



SHOW-ME CHAPTER

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY FIRE

If you hadn't heard, top recommendations in the job market today are to join a professional organization to advance your career. And, while many don't follow that advice, those that do often fail to participate. These affiliations should be more than just a line on your resume!

Professional organizations are a great way for those just getting started in their careers to make connections in their industry. Industry organizations and professional groups are a goldmine of the job search and career advancement universe.

Check out the benefits. Look at the membership directory, which may prove valuable to your work. Attend events that enable like-minded professionals to connect in person. Review the online Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, this includes the top trends and thoughts of leaders in our field.

Be Active. Many organizations (including this one!) are run by just a small handful of people, many (most) of whom also juggle a full time job. This means that they're thrilled by any assistance, particularly from a motivated professional. Consider volunteering for a task that will build your experience (writing an article for a newsletter, organizing an event, designing a new feature on the website, taking photos, etc.), then put this on your resume as experience in your field.

If you can't commit to an ongoing task, volunteer for a position in which you'll meet the most members, - manage a database, work the registration table at a big event, or make phone calls.

Leverage the Role. It's perfectly acceptable – encouraged, in fact – to list volunteer work on your resume. Hiring managers look for meaningful volunteer experience and a true connection to your line of work when making decisions. Don't be shy about touting what you've done with an influential group in your field.

Based on an article by Tory Johnson, CBS, Good Morning America

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Diane Bradley



The State of Michigan is a state blessed with the riches of unspoiled nature: the world's longest freshwater coastline, lakes that feel like oceans, shimmering beaches, miles and miles of cherry orchards, glorious sunrises and sunsets, daytime skies of the deepest blue and nighttime skies scattered with stars. Michigan offers a natural heritage evident in the Great Lakes vistas, shore land beaches, 97 state parks, 11,000 inland lakes, 26,000 miles of streams and rivers, and countless miles of recreational trails. The River Rouge runs through Dearborn

with an artificial waterfall/low head dam on the Henry Ford estate. The Upper, Middle, and Lower Branches of the river come together in Dearborn. Although almost the entire watershed is urban, 50 miles of the River Rouge flow through public lands making it one of the most accessible rivers in the state. This was the setting for the 2009 64th International Conference SWCS- "Delivering Conservation Today and Tomorrow".

Many SWCS members gathered at Dearborn, Michigan to discuss, present issues and to continue to be a leading player in setting conservation policy and keeping conservationists attuned to the latest in conservation technology and practice.

It has been said by many that the current level of awareness for conservation need and support for adequate funding for conservation has never been higher and delivery of conservation being a key factor. On Sunday the State of the Society/House of Delegates/Town Hall Meeting occurred. The Town Hall Meeting provided conference attendees the opportunity to share their views on energy, water, and global climate change with other members and the Board of Directors. The hope of this new approach will continue to facilitate an open discussion of where SWCS should be going in the future. On Sunday night, there was opportunity to spend time networking with colleagues and meet vendors at the Welcome Reception and Poster Exhibit.

The Regional luncheons were held on Monday and this was an opportunity to meet up with members from our geographical area. After the concurrent sessions ended on Monday, you could bring the whole family and attend a special screening of *DIRT! The Movie*. On Tuesday there was a special plenary session organized by members of the Science and Policy Committee: To what extent does Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) research allow us to focus on where and how we deliver our conservation programs? The presentations were followed by a moderated discussion and a question and answer session with the audience.

All of the tours provided great exposure to conservation work happening in the area. Being so close to the border, you could take advantage of the Canadian Technical Tour or take a tour at the Fisheries Research at Lake St. Clair, Ford Rouge Plant/Ford Field Park and many others.

Show-Me Chapter members attending included Ron Ziehm-(chapter delegate), Tyler Preston, Steve Wilson, DeDe Vest, Tony Hoover, Gorman Bennett, Jay Lingwall, Marc Vanacht, Amber Marshaus, Claire Baffaut, and Clark Gantzer. The Show-Me Chapter donated a Missouri ham and a couple bottles of Missouri wine to the Michigan Chapter-Silent Auction

The **Soil and Water Conservation Society – 65th International Annual Conference** will be held on our front door step, July 18–21, 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri. The Annual Program Committee is starting early planning efforts and looks forward to your participation and attendance at this Annual Conference. We need members to volunteer to assist the Society and Missouri Chapter in carrying out this deed. If you wish to volunteer contact me at diane.bradley-redden@mo.usda.gov . We not only need you as a member, but being an active member makes it more beneficial to you, the chapter, and the Soil and Wa-

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ter Conservation Society. You gain by meeting new people, having fun, and developing new qualities (such as becoming a leader). You get the satisfaction of seeing the accomplishment completed with a successful outcome and can make you proud to be a part of the Missouri Show-Me Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society Chapter. **DON'T MISS IT!**

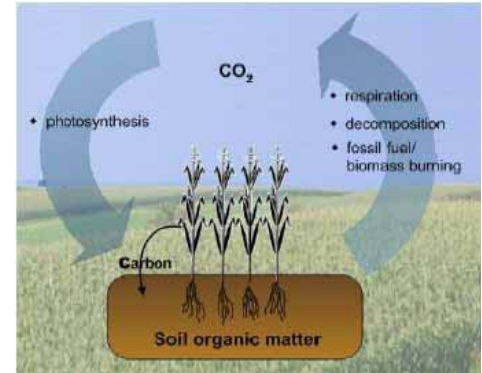
At the crossroad of the busy lives we lead, there are special people like YOU who help answer the question, "Which way?"

Diane Bradley-Redden

Fall Forum 2009

The Development of the New US Energy Policy Concerning Carbon Credits and its Future

The 2008 Fall Forum went over the policy and markets of the carbon credits based on volunteer credits. The U.S. is now in the process of passing a new energy policy. At this time the U.S. House passed H.R. 977 house bill on energy policy. This bill is referred to as American Energy Security Trust Fund Act of 2009. This house bill is based on the 2005 U.S. emissions. The legislation plans to reduce the level of emissions to 83% of the 2005 level. The Senate is planning on taking up this legislation and passing it this summer. President Obama will be attending the world meeting in Denmark in late fall on carbon industry. The idea of the Fall Forum 2009 is to provide a review of carbon credits history and how this law will impact ranchers, farmers and government workers.



Carbon sequestration is an approach to mitigating global warming based on capturing carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the large point sources and storing it, instead of releasing it into the atmosphere. The volunteer program on cap-and-trade in the acid rain program set up under the 1990 [Clean Air Act](#) was a very successful experiment. That system brought greater pollution reductions and lower costs than expected.

Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation that will allow farmers, ranchers and forestland owners to fully participate in a market-based carbon offset program, earning income for activities they undertake to address global climate change. Enactment of a cap-and-trade regime is likely to influence nearly every feature of the US economy. This legislation covers many different issues. We will be looking at how the cap-and-trade portion of the bill will impact the farmers and ranchers in regard to selling and buying of carbon credits.

In order to get more information regarding carbon sequestration, a Fall Forum is being planned by the Missouri Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society titled *The Development of the New U.S. Energy Policy Concerning Carbon Credits and its Future*. Speakers and presentations will be reviewing some of the history and also what the future holds in the carbon credit field. The Fall Forum will be held on September 17th, 2009 at the Lincoln University George Washington Carver Farm outside Jefferson City from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. If you are interested in attending please complete the registration form on the last page of this newsletter. For any additional questions or details needed concerning the Fall Forum please contact Ron Ziehm at ronald.ziehm@mo.usda.gov or you can see the flyer with agenda on our website.

CHAPTER RIVER FLOAT OCTOBER 16TH—18TH

Missouri Show-Me SWCS Chapter has planned an Ozark Scenic River Float on the Jacks Fork the weekend of October 16th-18th. A River to Enjoy!

Two of America's clearest and most beautiful spring-fed rivers make up the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, the first national park area to protect a wild river system. Alley Mill., the famous "[Old Red Mill](#)" was built in 1894. Enjoy the beauty of the bright red mill sitting next to the turquoise waters of the spring. Learn about the lives of the Ozarks' first European settlers. Open daily during the summer months, weekends only in May and September and October.

Big Spring, at Ozark National Scenic Riverways in Missouri has a daily flow of 286 million gallons of water. This is enough to fill a typical pro football stadium once a day. More at www.nps.gov/ozar

The Missouri Show-Me SWCS Chapter is planning a float trip on the Jacks Fork during the weekend of October 16th-18th. Plan to arrive Friday the 16th or early on the 17th. We plan to float starting Saturday morning. We will enjoy camp fires, outdoor cooking, socializing, and a scenic float down the Jacks Fork. It should be a very pretty time to be on the river. There are several neat springs in very close proximity to Alley Spring and they are BEAUTIFUL to visit.

We plan to camp at [Alley Spring](#) campground. Reservations will not be necessary during this time of the year. Alley Spring Campground has 162 family sites that can accommodate a maximum of six persons and two tents. Electric and water are available if needed. For More Information on this campground please call 573-323-4236. **Family sites are \$14.00 per night. Electric sites are \$17.00.**

If you are interested in going please contact Diane Bradley-Redden at diane.bradley@mo.usda.gov and if that email does not work try diane.bradley-redden@mo.usda.gov or call at 816-884-3391/Cell 816-916-3820. Diane will be willing to help coordinate your camping and canoe needs during your stay. Come and join in the fun and plan on a GREAT weekend.

For more information on the area, camping, canoe rental, driving direction and more go to this web site. <http://www.nps.gov/ozar/index.htm>

Jacks Fork River-Typical Canoe Rental starts around \$42.00 for a day

[Alley Spring Canoe Rental](#) –This canoe Rental is immediately next to the Alley Springs

(888) 963-5628 camp Ground were we will be staying

(573) 226-3386

[Windy's Canoe Rental](#)

(573) 226-3404

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(800)522-5736

(573) 226-3434

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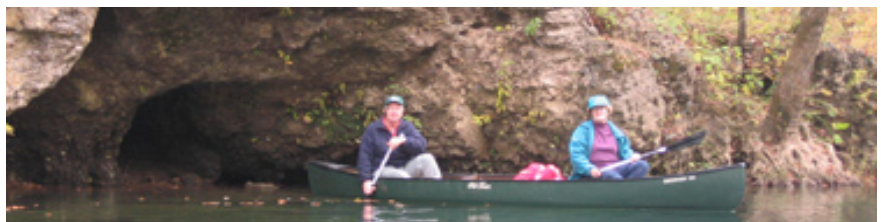
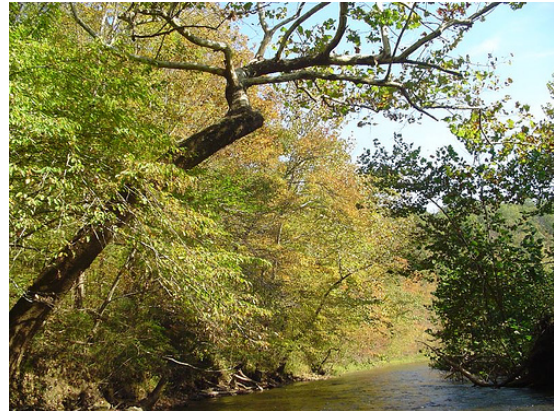
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[Two Rivers Canoe Rental](#)

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Are YOU Ready to Get Involved?

Perhaps after reading the cover story, you're looking for a volunteer opportunity—an opportunity to become active in your professional development with your professional organization.

One of the best ways to get involved in the Show-Me Chapter is to participate as an officer for your region. Participating is a two-year commitment of attending four meetings per year (some of them are even conference calls!). You will meet many chapter members, learn more about our activities and budget, and have an opportunity to network with conservation leaders.

As you probably read in the President's message, now is an excellent time to become involved in the Chapter activities because the International conference of SWCS is going to be in St. Louis in July 2010. Don't you want an opportunity to attend and participate?

Please consider running as a representative for your area and serving on the Show-Me Chapter Executive Council for the upcoming year. Elections are in December with new positions announced at the Missouri Natural Resources Conference. If you are interested in running for election (or know someone that is) please contact the Nominations Committee Chairperson, at dede.vest@mo.usda.gov.

Fall Forum Registration Form

FALL FORUM 2009—SEPTEMBER 17
9:30 AM—3:00 PM

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 JEFFERSON CITY, MO
 Farm: 573-681-554: 573-681-554

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Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Affiliation-SWCS Member/Non-member

Business/Agency/Organization

Registration Fee:

Lunch Provided-

\$16 for SWCS members

\$20 for non-members

Seating Limited

Checks should be made out to:

Show-Me Chapter, SWCS

Please mail registration to:

Attn: Lauren Cartwright

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