President's Update

Greetings CDS Family!

We are two short months from our annual conference. This also means that I have two months left of my tenure as president of CDS. I want to personally thank each of your for making my term as president a memorable year. I am forever grateful for what you have taught me. Many of you have shared your vast knowledge of the field and your incredible appetite to learn, to grow, and to give back to your communities.

During my term as president, CDS has undertaken numerous initiatives. We have increased our membership by nearly 50%. We
have created a webinar series that is set to kick off shortly. We are preparing for a transition in our journal editorship. Many behind the scenes changes have been undertaken that will hopefully drive CDS back from the brink into financial stability and continued growth in our membership.

My last push as your president is to extract from you some insights on how you measure community wealth. A recent request by a CDS partner has initiated this effort. Specifically, the Board is seeking input as to how community wealth can be measured and how we can create or utilize existing models of measurement for our partnering agencies and communities. In order to come to a determination of the best model, we are seeking input on all models that are currently being used to measure community wealth. Please email me with your thoughts, insights, and examples of the strategies that you use or are aware of. Your insight is critical to determining a viable measurement strategy.

As I draw near to the end of my term as the president of CDS, I am reminded of the blessings and opportunities that my membership in CDS has brought me. I count my membership in CDS as one of the key reasons why I have advanced in my professional career. CDS has brought to me much more than I have given to it and while I consider myself early mid-career, I know that my membership will continue to be a driving force in my professional life. I have also made some of the best friends a person could ever ask for. My experience in serving on committees and attending the annual conference has been both rewarding and exciting. I look forward each year to the opportunity to fellowship with old friends and make new friends. I have gained valuable research insights. I have learned tactics, strategies, and techniques that have made me a better practitioner. I have made connections that have resulted in published research opportunities. In essence, I will be forever grateful to CDS for my membership.

It is with this perspective that I invite you to build your own or build on your own legacy by renewing your membership, getting involved on a committee, and coming to Cincinnati in July. Our annual conference is almost upon us...
The Depth of Food Insecurity Is Most Severe on Sub-Saharan Africa Among All Developing Regions
Unemployment Rates Vary Nationally
The Amount of Hired Farm Labor Increases with Farm Size
Agricultural Land Uses Have Declined Since 1949
Number of WIC Participants Fell in 2011 and Program Costs Rose
Population Change 2010-11 Varies Across States

The Future of Appalachia
With the help of a dynamic group of academics, business leaders, and activists, Solutions has recently released a special issue dedicated to creating a brighter future for Appalachia.

Center for Rural Strategies and the National Rural Assembly
The Center for Rural Strategies manages the partnerships and activities of the National Rural Assembly, a coalition made up of over 400 organizations and individuals from 47 states working at local, regional, and national levels to build more opportunity and better policy for rural communities across the country.

News from CDS
CDS 2012 Conference: Registration Is Open
The CDS annual conference will be held in Cincinnati, OH, on July 23-25, 2012. Registration is now open. The meeting site is the Kingsgate Marriott on the University of Cincinnati Campus. The conference schedule will include presentations, plenary speakers, and mobile learning workshops. It is available on the CDS website.

The Cincinnati area is rich in local history. For decades, the city has been active in efforts to revitalize its downtown and neighborhoods. The local host committee has taken advantage of the city’s assets, and mobile workshops will allow us to sample some of the things that have been going on, including:

1. Arts Entrepreneurship
2. A Visit With Price Hill (not a person, a historic neighborhood, one of the seven hills of Cincinnati)
3. Findlay Market
4. Community Learning Centers
5. Uptown Cincinnati

CDS friends, old and new, are waiting for you. See you in July!
More information

Donate an Item for the Silent Auction to Benefit the CDS Endowment!
If you're planning to come to the CDS Annual Conference in Cincinnati, please support the CDS
United States Small Business Friendliness Map

Community Development Institutes

Upcoming Meetings

26th Annual Community Development Institute Central
August 6-10, 2012, Conway, AR

Midwest CDI
August 6-9, 2012, Moline, IL

Conferences and Meetings

National Association of Community Development Professionals
May 20-23, 2012, Park City, UT

Engaging Your University in Regional Economic Development
May 21-23, 2012, Roanoke, VA

14th Annual Illinois Leadership Conference
June 6, 2012, Effingham, IL

Driving Innovation and Prosperity: Transforming Industries and Communities for the Next Economy
June 10-12, 2012, St. Louis, MO

2012 Symposium on Small Towns and Leadership Chautauqua: "Reigniting Community Leadership: Being Bold in the Face of Change"
June 13-14, 2012, Morris, MN

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

Endowment by bringing an item to donate to our Silent Auction! We are asking for unique items produced in your local community or region, which exemplify the local culture or economy, such as handmade crafts, art works, clothing, music, foods, or local manufacturers' merchandise. Please say YES and pack 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 (email: alankirk@comcast.net - or phone/text: 541-602-2110). Your donation of a locally made product is a great way to make a lasting contribution to the CDS Endowment! The Endowment provides scholarships and other kinds of grants to support the professional development of CDS members. The CDS Roots & Wings Subcommittee thanks you!

More information

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.

Summer 2012 CDS Webinar Series
CDS, in collaboration with the Heartland Center for Leadership Development and the Community Change Network, presents the 2012 Professional Development Webinar Series: "Community Readiness, Capacity and Measurement." All webinars will be conducted on Thursdays - June 14, 21, and 28 - from 11:00 a.m. to noon (Central).

The Community Development Research and Practice Series
In partnership with Routledge, the publisher of our journal, CDS is pleased to present the first book in our new series, Community Visioning.
Programs, edited by Norm Walzer and Gisele Hamm. This review of the development of visioning focuses on small- and medium-sized communities in North America. It aims to guide citizens, local leaders and planners on what strategies are best to help them revitalize their communities and ensure a prosperous future.


**Others Books in the Works**

Contemporary Theories of Community and Development - 9780415694131
21st Century Philanthropy and Community Development - 9780415683234

**To Submit a Proposal**

Please see the guidelines at The Community Development Research and Practice Series website

**Read a Book . . . Write a review!**

New books are available for review (along with some which were not taken last time), so go to the CDS website to see what is available. If you would like to write a review, send the name of the book (and your second and third choices, in case your first choice has already been assigned), and your mailing address to Anne Silvis. She'll send you the book and the guide for writing the review. Reviews are published online and then in the printed Journal. This is a great way to share information about a variety of books. And you get to keep the book! Let me know if you need more information.

**CDS Journal Submissions**

The Journal is now accepting manuscripts online.

[More information](#)

**Call for Papers**

Rural Wealth Creation as a Sustainable Economic Development Strategy
Due June 1

This Special Issue of Community Development will focus on contributions that describe the framework for and outcomes of economic
Join the Community Development Society Today!

Application deadline: May 30, 2012
NSF: Small-Business/ERC Collaborative Opportunity
Application deadline: May 30, 2012
NSF: Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2013
Application deadline: June 19, 2012
USDA: Rural Housing Preservation Grants
Application deadline: June 25, 2012
USDA: Rural Agribusiness Energy Program
Application deadline - Loans: June 29, 2012
NSF: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) FY 2012 Phase I (Release 3)
Application deadline: July 3, 2012
USDA: Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant
Application deadline: July 24, 2012
Education: Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Promise Neighborhoods Program Planning Grant Competition CDFA 84.215P
Application deadline: July 27, 2012
development strategies that create multiple forms of wealth that stick in rural places and integrate rural places into larger economies. More specifically, contributions should explore market-based strategies that are intentionally non-exploitative and reflect mutually beneficial connections between rural and urban areas.

More Information

CD Practice
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

Take a Walk on the Wireless Side: iPavement
Bob Dylan suggested everybody must get stoned, but he probably didn't mean it this way. A Spanish company has developed a calcium carbonate stone with a wireless microprocessor to literally put information at your feet.

Small Cities Are Becoming a New Engine of Economic Growth
An analysis of recent trends suggests a very
different reality: When it comes to growth, economic and demographic, opportunity increasingly is to be found in smaller, and often remote, places.

The Most Economically Innovative Small Communities in America
Big cities get all the attention as drivers of the economy and innovation, but a new ranking of smaller areas that are driving change shows they can get in on the action, too, by investing in a few key areas.

Are Green Cities Sitting on a Golden Goose?
Copenhagen's leadership in urban sustainability gives it more than just a shining reputation.

Uniting for a Green Downtown
A groundbreaking program in Charlotte, NC's downtown core measures buildings' resource use - and shows the path to savings.

Urbanization in America
The recent release of the 2010 US census data on urban areas shows that Americans continue to prefer their lower density lifestyles, with both suburbs and exurbs growing more rapidly than the historic core municipalities.

The Distinctive City: Why Place Matters
Around the world, cities are seeking the recipe for economic success in a rapidly changing global marketplace. Indispensable assets in a post-industrial economy include: well-educated people, the ability to generate new ideas and to turn those ideas into commercial realities, connectivity to global markets, and multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Another critical—but often forgotten-asset is community distinctiveness.

The Place of Cities
In the era of globalization and increased connectivity, which was once predicted to loosen our bonds to place, have cities have become more, not less, significant?

Infographic: Burbs Going Bust
So many of us grew up in the suburbs. Their time may be passing.
The Boomerang Generation
If there's supposed to be a stigma attached to living with mom and dad through one's late twenties or early thirties, today's "boomerang generation" didn't get the memo.

Blue Ventures Proves Conservation Benefits Communities in the LongTerm
In Andavadoaka, a Vezo village on the western coast of Madagascar, a program called Blue Ventures is developing marine conservation programs together with local communities, putting resources back in the hands of villagers and creating fisheries that are economically and environmentally sustainable.

The ReUse Center: It All Comes Back Around
What if a rural community decided it was too beautiful to trash and too thrifty to waste anything? It would be working like Chamisal, NM.

Cooperatives Put People-and Democracy-to Work
How worker-owned businesses from Cleveland to Spain are nurturing life and jobs outside the corporate framework.

The Challenge of Political Empowerment
In the struggle over ideas in the development arena, terms that are associated with more radical perspectives are often picked up by mainstream actors and organizations and this has been the case with "empowerment." But such mainstreaming can cause original meanings to be modified or become obscure.

More Spectrum, Better Health
Rural communities are becoming more dependent on broadband access for getting the best in health care. That's why the FCC needs to open up new spectrum now.

Creating Food Oases for Kids
With low-income children much more likely to be overweight than their wealthier counterparts, here's a look at six innovative ideas for improving access to healthy foods in low-income communities.

Mobile Slaughterhouses Help Meat Go Local
Scarcity of certified processing facilities is one reason the meat industry is so consolidated—so one farmer created a mobile slaughterhouse.

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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Looking for something you read about CDS? Did something in CDS UpFront tickle your fancy? Back issues of the Vanguard can now be found on the CDS Website.