Botanical garden offers nature-art

By Mike Foley
Staff Writer
mfoley@greenvilleonline.com

The South Carolina Botanical Garden's Nature-Based Art Program recently has opened a new exhibit in the Fran Hanson Discovery Center.

The exhibit features a state of the art interactive view of all 15 Nature-Based Art Sculptures located in the garden. The free display is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Designed and built by a Clemson University Creative Inquiry class, the new exhibit has created a learning experience for visitors and creators alike.

For questions, or to visit the exhibit, call the Fran Hanson Discovery Center at 864-656-3405 or visit online at: www.clemson.edu/public/scbg.

Beekeeping class

This introductory class allows participants to explore the world of honeybees and the art of keeping them, whether for fun or to obtain pure local honey.

Discover secrets of beekeeping, an 8,000-year-old practice, while learning practical realities of beekeeping today.

Topics include: honey bee biology, bees' relationship with flowers, management of the honey bee in each season and honey extraction.

The course prepares participants for an optional S.C. Certified Beekeeper exam and field trips to a bee farm.

The class begins Feb. 6 and ends March 26. Info: www.furman.edu/LearningforYou. Or call 864-294-2153.

program

Recycle Christmas trees

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hartwell Lake Project Office is collecting natural Christmas trees for recycling through Feb. 15.

Trees are used as fish attractors in Hartwell Lake. Trees will be tied in bundles, weighted with concrete anchors and submerged in various locations marked with fish attractor buoys.

Christmas trees can be dropped off at these locations:

» Twin Lakes boat ramp, Pickens County — From Interstate 85 take exit 14, go north on Highway 187 toward Pendleton. Immediately after passing Clemson Research Center, take a left on Fant's Grove Road and follow signs to park.

» Coneross boat ramp — From I-85 take exit 11 on Highway 24 toward Townville. At 1.5 miles past Townville, turn right onto Coneross Creek Road. Signs lead to the park entrance.

For more information, call 888-893-0678, or visit www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell.