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First Photo-Day Set for Clemson

November 14, 2008 is the first of four days of photography for the Clemson photo project. Beginning at midnight and continuing through that Friday evening, volunteer photographers will have a mission to find and shoot pictures that capture the essence of the Clemson community. Del Kimbler, project director for The Arts Center in Clemson, says the project information is now available at the Arts Center website, www.exploreats.org. "Interested people in or around the city of Clemson and the Clemson community can find detailed information on the Arts Center website about participating in the project," Kimbler said.

This project was established with support from Clemson City Council based on a concept developed by Mayor Larry Abernathy and City Administrator Rick Cotton. Kimbler was selected to guide the project based on his experience in photography and industrial engineering and his interest in development of a Clemson photography archive. With his retirement from Clemson University where he was professor of industrial engineering, he is devoting much of his time to this project.

The goal is to have 24 hours of photography about Clemson in each of four seasons. This will establish a photography archive of the Clemson community which can continue to grow and document the community. The project is expected to result in a photography book made up of selected photographs from the four days of Clemson photographs. Other cities and areas have produced books with a "day in the life" theme. This one will have four days, consistent with the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce slogan "In Season Every Season." Work on the book will begin following the first photo day, and the selected photos will be featured in a gallery exhibition at the Arts Center. Production of the printed copy will proceed following the completion of all four days. The book is expected to be available for sale in early 2010, according to Kimbler. Those interested in participating in the project should email Del Kimbler at photo@exploreats.org.

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