## **Immediate Release**

## Carrie F. Knox Joins Foothills Equestrian Center as Executive Director

The Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (FENCE) of Tryon, North Carolina is proud to announce that Carrie F. Knox has joined the organization as Executive Director. This position is responsible for building FENCE's visibility with equestrian and nature audiences, and will seek to grow the non-profit's programs. Carrie will start October 1st and joins a team of staff and volunteers dedicated to the mission of FENCE.

Mrs. Knox, who has recently relocated from Central Texas to Western North Carolina, has an extensive background in non-profit conservation management with Pines and Prairies Land

Trust (PPLT) in the Austin area. Under her leadership PPLT protected over 2000 acres of prime farm land, endangered species habitat and other special places the community loves. Additionally, she is a lifelong equestrian. "I feel like I have trained all my life for this wonderful opportunity with Fence," enthused Mrs. Knox. "I can apply all my skills to my work at FENCE and I am thrilled to be in such a cooperative and supportive community."

"Mrs. Knox brings a lifetime of equine experience from 4-H to Horsemasters (adult Pony Club) a strong background in nature education and extensive land conservation experience to this position,"



says John Boyle, President of the Board of FENCE. "We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Knox to FENCE and look forward to working together."

FENCE is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing facilities and focus for education, recreation and preservation in nature studies and equestrian activities with the aim of enhancing these endeavors to enrich the quality of life for the community" For more information about FENCE, visit www.fence.org or call at 828-859-9021.