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Vanguard

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CDS 2012 Conference July 23-25, Cincinnati, OH

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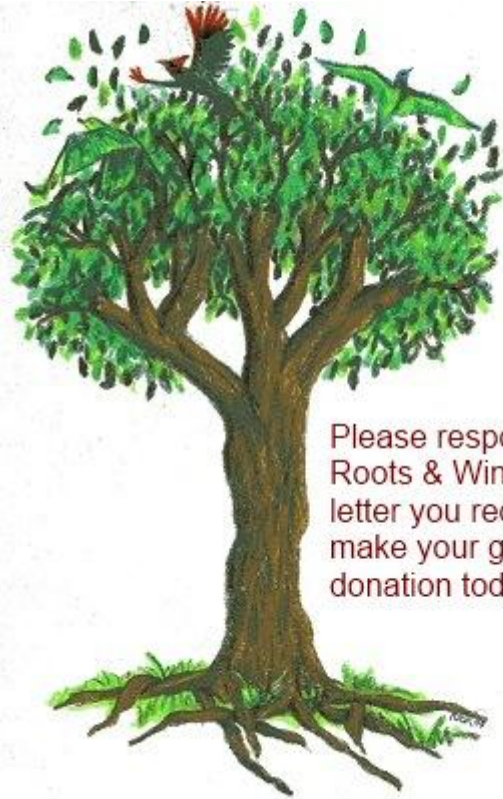
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Spring is right around the corner with promises of renewal and starting fresh. This is true whether you are a gardener, a baseball fan, or a member of CDS. Each year we have the opportunity to determine the direction of the Society by engaging in voting for positions on the Board of Directors. This year's slate of candidates is one of the largest and strongest in recent memory. At stake are three board slots and the slot for Vice President of Operations. Please take time to vote. If you have not received your voting information, please contact Dawn Kennedy at the CDS Business Office and she can get it to you. Dawn can be reached at the following address:

dawn@assnoffices.com .

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Square ads are run near the top of the smaller left hand column of the *Vanguard*. The single issue ad rate is \$45. Ads for four issues will be discounted to \$40 each. For more information, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#).

At this time of year, we also eagerly await for the conference agenda to be released. At this point, all of the submissions have been reviewed and notices will be arriving shortly. This year's conference in Cincinnati promises to be both dynamic and fun. Scholarship applications are currently being accepted. If you are interested in learning more about the scholarships, please visit the [CDS web page](#).

Each spring as I garden, I



CD Resources

[**New Version of Streams Framework for Dialogue and Deliberation Available**](#)

[**HUD's Sustainable Communities Resource Center**](#)

ERS Charts of Note
[***Nonmetro unemployment down in 2011***](#)

[***Federal outlays for food assistance up 8 percent in 2011***](#)

[***Government payments to farmers provide both variable and stable assistance***](#)

[***Changing Farm Structure and the Distribution of Farm Payments and Federal Crop Insurance***](#)

[***Trends in farm real estate values***](#)

[***Small farms with direct sales often engage in other on farm activities***](#)

[***Nonmetro population trends affected by drop in nationwide migration rates***](#)

[***Agricultural Outlook: Statistical Indicators***](#)

am thrilled with the prospect of new growth and creating opportunities to bring a wider array of planting options to my garden space. As President of the Society, I have been honored to work with a number of sister organizations to build coalitions for CDS and its members. Discussions for future collaborations have been ongoing with the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, the International Association of Community Developers, Rural Sociological Society, and the Community Development Council. It is expected that these collaborations, coupled with the renewed commitment to reach out to past members will result in the better utilization of CDS resources and growth in the future. Each time a collaboration is considered, the Board carefully considers the potential costs and benefits of the relationship. This is done to insure that CDS and the partnering entity experience a mutually beneficial collaboration.

If you have recommendations for growth, change, and development for CDS and its members, I urge you to get involved. It is by the membership collaborating

[Rural TV](#)

[Canadian CED Network Return on Investment Resources](#)

[Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives](#)

[Newgeography.com - Economic, Demographic, and Political Commentary about Places](#)

Conferences and Meetings

[26th Annual Community Development Institute Central](#)

August 6-10, 2012, Conway, AR

[Midwest CDI](#)

August 6-9, 2012, Moline, IL

[2012 National Interagency Community Reinvestment Conference](#)

March 25-28, 2012, Seattle, WA

[NYC Conference on Participatory Budgeting](#)

March 30-31, 2012, New York, NY

[2012 National Main Streets Conference](#)

April 1-4, 2012, Baltimore, Maryland

[Growing Sustainable Communities -- Conference Announcement and Call for Papers](#)

May 2-3, 2012, Sonoma County, CA

[National Rural Entrepreneurial Gathering: FRED - Focus on Rural Entrepreneurial Development](#)

May 3-5, 2012, Fairfield, IA

[National Association of Community Development Professionals](#)

on projects and sharing resources that we will once again make CDS the best it can possibly be.

Remember that in gardening, in is as much what we do after the seeds are planted that insures a great harvest it is planting the seed itself. Your ideas are important. Your service in vital to the Society and the communities that we serve. Let us sink deep our shovels and prepare CDS and its members for a bright summer harvest.

Brent D. Hales
President, Community Development Society

News from CDS

CDS 2012 Conference:

Off to Cincinnati, the Queen City! We are excited to travel to Cincinnati, Ohio for our annual conference July 23-25, 2012. With 143 abstract submissions to be reviewed, rest assured that the conference schedule will include some wonderful presentations. In addition, the meeting will include plenary speakers and mobile learning workshops. The local host committee has been busy planning a great local event for your enjoyment, and will be releasing conference details soon. See you in July! [More information](#)

May 20-23, 2012, Park City, UT

**[Driving Innovation and Prosperity:
Transforming Industries and
Communities for the Next Economy](#)**

June 10-12, 2012 St. Louis, MO

**[CCMA 2012: Declaration of
Independence. We Own It!](#)**

June 14-16, 2012, Philadelphia, PA

[ALIA Summer Institute](#)

June 18-23, 2012, Halifax, NS, CA

**[Reclaiming Vacant Properties: Remaking
America for the 21st Century](#)**

June 20-22, 2012, New Orleans, LA

**[Association for Environmental Studies
and Sciences 2012 Annual Meeting](#)**

June, 21-24, 2012, Santa Clara, CA

**[Tamarack's 2012 Communities
Collaborating Institute: Innovating
Together](#)**

October 1 - 5, 2012, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON,
CA

**[NCBA Annual Meeting & Co-op
Conference](#)**

October 2-5, 2012, Seattle, WA

**[Under Western Skies 2: Environment,
Community, and Culture in North
America](#)**

October 10-13, 2012, Mount Royal University,
Calgary, AB, CA

**[Northeast Conference on Public
Administration](#)**

November 2-3, 2012, Boston, MA

Grant Opportunities

HUD: [Resident Opportunity and Self](#)

Students: If you are interested in submitting a poster presentation for the 2012 CDS International Annual Conference you have until April 9, 2012. [To find out more...](#)

Exhibitors & Sponsors: Are you interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at the 2012 CDS Conference, July 21-25, 2012 in Cincinnati, OH, USA? If so, contact the [CDS Business Office](#) or call 614.221.1900.

CDS Journal Now Available Online for Members

The release of Volume 43 No. 1, 2012 is now available online to view to members of the Society, whether you chose the printed or electronic version with your membership.

To access this issue, you must login using your CDS username and password. The link to the Journal is available on the [CDS homepage](#). Once you have logged in to the Members Only box at the top of the page, go to the USER MENU on the left of your screen. Click on Welcome! which will bring you back to the CDS members only homepage. From there, you will see an option on the page toward the

[Sufficiency \(ROSS\) - Service Coordinators Program](#)

Application deadline: March 27, 2012

[HUD: Housing and Community Public Policy](#)

Application deadline: March 29, 2012

[USDA: Rural Agribusiness Energy Program](#)

Application deadline - Grants: March 30, 2012

Application deadline - Loans: June 29, 2012

[CDCP: Capacity Building Assistance to Improve Health in Tribal Populations](#)

Application deadline: May 1, 2012

[HUD: Choice Neighborhoods Initiative - Planning Grants](#)

Application deadline: May 1, 2012

[DOC: Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge](#)

Application deadline: May 9, 2012

[USDA: Community Forest and Open Space Program](#)

Application deadline: May 30, 2012

[NSF: Small-Business/ERC Collaborative Opportunity](#)

Letter of intent: March 30, 2012

Application deadline: May 30, 2012

[Economic Development Administration: FY 2012 University Center Economic Development Program](#)

Application deadline: March 30, 2012

[NIH: Rapid Assessment Post-Impact of Disaster \(R21\)](#)

Application deadline: April 22, 2012

bottom. If you are interested in viewing archived issues, click on the option: "Click here to directly view archived Journals."

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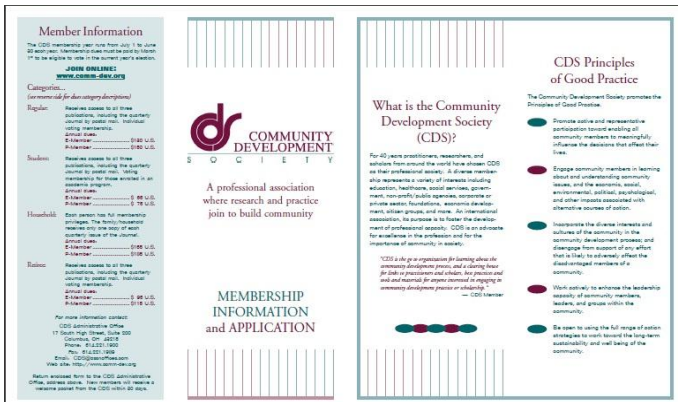
[CDS Grants and Scholarships for 2012; Applications Due March 26, 2012](#)

2012 CDS Awards-- Deadline extended to March 31: Honor a mentor, colleague, or student with a prestigious CDS Award! Each year, CDS presents awards to members and non-members to recognize outstanding achievements in Community Development. The 2012 Awards will be presented at the CDS Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio from July 21-25, 2012. Here's your chance to nominate someone.

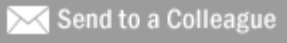
The award categories are:

- Duane L. Gibson Distinguished Service
- Ted K. Bradshaw Outstanding

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- Innovative Program
- Current Research

More information, including nomination forms, are available on the CDS website <http://www.comm-dev.org/index.php/about-cds/awards>

Questions?? Contact Katie Ellis, Awards Committee Co-Chairperson, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, elliskathrynr@gmail.com or call 859.583.6786.

The deadline has been extended to March 31, 2012. Take a moment to do a nice thing for one of your friends!

CD Practice New Issue
[Issue- No. 18~2012](#)

"You Get What You Measure: A Process to Determine and Measure Progress in Community Development." Date February 2012

[CD Practice is a web-based publication](#) of the Community Development

Society. It presents innovative approaches, tools, and techniques that can be readily applied by community development practitioners.

Vanguard: A Major CDS Marketing Tool - Please Share It with Others!

For the love of CDS, share it with your friends and encourage them to subscribe! Contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). Puh-lease!

CDS Website: Blog and Other Social Networking Features

A new blog has been installed on the CDS website. 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](#). If you have suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact Communications Committee Co-Chair [Paul Lachapelle](#).

CDS UpFront

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

Full-Time Job, Family Doesn't Stop Student from Earning Her Master's through Collaborative Community

Development Online Program

By [Katelyn Ideus](#)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

[Extended Education & Outreach](#)

Angela Raby is a grant writer at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, NE. She is also a wife and mother of two. With her full-time job and the many commitments of a family, continuing her education and career development seemed like a distant goal.

Eventually, Raby realized that earning her master's degree online was a viable option and definitely worth some research. After several weeks of considering programs throughout the U.S., Raby determined the best online program for her was actually located in her state—the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Master of Applied Science with a concentration in Community Development.

"It really fit my needs the best," Raby said. "I was looking for a program that I could tap into and have those resources available to me when I needed them, as I needed them and as I could get to them."

The CD program is totally online, which opens up all kinds of opportunities to

participate, particularly for non-traditional students who cannot move to the location of an educational institution. However, more than accessibility, the program is unique in that five land grant institutions with multiple disciplines are collaborating to offer it.

Along with UNL, Iowa State University, Kansas State University, North Dakota State University and South Dakota State University have come together as the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA). This collaboration brings a unique strength to the multi-institution academic program. While students are admitted at one institution, enroll in courses at that university and graduate from that university, they have the opportunity to learn from the top faculty in each discipline, giving them the best possible education.

"One of the strong sides of this distance program is that students learn from one another and build really strong clusters around courses and multiples of courses," said Community Development Program Director Bruce Johnson, Ph.D. "They're interacting and networking with other students, other practitioners for that matter, and so it's a very vibrant kind of

opportunity set to really see solid applications happening-whether the students are in Atlanta, or South Africa or Nebraska."

The professors have also embraced the online atmosphere and used it to engage students in ways that the classroom doesn't always allow. For Raby, this has translated into coming out of her comfort zone and putting forth her opinion more so than she did in the undergraduate classroom settings she experienced.

"I've had professors use videos, they've used online lectures, there's a lot of reading involved and there's a lot of discussion involved," Raby said. "I think I'm more involved in the discussions online than I ever was in the classroom experience because you're forced to have an intelligent conversation with the other students, and it really pushes you to think and research and dig into the field that you're learning about." [For more information](#)

Needle-Moving Community Collaboratives: A Promising Approach to Addressing America's Biggest Challenges
[A recent report](#) identifies four common operating principles for successful

collaborations - commitment to long-term involvement, participation of key stakeholders across sectors, the use of data to set the agenda and make improvements over time, and engaging community members as substantive partners - as well as five key characteristics of success: having a shared vision and agenda; effective leadership and governance; alignment of resources, programs, and advocacy; dedicated staff capacity and appropriate structure; and sufficient funding.

The Growth in Science and Research Jobs: How Is Your State Doing?

Local economic developers and policy pundits often point to [scientific and research jobs](#) as an important part of regional economies and a critical driver of innovation for the nation's economy.

As Drought Lingers, States Examine Water Policies

Policymakers in a number of states are thinking more critically about [water conservation](#), especially as climate change and increased development erode the supply.

Approaches to Limiting Water Pollution in the UK [Demonstration Test Catchments \(DTC\)](#) is a UK

government-funded project designed to provide robust evidence regarding how diffuse pollution can be cost-effectively controlled to improve and maintain water quality in rural river catchment areas.

What Does the New Economy Mean for the Shape of Communities?

While cities may no longer be necessary to maximize manufacturing efficiencies, they will be essential in [providing the amenities](#) to attract and encourage the creativity (paraphrasing Richard Florida) required for the new economy.

Redeveloping "Redfields": New Life for Foreclosed Properties

Community developers and planners should learn a new term that will only become more common as the U.S. begins to slowly recover from the recent economic recession: [redfield development](#), or development on foreclosed properties - properties "in the red."

How Three Communities Used Art to Build a Future

They are using art to inform planning processes and [build a vision for the future.](#)

Where Are Baby Boomers Going to Spend Their

Golden Years?

While the aging of the American population has figured prominently in the national political discourse, it is poised to have an even greater impact [at the local level](#). This two-part series also discusses [where seniors are living](#).

Clues From The Past: The Midwest as an Aspirational Region

The American Great Lakes region has long been a region defined by the forces of production, both agricultural and industrial. This report provides historical perspective on the region and [proposes ideas for the future](#).

Goodbye Overconsumption: Why the Commons Can Save Us from Drowning in Too Much Stuff

Story of Stuff creator Annie Leonard talks about why the [commons](#) are so integral to our lives.

Power to the People

This is a story of how a community - Lewes, East Sussex, UK - [created its own energy company](#).

Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food: USDA Releases Report and Compass

USDA has released its Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food (KYF2) [report](#) and

introduced the [Compass](#), an expansive new resource for the KYF2 initiative. The initiative was launched in 2009 to enhance coordination and efficiency among the various USDA agencies and programs that work to build local and regional farm and food systems.

Low-Hanging Fruit: Can an Edible Forest Take Root in Seattle?

Imagine if your neighborhood park doubled as a [communal orchard](#).

Inclusive Conservation: Community Gardens

These are the stories of people set on cultivating healthy food and healthy communities - work that is difficult to translate into dollar signs, but is more valuable than property tax revenues. These are the stories of folks who contend that lasting human relationships and meaningful connections to healthy food and land cannot be bought. These are the stories of [New Haven's community gardeners](#).

Resilience

How do we become more [resilient](#) through all the turbulence of these times?

Natural Leadership

[Our ability to engage others](#) in their own

authenticity and on their own terms relies on our personal qualities of generosity and trust and being able to hold a big view.

Skill Sharing as a Way of Life

"Engaging in the [reskilling/skillsharing](#) aspect of transition has revolutionised my whole attitude towards life."

Making Sustainability Legal: 9 Zombie Laws That Keep Cities From Going Green

Outdated laws forbid [sustainable choices](#).

In California, Green Jobs Are More Recession-Proof

California's "core green economy" shrank during the recession (from 2009 to 2010, more specifically). But while the state's overall economy took a 7% hit, [the green economy shrunk by only 3%](#).

Development Could Get Rubber City Rolling Once More

A recent study by [University Park Alliance](#) found that a plan to revamp Akron,OH's downtown is not only economically viable, but would bring nearly 15,000 jobs to the area within 20 years. By adding almost 5 million square feet of new office, retail and

residential space to the streetscape, development would also generate about \$90 million in tax revenue for the city.

Towns Go Dark with Post Office Closings

A Reuters special report covers the [implications of post office closings](#) for rural communities. About one-third of the offices slated for closure fall in areas with limited or no wired broadband Internet.

Measuring the Breadth of Friendship

A new study finds that in [smaller-scale social environments](#), people are more likely to befriend those who are different from themselves. How many morticians and can-collectors do you know?

Rural Incomes Decline - But Catch Up

The recession of the late 2000s didn't help anyone, but [median household incomes](#) fell less in rural counties than in the cities.

Child Poverty Rises in 2000s

The percentage of U.S. children living in poverty increased dramatically between 2000 and 2010. The highest [proportion of poor children lives](#) in counties with small cities.

Fluharty Speaks before

Senate Ag Committee

Critical to rural development

are a regional approach, greater flexibility among federal programs, and more investment, from government, lenders and foundations.

Rural Development: Three Views

In mid February, three rural development practitioners testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee about what **federal rural development programs** have meant for their communities.

The Future for Timber Counties

Three Oregon State professors consider how rural counties can survive the cuts, and possible elimination, of **payments that conserve federal forest**. Saving rural schools and maintaining fundamental services will require changes at all levels of government.

Profiles of Partnerships between Tribal Education Departments and Local Education Agencies

This study examines nine voluntary working relationships or **partnerships between tribal education departments and local education agencies** supporting American Indian

students. Individual profiles describe how each partnership works, focusing primarily on collaborative activities intended to improve education outcomes for American Indian students.

Obama Budget Goes Big on Highways

The President's [budget proposal](#) would deeply cut farm subsidies and end Saturday mail. Also, a White House fact sheet: [An Economy Built to Last for Rural America.](#)

America the Possible: A Manifesto

It's not too late to build an [American Dream](#) that lives up to our highest ideals.

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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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