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CDS/RSS Joint International Conference
Reshaping Rural America in an Urban Society:
Innovative Approaches for Community Change
July 28-31, 2011, Boise, ID
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Click for [descriptions](#) of Mobile Learning Workshops.

Be sure to make your hotel room reservation at the Grove Hotel located at 245 South Capitol Boulevard, Boise, ID 83702; 888-961-5000; www.grovehotelboise.com. The rate is \$114 per night plus tax. The hotel

President's Update

Plans are moving ahead with the annual conference in Boise. Coordinating the program has been a much larger task this year because of the sheer size of the conference and collaboration with another organization. Brent Hales from CDS and Mike Taquino from Rural Sociological Society have spent many hours trying to arrange the topics in a logical order, provide useful and exciting venues, and accommodate participants' schedules. When you review the schedule, you will be impressed with the quality of the program and the relevance of the topics for all of our work. The magnitude of the conference will make it an exciting event to attend. This event, clearly, can help your practice and it is one you will not want to miss.

CDS is lining up activities for next year and invites you to consider opportunities that benefit your work and enhance your professional status. As you know, most CDS activities are organized through committees. Your participation is the main way to be involved in the organization. We have many activities underway so review the [list of committees](#) on the CDS website and join those in which you have interest. The committees will meet at the annual conference.

Renewal notices have been sent and we ask that you respond as soon as you can. There are several new ways to receive the journal so select the one that most closely fits your needs. Remember that next year so you will receive five, rather than four issues.

This year has been exciting and challenging for CDS and most other professional organizations. CDS has focused on providing more services and information to members to make it more useful in a professional capacity. These efforts will continue. The conference will provide even more services and help you advance professionally.

This is my last President's Update because my term as president ends in July. It has been exciting and an honor to serve with this

reservation deadline is July 6.

Connect to the Google Calendar feature on the [CDS website](#) for the schedule.

"Being" Boise, Idaho, USA

Experience an Idaho white water adventure!

You're invited to experience Idaho whitewater rafting on the Payette River. Located one hour north of Boise in the pristine Boise National Forest, rafting outfitters offer a rare combination of spectacular scenery and amazing whitewater or a cool float. For more information visit

<http://www.cascaderaft.com/>

[Conference Registration](#)



[CLICK HERE for CASNR Online Programs.](#)

Board. I am amazed and very much appreciate all that you and they have done for the organization. The Board has addressed many important issues this year and CDS is stronger for their efforts.

Have safe travels and look forward to seeing you in Boise!!

[Norman Walzer](#)

President

News from CDS

What's happening in your part of the world?

We'd love to hear from you, and we offer you a global audience! If you have a story to tell about what's happening in your community or you would like to share an example of community development work, then we'd love to hear from you for our next joint CDS-International Association for Community Development newsletter.

Visit the [IACD](#) or [CDS](#) websites to find out how to contribute. Or if you are from a local, national, or regional community development network, we'd also love to hear from you and extend an invitation to join us in publishing a joint newsletter.

Watch your e-mail for the latest edition. Coming soon!

CDS Website: New Blog and Other Social Networking Features

A new blog has been installed on the CDS website. It will allow individuals to share information, network and provide postings on a host of issues. Click on the tab "Easyblog" to get started. To learn more about how the blog works, and all of the feature and functions, you can view a video tutorial: <http://youtu.be/qJ4OcvgsCts?hd=1>

If you have suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact the Social Networking Sub-committee Chair [Paul Lachapelle](#).

2012: Visit the "Seven Hills of Cincinnati." Mark Your Calendar

Planning is underway for the CDS 2012 conference - July 23-25, 2012, in Cincinnati, OH. The theme, "Sustaining Community through Innovation and Entrepreneurship," will have a particular focus on local foods and arts, community engagement and learning, campus community partnerships

74TH ANNUAL MEETING RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

in conjunction with the
Community Development Society

July 28-31, 2011
The Grove Hotel &
Boise Convention Center
Boise, Idaho, USA

with additional rooms available at the Hampton Inn

THE RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

A journal published by the
Rural Sociological Society

Free of charge

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ONLINE.](#)

Vanguard to accept advertising again

In the past, the Vanguard has accepted advertising that complements the mission and goals of the Community Development Society. The board has decided to continue this practice. Square ads will be run in the smaller left hand column of the Vanguard. The single issue ad rate will be \$45. Ads for four issues will be discounted to \$40 each. For more information, contact [Lori Landry](#).

Your donation for the Silent Auction will benefit the CDS Endowment!



The CDS Annual Conference will again feature the ever popular Silent Auction. Donating an item to the auction is a great way to support the CDS

Endowment! The Endowment provides scholarships and other kinds of grants to support the professional development of

and comprehensive community initiatives.

Conference Hosting Opportunities

Have you thought that your city would be a great place to host the CDS conference? The conference allows the local region to highlight the community development initiatives underway and to bring an international spotlight on your work. If you are interested in hosting a future conference, please email [Sharon Gulick](#), CDS Vice President for Operations.

Boise Conference

If you are attending the CDS Annual International Conference in Boise, Idaho this July, a block of rooms are available at the Grove Hotel located at 245 South Capitol Boulevard, Boise, ID 83702; 888-961-5000. The rate is \$114 per night plus tax (totals \$128.83 a night). Overflow rooms are available at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 495 S. Capitol Boulevard, Boise, ID 83702; 208-331-1900 at the same room rate of \$114 per night plus tax.

Boise has so much to offer with its beauty and spirit, you don't want to miss an opportunity to take a tour when you have a little extra time during the conference.

Alive After 5

Lively Downtown with Alive After 5 - Free Concert Wed 5:30pm-7:30pm on the Grove Plaza just outside the Boise Centre, food & beverage vendors. Lots of fun, great socializing event.

http://www.downtownboise.org/m_events/dba_alive_after_5.cfm

Capitol City Public Market/Saturday Market - Weekly, Saturday morning 9:00am-1:30pm, located just steps from the Boise Centre in downtown Boise. Featuring a bountiful variety of local products including; wines, fruits, vegetables, local artisans, food vendors, arts/crafts, musicians and entertainers featured weekly.

<http://www.capitalcitypublicmarket.com/>

An idea to check out for attendees to enjoy during free time or tour time. CDS can call ahead and schedule a walking tour (free) of downtown Boise lead by Boise City Arts & History Dept. Tours are arranged for groups with advanced reservations.

Boise Arts & History Walking Tours -

<http://artsandhistory.cityofboise.org/PublicArt/ToursAndMaps/index.aspx>

CDS members.

What does your community or region produce that exemplifies the local culture or economy? handmade crafts, art works, clothing, music, foods, other local products? How about packing a small item for the auction! We will be receiving those items at the registration area and asking you to state a value of the item for bidding purposes and for tax deduction purposes (US residents only).

If you plan to donate something for the auction, please contact [Alan Kirk](#) (phone/text: 541-602-2110).

The CDS Roots & Wings Subcommittee thanks you!

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 Spotlights Members CDS and RSS to Coordinate Social Networking at Boise Conference

Members of the CDS Communications Committee and the RSS Conference Planning Committee recently discussed how to coordinate social networking technologies to facilitate information sharing and learning

Idaho White-Water - It is going to be a record breaking year for water in Idaho and summer brings high temperatures - perfect for a white-water adventure. Visitors will enjoy a day trip or an afternoon on the Payette River just 40 minutes from Boise. To make reservations visit:

<http://www.cascaderaft.com/>

A River Runs Through It! Cool off with a mild float trip on the Boise River.

Trips depart daily, shuttle buses run from Ann Morrison Park - just a ten minute walk from the Grove Hotel.

<http://www.adabackyard.com/ada/trails/BarberPark.asp>

** Note the Boise River is currently closed to rafters because of high water flow. Float trips will most likely begin in mid to later June 2011.

Shoes - Art & More at the Boise Art Museum

For those attendees more culturally inclined they may want to spend time in Julia Davis Park and the Boise Art Museum and check out *The Perfect Fit Shoes Tell Stories* exhibit on display until July 31, 2011. Julia Davis Park is two blocks from the Grove Hotel.

<http://boiseartmuseum.org/exhibit/current.php>

CDS UpFront

Powerful learning grows in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward

In the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the failure of levees and government support remain bluntly visible. Despite the surrounding ruins, David Ferris and his colleagues, whose [classroom is an old grocery store and urban farm](#), help students not only be the change they want to see in their community, but also in themselves.

Teens care for their local river, their way

With an overabundance of interests and distractions, how in the world do we get teenagers to [take care of their local watershed](#)?

Wiser together: Partnering across generations

Tucked away in the small Appalachian community of Burnsville, North Carolina, is a family farm and a place of meeting [where community members](#) collaborate to deepen the legacy of the farm for future generations.

The old economy's not coming back. So what's next?

amongst conference attendees. We will be using several Twitter hashtags so that attendees or others interested in the conference can share short messages.

To send tweets about the CDS-RSS Conference, use the following hashtag: #CDS-RSS; to send tweets about CDS issues, use the following hashtag: #CommDevSoc. In addition, you can tweet about specific categories or sessions at the conference and reach out to those who are not attending the conference by using hashtags such as: #ag, #farm, #localfood, #community, #rural, #philanthropy, #agritourism, #broadband, #education, #energy, #entrepreneurship, #health, #policy, and/or #youth. We also plan to provide last minute conference updates and scheduling changes via our tweets. The CDS has created a new blog and we hope members will use this new medium to share information and communicate about topics under a wide variety of categories: <http://www.comm-dev.org/index.php/easyblog>

For those of you who are new to Twitter, there are many resources to learn about how to set up an account and how to post messages (see for example: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/4698589/Twitter-how-to-set-up-your-account.html>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0xbjIE8cPM>).

Twitter is a micro blog containing a maximum of 140 characters. Users can group posts together by topic or type by use of hashtags; words or phrases prefixed with a "#" sign. Similarly, the "@" sign followed by a username is used for mentioning or replying to specific users.

Clicking on a hashtagged word in any message shows you all other Tweets in that category. To repost a message from another Twitter user, and share it with one's own followers, the retweet function is symbolized by "RT" in the message.

Direct messages (DMs) are private. Go to www.twitter.com, pick a username and password, and you're off. Follow others by searching for user names and clicking Follow (for example @CommDevSoc). Desktop application Tweetdeck (www.tweetdeck.com)

Meet the people and ideas on the cutting edge of the movement for a [new economy](#).

Obama issues executive order to set up White House Rural Council

To enhance the Federal Government's efforts to address the needs of rural America, [this order](#) establishes a council to better coordinate Federal programs and maximize the impact of Federal investment to promote economic prosperity and quality of life in our rural communities.

Finding a new rural America

Old Rural is dead or dying. [The biggest challenge](#) to the potential of New Rural may be from our increasingly urban leadership and its benign neglect of most things rural. But there is a [New Rural](#) there for the communities that can find a way.

Wyoming town creates broadband bonanza

How does a town of 5000 people in a sparsely populated region get its own fiber-to-household broadband system -- without relying on federal funding? [Powell, WY](#), is one of the great broadband success stories of the decade.

Rural Minnesota: A generation at the crossroads

[MinnPost.com](#) contributors have been interviewing high school students and young adults to find out what they think about life in small towns.

Money matters: Social policies need sustainable financing

Policy debates about the prospects for [implementing and expanding social policies in developing countries](#) often revolve around costs and affordability. It is argued that poor countries cannot afford to provide public social services due to a lack of fiscal resources and the low contributory capacity of the working population, especially those working in the informal economy.

Northwest Area Foundation awards \$1.8 million for poverty reduction

Grants totaling more than \$1.8 million [have been awarded](#) to organizations working to reduce poverty through programs that increase wealth among people with low incomes, influence public policy, and provide leadership training.

Citi Foundation, NeighborWorks America Launch Expanded Financial Capability Program

[NeighborWorks America](#) has announced a two-year, \$5 million collaboration with the Citi Foundation to expand and strengthen its financial capability programs for low- and moderate-income Americans.

lets you sort your follows into groups (professional, friends, tech, and so on), and separates out categories, @replies and DMs.

For more information about social networking opportunities, contact Paul Lachapelle of the CDS Social Networking Sub-committee at: commdev@montana.edu.

Grant Opportunities

U.S. Department of Agriculture: [Grants and Guaranteed Loans for Rural Economic Development Projects](#)

Application deadline: July 1, 2011.

U.S. Department of Agriculture: [2011 Farmers Market Promotion Program](#)

Application deadline: July 1, 2011.

U.S. Department of Commerce: [The Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge, A Coordinated Initiative to Advance Regional Competitiveness](#)

Application deadline: July 7, 2011.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: [Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Program](#)

Application deadline: July 8, 2011.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: [Community Economic Development Projects](#)

Application deadline: July 11, 2011.

United States Department of Agriculture: [Rural Cooperative Development Grant](#)

Application deadline: July 22, 2011.

[Orton Foundation Community Planning Grants](#)

Application deadline: July 20, 2011.

CD Resources

The White House Council for Community Solutions

[Established by President Obama](#) to engage a diverse group of prominent leaders to:

- Identify examples of successful community change
- Honor and highlight individuals and institutions changing communities
- Provide resources to help engage citizens in their own communities
- Learn the key attributes of effective cross-sector solutions

Conferences and Meetings

[2011 Community Capitals Institute](#)

Community capitals and measurement; evaluating system change and engagement strategies
Monday October 10, 8 a.m. to October 11, noon in Des Moines, IA. Are you currently using the Community Capitals Framework (CCF) in your work? If so, we would like to learn about your approach and methods. This year's CCF Institute will feature several sessions on data collection, coding and analysis using the CCF in addition to the work sessions created by participants' work.

We are particularly interested in how CCF is being used to understand the impact of community change work, leadership development, and climate change. We are also interested in strategies to engage communities and organizations using the CCF. Finally, we want to bring great minds together to discuss strategies for collecting and analyzing data that can help us better understand successful community and system-level change using the CCF.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please send an abstract of your work (300-500 words) along with key words to [Mary Emery](#) by August 5, 2011.

Also watch for upcoming webinars on CCF.

[Summit on Sustainability - 2011](#)

June 21-22, 2011, New York, NY

[Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2011 Conference, "Confronting Complexity"](#)

June 23-26, 2011, Burlington, VT

[ALIA Summer Institute](#) June 24 - July 1, 2011, Columbus, OH

[Value-Added Agriculture Conference](#)

June 26-28, 2011, Pittsburgh, PA

[2011 National Rural Assembly Gathering](#)

June 28-30, 2011, St. Paul, MN

[International Association for Community Development Conference, "Transformative Leadership and Empowering Communities"](#)

July 6-8, 2011, Lisbon, Portugal

Recognizing Risk in Global Agriculture: Save the date

July 19-20, Kansas City, MO

from institutions working together on community problems

- Attract attention and resources to support and promote successful approaches

Bank of I.D.E.A.S. (Initiatives for the Development of Enterprising Actions & Strategies)

The Bank of I.D.E.A.S. is motivated by two passions:

- the development of healthy, inclusive, sustainable and enterprising communities and local economies;
- the active participation and leadership by young men and women in the creation of such communities and economies.

Great Plains Energy Institute

For those interested in green energy: The Great Plains Institute is a non-partisan, non-profit corporation based in Minneapolis, serving the Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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August 1-5, 2011, Conway, AR

[Midwest Community Development Institute](#)

August 8-11, 2011, Moline, IL

[Financing Sustainable Housing & Community Development](#)

September 19-20, 2011, San Francisco, CA

[NCBA's Annual Meeting and Cooperative Conference: The Power of Cooperative Principles](#)

October 5-7, 2011, Minneapolis, MN

[Tamarack's Communities Collaborating Institute: Leadership That Transforms Communities](#)

October 3-7, 2011, Calgary, AB, CA

[Green Economy and Sustainable Development Conference: Bringing Back the Social Dimension](#)

October 10-11, 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

[International Forum on the Social Solidarity Economy \(FIESS\)](#)

October 17-20, 2011, Montréal, QC, CA

[Future Cities 2011](#)

December 15-16, London, UK

[Comments, Suggestions, Submit an Article](#)

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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