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Wong to Receive Award at Savannah Craft Brew Fest

Savannah, Ga... The Savannah Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce that Oscar Wong of the Highland Brewing Company will receive the Savannah Craft Brew Fest Pioneer Award at the Craft Brew and Food Pairing Dinner on Friday, September 3. The **Savannah Craft Brew Fest** will be held on **September 3 and 4** of Labor Day Weekend.

The Craft Brew and Food Pairing Dinner will be held on Friday, September 3 on the Esplanade at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center starting at 6 p.m., and the Savannah Craft Brew Fest will take place on Saturday, September 4 on the Esplanade at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center from Noon until 6 p.m. Brews from the Highland Brewing Company will be featured at the Craft Brew and Food Pairing Dinner on September 3.

“This year, we will name Oscar Wong as the first recipient of the Savannah Craft Brew Fest Pioneer Award,” said Tim Rutherford, Savannahfoodie.com and Chair of the Savannah Craft Brew Fest. “The award is designed to recognize those within the Craft Brewing Community who strive to maintain the integrity of craft brewing and are recognized as leaders in the industry. We feel as though he exemplifies these characteristics and are honored that he is the first recipient of this award.”

Oscar Wong is Founder, Owner and President of the Highland Brewing Company. The Highland Brewing Company is Western North Carolina’s first legal brewery. The company was

started in 1994 by Oscar Wong and John Lyda and is ranked the third largest craft brewery in the Southeast.

Oscar Wong graduated from Notre Dame as a Civil Engineer, worked as an engineer ridding the world of nuclear waste and retired after 30 years. Wong is an active volunteer in the local community and was awarded the 2007/2008 Asheville Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year.

For more information on the Savannah Craft Brew Fest, please contact Laura Simpson at 912.644.6452 or lsimpson@visitsavannah.com or visit www.SavannahCraftBrewFest.com.

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