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While fall is just beginning, the staff at Georgia Southern University's Division of Continuing Education are already planning for the holidays. Local artists, businesses and community members are being invited to participate in the University's popular Festival of Trees set for Nov. 12-17 at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.

This year, the University is providing two ways for area artists and businesses to get involved. Members of the community can either donate artificial trees ranging from three feet to seven feet and/or decorate an item to showcase in the popular event. Items may include wreaths, gingerbread houses, and of course trees. Designers and businesses may donate and decorate multiple items.

"We are excited to once again host this popular family event and it continues to

grow," said Kelly Pye, coordinator of the annual festival at Georgia Southern University. "This has quickly become one of the more popular ways to kick off the holiday season in Statesboro. We have such a talented group of artists and our businesses are very supportive. This year will be bigger and better than ever."

In addition to decorated trees and other items, the Festival of Trees event will feature local performers, vendors and even Santa. The event also features a raffle where visitors can purchase tickets to win their favorite tree or other great items. All proceeds from the raffle are used to support area children and families through Christmas in the Boro and Toys for Tots of Bulloch County. There is no charge for admission to the event.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a tree or wreath for Festival of Trees may contact Kelly Pye, Continuing Education, at 912-478-7977 or at kppe@georgiasouthern.edu. The deadline to sign up to decorate, donate or to become a vendor is Oct. 31, 2012.

All trees donated for raffle will not incur a display fee; however, if the item is for *display only*, prices are as follows:

Large trees (7 feet and taller) – \$100 fee for presentation only

Medium trees (4-6 feet) – \$50 for display

Small Trees (3 feet or shorter) – \$25

There is no charge for wreath presentations; however, they will only be available for raffle. Gingerbread houses will be for display only and will not be included in the raffle.

5th Annual Festival of Trees Hours

Nov. 12-16, 2012 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily

Nov. 17, 2012 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cost of Admission: Free of Charge

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Georgia Southern University will welcome a delegation of Korean students from Keimyung University in Daegu, South Korea to campus today at 11:30 a.m. in the Russell Student Union Ballroom. The visit, which continues Georgia Southern's collaborative exchange program with Keimyung University, will include a variety of performances and demonstrations. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend, and the public is welcome.

Among the activities planned include a performance by the Keimyung String Quartet, a student ensemble from Keimyung's College of Music and Performing Arts. In addition, students from a Traditional Korean Dance team and Keimyung University's Taekwondo Demonstration Team will perform. The Taekwondo Demonstration Team is led by Grandmaster Lee Kyu-hyung who, as head

of the national Taekwondo demonstration team, directed Taekwondo demonstrations at the opening ceremony of the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

The performance teams will be joined by senior administrators from Keimyung University's Office of International Affairs.

"We are excited to welcome the delegation from Korea to Statesboro," said Jacek Lubecki, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and director of Georgia Southern's Center for International Studies. "We are excited about the upcoming visit and for future opportunities to work together."

Georgia Southern has enjoyed a collaborative exchange program with Keimyung University since 2001. Carson Downs, an International Studies major at Georgia Southern, will be spending the fall 2012 semester on exchange at Keimyung University. The Center for International Studies welcomed two 2012-13 Keimyung exchange students to Statesboro this month.

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