

# Rudolph E. Mancke

## “The Naturalist Tradition”

**Rudolph E. (Rudy) Mancke** has been with NatureScene since its inception in 1978. His field trips, broadcast nationwide, have earned him a legion of dedicated viewers. Rudy’s knowledge of the complex inner-workings of different ecosystems and his great admiration for the natural world make him the perfect guide. In fact, the National Wildlife Federation and the Garden Club of America honored his commitment to resource conservation with special awards. Along with his duties as South Carolina Educational Television’s director of science and nature programming, Rudy somehow finds the time to author articles and pamphlets about the environment as well as maintain a demanding schedule as a public speaker. Before coming to television, Rudy served as the natural history curator at the South Carolina State Museum for 10 years, and was a high school biology and geology teacher. He earned a degree at Wofford College, attended graduate school at the University of South Carolina, and received honorary doctorate degrees from the College of Charleston, Winthrop College, and Wofford College.

Following are the awards that Mancke has received:

Southern Education Communications Association Award for NatureScene (1980, 1982)

Environmental Education Association Award for NatureScene (1982)

Special Achievement Award, National Wildlife Federation (1987)

Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor (1989)

Phi Delta Kappa Friend of Education Award (1990)

Governor’s Award for Excellence in Science (1991)

South Carolina Environmental Awareness Award (1992)

Order of the Palmetto (1993)

Margaret Douglas Award, The Garden Club of America (1995)

South Carolina Hall of Science and Technology Inductee (1997)

Best Friend of Libraries (1998)

Lucy Hampton Bostick Award, Richland County Library (1999)