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Georgia Southern University's Division of Continuing Education will host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Trees at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, from Nov. 14-19. The festival will be open to the public, with free admission, from 1 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday.

The festival features a large selection of custom-designed and decorated trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses. New to the festivities this year is the gingerbread class, which will allow participants of all ages to create and decorate their own building for the gingerbread village. Most of the items displayed during the festival will be available by raffle. In addition to decorated display items, there will also be vendors, local performers and a visit from Santa. The official corporate sponsors of the Festival of Trees are Lowe's of

Statesboro, the Wal-Mart Retail Center and Big Lots.

Kelly Pye, director of the Festival of Trees, aims to make this a family-oriented event that the community enjoys every year, continuing the University's involvement with the city of Statesboro.

Proceeds from the Festival of Trees go to children and families through Christmas in the Boro. According to Tina Childers, Toys for Tots Coordinator, last year's Festival of Trees contributed nearly \$2000, which helped between 35 and 40 families. For more information about sponsoring a tree, wreath or gingerbread house call 912-478-7977.