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Alligators: A Photographic Exhibit by C.C. Lockwood *Opening September 5, 2009*

A photography exhibit of 33 alligator prints by famed wildlife photographer C.C. Lockwood will open September 5, 2009, in conjunction with the opening of the new Flint RiverQuarium Adventure Center exhibit, *Alligators: Dragons in Paradise* and the Flint RiverQuarium's *5th Birthday Splash!* celebration.

Wildlife photographer C.C. Lockwood has lived and worked in fragile ecosystems whose preservation shapes his artistry. While attending college at Louisiana State University, Lockwood fell in love with the state's swampy backcountry, and he abandoned plans for a career in business as soon as he graduated. He taught himself photography and headed for wild places, determined to make a living capturing images of nature. His work has earned him international acclaim as an environmental artist, including the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award for conservation photography. His work has been featured in *National Geographic* and *Smithsonian* magazines and 13 books.

The C.C. Lockwood alligator photography will be on display at the Flint RiverQuarium through the end of 2009 and is included with the regular price of admission.

The Flint RiverQuarium is southwest Georgia's premier aquarium, featuring more than 1,000 animals that call the Flint River watershed home. The Flint RiverQuarium is located at 101 Pine Avenue in downtown Albany, Georgia. Regular operating hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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