



THE CONSERVATION CONNECTION

Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District

William Ardrey Wins SCACD 2010 Outstanding Commissioner of the Year Award

By: Amanda Roberts



Pictured left to right: Sterling Sadler, South Carolina Association of Conservation District President; Cathy Ardrey, wife of Bill Ardrey; Bill Ardrey, Commissioner of the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District and Marc Cribb, SC Department of Natural Resources Program Manager for the Conservation Districts

William "Bill" Ardrey, Commissioner for the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District, received the South Carolina Association of Conservation District's 2010 Outstanding Commissioner of the Year on January 26, 2011 at the 2011 Conservation Partnership Conference in Hilton Head, SC.

Each year Conservation Districts are asked to nominate a commissioner for supporting the local-state-federal Conservation Partnership in their county and for promoting conservation within the county.

"Mr. Ardrey has served on our Conservation District Board for 34 years and he has only missed two regular board meetings in the last five years. He has served on our District Operations Committee, Conservation Education Committee, Natural Resources Committee, Wildlife Management Committee and the Local Work Group for years, missing only one meeting in the last five years. We appreciate his countless hours of dedication to the board, the county, and the partnership. He encourages the citizens in Lancaster County to be good stewards of the land. He has also been active

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The mission of the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District is to enhance awareness of natural resources by educating school children, citizens and community leaders about conservation and environmental issues.

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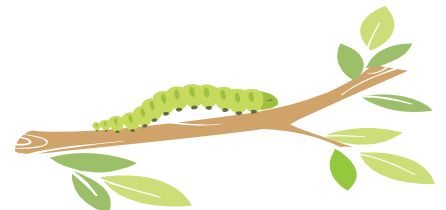


in the District's Arbor Day Celebrations, Conservation Contest Winners' recognitions, Affiliate Members' Award Programs and the Lancaster County 4-H Natural Resources and Shooting Sports Camp. His willingness to serve and educate the public about the natural resources is an excellent example of his dedication," said Amanda Roberts, District Manager for the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District.

Roberts said, "As a registered forester, he has been involved in the efforts to re-establish the longleaf pine ecosystem that once was predominant throughout the South Carolina. Longleaf was once the predominant species throughout the southeast. Because of its quality and desirability it was cut over heavily and replanted with faster growing, lower grade species. Mr. Ardrey has promoted the planting of longleaf on appropriate sites on his own lands and also on his clients' lands. He makes his land available for tours to foresters and groups interested in Longleaf Silviculture. He has been in the tree planting business since 1972 and is responsible for planting of over 200,000 acres of trees. All of the harvesting his company is responsible for is done with strict adherence to the SC recommended Best Management Practices, leaving buffers along streams to reduce sediment and to serve as wildlife corridors. His company requires water bars on all logging roads and proper diversion of runoff and seeding on stream crossings. He has assisted clients to implement their Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program contracts to benefit wildlife."

After receiving his award Ardrey said, "This a great honor to be included in this elite group of great conservationists such as my friend and mentor Glenn Alexander."

Glenn Alexander was active in conservation for over 50 years and was a long-time Commissioner and Chair of the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District as well as SCACD's Commissioner of the year and was elected a member the National Association of Conservation District's Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame in 2006.



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Oaths Of Office For Commissioners and Watershed Directors

By: Amanda Roberts

On January 3, 2011 Gary Moore and Robert “Bob” Bundy took oaths of office for the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Tony Sistare and Eric Sherman took oaths of offices for the Cane Creek Watershed Board and Roy Croxton and Carl Cicotello took oaths of office for the Little Lynches Watershed Board. The Commissioners and Watershed Directors were sworn in by Marc Cribb, Program Manager- Conservation Districts Section with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, as other commissioners, watershed directors, staff and family members looked on.

Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District Board:
Pictured left to right: Bob Bundy, Gary Moore and Marc Cribb with SCDNR



Little Lynches Watershed Board:
Pictured left to right: Carl Cicotello, Roy Croxton and Marc Cribb with SCDNR



Cane Creek Watershed Board:
Pictured left to right: Eric Sherman, Tony Sistare and Marc Cribb with SCDNR



2010 Conservation Contest Winners

By: Amanda Roberts

Multi- Media Contest:

1st place county winner \$75: Concepcion Guevara
South Middle School

2nd place county winner \$50: Sierra Massey
South Middle School

3rd place county winner \$25: Jacob Freeman
South Middle School

Honorable Mention Winner of \$15: Serena Long
South Middle School

Teacher of the 1st place winner is Erlinda Broughton
She won \$50.00.



Photo Contest:

1st place county winner \$75: Alayna Gorospe
"Grasshopper!" Indian Land High School

2nd place county winner \$50: Varisara Meesuae "Growing
Growing Gone..." Indian Land High School

3rd place county winner \$25: Kristy Jester "Old and
Memorizing" Indian Land High School

Honorable Mention Winner of \$15: Garrett Mallekoote
"Tracks to Eternity" Indian Land High

Teacher of the 1st place winner is Robin Champion
She won \$50.00.



Sandy Nelson's Service Award

By: Amanda Roberts

Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District awarded Sandy Nelson, Commissioner, with a twelve- year service award to the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District on 1-6-11. Sandy served on the board of commissioners from 2-1-1999 to 1-30-2011.



Left side picture- Pictured left to right: Amanda Roberts, District Manager; Bill Ardrey, Commissioner; Sandy Nelson, Commissioner; Bob Bundy, Associate Commissioner

Right side picture- Pictured left to right: Amanda Roberts, District Manager; Bill Ardrey, Commissioner; Sandy Nelson, Commissioner; Joe Ghent, Vice- Chairman



2011 Poster Conservation Contest For All Ages

By: Amanda Roberts

Eligibility: Kindergarten to 12th Grade Students

- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect using paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters.
- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- The 2011 Stewardship title "Forest For People More Than You Can Imagine" or "Forest for People" must be on your poster. *(Don't use any other title)*
- All posters must have a completed entry form attached to the **back** of the poster.
- The student must attend school in Lancaster County, South Carolina.
- The student can only enter one poster for this contest.

Winners:

There will be five groups for judging/ winners:

Kindergarten to 1st Grade

2nd Grade to 3rd Grade

4th Grade to 6th Grade

7th Grade to 9th Grade

10th Grade to 12th Grade

Awards:

1st Place County Winner-\$30

2nd Place County Winner-\$25

3rd Place County Winner-\$20

The Teacher of the 1st Place Winner will receive \$30

Due Dates:

The deadline is 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

For more information you can go to
[www.lancasterswcd.com- education program page.](http://www.lancasterswcd.com-education-program-page)



Photo Conservation Contest For High School Students

By: Amanda Roberts

Entry Instructions:

Complete and Submit Entry and Photo Release Form for each photo entered. Forms can be submitted one of two ways:

Electronic Form Submissions: Complete the Entry and Photo Release Forms and send it as attachment in an email to amanda.roberts@sc.usda.gov.

Form Submissions by mail: Completed Entry and Photo Release Forms can be submitted by mail to

Lancaster SWCD
Amanda Roberts
1771-D Hwy. 521 Bypass South
Lancaster, SC 20720

Please note, photos MUST be submitted electronically, even if you submit Form(s) by mail.

Submit electronic photo files via email according to entry guidelines to amanda.roberts@sc.usda.gov.

Entry Guidelines

The deadline to enter the 2011 Spring Photo Contest is **April 1, 2011**. All entry forms/ release forms must be submitted electronically or postmarked by April 1, 2011. Participants can enter as many as four photos, **one in each category**.

Photo File Names

Photo files must be named by category, last name and school name. You may submit one photo in each category.

Name each photo file for entry as follows:

Conservation Practices

CP-LastName-SchoolName

Conservation In Action

CIA-LastName-SchoolName

Close Up Conservation

CUC-LastName-SchoolName

Ag/Conservation Across America

ACAA-LastName-SchoolName

For example, John Smith, a 16-year-old from Lancaster High School, wishes to submit two photos, one in the **Close Up Conservation** category and one in **Conservation In Action**. His file names would read as follows:

CUC-Smith-Lancaster High

CIA-Smith-Lancaster High

Your photo must be labeled or named as outlined above to be eligible. *TIP: To rename or label a photo, right-click the photo and choose Rename.*

Digital Enhancement

Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be altered in any significant manner will be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos.

Photo Rights

All entries become the property of Lancaster SWCD, and we reserve the non-exclusive right to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes.

Judging Standards


Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.

Awards Will Be Awarded In Each Category:

1st Place Winner-\$30

2nd Place Winner-\$15

Honorable Mention- a one year magazine subscription to [South Carolina Wildlife](#)



You can find the entry forms and guidelines on the website at www.lancaasterswcd.com-education program page.

2010 Arbor Day Celebration At Indian Land High School

By: Amanda Roberts

The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District hosted its Arbor Day Celebration at Indian Land High School on Friday, December 3, 2010 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District presented a red maple tree to Indian Land High School, which was planted on the school grounds.



Arbor Day is a national holiday that was begun in 1872 by Julius Sterling Morton. The National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April and each state has their own day to celebrate Arbor Day, which in South Carolina is the first Friday in December. All around the county and state, individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees on Arbor Day.

“We celebrate Arbor Day to recognize the importance of trees to our community and our nation. They give us so much in beauty, comfort and useful products,” said Bill Ardrey, Commissioner of the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District.

Indian Land High School was selected as the winner of the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District’s Arbor Day Contest for 2010. Each school in Lancaster County was invited to participate in the contest. The representative from Indian Land High School was Cara Jorgensen, a student, who wrote a short paper on why the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District should host the celebration at their school.

Jorgensen wrote, “Indian Land High School would be honored if the Lancaster Soil and Wa-



ter Conservation District held its annual Arbor Day Celebration at our campus. Not only are we versed in a variety of agriculture, but educating our community is on the forefront of ILHS. Indian Land is a town full of locally owned and operated stores, huge smiles, and hospitable people. To us, agriculture is a way of life, a chance to make an impact on our fellow Indian Landers.”



Upcoming Events For March, April, May and June

March 7, 2011 at 7:00pm-The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation Board of Commissioners’ monthly board meeting. It will be held in our office at 1771 Hwy. 521 Bypass South, Lancaster.

March 17, 2011-Last day to turn in the Conservation Poster Contest Entries.

April 1, 2011-Last day to turn in the Conservation Photo Contest Entries.

April 4, 2011 at 7:00pm-The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation Board of Commissioners’ monthly board meeting. It will be held in our office at 1771 Hwy. 521 Bypass South, Lancaster.

April 11, 2011-Last day to turn in the Scholarship Entries.

May 2, 2011 at 7:00pm-The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation Board of Commissioners’ monthly board meeting. It will be held in our office at 1771 Hwy. 521 Bypass South, Lancaster.

June 6, 2011 at 7:00pm-The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation Board of Commissioners’ monthly board meeting. It will be held in our office at 1771 Hwy. 521 Bypass South, Lancaster.



2010 State Conservation Poster Contest

By: Amanda Roberts

Abbigail Burgess at Kershaw Elementary School was the 1st place winner of the State Conservation Poster Contest for the 4th through 6th grade entries.

Congratulations Abbigail!



Other Activities:

By: Amanda Roberts



⇒ Amanda Roberts attended McDonald Green Elementary and did activities on "Habitats" for 100 5th graders.

⇒ Amanda Roberts, who is also the President of the SC Conservation District Employees Association, attended the National Leadership Conference in Kentucky on December 13-16, 2010.

⇒ Amanda Roberts's presented two Gardening Club programs on January 19 and 20, 2011, to the Lancaster and the Great Falls Gardening Clubs- a total of 35 people were present.



⇒ Amanda Roberts and the Lancaster County SCDNR Law Enforcement Officers taught a hunter's education class at USC-Lancaster on February 5, 2011. There were 31 people who attended.

⇒ Amanda Roberts attended McDonald Green Elementary and did activities on "Soils" for 75 3rd graders.

2011 Glenn Alexander Memorial Scholarship

By: Amanda Roberts



The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for the Glenn Alexander Memorial Scholarship for \$500. The scholarship is to be presented to a high school senior residing in Lancaster County who will be attending a college, university or technical college and majoring in an agricultural or environmental related field such as: agricultural education, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agronomy, biology, forestry, horticulture, soils, or wildlife management. The deadline to apply is **April 11, 2011 at 3:00pm.**

Those interested in applying for this scholarship must fill out an application which can be found on the website at www.lancasterswcd.com (click the education program link) or you may call the office at 803-286-4455 extension 3 for a copy.

The Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District established this scholarship in recognition of Glenn Alexander's 57 years of service with the Conservation District and his dedication to our County.

United States Department of Agriculture- Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs

By: Ann Christie

How can the public learn about wildlife management, soils and pasture management practices that improve the environment? The Natural Resource Conservation Service has DVD's available on these topics. Easy to understand, these DVD's explain conservation practices in practical terms.

The videos are available for download from the web site at www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov/pasture_con_videos.html, or at <http://vimeo.com/channels/wildlifehabitatforgood> or copies are available from the conservation office at 1771 Highway 521 Bypass South in Lancaster.

"Many people who manage for wildlife are planting annuals once or twice a year to attract deer for hunting," said Ann Christie, Lancaster District Conservationist with USDA-NRCS. "They plant clover or oats or wheat in the fall and maybe a warm-season annual in the spring."

"There are other easy, inexpensive things you can do to benefit a wide range of wildlife species," said Christie. "Rotational disk-ing of different sections of food plots is a great way to create varied habitat." Divide

your plot into three sections or strips. Disc the first one lightly between September 1st and April 1st. The next year, disc the second strip between September 1st and April 1st. The third year, disc the third strip during the same time frame."

"This creates a disked strip next to one-year-old native vegetation, next to two-year-old native vegetation. This is excellent habitat for nesting for quail, turkey, and other ground-nesting birds. It provides plants for deer to browse and cover to hide in for rabbits," Christie said. "You can still plant annuals in the disked strip – you just don't want to be working in the plot between April 1st and September 1st – that's quail nesting season."

According to Christie, the pasture management videos talk about how to improve livestock operations while improving the environment. "Fencing animals away from streams and ponds improves the animal's health and helps stop streambank erosion, water quality and soil compaction," Christie said. "Animals can still drink from a stream or pond if the farmer wishes, but their access can be limited to one spot with a

stable surface. The other option is to run underground pipeline from a well or county water to a water tank. This provides a clean, controlled water source – the cows aren't drinking from a stream or pond that might have anything in it that washed in from upstream."

Soil testing to learn the correct amount of lime and fertilizer needed and proper timing of fertilizer application are important to good grass growth and stopping excess fertilizer from washing into streams and ponds, according to Christie.

"Another conservation practice which benefits water and air quality is what we call 'Pest Management' – we have a computer program to evaluate the environmental safety of herbicides for weeds and insecticides for insects in pasture and hayland. We can help people select an effective pesticide that won't damage the environment."



Welcome To The Partnership!

By: Barbara Benton and Jim Sorrow



Barbara Benton has been an Earth Team Volunteer and a part-time Conservation Aide with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service since the summer of 2010. She is enjoying learning, working and helping farmers with their environmental concerns and conservation issues.

Barbara was raised in Lancaster and has lived here for 55 years. She and her husband Freddie have a daughter and a five year old grandson and live on a farm where they raise horses, Shetland ponies, small specialty show chickens, fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Besides gardening and looking forward to becoming a master gardener, she enjoys landscaping, tent camping in the mountains, whitewater rafting, cooking (especially Dutch-oven and campfire), photographing (waterfalls, animal and nature scenes) and spending time teaching her grandson about farming and the country life.

Jim Sorrow has joined the Earth Team Volunteer Program with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

He was born in Fort Mill and graduated high school in Fort Mill. He attended USC-Lancaster and then USC in Columbia where he received a BS in biology. Soon after that he attended Clemson and eventually received an MS in wildlife biology.

Sorrow said, "Make no mistake about it; I am a Gamecock fan."

His wife's name is Gin, who is assistant principal at Indian Land Middle School and they have four children between them: Andrea, Adam, Michael, and Michael (Mike); two children-in-laws: Hank and Tori married to Andrea and Mike respectively; and three grand children: Kaylee, Zack, and Aurora.

Jim is retired from the SC Department of Natural Resources where he managed the Heritage Trust Preserves in the Upper Piedmont and was an endangered and threatened species biologist.



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Monies collected through the Affiliate Membership Program will be used to advance our educational programs. Please fill out the donation form and mail to the district office. All contributions are tax deductible. We look forward to working with you to make Lancaster County a better place to live.

- Land Conservationist - \$30.00 donation Soil & Water Protector-\$50.00 donation
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