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### **South Carolina Wildlife Federation to Honor Walterboro Man at Conservation Awards Banquet**

COLUMBIA – The South Carolina Wildlife Federation (SCWF) will hold the 2003 Upstate Saturnalia January 24-26, 2003 at The Clemson Inn and Conference Center in Clemson, SC.

“This is the first time the awards weekend has been set in the Upstate,” says SCWF Executive Director Angela Viney. “We always want to honor the conservation award winners in a setting that represents the beauty of South Carolina. The Clemson Inn and Conference Center is a perfect setting because of the beauty that surrounds the Inn. Set on Lake Hartwell, yards from the SC Botanical Gardens, and within view of the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountains, our participants will really connect with nature through the setting, as well as through the many activities we have planned.”

On Saturday night, the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conservation Awards Banquet will take place in the Grand Ballroom at the Inn and will be accompanied by a delicious southern cuisine. At the awards, 15 individuals and organizations that have played a major part in conserving South Carolina’s natural habitats for future generations will be honored at a banquet at the Inn. Walterboro’s Calvert W. Huffines, president of the Huffines Companies, is this year’s Land Award winner. With offices in Charleston, Walterboro and Thomasville, GA has been one of the nations’ leaders in Land Conservation. Early in his career he was a member of the Colleton Area Joint Planning Commission educating the county to the need for proper and comprehensive land planning. Later, as Chairman, he successfully had passed the County’s first Land Use Plan and then followed up with the County’s first Development Standards Ordinance. He was one of the original founders of the ACE Basin Conservation Focus Area. He is also one of the more noted appraisers of conservation easements.

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Sponsored by Duke Power and BMW Manufacturing Corp., the weekend is open to SCWF members, award winners, and the public. Activities such as nature hikes, fly fishing, archery, high ropes course, rock climbing, and canoeing will be offered, as will trips to Duke Power's World of Energy, The Fran Hanson Discovery Center, The Bob Campbell Geology Museum, Clemson University campus, and SC Botanical Gardens. Furthermore, classes in electronic recycling, turkey hunting, conservation issues, land use, habitat creation, and ecosystems will be taught.

Saturnalia is named after an ancient winter festival to the gods of agriculture and nature. Set at the Inn at Clemson, the weekend will offer a wonderful, rich selection of outdoor recreational activities for the entire family. The South Carolina Wildlife Federation has held an awards banquet annually for 38 years, with each year being uniquely different.

More information about Saturnalia and registration for the event can be found on the SCWF website, [www.scwf.org](http://www.scwf.org) or by calling 803-256-0670. More information about the award winners can be found by emailing [katie@scwf.org](mailto:katie@scwf.org) or calling 803-256-0670.

The South Carolina Wildlife Federation facilitates effective habitat conservation and respect for outdoor traditions for current and future generations through statewide leadership, education, advocacy and partnerships. More information can be obtained about the organization by visiting [www.scwf.org](http://www.scwf.org) or calling 803-256-0670.

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