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Let's visit Congaree National Park!

by CAROLYN BRENNEMAN

Let's all take the day to visit Congaree National Park in South Carolina in the next few months. The national part is a delightful experience. This time of the year, the weather is sunny but not too hot and the waters from the rivers are flowing and ready enjoying, or even for canoeing. Many nature lovers, photographers, and hikers of all ages are traveling to this beautiful area and enjoying the warm days and cooler evenings exploring all that the national park has to offer.

One of the great features of Congaree National Park is the abundant walking and hiking trails all around the forest. The Bluff Trail, the Sims Trail and the Boardwalk can be traveled by the beginner walker as well as the experienced hiker. The Boardwalk starts from the Visitor's Center and goes through diverse old growth forest. You can listen for woodpeckers hammering away in the tall trees above. The lower part of the boardwalk passes through a primeval bald cypress and water tupelo forest. You will see hundreds of Cypress knees protrude from the forest floor. The knees, part of the tree's root system, are thought to help aerate the roots and anchor the cypress in the area's wet soil. Congaree is noted for being one of the tallest temperate, hardwood forests in the world with loblolly pines as tall as 17 story buildings, tall sweet gum trees, and beautiful cypress trees. To be in this forest, is like stepping back in time in a wilderness area.

Another great feature of the park is the free ranger guided canoe trips throughout the year. No canoeing experience is necessary and all ages are welcome. The rangers provide instruction in paddling and

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Porter Fleming Literary Competition Award Winners

Special to Senior News

The winners of the 2016 Porter Fleming Literary Competition have been announced by the Morris Museum of Art. They are:

Fiction

- 1st Place: Chris Garcia, Martinez, GA, *The Well*
- 2nd Place: Walter Lacher, Aiken, SC, *Gene*
- 3rd Place: Courtney Santo, Memphis, TN, *The Bridge of the Gods*

Judge: Cecelia Tichi, author, editor, and the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of English at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Non-Fiction

- 1st Place: Beth Ann Fennelly, Oxford, MS, *Y'all's Problem*
- 2nd Place: Evan Guilford-Blake, Stone Mountain, GA, *Solace*
- 3rd Place: Richard L. Knowles, Harkers Island, NC, *Long, Cold Roads*

Judge: Barry Yeoman, award-winning journalist, teacher, and radio documentarian

Plays

- 1st Place: Chris LaMantia, Grovetown, GA, *The Fourth Wall*
- 2nd Place: Jonathan Cook, North Augusta, SC, *A Play by Theodore Janus*

- 3rd Place: Jon Tuttle, Florence, SC, *Precis*

Judge: Ellen Hemphill, writer, director, and Associate Professor of the Practice of Theater Studies, Duke, Durham, NC

Poetry

- 1st Place: Emily Rosko, Charleston, SC, *Transit*
- 2nd Place: Peter Schmitt, Miami, FL, *Instinct*
- 3rd Place: James Hudson, Augusta, GA, *The Virgin of Chelmsport*
- Honorable Mention: Marlena Bergeron, Evans, GA, *Skyline Salute*

Judge: Ellen Hemphill, writer, director, and Associate Professor of the Practice of Theater Studies, Duke, Durham, NC

The Porter Fleming Literary Competition, recognizing talented writers who reside in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, was established in 1993 by Shirley Fleming to honor her late father, noted author and artist Berry Fleming. Funded by the Porter Fleming Foundation, which is administered by the Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County, the competition is organized and directed by the Morris Museum of Art.

The Porter Fleming Foundation was established by Berry Fleming in 1963 as a memorial to his father, Porter Fleming, a prominent Augustan and one of the city's leading philanthropists.

The Morris Museum of Art was founded in 1985 and opened to the public in 1992. It is the oldest museum in the country that is devoted to the art and artists of the American South. The museum's permanent collection of five thousand works of art, dating from the late-eighteenth century to the present,

represents every aspect of the region's visual culture. The Morris is open to the public from Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and on Sunday, noon-5:00 p.m. For more information about the Morris Museum of Art, visit www.themorris.org or call 706-724-7501.

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All the information about CREATION along with Audition materials,

Rehearsal Calendars and Show Schedules are on the website too.

MOVIES IN MAY

Making a decision on what movie to go and see can be a challenge, especially for a Christian. Hollywood has caught on to the band wagon and realizes that we want this kind of entertainment and they have flooded the screens this summer. But can we trust their view of what makes a Christian Movie?

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Taking Care

What to Look for in a New Home

by LISA M. PETSCHE

As we advance in age, there is a good chance that eventually our home will no longer suit our lifestyle or our needs.



Lisa Petsche

Common reasons for relocating include simplifying home ownership responsibilities, reducing living expenses, maximizing accessibility and safety, and increasing personal security, community access or opportunities for activities and socializing.

There are many options for boomer and senior home ownership, including moving to a comparable-sized home with different design, downsizing to a smaller house or an apartment-style condominium, and moving to an adult lifestyle community containing detached homes or townhouses.

If you or a loved one are planning to relocate, it is important to consider not only your current needs and preferences but also potential future needs. By doing so you can maximize your chances of being able to age in place.

The following are some questions you may want to consider when checking out properties.

Building Features:

- When was it built? Does it appear to be in good condition?
- Is the exterior maintenance-free?
- Is there an entrance at ground level? Is it sheltered?
- If there are steps to enter, or to navigate once inside, is there plenty of landing space?
- Does the entrance door have a wide-angle viewer (peephole)? Are door locks easy to operate?
- Is there a sizeable foyer with room for a bench?
- Is there a one-floor plan? If not, is there a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and laundry room on the main

floor? Is there an open concept layout?

- Are hallways and doorways wide enough to accommodate a mobility device?
- Is there non-slip flooring? Does carpet have a low pile?
- Are there sturdy handrails on both sides of the stairs? Are steps deep enough to place the whole foot? Is the stair rise a comfortable height, and are risers closed? Are stairwells wide enough to accommodate a stair lift? Are they well lit?
- Is there a light switch within easy reach at the top and bottom?
- Is there an attached garage?
- Is there central air conditioning? A programmable thermostat?
- Are there plenty of windows? Are they easy to operate? Energy efficient? Low enough to have a view while sitting?
- Are door handles easy to operate? (A lever type is ideal.)
- Are light switches easy to reach from doorways?
- Are there ample electrical outlets and phone jacks? What about high-speed Internet access?
- Are there smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors?
- In the kitchen: Do countertops have rounded corners? Is there counter space next to appliances and cupboards?
- In the bathroom: Are there grab bars in the tub? A hand-held showerhead? A walk-in shower? Built-in shower seat? Easy-to-handle faucets? (A single lever is best.)
- Is there a spare bedroom and, ideally, a second bathroom, should live-in help be required?
- If walls are shared with neighbors, what kind of soundproofing exists?

Apartment Considerations:

- Is the building fully air-conditioned?
- Are common areas spacious, clean and bright? Are furnishings and décor attractive and modern?
- Can elevators easily accommodate a wheelchair or scooter? Are the

buttons easy to access?

- Does every unit have a balcony or terrace?
- Are there in-suite laundry facilities? If not, is the laundry room easy to access? Are the appliances in good condition?

Grounds:

- Is the lot level?
- If there is an entrance ramp, does it have a gentle incline?
- Is there covered parking? Ample space for visitors' vehicles?
- Are the grounds child-friendly for visiting grandchildren?
- Does the neighborhood have sidewalks?
- With a house: Are the grounds low maintenance? Is there room for a garden? Are paved areas in good repair? Are there sturdy railings and handrails on porches and decks? Are there motion sensor lights?
- With a Condo: Are hardscaped areas and green spaces well maintained? Do they include benches? Is there a furnished patio? Shaded areas? A residents' garden? Walking paths? Water features? Plenty of lighting?

Location:

- Is it central to local relative and

friends?

- Is there easy access to major roads and highways?
- Is it central to frequently accessed amenities, such as a grocery store, drug store, bank, medical clinic and place of worship? What about proximity to a shopping center, library, continuing education institution, park, recreation center, restaurants and cultural attractions?

Amenities (in a condo or lifestyle community):

- What kind of security measures are in place?
- Is there a party room for family gatherings and a community room for group meeting?
- Are there fitness facilities, such as a swimming pool, gym or tennis court? What other recreation and leisure opportunities are available?
- What amenities are included in the monthly condo or Homeowners' Association (HOA) fee, and would you make use of enough of them to justify the cost? What is the cost of optional amenities, such as a golf club membership or a boat slip?

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Poets' Corner

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MOM, I LOVE YOU

by Pauline M. Brown

*Mom, I love you for all you've done!
You never held back, even after all
I'd done.*

*You gave me food, you dried my
eyes,
and when I was tired, you hugged
me twice.*

*Mom, I love you on this special day,
Not because you gave me or let me
have my way,*

*But because you taught me right
from wrong.
When I couldn't sleep, you held
me in your arms.*

*Mom, I love you because you are
you,
And I thank you for all you do.*

*Happy Mother's Day! I'm blessed.
You are my mom: just another
blessing.*

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OPPORTUNITIES MISSES

by Paul R. Gonica, Sr.

*When I saw her passing,
Beneath the mistle toe,*

*I thought, "Should I kiss her?"
"Maybe she'll say, No!"*

*"Maybe she'll get angry!"
And "Maybe she'll be mad!"*

*That's when I passed up,
The best chance, that I had.*

*Now, I see her, underneath
The mistle toe.*

*But, only in my memory,
From many years ago.*

*I never made her angry.
I never made her mad.*

*But, I never made her anything.
I've only made me sad.*

LINKS THAT BIND

by Henry N. Goldman
(To all, with whom I have enjoyed
the game, I dedicate this anaphora.)

*Bound by fairway's plush green
splendor,
Bound by green's smooth rolling
grain,
Bound by nature's tree lined wonder,
Bound to go and test my swing.*

*Bound by fellow golfers' friendship,
Bound by their camaraderie,
Bound to hear somebody's loose lips,
Bound to wind up behind some tree.*

*Bound to try some new found
gimmick,
Bound to trust it's amazing claims,
Bound to find it does not help me,
Bound to lay on it the blame.*

*Bound to make that perfect golf shot,
Bound to hit the green and run,
Bound to find that little white pot,
Bound for my first hole-in-one!*

MY SPECIAL FRIEND

by Sandra Schwamlein Moore

*I met "My Special Friend"
A long time ago...*

*We've kept in touch
And now I know...*

*I'm in love with him,
What should I do?*

*Could he be in love
With me, too?*

*His kisses were sweet
When he came to see me.*

*That's when I knew
He was "Special" to me.*

*His next visit... may be soon,
He hopes so, and I do, too!*

*Should I tell him
I love him?*

*I don't want to scare him away...
When he arrives, it will be "A
Special Day!"*

*He is in my thoughts "Morning,
Noon and Night!"
I never thought I'd feel this way
at this point in my life.*

*Just hearing his voice, makes me
smile,
I hope I see him, in a little while.*

*Love is Wonderful!
Love is Grand!*

*Soon I will be in his arms,
And holding his hand.*

*Every Day so Happy am I,
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Homebuyers tricked into wiring closing costs

by **KELVIN COLLINS**
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Buying a home this spring? If so, watch out for this cunning new con. A recent alert from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warns that scammers are hacking into email accounts and instructing homebuyers to wire closing costs straight into their pockets.

Here's how the scam works. Imagine you are buying a home, and everything is ready for your closing. Then, your real estate agent or title company emails with new instructions. Instead of bringing a check to your closing, you are instructed to wire your closing costs to a bank account immediately.

Don't do it! You'll be wiring thousands of dollars into a scam account. Hackers have been breaking into the email accounts of consumers' and real estate professionals to search for information about upcoming transactions. After figuring out the closing date, the hacker sends a phishing email to the buyer, posing as the agent or title company notifying them of the change in payment methods. If the buyer takes the bait, their bank account is usually cleared out within minutes. And

since the scammers are usually outside of the country, that is money the victim will likely never see again.

Don't accept changes to an agreed transaction based solely upon an email. If someone tells you to deviate from a previous plan, especially one that involves thousands of dollars, check it out before you send a dime. Call your agent or title company and make sure the new directions are legitimate.

Tips to Spot a Phishing Scam:

Email is not a secure way to send financial information. Your real estate professional or title company will know that. They will not send nor ask you to provide banking information via email.

Be wary of unexpected emails that contain links or attachments. Do not click on links or open files in unfamiliar emails.

Consider how the company normally contacts you. If a company usually contacts you by phone, be suspicious if you suddenly start receiving emails or text messages without ever opting into the new communications.

Don't believe what you see. Just because an email looks real, doesn't mean it is. Scammers can fake anything, from a company logo to the "Sent" email address.

If something seems suspicious, check the company's website or call them. Err on the side of caution and confirm before taking any action. DON'T click on any links or call a number in a message you suspect is a scam. If you want to look on the company's website, type in the URL listed on your statement or do a web search.

Finally, be sure to keep your operating system, browser and security software up to date and run regular scans.

For more trustworthy consumer tips, visit bbb.org.

Kelvin Collins is president/CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Central Georgia & the CSRA, Inc. serving 41 counties in Central Georgia and the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA). This tips column is provided through the local BBB and the Council of Better Business Bureaus. Questions or complaints about a specific company or charity should be referred directly to the BBB at Phone: 1-800-763-4222, Web site: www.bbb.org or E-mail: info@centralgeorgia.bbb.org or info@csra.bbb.org.

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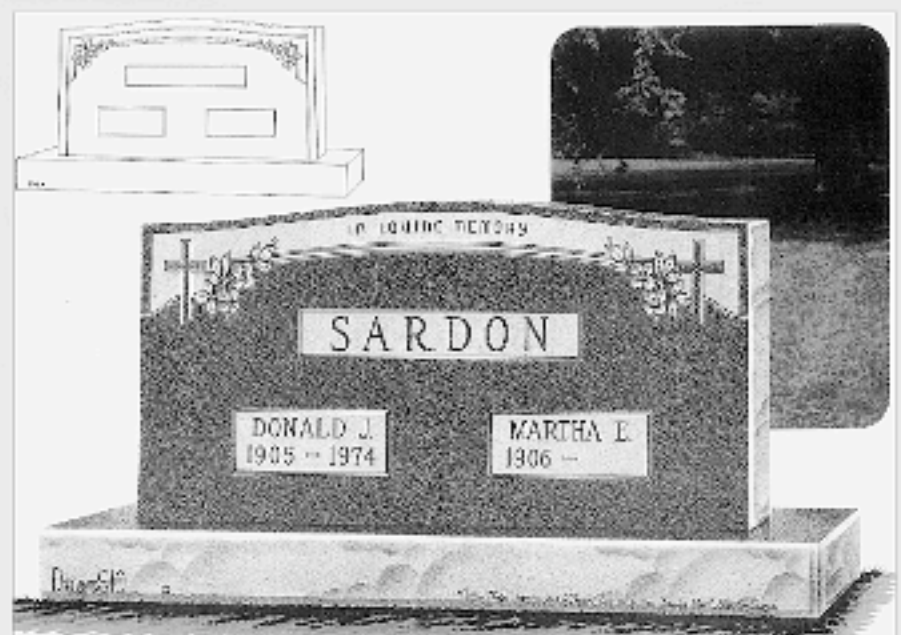
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- Warren County Senior Center
Gwanda Murray; 48 Warren St.,
Warrenton, GA 30828; 706-465-3539
- Washington County Council on Aging
Jane Colson; 466 Maurice Friedman
Rd., Sandersville, GA 31082; 478-552-
0898 (Mon., Tues. and Thurs.)
478-552-0013
- Wilkes County
Diana Hall; 108 Marshall St.,
Washington, GA 30673; 706-678-2518
- Shiloh Comprehensive Community
Center
Elizabeth Jones; 1635 15th St.,
Augusta, GA 30901; 706-738-0089

H. H. Brigham Senior Center

2463 Golden Camp Rd., Augusta
Contact: Patricia A. Jenner
706-772-5456; 1 a.m.-3 p.m.

Aiken County Parks, Recreation & Tourism

902 Vaucluse Rd., Aiken, SC 29801;
803-642-7559;
www.aikencountyse.gov/tourism
Courtney Senior Center
49 Roy St., Wagener, SC; 564-5211
• Senior Bingo: 3rd Fri., 2 p.m., Free
• Canasta Club: Wednesdays, 12 noon,
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Harrison-Caver Park
4181 Augusta Rd., Clearwater, SC;
593-4698
Aiken County Recreation Center
917 Jefferson Davis Hwy.,
Graniteville, SC; 663-6142
Roy Warner Park
4287 Festival Trail Rd.,
Wagener, SC; 564-6149

**Academy for Lifelong
Learning, USC-Aiken**
Information: 803-641-3288

Hearing Loss Association of Augusta

Meetings are normally
held on the 3rd Saturday,

11 a.m.-1 p.m., September-April except
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1350 Walton Way, Dining Rooms 1-3.
For information on the organization
please contact Gayle Tison at
g.m.tison@wowway.com.

Hephzibah Lions Club

Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.,
Jesse Carroll Community Center,
Windsor Spring Rd., Hephzibah. For
additional information contact Lion
Frank Spinney, President, at 706-592-
5618 or Jon Winters at 706-592-9622
or 706-833-0458.

Morris Museum of Art

1 Tenth Street at Riverwalk in Augusta
Riverfront Center. Call 706-724-7501
for more information or visit the
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Call 706-722-5495 for information.

Caregiver Support Group

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Augusta Museum of History
560 Reynolds Street in downtown Augusta. Call 706-722-8454 for events information.

- **Announces Online Exhibition** Commemorating 1916 Fire Augusta, GA: The Augusta Museum of History is pleased to announce a special online exhibition commemorating the Great Fire of 1916. Curated by Augusta Shepard, the exhibition is compilation from the Museum's photography collections and uniquely documents events and the aftermath of that fateful day. The exhibition can be found on the Museum's website: www.augustamuseum.org.
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Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History
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USA DANCE Augusta Chapter 6074
Every Third Saturday of the Month
The USA Dance is a National Dance Organization. Our Chapter 6074 focuses on the Augusta and Aiken areas. Our dances are held on the THIRD SATURDAY of each month. The dance is held at American Legion Post 63, 90 Milledge Rd., Augusta, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Lessons at 8 p.m. If you are able, please bring something sweet or savory for the goody table. Tasty food, the best dance floor in the CSRA, great music, a friendly and wel-

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- May 21: Armed Forces Day Waltz
- June 18: Hawaiian Luau Hula
- July 16: Independence Day Fox Trot
- Aug. 20: Ice Cream Bolero
- Oct. 15: Halloween Salsa
- Nov. 19: Thanksgiving West Coast Swing
- Dec. 17: Christmas (No Dance Instructor)

Augusta Christian Singles Dance
Dances are at 7:30 p.m. with complimentary dance lessons at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be \$10.00 for guests and \$8.00 for members. Light refreshments will be served.

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AARP Augusta Local 266
There is more to AARP than a newspaper and a magazine. The local chapter meets at the Kroc Center, The Salvation Army, 1833 Broad Street, Augusta. For additional information or to join, call Mrs. Catherine B. Butler, Chapter President, at 706-854-0524.

Al-Anon and Alateen Groups
Al-Anon and Alateen Groups meet in various locations in the CSRA Mon.-Sat. For information or a listing of meeting in the area call 706-738-7984. To locate meeting throughout Georgia call 800-568-1615.

Friday Night Dance
Every Friday, 8-11 p.m., American Legion Post 63, 90 Milledge Rd., Augusta. With band or DJ. \$10 cost.

Free coffee and cake. Everyone welcome. Call 706-733-5184.

DBSA (Depression Bi-Polar Support Alliance)
Meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church of Augusta, Walton Bldg., Room 105., 3500 Walton Way Ext., Augusta. Call 706-722-0010 for complete details or the Friendship Center (see Augusta phone book for number).

Pieceful Hearts Quilt Guild
Meets on Monday nights, 7-9 p.m., and Thursday mornings, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Martintown Rd., North Augusta. For details call 803-279-6456 or 706-790-4975.

Augusta Chapter Of The Embroiderers' Guild Of America

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Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Meets 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m., Brandon Wilde Retirement Community, Evans. For details call 706-854-3591 or 706-854-3501.

CSRA Parkinson Support Group

Meets monthly, St. John Towers Dining Room, 724 Greene St., Augusta. For details call 706-364-1662.

Area Agency on Aging Offerings
Learn through a 30-Minute session, 3rd Thurs. each month, 1 p.m., KROC Center Augusta, Senior Lounge, 1833 Broad St. Registration not required. Contact Lee Walker, Resource Specialist, 706-922-8348 or 706-210-2018.

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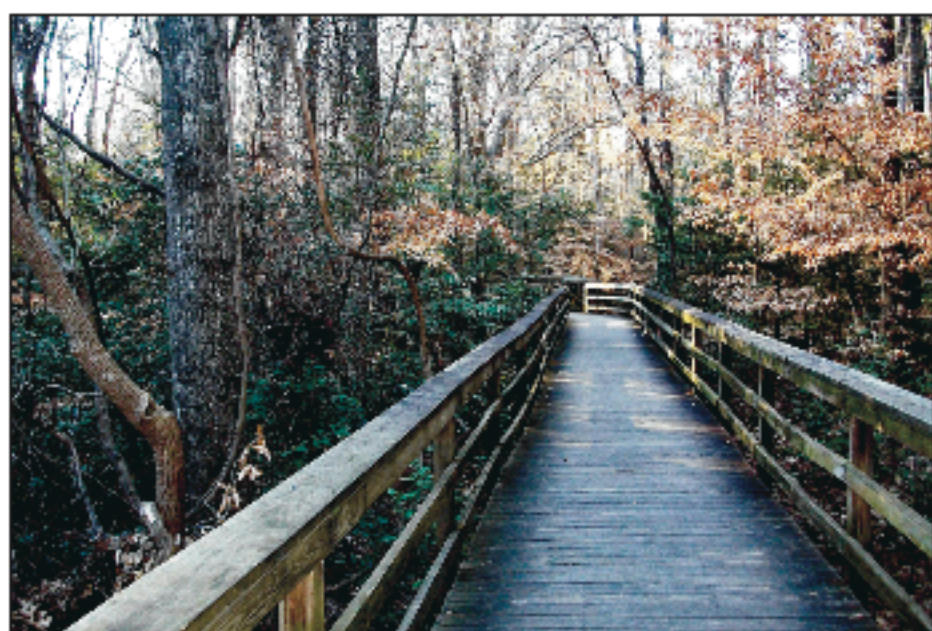
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