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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](#)

There are definite signs that the economy has turned around but, as we all know, the recovery will be slower than usual. That scenario challenges those of us who practice community and economic development to promote local business expansions, improve quality of life, and in other ways improve our communities.

If there is a bright spot in the current economic situation, it is that our services, as community developers, are needed now more than ever. We have an opportunity to make a substantial difference in the future of our communities by applying CDS principles and best practices in innovative and creative ways.

The work of several CDS groups can help you succeed. The planned Webinars provide new insights into promising practices that you can implement. Contact Connie Loden with ideas for new programs and help us identify topics that will benefit other CDS members as well.

The Social Networking subcommittee has met for the first time and is exploring what services CDS can deliver using this media and which media might be most useful in the delivery system. If you have interest in the efforts of this committee, contact Paul Lachapelle.

[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](#)

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The CD-Practice series is underway with the next issue under review at this time. This series will provide insights into approaches that you can try in your community. Consider writing a CD-Practice on a program that has worked well for you. The copy is relatively short and you can bring recognition to your community by sharing the results. Contact Anne Silvis or Mike Dougherty about how to participate either as an author or reviewer.

Finally, plans are underway for the annual conference in Boise, ID in conjunction with the Rural Sociological Society. This conference will be a great opportunity for you to interact with many other community development practitioners and researchers in an exciting location. Watch the CDS Web site and/or contact Brent Hales to serve on the Program Planning Committee.

CDS is a *community* of practitioners and researchers. It is only as useful as we, as members, make it, so I encourage you to participate in whatever ways that help you to grow professionally. The opportunities are there!

[Norman Walzer](#)
President

News from CDS

Call for Papers: Role of Community in Economic and Natural Disaster Recovery is now available. Brent Hales, James Calvin, and Norm Walzer will edit the special issue of *Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society*. Proposals due October 30, 2010.

Call for Papers: Innovative and Creative Strategies for Community Change, with guest editors Sam Cordes of Purdue University and Norman Walzer of Northern Illinois University for a special issue of *Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society*. Proposals due November 1, 2010.

Check the [CDS Website](#) for a full description of both

calls.

CDS Social Networking Committee

Highlights from the October 11 meeting:

Initial questions posed to the group for consideration:

- What Social Networking (SN) services do we want to offer and promote?
- What long-term strategy / structure might we consider?

The discussion started with the question, "What is it we're trying to do? What are we trying to communicate? Is it a mechanism used to push or pull" (i.e. Are we disseminating info or collecting info)?

Discussion then centered on our CDS mission and the diversity and demands of the organization (i.e. that we are made up of both academics and practitioners, with differing needs for content and use characteristics from each group). Social networking would allow and promote members to be better informed, involved and integrated in the organization, and would also allow those outside the association to be able to learn about goals and objectives. There was agreement that social networking could help CDS connect with a constituency that we might not otherwise reach.

The group also discussed our existing social networking presence (including the Vanguard). After a quick glance, the group noted that the Ning site contains a great deal of spam, and there are not many legitimate postings on the forum; likewise our Facebook and Twitter presence is limited to only a few users. Further, it was noted there is little in the way of integration and consistency between our various social networking sites. We also lack a "cohesive glue" between the various social networking presences.

Action items:

Discuss and present a set of "integrated communication objectives" for the group. We will report back to the group with a series of draft recommendations to consider and comment on.

CDS "Think Tank"

At its October 4, 2010 meeting, the CDS Issues and Opportunities group evaluated the Vanguard and:

Defined the purpose:

1. Keep members informed
2. Introduce new issues
3. Promote CDS to others
4. What members are doing
5. Bring people to the website

Established two short-run priorities:

1. Increased frequency - At least monthly using the regular schedule, but use "Vanguard Extra" format as needed and to pique interest
2. Make it easier for people to send items in for publication
 - a. A call submissions by categories

A longer-run priority is to develop a template for the *Vanguard*:

- E Format accessibility/Readability - Clean - What's it going to look like?
- Possibility of a blog format
- Links : How it fits into CDS communications, website, product line, and social networking

CDS International Committee

Highlights from the October 4 meeting:

- Potential activities
 - Putting together the international presentations on the website
 - Putting some of those presentations together in an international journal issue
 - Working on getting more people to publish in the journal from all over the world, especially international authors
 - Transnational perspectives on community development, how it works overseas, and how it has been influenced by US policies
 - Influence of Chinese development monies and policies
 - Policy discussion about community development in a global perspective in a web-based format or in the Vanguard
- Important to think about how we build our network, given the huge number of organizations. Invite representatives from other

organizations to write for the journal or for the Vanguard or CD Practice.

Conferences and Meetings

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City CD Speaker

On October 21, The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Community Development Speaker Series features author and money coach Olivia Mellan, who will share her experiences and techniques in helping individuals and families move toward money harmony and how the psychology of money influences behaviors.

[More Information](#)

The 8th Annual Manitoba CD/CED Gathering

October 22, Canada's largest annual CED learning event Cultivating Cooperation: the 8th Annual Manitoba CD/CED Gathering.

[To Register](#)

The 140 Characters Conference: Small Town

Hutchinson, KS, November 1

[More Information](#)

University Economic Development Association

Reno, NV, November 7-9

[More Information](#)

University of Wisconsin Extension Basic Economic Development Course

Nov 8-11, 2010, Madison, WI

[More Information](#)

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Conference on Midwest Agriculture and Rural Development

Chicago, IL, November 9, 2010. The conference will explore perspectives on the role that Midwest agriculture can play in rural development. A particular focus of the conference will be the entrepreneurial nature of agriculture.

[More Information](#)

International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal Conference

London, UK, November 17-18, 2010.

[More Information](#)

Diverse Roots of Belonging Conference

November 20 - 21, Edinburgh. The Transition Diverse Roots of Belonging conference invites you to come and share your work, explore where you come from and where you belong, and learn about other ways to connect with people in your own community and beyond.

[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](#)

Grant Opportunities

[Department of Housing and Urban Development: Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: Planning and Implementation Grants](#)

Application deadline: October 26, 2010

[Department of Housing and Urban Development: Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages](#)

Application deadline: October 27, 2010

[Institute of Museum and Library Services: Museums for America](#)

Application deadline: November 1, 2010

[Department of Health and Human Services: Rural Health Network Development Grant Program](#)

Application deadline: November 12, 2010

[Department of Housing and Urban Development: Asthma Interventions in Public and Assisted Multifamily Housing](#)

Application deadline: November 16, 2010

[Department of Agriculture: Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program](#)

Application deadline: November 17, 2010

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

CDS UpFront

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Revived Civic Life for NOLA's Neighborhoods

The top-down attempt to shrink the city galvanized an enraged citizenry into a level of civic involvement that did not exist before the storms, by Roberta Brandes Gratz.

[The New York Times](#)

Silos of Small Beer

This major report on regional innovation clusters gives a detailed case study of technology innovation in a key Midwestern regional economy anchored in Cleveland and Pittsburgh and identifies areas for improved federal engagement.

[Center for American Progress](#)

New Report Measures Civic Engagement in America

The Corporation for National and Community Service and National Conference on Citizenship report found that nearly 1.6 million more Americans served their communities in 2009 than the year before - the biggest jump in volunteering since 2003.

[More Information](#)

Economic Development in Underserved Communities

A national conference at the Kansas City Fed brought together the latest research and practice for discussion and collaboration.

[More Information](#)

Farming, Finance and the Global Marketplace

More than 180 agricultural business and finance leaders examined agriculture's potential at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's

symposium,
[The Main Street Economist](#)
[Resources from the Symposium](#)

Obama Calls Community Colleges 'Key to the Future'

Community colleges are crucial to assuring that America has the highly skilled workforce needed in the global competition for jobs, President Obama told attendees at the White House Summit on Community Colleges.

[More Information](#)

Rural Renewal on Reservations

Affordable eco-friendly housing projects spark hope in America's poorest communities, according to Jamie Folsom.

[Daily Yonder](#)

Local Food Boom Should Yield Rural Fruit

Agrarianism is newly popular among urbanites, and with good reason. The trend may bear big benefits in small towns, too, according to Timothy Collins.

[Daily Yonder](#)

Rural Outsourcing Brings Tech Jobs Back to America

Companies large and small can find qualified tech workers in rural America, or in smaller college towns and pay them less than what they'd make in a big city

[Business News Daily](#)

Support Groups for Hard Times

How can Transition Towns and Common Security Clubs help us navigate a changing economy and environment? By Chuck Collins.

[Yes!](#)

Most States Still Facing Iffy Fiscal Conditions

In the wake of the recession, most states will continue to struggle to find the revenue needed to support critical public services for a number of years, threatening hundreds of thousands of jobs, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

[Read the Report](#)

Proposed Program Cuts in 2012 Farm Bill

On September 29, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) released a new report, "Previewing the Next Farm Bill: Unfunded and Early-Expiring Provisions," which details the 37 programs that likely will lose their baseline funding in the 2012 farm bill cycle.

[Read the Report](#)

Rural Iowa Schools Consolidating

Declining enrollment and economic difficulties are driving school mergers.

[Des Moines Register](#)

Canadian Poverty Report Released

This month marks the release of a comprehensive study and evaluation of *Vibrant Communities*, the national collaborative effort from Tamarack spanning 12 Canadian cities engaged in community-wide efforts to reduce poverty.

[Read the Report](#)

Mississippi Stakes a Path to the Benefits of Energy Efficiency

The Mississippi Public Service Commission has solicited input from the state's public and investor-owned utilities, environmental groups and other stakeholders through a collaborative process to

develop recommendations that can guide the regulatory body in the creation of policy tools that lower energy bills for consumers and improve the competitiveness of businesses.

[Read More](#)

Community Approach to Transition toward Sustainability

The Transition Network is sharing ongoing work in developing a patterns-based model of transition that will form the centre piece of the second version of the Transition Handbook for sustainability. The website, a directory of patterns, will evolve and grow as new patterns are added, edited and refined. It will be from this directory that the final version of the book will be drawn.

[More Information](#)

CDS Resources

New Environmental Journal Launched

The Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) is launching a new Journal early in 2011, the Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences (JESS).

[More Information](#)

Microloans for Small and Rural Businesses

Small and rural businesses will have access to more than \$3.7 million in loans from Community Development Financial Institutions.

[Wall Street Journal](#)

Routledge

A list current of community development titles.

[More Information](#)

Tamarack

The *Seeking Community* website is an online community for those who share

a curiosity for community and are seeking a space to explore and reflect on how it can be strengthened.

[More Information](#)

Cascade Land Conservancy

Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC) is empowering residents to be part of land use discussions and decisions through its Community Stewards Program.

[More Information](#)

Urban Land Institute

New publication: *Conservation Communities: Creating Value with Nature, Open Space, and Agriculture* by Edward T. McMahon.

[More Information](#)

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

New Book: *Inclusionary Housing in International Perspective: Affordable Housing, Social Inclusion, and Land Value Recapture.*

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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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