FOLKS honored by South Carolina Wildlife

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COLUMBIA — At its 45th awards dinner the South Carolina Wildlife Federation (SCWF) presented its 2009 "Organization Conservationist" Award to the Friends of Lake Keowee Society. Accepting the award on behalf of FOLKS was Ben Turetzky, executive director. The requirements for receipt of the award are that the recipient organization should have demonstrated keen interest in projects or programs which deal with basic and serious natural resource problems and issues. An action program should have evolved from that interest.

The SCWF noted the Mission of FOLKS and cited the following: "Through various grants awarded to FOLKS, the organization has been able to survey all of the feeder streams entering Lake Keowee. Water clarity measurements at over 100 sites have been conducted by members of FOLKS since its inception in 1993. FOLKS also boasts a strong education outreach program, including a bimonthly 24-page newsletter, forums occurring four to six times a year, and other service learning programs involving Clemson University students as well as Lake Sweeps and the recently announced "Adopt an Island "program."

"This award has been presented to FOLKS in recognition of the tens of thousands of hours that have been volunteered over the years to uphold the FOLKS Mission. We thank all of the past and present FOLKS volunteers out there that have contributed to FOLKS being honored by this award," said Bill Graham, FOLKS president.



From left, are: Bill McCabe, 1st Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation; Ben Turetzky, FOLKS executive director; Ben Gregg, executive director of SCWF and Dr. Drew Lanham, Associate Professor Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Clemson University.