director of Georgia Living.....Sandy Kusuda

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<http://www.georgianationalfair.com>

22nd Annual Georgia National Fair

OPENING CEREMONIES

Thursday, October 6, at 4 PM
Georgia National Fairgrounds

Special Sneak-a-Peek

Thursday, October 6, 3 PM
Admission \$5

All Exhibit Buildings, Food, Vendors, and Midway

Annual Georgia National Fair Farm/City Days Parade

Saturday, October 8, at 10 AM
Through downtown Perry, ending at the Fairgrounds

*****Fair Hours*****

MILLER-MURPHY-HOWARD & HERITAGE HALL

Sneak-a-Peek Thursday: 3 PM - 10 PM
Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 10 PM
Saturdays & Sundays: 10 AM - 10 PM

MCGILL MARKET PLACE & GEORGIA BUILDING

Sneak-a-Peek Thursday: 3 PM - 10 PM
Monday - Friday: 12 PM - 10 PM
Saturdays & Sundays: 10 AM - 10 PM

MIDWAY

Sneak-a-Peek Thursday: 3 PM
Monday - Friday: 12 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 10 AM

EAST, WEST, & NORTH GATES: Open 8 AM - 10 PM daily FREE PARKING

GATE FEE: (Hand stamps for free same day re-entry)

General Admission.....	\$8.00
Senior Admission.....	\$7.00
Group/20 or more.....	\$7.00
Senior Group/10 or more.....	\$6.00
Children 10 & under (with paid adult).....	FREE
Season Pass (advance purchase only).....	\$50.00
Registered School Educational Tours (advance scheduling required; available Monday thru Friday only; contact Teresa Hawk at thawk@gnfa.com).....	
.....	Free for students, adults subject to \$7 admission

The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

James E. Sutherland, Chairman, Forest Park
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The Georgia Agricultural Exposition Legislative Overview Committee

Georgia House of Representatives

The Honorable Ellis Black.....Valdosta, District 174
The Honorable Terry England.....Auburn, District 108
The Honorable Bubber Epps.....Dry Branch, District 140
The Honorable Gene Maddox.....Cairo, District 172
The Honorable Jay Roberts.....Ocilla, District 154

Georgia State Senate

The Honorable Robert Brown.....Macon, District 26
The Honorable Ronnie Chance.....Tyrone, District 16
The Honorable John Crosby.....Tifton, District 13
The Honorable Ross Tolleson.....Perry, District 20



STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

October 6, 2011

GREETINGS:

I am pleased to welcome Georgians to the 22nd Annual State Sponsored Georgia National Fair. On behalf of our great state, I extend my best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Georgians have gathered at the National Fairgrounds and Agricenter since 1990, to enjoy the award-winning program and facilities. The Georgia National Fair celebrates our state's heritage, traditions, and agriculture products, while teaching our youth how to sharpen their leadership skills in areas of agricultural and educational development. Georgia artists display and share their artwork with fairgoers, while vendors are also given the opportunity to showcase Fairground's cuisine.

I commend the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter for organizing this event and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Fair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Deal".

Nathan Deal

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, it is an honor to welcome my fellow Georgians to the Top 50 Georgia National Fair, October 6-16, 2011, in Perry. As we prepare the 22nd Fair, the Authority and I are very pleased with the strong educational components.

Since the first Fair in 1990, we have stayed true to our mission: To produce a statewide traditional, agricultural fair. We note with pride the second generation of young competitors at the Fair. At one of the finest facilities in the country, our youth show livestock and compete in a number of special classes for 4-H, FCCLA, FFA, DECA, SkillsUSA, and TSA students.

The Georgia National Fair offers a safe and clean, family-oriented environment. The Fair appeals to everyone with its livestock and horse shows, competitive exhibits, food, rides and games, commercial vendors, major concerts, street entertainers, family entertainment, circus, and nightly fireworks.

The Authority, staff, and I have "Fair Fever" and hope you "Catch It!"

Sincerely,

James E. Sutherland
Chairman





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Dear Fairgoers,

The annual, state-sponsored Georgia National Fair, October 6-16, 2011, is an event for families celebrating Georgia.

The Fair is a "sense-ational" experience! See it. Smell it. Taste it. Touch it. Hear it. Livestock. Food. Exhibits. Midway rides. Concerts.

The caliber of entertainment included in the price of admission is beyond belief. A circus, street entertainers, and stage acts! The value of a gate ticket is greater than ever.

Since its beginning in 1990, the Georgia National Fair has won 84 awards from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions for its livestock and horse events, competitive exhibits, and communications programs. The Fair has been designated a Southeast Tourism Society "Top 20 Event for October" 13 times.

We are preparing a great family-oriented Georgia National Fair. We have "Fair Fever" and hope you "Catch It!"

Sincerely,

Ransom S. Moore
Executive Director



Antiques at the Fair

Are you curious about what that old lamp in your attic may be worth?

Our Antiques Superintendent, Jillinda Falen, will be on hand Monday, October 11, from 9-11 a.m. and again from 5-7 p.m. Bring your item to the Fair for a free estimate of its value. See the Antiques section, page 14 for more information.

2011 Georgia National School of the Arts

Gourd Art Classes with The Gourd Master Sam X of Sylvester, GA

Come learn how to turn a simple gourd into wild and wonderful works of art. The Gourd Master will teach you how to select, clean, envision and create surprising art using a pencil and a wood-burning tool.

Monday, Oct. 10 or Wednesday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ; **Class Fee:** \$25

For more information or to register, please contact:

Sandy Kusuda at (478) 988-6555 or skusuda@gnfa.com.

Master Gardener Demonstrations

The Master Gardeners of Central Georgia will be in Heritage Hall during the fair, available to answer your lawn and garden questions. Each day there will be demonstrations on a variety of topics.

Oct. 7	11:00 AM, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Plants Made for the Shade" - Sandy Lee "Under-Utilized Plants for Georgia Gardens" - Karen Atkins
Oct. 8	11:00 AM, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Gardening Projects for Kids" - Andy Rodriguez "How to Install Drip Irrigation" - John Wingfield & Jack Floyd
Oct. 9	1:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Bonsai Basics" - Beth Collins & Liz Derman
Oct. 10	11:00 AM, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"The Wonderful World of Orchids" - Dawn Grill "Community Gardens" - Mary DeLorenzo
Oct. 11	11:00 AM, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Camellia Culture" - Buddy English "Making Pot Feet" - Ann Reynolds
Oct. 12	11:00 AM, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Garden Birds" - Janice Williams "Daylilies: The Ultimate Perennial" - Windy Smith
Oct. 13	11:00 AM, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Gardening With Worms" - Karyn Sims & Tonda Seyl "Cloning: Making Free Plants" - Linda Dupree
Oct. 14	11:00 AM, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Back to the Basics of Gardening" - Jeff Stapleton "The Joy of Hydrangeas" - Mary Stephens
Oct. 15	11:00 AM, 1:00 PM 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Leaking the News on Water Features" - Diane Stephens "Succulents in the Garden" - Patricia Foster
Oct. 16	1:00 PM, 3:00 PM	"Square Foot Gardening: Extending your Vegetable Season" - Terri Brearley

Many thanks to the following wood turning clubs that made the additional 2011 Wood Turning Merit Awards, Best of Show, and People's Choice Awards possible!

American Association of Woodturners, www.woodturner.org
Apple Ridge Woodturners, Ellijay, jrueckert@aol.com
Atlanta Woodturners Guild, atlantawoodturnersguild.org
Barnesville Woodturners, Barnesville, dkyost40@yahoo.com
Bi-City Woodturners, Columbus, dawsonmcl@att.net
Chattahoochee Woodturners, Gainesville, wwjones@comcast.net
GA Assn. of Woodturners, Atlanta, president@gawoodtuner.org
Gwinnett Woodworkers Assn., Lawrenceville, dupdav@comast.net
Low Country Woodturners, Savannah, atroise@comcast.net
Middle Georgia Woodturners, Gray, woodtsmith@yahoo.com
Peach State Woodturners, Covington, R22johnson@hotmail.com

Fair Bear Writing Contest

This contest provides an opportunity for students to participate in a creative writing competition. The contest is open to 4th through 6th graders currently enrolled in Georgia public schools and private schools accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission and is facilitated through the school systems. For more information, visit www.georgianationalfair.com.



2011 Theme:

“Fair Bear Travels Around the World in a Hot Air Balloon”

The 2011 Champion Cub Reporter will be announced at the Georgia National Fair, October 8, and will be chosen from the following first place winners:

- Fourth Grade: Heather Ray
Mt. Yonah Elementary/Sautee
White County Schools
Teacher: Mrs. Susan Brittain
- Fifth Grade: Mattie Winburn
Grace Christian Academy/Bainbridgeline
Independent
Teacher: Mrs. Sara Jones
- Sixth Grade: Hannah Gerbig
Jefferson Middle School/Jefferson
Jefferson City Schools
Teacher: Mrs. Janie Sirmans

The 2012 theme will be “Fair Bear Goes Green.”