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LOCAL AUTHOR RECEIVES GELETT BURGESS CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (Feb. 23, 2012) –Patience has paid off for Seeley Lake author Donna Love, and her children's book *Henry the Impatient Heron* (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2010) has just received the Gelett Burgess Children's Book Award for life skills!

The Gelett Burgess Children's Book Award honors the best family-friendly children's books inspiring imagination and creativity, and is awarded annually to titles published in the United States.

Love is an award-winning author whose husband is a district ranger on the Lolo National Forest. In addition to *Henry the Impatient Heron*, Donna's other books include *The Glaciers are Melting!*, *Loons*, *Diving Birds of the North*, and *Awesome Ospreys*, *Fishing Birds of the World*. *Awesome Ospreys* became a Skipping Stones Press Honor Award Winner in 2006, for promoting ecological understanding and cooperation around the world. With a background in art education, Donna substitute teaches at the elementary and high school level. Throughout her years as a substitute and while raising her own children, she found she had a gift for explaining nature to children.

Henry is a Heron couldn't stand still! He was always moving, and it drove everyone crazy! His brother and sister yelled at him for stepping on their heads, and Mom and Dad could barely get food into his little baby mouth. But herons have to stand still to catch their food, so how would Henry ever be able to eat on his own? In *Henry, the Impatient Heron*, Donna Love takes readers along with Henry as he learns a valuable lesson from the King of Camouflage! Hilarious and lighthearted illustrations by Christina Wald complement the important lesson in the text. It is a meaningful lesson for both herons and kids alike, which teaches the importance of just being still!

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For more information about Love visit www.donnalove.com. For more information about *Henry the Impatient Heron* visit www.sylvandellpublishing.com.

Visuals & Other Requests: For cover art or Love's headshot, visit www.sylvandellpublishing.com/ImageGallery.htm. For all interview requests or media queries, please contact Sylvan Dell's publicist, Ashlee Rowe, at (877) 243-3457 or ashleerowe@sylvandellpublishing.com.

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