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## Historic Andalusia Farm Is Now Open on Sundays

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. – Andalusia Farm, final home of Georgia writer Flannery O’Connor, is now open on Sundays to accommodate more of the author’s fans who visit the historic site and museum from around the world.

The farm, located on U.S. 441 on the north side of Milledgeville, is now open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

“The new schedule will enable more destination tourists who come on Sunday to visit Andalusia,” said Elizabeth Wylie, executive director of the Flannery O’Connor-Andalusia Foundation.

The new operating hours are among many new developments at Andalusia. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of O’Connor’s death. Other new developments include:

- A new logo. The logo is in a hand-painted sign brush format that recalls the era of 1950-1964, the years O’Connor lived at the family farm and the period in which she wrote most of her significant work. “The logo is clearly identifiable as unique to Andalusia and is in line with professional graphic branding standards,” Wylie said. The logo will be reflected in all of Andalusia’s printed material.
- A redesigned website ([www.andalusiafarm.org](http://www.andalusiafarm.org)). The site will enable O’Connor fans to more easily make financial donations online. The Foundation recently launched its annual funding appeal and announced a campaign to create an endowment fund. For each dollar given to the Foundation by Sept. 30, a dime will be directed to the endowment. An anonymous donor recently pledged \$30,000 in unrestricted funds to the Foundation.
- New attractions. The Hill House, the home of tenant farmers during O’Connor’s lifetime, has been restored and is now open to the public. The Cow Barn is also now open to the public and is often visited by literary fans who love the story, “Good Country People,” in which the character Hulga is talked out of her prosthetic leg by a smooth-talking Bible salesman in a barn’s hay loft.
- A new tourist guide. Konner Smith, an 17-year-old senior from nearby Jones County High School, was hired as the new visitor services assistant. “This is her first paid



job,” Wylie said. “Training and mentoring young people is part of our interest in job creation in the local community.”

#### **ABOUT THE FLANNERY O’CONNOR-ANDALUSIA FOUNDATION**

The Foundation is dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and appreciation of Andalusia, the final home of Flannery O'Connor, to perpetuate her place in the roster of great writers of the 20th century. The farm is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Visit the website: [www.andalusiafarm.org](http://www.andalusiafarm.org)

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