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Quiet Reflections: The Clemson Forest

A 128-page, full-color book by nature photographer Tommy Wyche and naturalist John Garton captures the beauty of the Clemson Experimental Forest in all four seasons just in time for holiday gift-giving.

The coffee-table book showcases the natural and cultural history of the University's 17,500-acre forest. The Clemson Forest is an outstanding example of conservation that's home to more than 195 species of birds and 900 species of plants, including some of the largest trees of their kind in the state, as well as several rare or endangered species. It shelters creatures ranging from tiny cricket frogs and zebra swallowtail butterflies to bald eagles, bobcats and black bears.

Quiet Reflections is scheduled for delivery in late November. Sale price is \$34.95. Proceeds go to the Clemson Forest operating fund to support research and education programs.

To order a copy, go to www.clemson.edu/psapublishing or call toll-free **888-772-2665**.

[BIOS – PHOTOS AVAILABLE IF NEEDED]

C. Thomas Wyche is nationally recognized for his achievements over many years in the conservation of large sections of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the Carolinas.

He has received the Special Environmental Award from the National Wildlife Federation, the American Bar Association Environmental Award, the Environmental Award of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Oak Leaf Award given by The Nature Conservancy, the Alexander Calder Award given jointly by The Conservation Fund and Union Camp Corporation, the Conservation Award of the Garden Club of America, and the National Conservation Award of Gulf Oil Corporation. Because of his life-long dedication to preserving the mountains of South Carolina, he has received numerous awards from state conservation organizations, as well as the Order of the Palmetto, the State's highest award to an individual for outstanding service.

Wyche is a graduate of Yale University and received his law degree from the University of Virginia. He also has received honorary doctorate degrees from Clemson University, Furman University, and Wofford College. He is a senior member of the Wyche Burgess Freeman and Parham law firm, a general practice firm in Greenville, South Carolina.

Other books he has published include *South Carolina's Mountain Wilderness: The Blue Ridge Escarpment*, *The Blue Wall: Wilderness of the Carolinas and Georgia*, *Mosaic: 21 Special Places in the Carolinas*, and *Cycles of Nature*, also by Westcliffe Publishers.

John S. Garton has had a life-long interest in wildlife and its conservation. He holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife management and a master's degree in biology from Tennessee Technological University. He has served on the Boards of Directors for the North Carolina and South Carolina Wildlife Federations, the Foothills Trail Conference, and other conservation organizations.

John has written numerous articles for conservation publications. He was employed for 28 years in the Environmental Department of Duke Energy, where much of his time was spent cataloging natural resources of the mountains and piedmont of the Carolinas. John and his wife Kathie recently retired and relocated to Pendleton, South Carolina, where they now spend hours each week walking and observing wildlife in the Clemson Forest.