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SWANSBORO - The N.C. Coastal Federation is bringing its birthday party to this Friendly City by the Sea.

The non-profit environmental and conservation group, which has its headquarters in nearby Ocean in Carteret County, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration, it's sponsoring free screenings of its new documentary, "Habitats, Heroes and Hallelujah: Stories of Hope from the North Carolina Coast."

The federation invites everyone to attend the showing on Thursday, May 3, at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Swansboro. A reception and screening will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event is free, but seating is limited.

The 50-minute video, which features many local people, was produced by the UNCW Television through its Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies. The video highlights some of the N.C. coast's most beautiful areas and profiles everyday people who have helped to save these special places. Hosted by author, songwriter and federation board member Bland Simpson, viewers will travel to the swamps of the northeast coast, up the White Oak River and hike the beaches of Bird Island near the S.C. line.

Locals will recognize several familiar faces. Jeannie Kraus, Jimmy Phillips, Bill Norris, Mike Tangredi, Sam Bland and others are interviewed in the segment highlighting the White Oak River. Frank Tursi, a Swansboro resident and an assistant director at the federation, co-wrote the script and appears in the video.

“We think it’s important for people to understand that anyone can make a difference,” Tursi said. “That’s what this video is all about. Fishermen, teachers, businessmen, farmers, property owners - joining together to face environmental challenges that result in better communities and coastal resources.”

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