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Mississippi Ag Museum Adjusts Schedule after Fire and Seeks Assistance

As a result of the November 13 fire, the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum will remain closed to the public until December 1, 2014, in order to accommodate cleanup and artifact restoration efforts. The Museum's annual Country Christmas event has been cancelled; however, all private, pre-scheduled events will be accommodated. The Museum will continue to keep the public updated as the recovery process advances.

The Ag Museum is currently seeking volunteers to serve in many capacities from museum collections professionals to assist with smoke and ash mitigation to helping feed the volunteers. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please call the Museum at 601-432-4500 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum is dedicated to rebuilding all that was lost in a timely manner, and the Museum's Foundation, which serves as a fundraising mechanism to support the mission and function of the Museum, is committed to raising the necessary funds to make it even bigger and better for visitors. Anyone who wishes to make contributions and donations to assist with rebuilding efforts and future improvements needs to contact the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum at 601-432-4500 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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