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June 3 & 4 is Romance Weekend and the grand finale of the 2017 Season. Love is in the air as romance and chivalry abound. Married Couples are invited to participate in a mass Renewal of Vows Ceremony each day at 1:30pm in Celebration Garden. Couples must register at the Festival's Information Booth by 1:15 each day. After the ceremony, each couple will receive a certificate signed by King Henry VIII! Singles will have an opportunity to find romance as well this weekend.

For those who haven't been to this most unique of Atlanta's Spring Festivals, there is still time to come and enjoy giant turkey legges and frothy ales served by saucy wenches, or enjoy the endless entertainment on 10 stages. You'll find circus-style shows, juggling, acrobatics, comedy, music, even a Birds of Prey Show! Or, if shopping for handmade one-of-a-kind arts and crafts are of interest to you, the 150 shoppes in the Artisan Marketplace will keep you entertained, as will the daily live demonstrations in glassblowing, pottery making, leatherworking, weaving, blacksmithing, jewelry-making, and more.

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Also, new this year is the **Ghosts of the Abyss** haunted attraction produced and operated by 13 Stories. This walk-thru tour of a sunken pirate ship will make you run out screaming! If there is anyone who can create scary scenes that make you scream in the middle of the day, it's the operators of the popular Fall/Halloween attraction in Newnan, 13 Stories.

There is something for all ages at the Georgia Renaissance Festival. Kids will enjoy the Kids Kingdom playground, and kids of all ages will enjoy trying their hand at the variety of Games of Skill such as archery, axe throwing, test of strength and more. It wouldn't be a theme park without thrill rides, and all the rides at the Georgia Renaissance Festival are people-powered rides. Why, you ask? "Because that's how the royal children of the 16th Century were amused and entertained on holiday. There was no such thing as electricity in the 16th Century, so the Carasello (merry-go-round), Wild Boar and Swinging Ships rides are pushed, pulled, twisted and turned by pure human muscle," said Director of Marketing Robin Moon.

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