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The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Announces the Unveiling of the
Charles E. Fraser Statue at Compass Rose Park

Hilton Head Island, SC - - The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry along with the Town of Hilton Head Island will be unveiling the statue of Charles Fraser at Compass Rose Park on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the presentation and unveiling.

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry created the Public Art Fund for the purposes of funding and acquiring public art and outdoor sculpture to be placed in the public realm on Hilton Head Island. Through this fund, the Community Foundation's Public Art Committee commissioned the design and casting of a life sized bronze sculpture of Charles Fraser walking with an alligator from the well-known photograph published in the Saturday Evening Post in 1962. Significant donations for the piece were contributed by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, the Heritage Classic Foundation and private donors.

Savannah artist Susie Chisholm created the larger-than-life bronze of Charles Fraser and Texas-based artist Darrell Davis created the alligator.

About the Artists:

Susie Chisholm

Born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, Susie Grantham Chisholm grew up in a home that valued artistic expression. With her father an architect, and her mother with a degree in Interior Design, Susie's natural artistic talent was encouraged and developed with private art instruction during her childhood.

Chisholm has studied with Teena Stern and Don Haugen of Atlanta, Bruno Lucchesi and Jerry Cox in Scottsdale, Arizona, Tuck Langland in Loveland, Colorado, and David Klass at

Brookgreen Gardens. She also participated in a 1997 University of Georgia program in Cortona, Italy where she studied sculpture and bronze casting.

Public commissions can be seen in the Chatham County Main Library (Savannah) and in the new Savannah Islands YMCA. Her work is in numerous private collections throughout the US and in Savannah's Chroma Gallery. She currently has a studio in the Art Center in Historic Savannah's City Market where her work can be seen by chance or appointment.

Darrell Davis

Darrell Davis says that from a young age his goal in life was to learn as much as possible about sculpture and those who created it. As luck would have it, a local foundry approached his high school art teacher with the idea of casting her students' wax sculptures in bronze. As his first sculpture emerged from its ceramic shell, Darrell knew he wanted to become an artist.

After graduating from college, Darrell enrolled in the Graduate School of Architecture at UTA. This decision proved to be a major turning point in his career. With the profits from his earliest sales, Darrell acquired the studio where he continues to create his art. Darrell's sculptures are proudly displayed in numerous public and private collections throughout the United States and Mexico, including a 63-piece monument completed in 2000 for the Dallas Zoo. Mr. Davis is currently working on a commission to honor the centennial anniversary of Frisco, Texas.

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Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Founded in 1994, the mission of the community foundation is to strengthen community by connecting people, resources, and needs. In the years since inception, the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry its more than 200 funds have grown through additional gifts and investments and provided more than \$32 million in grants to support local nonprofits. In addition to grantmaking, the community foundation focuses on assisting donors to meet their philanthropic goals and acts as a convener of resources to address community concerns. The community foundation serves the Counties of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties. For more information, visit our website at www.cf-lowcountry.org.

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