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CDS Spotlights Members

As part of the CDS membership campaign, the Membership and Marketing Committee has initiated its Member Spotlight on the CDS website. Located under JOIN, this page puts the spotlight on CDS members, and their interests and areas of expertise in the community development profession.



Each month the CDS will spotlight new members, gathering the information from the [membership survey located here](#). If you have not already completed this survey, please do so, and maybe you will be the next member in the spotlight!

[Click here to view the CDS Member Spotlight](#)

CDS Awards!!!

Great organizations recognize,

Dear Mallory,

One way CDS serves its membership is through the awards program. CDS awards helps us recognize the best of what is in community development, so we can all learn from these successes. CDS awards also brings recognition to programs, people, and policies raising the stature of the efforts with employers, partners, and funders. And, CDS awards helps us say thank you to those who have given from their hearts and souls to benefit others as well as those who have given beyond the call of duty to the Society. We urge you to take a moment and consider those you have learned from, those you have given more than asked, and those to whom you would say thank you and nominate them for a CDS award.

-[Mary Emery](#), CDS President

Mobile Learning Workshops

The 2010 Annual Conference of the Community Development Society will feature five mobile learning workshops from which participants may choose to attend. These workshops attempt to capture the flavor and spirit of New Orleans and the surrounding Gulf Coast. Make plans to sign up for one of these exciting adventures in Southern culture.

Local Foods/Local Flavor

This tour will focus on the foods indigenous to the

celebrate, and learn from their successes. CDS has many successful members and programs or activities that should be celebrated and documented so that other groups can learn from them. Recognizing these best practices or achievements makes everyone proud but also enhances the respect and status held by CDS as a whole.

[The deadline for submissions is March 10, 2010 - click here for more information.](#) For additional information beyond the web site, contact [Gisele Hamm](#), chair of the Awards Committee, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs.

 Send to a Colleague

region and the efforts of community groups to reinvigorate the city after Hurricane Katrina. This tour will highlight the work of:

·The New Orleans Food Kitchen Incubator - The kitchen incubator was created by the Ascension Economic Development Corp. to help small entrepreneurs develop food-related businesses. Located at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, LA, the incubator features a 5,000-square-foot, fully equipped kitchen and 2,000 square feet of storage space. The incubator operation obtained a \$25,000 grant from the Baton Rouge Credit Bureau and assistance from the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, opening the way for tenants to begin using the facility.

·Crescent City Farmer's Market - The Crescent City Farmers Market is the public face of marketumbrella.org, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nongovernmental organization. Founded in 1995, the Market is an outgrowth and reflection of marketumbrella.org's core mission to cultivate the field of public markets for public good.

·Covenant House Garden Project - Operated by Covenant House and the New Orleans Food & Farm Network, this urban farm utilizes nearly a dozen vacant lots in the Tremé/Lafitte district to provide education in horticulture and landscaping to the community as well as provide food and income for Covenant House.

Redevelopment of the Lower Ninth Ward/St. Bernard Parish

This tour will feature the work of the following groups in the distressed region.

·Habitat for Humanity - <http://www.habitat-nola.org/>

·Make It Right Foundation - <http://makeitrightnola.org/>

·GNO Inc. - <http://www.gnoinc.org/>

·Global Green USA - <http://www.globalgreen.org>

Local Arts

This tour will feature the redevelopment of the art community since Katrina. Participants will experience the flavor of Mardi Gras by visiting the

internationally renowned Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World. The tour will also feature the works of several local artists and artist groups.

Renaissance of New Orleans Jazz

This tour will feature the role of Jazz in New Orleans' development story and the more recent efforts of groups such as the Tipitinas Foundation to work with musicians in order to improve the local New Orleans community. Their work moves well beyond music performance, impacting the homes and communities in which the musicians live. The tour will also visit the world-famous Ernie Cado's and other New Orleans Jazz icons.

Ground Zero Development - A Tour of the Mississippi Gulf Coast

This tour will feature the redevelopment of coastal areas outside of the New Orleans Metro., specifically sites along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Participants will visit coastal towns including Waveland and Long Beach, observing redevelopment efforts still underway. The tour will also focus on the efforts of the Mississippi State University Gulf Coast Research and Education unit and the role that the State of Mississippi has played in the redevelopment of the region through the use of Gulf Opportunity Zone Funds.

Announcing...

Community Development Society Webinar Series

Initiating Innovation in the Face of Rapid Change

Three webinar programs on Initiating Innovation in the Face of Rapid Change will be offered this spring through the Community Development Society www.comm-dev.org

DATES:

Thursday, April 8 - Strategic Doing 365

Presented by Jack Ricchiuto, designer, author and Network Weaver www.designinglife.com

With the rapidly changing world we all live in, being able to constantly adjust your course and plan action is increasingly more important. Strategic Doing 365 helps you use strategic learning and doing to make being strategic a 365 days a year dynamic, collaborative, and agile process.

Thursday, May 13 - Breakthrough Solutions for Your Community

Presented by Mark Peterson, University of Arkansas Extension
Thinking about progress innovatively, can help move your community to Breakthrough Solutions. Small distinctions can increase impacts by applying new approaches.

Thursday, June 3 Innovative Collaboration with Elected Officials

Presented by Paul Lachapelle, Montana State University Extension and Dan Clark, Local Government Center-MSU
Collaboration between local elected officials and community economic development professionals can mean the difference in projects advancing or not. Learn how to improve these key relationships.

WEBINAR TIME: 2:00-3:00 PM CST

[REGISTRATION: Register on-line here!](#)

Member Registration - \$29 / webinar / member
or SAVE \$ by registering for all 3 in the series \$79/member

Non-Member Registration - \$59 / webinar / non-member
or SAVE \$ by registering for all 3 in the series \$159 / non-member (or join CDS to qualify for member rate savings!
www.comm-dev.org)

Student Registration - \$10 / webinar / student (Student ID # required)
or SAVE \$ by registering for all 3 in the series \$19/student (Student ID # required)

Building Sustainable Communities in Wisconsin

UW-Extension's Sustainability Team works internally to link programmatic resources within Extension as well as externally to provide targeted sustainability education and training to communities across the State.

The team recently launched a [website](#) designed to provide useful information for communities interested in exploring various topics related to sustainability. The website provides content on seven topics including: Eco-Municipalities, Economic Development, Land Use, Energy and Climate Change, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Consumer Choices, and Community Stories. Each topic area includes a very short introduction followed by annotated descriptions and links to available resources. The website also includes a toolkit that covers specific topics such as full cost accounting, life cycle assessment, eco-industrialism, and climate

change strategy.

In March 2010 the team is teaming up with UW-Colleges to host six sustainability roundtables around the state. The goal of the roundtables is to identify local and state policy barriers and opportunities related to sustainable community development. The ideas generated will serve as the basis for a two day conference entitled Sustainable Communities Public Policy Forum to be held in Appleton on March 25-26. For more information please visit the forum [website](#).

Rural Illinois Perspectives

Macomb, IL- The Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) will host two conferences during March.

The 21st Annual Rural Community Economic Development Conference, *New Approaches for New Times*, will be held in Peoria March 3 and 4. The IIRA Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC) annual spring conference will be held in Springfield March 31 and April 1.

The community economic development conference, sponsored by IIRA in conjunction with the Governor's Rural Affairs Council and Rural Partners, brings development professionals and local practitioners together to discuss innovative strategies for meeting the challenges facing rural areas today.

Rural areas have a unique assets, and several speakers will address how they leveraged these assets to create prosperity in their communities. For example, Kim Huston, author of *Small Town Sexy*, will discuss how she has been able to successfully attract and retain youth in Nelson County, Kentucky. Will Lambe from the University of North Carolina will expand on this theme in his presentation, "Small Towns with Big Ideas."

Leveraging the assets of rural areas will be further explored in sessions on entrepreneurship, building tourism, and marketing local assets. New strategies appropriate for rural communities will also be discussed in sessions on the effective use of available data to identify economic opportunities, building affordable housing with tax increment financing (TIFs), and expanding green industries.

Conference attendees will also have an opportunity to meet with state and federal agency representatives and learn about available funding programs. This session will allow time for session attendees to ask questions about potential projects.

The \$160 conference registration fee includes lunch and a "light dinner" on Wednesday, March 3; a continental breakfast on Thursday, March 4; and breaks on both days. The registration deadline is Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Online registration is available at www.iira.org/conference/conference.asp.

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn City Centre, 500

Hamilton Boulevard, Peoria. Rooms at reduced rates have been set aside for conference participants. For reservations, phone the Holiday Inn City Centre at (800) 474-2501. Be sure to ask for the Rural Community Economic Development Conference rate.

The IIRA RTAC transportation conference is held annually at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center in Springfield. The Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation and the Illinois Public Transportation Association update attendees regarding grants and timely topics, and transit professionals present a variety of sessions aimed at educating rural public transportation grantees and specialized providers.

For more information or to request accommodations due to a special need call Mable Kreps at (800) 526-9943; or send an email to RTAC@wiu.edu. Online conference registration is available at <https://www.iira.org/devconference/register.asp?conferenceid=108>

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution. For more information about the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, see our web site: www.IIRA.org. If you care to comment about this column, please contact Timothy Collins, 800-526-9943 or t-collins@wiu.edu.

CDS UpFront

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Vilsack: Rural America Is in Need of Renewal

After a year as the U.S. secretary of agriculture, I've reached two conclusions: Most Americans do not fully appreciate the work and sacrifice of the farmers and ranchers who produce the food and fiber that keeps all of us alive, and an overhaul of our approach to economic development in rural America is long overdue. [More Information...](#)

The Growth of Citizen Co-Ops

As economic hardship threatens communities, there is one bright light in the fog - cooperatives - which already serve 4 in 10 Americans and are growing strong, according to Sena Christian on AlternNet. [More Information...](#)

The Suburbanization of Poverty: Trends in Metropolitan America, 2000 to 2008

The Brookings Institution has released a new report on poverty in American cities, with suburbs showing the fastest growth rate in the last decade: [More Information...](#)

The First Urban Decade?

The last half of the 20th century was dominated by suburbia, but cities made a comeback in the first decade of the new millennium, according to Robert Steuteville in New Urban News. [More Information...](#)

Funding for Creative Development Faces Roadblocks

Human-scaled, creative development isn't getting built because most of the money in real estate comes from institutional investors that prefer predictable, large scale projects like subdivisions and strip malls, says Neil Takemoto of CoolTown Beta Communities. [More Information...](#)

Americans Not Moving as Much

From the recession and lack of jobs to a new sense of community ties and rootedness, Americans are choosing to stay put and delay moving for a wide variety of reasons. A panel of experts including urbanist Richard Florida, economist Lawrence Katz, sociologist Katherine Newman, and demographer Peter Francese weighs in on what's tying Americans down, whether or not it will last, and what it all means for communities. [More Information..](#)

Green Charter Schools as a Community Development Resource

The Green Charter Schools Network is a new resource that might be helpful to community developers interested in sustainability and sustainability education. [More Information...](#)

What's All This about the Smart Grid?

The Congressional Research Service discusses the basics of the innovative Smart Grid. [More Information...](#)

Why is the Smart Grid so important to communities?

[More Information...](#)

First Nations Outline Priorities and Expectations

The president of the National Congress of American Indians sets high expectations for Obama and native leaders as well. [More Information...](#)

West Virginia Legislature looks at school consolidation

According to the Rural School and Community Trust,

A West Virginia legislative audit report has found that district size exerts greater influence over whether students graduate than other factors including socioeconomic status and academic performance. It concludes that the state should conduct a full review of its school consolidation policy to determine its effects on a full range of academic outcomes.

[More Information...](#)

If It's Jobless It's Not a Recovery

The Coalition for Human Needs believes the evidence is clear that a sustainable economic recovery can only be achieved by creating jobs that rebuild communities; improve infrastructure, including schools, Head Start or child care centers, transportation, or other facilities; increase energy efficiency; and meet our needs for education, health care, and care for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

[More Information...](#)

A Greenprint for Central Texas

In October 2009, the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) Conservation Vision team, the Capitol Area Council of Governments, and Envision Central Texas completed the Central Texas Greenprint for Growth. This plan will serve as a tool for balancing sustainable conservation goals with the need for new infrastructure in the rapidly urbanizing region around Austin. TPL worked with stakeholders to identify the conservation goals and priorities - including source water protection - for Bastrop, Caldwell, and Hays counties.

[More Information...](#)

Why Are Young Children Missed So Often in the Census?

A recent report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation finds that children are the age group most often missed in the Decennial Census - the reasons range from their living in hard-to-count neighborhoods to the fact that the census form only has space for complete demographic information on six household members.

[More Information...](#)

The Power of Collective Wisdom

Paul Born of the Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement has written a review of a new book, The

Power of Collective Wisdom.
[More Information...](#)

Midwest CDI Announces Changes

The Midwest Community Development Institute (Midwest CDI) has been offering engaging, results-oriented training in community and economic development since 2005. Five years of participant suggestions have been melded into changes that will take place this year. The length of CDI will be reduced from five days to four days (August 9-12 in Moline, IL) to better fit participants' schedules. Second, CDI will look more like a school and less like a conference to will make it easier to absorb new ideas and apply them back home.
[More Information...](#)

Want to Share with Other CDSers?

Have you read something interesting about CD lately? Would you like to share it with other CDS members? Please send a two-to-three-sentence abstract to Collins. If the piece is web-based, please make sure you include a working link. We will publish items in the Vanguard each month.

All of this is part of a new committee, CDS UpFront, to bring together practice and theory for innovations that will impact CDS itself, the communities where we work, and the larger CD policy arena.

Interested in participating on the committee? Please contact Timothy Collins at t-collins@wiu.edu and Lori Landry, lori@assnoffices.com.

Do you have something to share?

We welcome member input and articles for our Vanguard e-news bulletin. If you have something that you would like to get out to the entire membership, or if you have comments or suggestions, send them to CDS@assnoffices.com with subject e-news bulletin. We will do our best to accommodate your articles in a timely manner.

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