

ArnFest South 2025 Schedule

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version date: 4/16/25

Thursday, April 24th

Georgia Museum of Agriculture, 1392 Whiddon Mill Rd, Tifton, GA

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Day 0 Setup by Admin

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm – ArnFest South Registration and Check In

- *Clyatt Cabin at the end of the Main Parking Lot (follow signs)*

6:30 pm – Optional dinner at local restaurant TBD (unofficial)

Friday, April 25th

Georgia Museum of Agriculture, 1392 Whiddon Mill Rd, Tifton, GA

8:00 am to 4:00 pm – ArnFest South Registration and Check In

- *Clyatt Cabin at the end of the Main Parking Lot (follow signs)*

8:00 am to 4:00 pm – Silent Auction Donations Drop Off

- *Clyatt Cabin at the end of the Main Parking Lot (follow signs)*

8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Machine Rebuilding Project

- Host: Wally Puhl and Jim Johnson. Location: Opry Shelter

- Note: This will be an ongoing project throughout the event where a vintage machine will be rebuilt. Work will be done in the as it happens and will conclude when the machine is finished. ArnFest South guests are invited to drop in watch, ask questions or even lend a hand on the project as their time permits.

9:30 am – 10:30 am – Tour of the Variety Works – Line Shaft Powered Woodworking Shop

- Host: Keith Rucker. Location: Variety Works Building on Museum Grounds

10:30 am – 11:30 am - Making Loose Cooperage Barrels for the Naval Stores Industry

- Host: David King, GMA. Location: Coopers Shed beside the Turpentine Still on Museum Grounds

11:30 am to 1:00 pm – Lunch on your own.

- *Sandwiches at the museum Drug Store or nearby local restaurants off site*

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm – TIG Welding Basics

- Host: Jim Bollinger from Do Rite Fabrication. Location: Opry Shelter

5:00 pm – End of Day 1

7:00 pm – Optional dinner at local restaurant TBD (unofficial)

Saturday, April 26th

Georgia Museum of Agriculture, 1392 Whiddon Mill Rd, Tifton, GA

7:00 am – Vendors Early Access for Swap Meet

7:30 am – Swap Meet

- *Main Parking Lot next to Opry Shelter area*

7:30 am to 4:00 pm – ArnFest South Registration and Check In

- *Clyatt Cabin at the end of the Main Parking Lot (follow signs)*

7:30 am to 4:00 pm – Silent Auction Donations Drop Off

- *Clyatt Cabin at the end of the Main Parking Lot (follow signs)*

9:00 am to 4:00 pm – Steam Train Rides

- *Train departs from and returns to the train depot on the museum grounds throughout the day*

10:00 am until Finished – Machine Rebuilding Project

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10:00 am to 11:00 am – Brazing Cast Iron

- Host: Brad Gilmer. Location - Opry Shelter

10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Steam Sawmill Demonstration

- *Ongoing throughout the day. Location: Steam Powered Sawmill on Museum Grounds*

11:00 am to Noon – Why Does Wood Do That? Wood Science Every Woodworker Needs to Know

- Host: Dan Warner. Location – Opry Shelter

Noon to 1:00 pm – Lunch (provided)

- *Location: Pick up at covered area next to Opry Shelter. Tables set up in Opry Shelter.*

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Green Sand Metal Casting

- Host: Clarke Easterling, Windy Hill Foundry. Location: Beside Opry Shelter

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm – VFD Setup and Programming

- Host: Wally Puhl

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm – Rucker's Rodeo (unloading and loading machinery)

- *Location: Main Parking Lot next to Opry Shelter area*

- *NOTE: Forklift will be available from 1:30 to 3:30 pm only*

5:00 pm – End of Day 2

7:00 pm to close – ArnFest Banquet, Raffle, Silent Auction

Location: Main Museum Building

Sunday, April 27th

8:00 am to 10:00 am

Access to Museum parking lot, opry shelter area for trailer pickup, load out, etc. No official activities at the museum on this day (the Museum grounds are closed on Sunday)

9:00 am to 3:00 pm – Open House at Keith Rucker’s Shop (Optional)

Host: Keith Rucker. Location: 17 Timber Trail, Tifton, GA. This is a drop in event, no official activities scheduled but visitors are invited to drop in for a shop tour or just to chat during these hours if your travel plans permit.