



State of Louisiana

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF STATE MUSEUM

ANGÈLE DAVIS
SECRETARY

CARMA C. FAUNTLEROY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

-PRESS RELEASE-

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 21, 2006

For More Information Contact:

Kacey M. Hill
Office 504-568-6972
Cell 504-432-9432
khill@crt.state.la.us

THE LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM'S LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

C.C. Lockwood, Photographer *Marsh Mission, Capturing the Vanishing Wetlands*

On Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 12:30 p.m., the Louisiana State Museum – Baton Rouge will host award-winning nature and wildlife photographer, C.C. Lockwood as part of the museum's lunchtime lecture series. Lockwood will discuss his latest publication entitled, *Marsh Mission, Capturing the Vanishing Wetlands*.

With thirty photographs by C.C. Lockwood and thirty paintings by Rhea Gary, *Marsh Mission* was inspired by the hope that art will stir concern for Louisiana's vanishing wetlands. For an entire year, Lockwood immersed himself in the wetlands, living in a houseboat. Sometimes joined by Gary, Lockwood covered 5,000 miles capturing the quiet, hidden activity of the wetlands with breathtaking detail. The book inspired the LSU Museum of Art traveling exhibition *Vanishing Wetlands* (on display at the Louisiana State Museum – Patterson, May 5 – July 29, 2006).

"The people of Louisiana are more aware now than ever of the importance of preserving the wetlands. C.C. Lockwood brings it to another level, showing us all that the wetlands are not just important from an ecological standpoint, but are also beautiful and magical places worth saving," said Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu, who oversees the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the parent agency of the Louisiana State Museum.

Presently, C.C. Lockwood is working on a book entitled *Atchafalaya Basin Revisited* and covering hurricane damage to the Louisiana Coast. However, throughout his career, Lockwood has established himself as the premier chronicler of the natural wonders of Louisiana and the Gulf Region. Lockwood has published ten books such as *Discovering America, Around the Bend* and *A Mississippi River Adventure*, among others. His work can be seen in the *National Geographic* and the *Smithsonian* as well as thousands of other magazines, books, and advertisements. Lockwood is the recipient of the Louisiana Literary Award's Book of the Year, the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams

Award, Louisiana Public Broadcasting's Louisiana Legend, and inducted into the LSU Alumni Association's Hall of Distinction.

The Louisiana State Museum – Baton Rouge is located at 660 North 4th Street. This event is free to public. Guests are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, contact 225-219-0725.

The Louisiana State Museum is part of the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, which is overseen by Lieutenant Governor Mitchell J. Landrieu. The State Museum network includes six museums in New Orleans and sites in Baton Rouge, Natchitoches, Patterson and Thibodaux. For details on sites, exhibitions and programs, visit <http://lsm.crt.state.la.us>.