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#### President's Update

As you know, the CDS will co-host the Annual 2011 Conference with the Rural Sociological Society in Boise, Idaho in late July. In preparation for the conference, the CDS Board held its Fall meeting at the Grove Hotel in Boise. What a really nice city! The area is picturesque with foothills in the background. The city is easy to maneuver and does not seem as large as 200,000 population. The Grove Hotel is located in close proximity to a relatively large Basque population with ethnic restaurants, shopping, and cultural attractions closeby.

Boise is the capital city of Idaho with a variety of recreational attractions and opportunities. It is the third largest city in the Northwest and provides a setting in which to learn about native cultures and lifestyles. I had not been to Boise before and was pleasantly surprised with the friendliness of the people whom we met and the positive attitude of the hotel staff and merchants in the surrounding area.

The 2011 conference promises to be an exciting and professionally worthwhile event. It will offer opportunities for researchers in the RSS to meet with both community development practitioners and researchers in the CDS. The members of each organization will bring different perspectives on community development and their interaction will facilitate many learning experiences for members.

The conference will be organized as one event, rather than two separate organizations meeting at the same time. While each organization will continue to hold its silent auction, annual business meeting and awards ceremony, the sessions will try to truly integrate the presentations, workshops, poster sessions, and other venues so that all of us can participate in meaningful and professionally beneficial discussions.

The Call for Participation is a little later this year because of a need for both organizations to work with their members. However, the Call will come in the next week or so and you will want to respond quickly. Brent Hales, CDS VP for

*Happy  
Holidays*

*From,  
the Board and Staff of the  
Community Development  
Society!*

## 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](#)

## Conferences & Meetings

### ***The Natural Step: Sustainability for Leaders - Level 1***

Toronto, ON / November 22-23,  
2010

Saint John, NB / February 8-9,  
2011

Ottawa, ON / April 12-13, 2011

[More Information](#)

### ***Rural Multiracial and Multicultural Health Conference***

Programs is organizing the conference from the CDS perspective. The 2011 Conference will be relatively large with a wide assortment of professional workshops, sessions, and other activities. We hope for a significant number of international participants from the International Association of Community Developers (IACD) so that we can learn about successful programs in other countries.

The Conference will be on July 27-31, 2011. Mark it on your calendars and watch for the Call for Participation. The conference will offer exciting opportunities for us to interact with a new set of participants equally interested in community development issues. Boise offers opportunities to take advantage of beautiful scenery and recreational opportunities as well.

[Norman Walzer](#)  
President

## News from CDS

### **To Our International Members: An Invitation**

Thank you so much for your contributions to the CDS conference in New Orleans. It was wonderful to have your input and to learn from each other as we explored the issues of community development in disaster recovery. We very much value your work.

As part of our effort to reach out to international colleagues and to publicize the important work you do, we invite you to submit an article to one of our publications:

- *Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society* is an internationally known, English language, peer reviewed periodical that comes out five times a year, including on electronic addition.
- *CD Practice* is an online journal that lets practitioners share how CD is applied in various contexts.
- *CDS Vanguard*, another online journal, includes shorter pieces, including news from CDS as well as information of interest to CD practitioners and resources.

For more information, see the [CDS Publications page](#).

### **Deadline Approaching for CDS Scholarship Applications**

**Dec. 1-3, Tucson, AZ**

[More Information](#)

**National Rural Housing Conference**

**Dec. 1-3, Washington DC**

[More Information](#)

**New Partners for Smart Growth**

February 3-5, 2011, Charlotte, NC.

[More Information](#)

**ALIA Europe**

March 8-12, 2011, Elspeet, The Netherlands

[More Information](#)

**What Works II**

March 30-April 1, 2011 at the Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia, PA.

**Rural Entrepreneurship as a Tool for Economic Development**

[The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development \(NERCRD\)](#)

**Food and Agriculture Under the Big Sky**

The Joint 2011 Annual Meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS), Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), & Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN) will be June 9 - 12, 2011 at the University of Montana - Missoula.

[More Information](#)

**ALIA Summer Institute**

June 24 - July 1, 2011, Columbus, Ohio

[More Information](#)

**25th Annual Community Development Institute Central**

August 1-5, 2011, Conway,

Thanks to the generous contributions of our members and supporters, the CDS Endowment Fund will distribute three scholarships in 2011 to CDS members and student members presenting at the CDS Annual International Conference in Boise, Idaho, July 27-30, 2011, or at a major community development conference outside the member's home continent. **The deadline for scholarship applications is January 15, 2011.**

**Scholarship Fund**

The Scholarship Fund was established to encourage students of good academic standing and CDS Members in good standing to attend the Annual International Conference. An applicant may receive a scholarship only one time. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00. Two scholarships will be offered in 2011. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at a plenary session of the conference.

**Grant Criteria: Student:** (a) the applicant is currently enrolled and matriculating in a community development or related curriculum at an accredited college or university with undergraduate or graduate status; (b) the applicant can demonstrate a Grade Point Average of 3.0 minimum; (c) the applicant provides evidence of planned involvement in the Annual International Conference as supported by: (d) a letter of endorsement from a faculty member who can verify the applicant's status and plans for involvement at the Conference; and (e) the applicant's commitment to participate in the entire Conference.

**Grant Criteria: Member:** (a) the applicant's CDS membership has been verified by the CDS Secretary or the CDS business office; (b) the applicant has provided a letter outlining his/her planned participation in the Annual Conference; and (c) the applicant makes a formal commitment to participate in the entire Conference.

**Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund**

This Fund was created for the dual purpose of honoring the memory of Nette Nelson and to help defray the expenses of CDS members who wish to participate in a community development conference outside of his or her

Arkansas

[More information](#)

## CDS Resources

[Center for Community Change](#)

[Center for Rural Entrepreneurship](#)

[Center for Applied Rural Innovation](#)

## Grant Opportunities

[Department of Agriculture Forest Service: 2011 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program](#)

**Application deadline:  
November 29, 2010**

[National Science Foundation: Small Business Innovation Research Program](#)

**Application deadline:  
December 3, 2010**

[Department of Labor: YouthBuild Grants](#)

**Application deadline:  
December 3, 2010**

[Department of Agriculture: Rural Community Development Initiative \(RCDI\)](#)

**Application deadline:  
December 3, 2010**

[Corporation for National and Community Service: AmeriCorps State and National Grants](#)

**Letters of intent: December**

home continent by presenting a paper or workshop or giving a major address. No member may receive this scholarship more than once. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000.00. The recipient of a Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship will be recognized at a plenary session of the CDS Annual International Conference.

**Grant Criteria:** (a) The applicant is a current member of the Community Development Society; (b) the applicant provides evidence of an invitation to present a paper, workshop or major address at a community development conference held outside of the member's home continent plus evidence of his/her acceptance of the invitation; and (c) the applicant provides written support for the importance of the presentation to the community development profession by two other current CDS members.

All funds distributed shall be described as having been made available by the CDS Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund.

### Application Process and Deadline For All Scholarships:

Applicant letters will be accepted as email, fax, regular mail, or express delivery. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on January 15, 2011. Submit to the CDS Vice-President for Operations:

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Columbia, Missouri 65211  
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Email: [GulickS@missouri.edu](mailto:GulickS@missouri.edu)

If sending a fax, send Sharon a note so she can watch for it.

### Vanguard Now Archived Online

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.

**15, 2010. Application deadline: January 25, 2011.**

[Department of Agriculture: National Institute of Food and Agriculture Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program Grant](#)

**Application deadline: December 22, 2010**

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## **CDS Feature**

**Can Performance Change the World?**

***By Esther Farmer, CDS Board Member  
Founder and partner of Lateral Strategies, an international consulting and training firm for community development, staff development and crime prevention***

Can Performance Change the World? That's the question that over 500 people from 38 countries played and performed with, and created conversations, dances, music and skits about-and simultaneously shared the inspiring and creative work they are doing in their communities, schools, hospitals, universities, NGOs and neighborhood streets.

The event was Performing the World (PTW) 2010, held in NYC and sponsored by the East Side Institute and the All Stars Project, September 30-October 3.

The first Performing the World (PTW) conference was held in 2001, just a few weeks after 9/11. Hundreds showed up from all over the world to explore the role of performance in human development and learning. Since then, PTW has emerged as a global community that includes community developers, community organizers, business people, artists, social workers, therapists, teachers, medical professionals, doctors, clowns, dancers, musicians. All use performance to help people and communities create positive social change.

In addition to over 100 interactive presentations, including two workshops by internationally known medical doctor and clown, Patch Adams, PTW has developed a unique way of building the people-to-people connection by housing over 100 international guests in the homes of New Yorkers. This housing program, led by CDS board member Esther Farmer, made it possible for people around the world working on the front lines who could not afford to attend a conference in New York because of the costs of lodging, to attend.

The housing program led to wonderful conversations and experiences for both hosts and guests. New

friendships and relationships have emerged which have included ongoing international conversations as well as reciprocal invitations for the hosts to visit the countries of the guests. This unique program has proven that there is nothing like bringing the world into your home for building community and making the world a little closer.

PTW's sponsoring organizations, the East Side Institute and the All Stars Project, have worked for decades to create a performance-oriented culture and community, in conscious and direct relationship to progressive social change. Activities of these two nonprofits involve all neighborhoods and social strata in New York City. They have created an international network of connections.

Lois Holzman, Director of the East Side Institute and a conference convener said: "The world certainly needs new performances! There is too much that is old-war, poverty, HIV/AIDS, national and ethnic conflict, sexual abuse and oppression, greed and its violent destruction of people and nature, and countless other ways of stifling human potential and destroying environments. And just as old are the dominant ways of trying to solve these problems."

She added that PTW is both an environment and activity "that engages these problems by involving people in creating new performances of being human. We posed the question, 'Can Performance Change the World?' in support of this ongoing 'search for method,' in which the way forward cannot be known-but must be performed into existence."

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## CDS UpFront

**Compiled by Timothy Collins  
Assistant Director, Illinois Institute for Rural  
Affairs, Western Illinois University - August  
2010**

**The Compass Fellows program? From Reimagine Rural**  
The Compass Fellows program has invited 75 students with social entrepreneurship aspirations to be a part of an intense training program that will help them launch social enterprises.

[Read More](#)

### **51 Ways to Spark a Commons Revolution**

What you can do, alone and with others, to share life, according to Jay Walljasper.

[Yes! magazine](#)

#### **The End of the Experiment**

Vicki Robin shares her experiences during a month of hyperlocavore eating.

[Yes! magazine](#)

#### **New Working Group to Coordinate Economic Development, Opportunity**

A working group of major philanthropic and financial institutions, *Investors for Sustainable Communities*, has announced an effort to coordinate up to \$150 million in investments to build stronger communities grounded in regional economies that provide opportunity to all residents and that firmly embrace environmental stewardship.

[Read More](#)

#### **Learning in New Orleans' Ninth Ward**

David Ferris and his colleagues, whose classroom is an old grocery store and urban farm, help students not only to be the change they want to see in their community, but also in themselves.

[Yes! magazine](#)

#### **South Needs To Concentrate on Education**

The second chapter of *The State of the South 2010, Talent and Skill: Antidotes to Uncertainty*, finds that most Southern states lag not just the U.S. but many developed nations in college completion rates.

[MDC](#)

#### **Rural Youth: Who's Staying? Who's Leaving?**

A new study of rural youth in North Carolina finds that students from poorer families are more likely to want to leave their home towns, but less likely to do so, according to Caitlin Howley and Kimberly Hambrick.

[Daily Yonder](#)

#### **Hybrid Enterprise Not Necessarily a Panacea**

While hybrid social enterprises that marry a profit-making business to a nonprofit organization have become more common over the past decade, the model is not without its problems.

[Philanthropy News Digest](#)

#### **How Energy Parks Can Energize Economic Development**

Energy Parks could become a smart and sustainable asset for areas with surplus industrial property.

[Siteselection.com](#)

#### **10 "Yes in My Backyard" Steps to a More Sustainable Community**

We need a bottom-to-top rethink of how we address climate change, starting in a town near you, according to Leo Wiegman and David Blockstein.

[Solutions](#)

#### **Sustainable Communities and Regional Planning Grant Recipients**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced the first recipients of the Sustainable Communities and Regional Planning Grant Program.

## [View the Announcement](#)

### **Reclaiming a Small Town Main Street**

Mt. Morris, NY's Main Street is on its way to renewal, with restored buildings filled with new businesses and upstairs apartments, according to Roberta Grandes Gratz.

[Citiwire.net](#)

### **First, Always Hold on to the Land**

The need for better housing is dire for some Native Americans, but for many people, like Leola One Feather, keeping ownership of long-contested land remains the first priority, according to Jamie Folsom.

[Daily Yonder](#)

### **Wealth and Sustainable Development**

It is impossible to understand poverty without first understanding wealth, according to Kendra Pierre-Louis.

[Justmeans](#)

### **New Tally of Global Wealth**

Researchers Anthony Shorrocks and Jim Davies, have joined with the Credit Suisse Research Institute in Zurich to produce a current tally of global wealth.

[Global Wealth Report Summary](#)

### **Food Prize Laureates Urge U.S.: Invest in World's Poor Farmers**

It's a tough time to persuade lawmakers to spend tax money on poor people overseas, what with a soaring deficit, a sluggish economy and the rise of the anti-government tea party movement, according to Phillip Brasher.

[Des Moines Register](#)

### **CD History: Country Life Commission Website Additions**

Three additional items have been added to the website commemorating the centennial of Theodore Roosevelt's Country Life Commission at the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA), Western Illinois University.

**Gene Wunderlich's ["Two Essays on Country Life in 20th Century America"](#)**

**Charles Galpin's ["The Social Anatomy of a Rural Community"](#)**

### **Green Revolution: A History**

The essence of the Green Revolution was developing fertilizer-responsive varieties of wheat and rice that would increase national yields of these basic cereals.

[The Encyclopedia of Earth](#)

### **"Deep Poverty" Nationwide**

Arloc Sherman, Senior Researcher in the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities' Welfare Reform and Income Support Division, discusses "deep poverty" and how it affects families.

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### **Website Answers Questions for Timberland Owners**

USDA's Forest Service has established a website to help, . Timberland owners, as well as accountants, attorneys, consulting foresters and other professionals who work with timberland owners, may find the site useful for information on the tax treatment of

timber-related activities.

[Timbertax.org](http://Timbertax.org)

**Digital Divide Decreasing**

The Commerce Department has released a report titled "Exploring the Digital Nation: Home Broadband Internet Adoption in the United States."

[Read the Report](#)

**Dealing with the Continuing Foreclosure Crisis**

Foreclosure mediation achieves two things simultaneously. It is the last line in foreclosure prevention where all the parties can settle upon a loan modification that is both sustainable for the homeowner and nets the mortgage servicing company greater value than it can expect from selling the home in foreclosure.

[Center for American Progress](#)

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](mailto: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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