



# TAKE ACTION E-NEWS

*Be part of the solution!*

FEBRUARY 3, 2014

VOLUME 2, NUMBER 1



**This year, set an anti-pollution resolution! Volunteer for a cleanup, mark your storm drains, plant a rain garden, green your yard.... There are so many ways you can do your part for clean water.**

Find out more at [www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear](http://www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear)

#### Upcoming Events

##### **Sumter Backyard Landscaping Series**

*Tuesdays Feb. 11-March 4  
6:00-7:00 PM*

*Sumter County Public Library Main Branch  
111 North Harvin Street  
Sumter, S.C. 29150*

##### **Spring Litter Cleanup**

*March 8, 2014  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Location TBA*

##### **Rain Barrel Art Contest**

*January-April 2014  
Sumter schools can call now to request your barrel.*

#### Newsworthy:

### **Speaker Series: Backyard Landscaping**

Tuesdays February 11<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>, Sumter home gardeners can learn how to go green in their backyards. Based on the Carolina Yards program, this FREE speaker series is designed to assist homeowners in achieving their desired landscape while saving time and money and protecting South Carolina's natural resources. Both novice and experience gardeners can benefit from these presentations. The series will be held at the Main Branch of the Sumter County Public Library from 6:00-7:00 PM. This year's topics are:

- **February 11: Pest Management** (Tony Melton, Horticulture Agent, Clemson Extension, Florence County)
- **February 18: Gardening for Wildlife** (Sara Green, Director of Education, South Carolina Wildlife Federation)
- **February 25: Rain Gardens** (Rebecca Turk, Education Coordinator, Moore Farms Botanical Garden)
- **March 4: Gardening with Native Plants** (Claudia Rainey, Senior Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Department)



#### Recent Activities:

### **Shorescaping for Garden Clubs**

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Jolie Brown spoke to the Bland Garden Club about shorescaping. For those with ponds or streams on their property, managing the water's edge to prevent erosion is very important. There are lots of great options for things to plant that will be beautiful and functional for your shoreline. Learn more with SC Waterways factsheets at [http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/water/resources\\_stormwater/](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/water/resources_stormwater/), or request a presentation for your group by contacting Jolie Brown, [jolie2@clemson.edu](mailto:jolie2@clemson.edu).

**Sumter Earth Day**  
April 12, 2014  
Swan Lake Iris Garden

**Ongoing Projects**

**Carolina Yards and  
Neighborhoods**

Learn how to create  
attractive and healthy lawns  
by working with South  
Carolina's environment  
rather than against it. Go to  
[www.clemson.edu/cyn](http://www.clemson.edu/cyn) for  
more information.

**Contact Us:**

**Mary Cafilisch**

[mnevins@clemson.edu](mailto:mnevins@clemson.edu)  
803-865-1216 ext. 122  
Clemson Extension  
P.O. Box 102406  
Columbia SC 29224

**Jolie Brown**

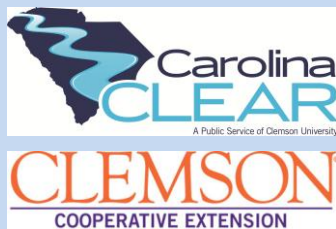
[Jolie2@clemson.edu](mailto:Jolie2@clemson.edu)  
803-773-5561  
115 N. Harvin St., 5th Floor  
Sumter, SC 29150

[www.clemson.edu/  
carolinaclear/scsc](http://www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/scsc)



Like us on  
Facebook to keep  
up with events and local  
stormwater news!

[http://www.facebook.  
com/midlandsstormwater](http://www.facebook.com/midlandsstormwater)



*The Clemson University Cooperative  
Extension Service offers its programs to  
people of all ages regardless of race,  
color, sex, religion, national origin,  
disability, political beliefs, sexual  
orientation, marital or family status and  
is an equal opportunity employer.*

**Upcoming Activities:**



**Spring Litter Cleanup**

**March 8, 2014**  
**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
**Location to be Announced**

Mark your calendars! The SSS Spring Cleanup will be March 8<sup>th</sup>, and volunteers are needed. The location is still undecided, but will be announced in the next few weeks. Please join us to help pick up litter in Sumter County, to

beautify your community and protect local streams rivers. Thank you for doing your part!

**2014 Rain Barrel Art Contest**

**January-April, 2014**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2nd annual Rain Barrel Art Contest. Participating schools will receive a rain barrel to decorate with an "Earth Day" theme. The decorated barrels will be judged at the Sumter Earth Day Festival on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The winning classes will enjoy pizza parties. The contest is open to all public and private elementary, middle, and high schools in Sumter County. After the festival, the rain barrels can be installed on school grounds or at a public location such as a church or library, or donated back to SSS for a silent auction at the festival. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please call Mary Cafilisch at 803-865-1216 or Jolie Brown at 803-773-5561. Barrels are being delivered now. The sooner you apply, the sooner you will receive your barrel.

***Help to raise awareness to ways each of us can protect our local  
watersheds and quality of life in our communities by sharing this  
newsletter with others!***

You received this newsletter because you have participated in an SSS event or expressed interest in our programming. If you would no longer like to receive our newsletter, please email [mnevins@clemson.edu](mailto:mnevins@clemson.edu) and ask to be removed from the mailing list. Thank you!