President's Update

It's hard to believe that it is already April and spring has arrived! While fall is my favorite season, spring comes a very close second. Being a photographer I'm looking forward to all of the wonderful photo opportunities that come with the changing of a season.

We are just four months away from our Charleston conference - July 21-14! The conference will be a great opportunity for learning, networking with peers, catching up with friends and colleagues, and experiencing a fantastic, historic city.

Bo Beaulieu, Conference Chair, tells me that things are taking shape for a really great conference. Some of the highlights:

- Mobile learning workshops will give participants the
opportunity to learn about innovative local programs and the rich history of the area. Topics in development include neighborhood revitalization, natural and agriculture resources, historic plantation tour, business incubator/innovation center, and the Gullah Geeche Heritage Corridor Commission.

- Exciting keynote speakers including **Erik R. Pages** from EntreWorks.

We had another record number of abstract submissions this year - 180! The review committee is hard at work reviewing and scoring the abstracts and submitters should be notified by the end of April.

Registration for the conference is expected to open by the end of April - watch your email for registration information.

The conference planning committee will be sharing more information about the conference, speakers, sessions, mobile learning workshops and opportunities to experience Charleston over the next couple of months.

CDS is also very pleased that conference locations for the 2014 and 2016 conferences have been confirmed and will be announced in Charleston.

**Sharon Gulick**  
President, Community Development Society

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**Community Development Society Announces Scholarships for 2013 -Applications Due April 30, 2013**

The CDS Endowment was established as a sustainable fund to help members in a variety of ways, from attending our annual international conferences to enhancing the quality and diversity of our programs to supporting student research. Thanks to the generous contributions of our members and supporters, the CDS Endowment Fund will distribute up to
three scholarships in 2013 to CDS members and student members to support academic efforts, research projects, or presentations at the CDS Annual International Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, July 20-24, 2013.

Scholarship opportunities include the Ted Bradshaw Fund to Support Student Engagement in CDS (Travel Award, Community-based Research Award), George Nickolaus CD Graduate Student Award, and the CDS Scholarship Fund. Applicant letters will be accepted by email only. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 30, 2013. Submit to the CDS Vice-President for Operations: David Lamie, Clemson University, Columbia, South Carolina (DLAMIE@clemson.edu). See the CDS website for more information and award criteria.

Save the Date!
The annual CDS conference will be held July 20-24 in historic Charleston, SC
The 2013 conference promises to be a time of learning and reconnecting with your fellow CDS members. The local planning committee is working hard to develop another great conference. Watch for registration information soon.

Latest Issue of Community Development available online
The release of Community Development: The Journal of the Community Development Society, Volume 43 No. 5, 2012, is now available online for CDS members. Please contact the CDS Business Office if you have problems logging in.

CD Practice: Calling All Scholarly Community Development Practitioners!
CD Practice is an on-line publication of the Community Development Society. Its purpose is to describe and promote appropriate and useful tools, resource and practice for all aspects of community development. Readers of CD Practice papers should be able to use tools, resources or practice discussed, knowing they are grounded in methods that have been examined empirically and/or proven to be a success.

Benefits to submitting articles to CD Practice include a peer review process that demonstrates the scholarship of your practice or determination. Your audiences will also have access to an on-line publication that features your work. To submit to CD Practice or to act as a reviewer, contact Joyce Hoelting, editor.

Have you heard about The Veterinary Cooperative?
By: Keith Taylor
The Veterinary Cooperative (TVC) was formed to level the
ERS Charts of Note

- **Farm sector exposure to drought worsened during the summer of 2012**
- **Distance to supermarkets is one measure of food access**
- **Farms involved in rural development related activities vary by type of activity**
- **Farm share of U.S. food dollar up in 2011**
- **Slow economic recovery pushes nonmetro poverty slightly higher in 2011**
- **Beginning farmers are less likely to inherit or purchase land from a relative than are established farmers**
- **The 2012 increase in SNAP participants smallest since 2007**
- **For most U.S. counties, a small proportion of children face low food access**
- **Food manufacturing accounts for 14% of all U.S. playing field so independent veterinarians can compete with large corporate practices, big box stores, pharmacies, and online providers while keeping independent veterinarians independent. TVC's CEO Rich Morris states: "TVC members deal directly with suppliers the way they always have. You keep control of your business relationships. There are no annual fees and you can quit at any time. We recognize your academic society interacts with many struggling rural veterinarians; we are here to help!"** **The Veterinary Cooperative (TVC)** allows independent clinics to have the ability to leverage their purchasing power to procure goods and services at a lower cost as well as learn business techniques to gain more business and revenue. Here are the basics:

- **There are no annual fees:** Our operating costs are paid by vendor rebates to TVC.
- **Nothing changes for you but price:** You deal with suppliers the way you always have keeping control of your business and supplier relationships.
- **Maintain your independent decision making:** Take advantage of only the programs and savings you want. (You will want to take advantage of them all!)
- **Quit any time you want:** A cooperative principal, no exit fees or penalties, TVC should not be a risk to join or quit.
- **You cannot share TVC Pricing and information:** The only downside. Our programs are so good it has to be kept among our members.
- **Networking:** Members tell TVC their best practices that allow us to identify the best pricing as well as business, and patient practices that are shared with the cooperative.
- **You may have more questions:** see our **FAQ page** to get your answers.

TVC has extended CDS members a free membership (You must take this survey before mid-April to be eligible). All you have to do is answer a 10 minute online survey at [http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e7437wijdhn5136q/a002hdngqepn/greeting](http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e7437wijdhn5136q/a002hdngqepn/greeting).

CDS UpFront

**Compiled by Timothy Collins, Assistant Director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs**

**Poverty: Sequestration, housing, homelessness**

**Hanging on to urban garden land**

An urban farming oasis is in Cincinnati is saved from the bulldozer blade
Conferences and Meetings

Community Development Institutes
Southeast, April 22-26, 2013, Montgomery, AL
Northwest, July 8-12, 2013. Boise, ID
Central, July 29 - August 2, 2013, Conway, AR
Midwest, August 5-8, 2013, Moline, IL

UNRISD Potential and Limits of Social and Solidarity Economy
May 6-8, Geneva, Switzerland

ALIA Summer Institute
June 16-21, 2013, Halifax, NS, CA

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
June 19-22, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA

Coady Institute
Citizen-led Sustainable Change Forum, Canada
June 23-25, 2013, Antigonish, NS, CA

National Rural Assembly
June 23-26, 2013, Washington, DC

Rural Sociological

Street-smart seeds: How to grow a garden that feels at home in the city

The head of the Appalachian Regional Commission bites into local food promotion

Black farmers: New markets, new hope

To build a community economy, start with solidarity

Deep development as government shrinks

To create a great public space, let the people decide

The importance of farmer-owned nonfarm businesses in the rural economy

Saving the village pub

Does the Post Office deliver in today's urban culture?

Better With Wal-Mart Than Without

How Housing Matters Survey finds American attitudes transformed by housing crisis, changes in lifestyle

After the school closings, the real estate mess

America's most post-industrial metros

New Orleans: America's next great innovation hub?

Emerging and interconnected 'megapolitan' regions

Why immigration really matters, particularly to the rust belt

America's oldest cities

Time to acknowledge falling private car use

America's top small town Artplaces 2013

Artists revitalize rural manufacturing

Arab Spring Breakers: 50,000 Gather in Tunisia to Plan People-Powered Economy
Society
August 6-9, 2013, New York City

NACDEP Galaxy IV
September 16-20, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA

University Economic Development Association
October 27-30, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA

International Association for Community Development
June 9-11, 2014, Edinburgh, Scotland

Grant Opportunities

USDA: Rural Energy for America Program
Application deadline: April 30, 2013

USDA: 2013 NH Conservation Innovation Grant
Application deadline: May 17, 2013

USDA: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Foundational Program
Application deadline: May 22, 2013

NEA: Challenge America Fast-Track Application, FY 2014
Application deadline: May 23, 2013

NSF: Service Enterprise Systems
Application deadlines:
September 1, 2013.
October 1, 2013

**NSF: Science of Organizations**
Application deadline:
September 3, 2013

**NOAA: FY 2012 - 2013 Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)**
Application deadline:
September 30, 2013

**EDA: Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program**
Application deadline:
Accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received

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