



# SHOW-ME CHAPTER

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

## ALTERNATIVE FUELS TOPIC OF FALL FORUM: BY KIM WORTH

The Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is once again sponsoring the annual Fall Forum, Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at Powell Gardens (between Kansas City and Warrensburg).

The Fall Forum is typically a one-day meeting with some combination of speakers and panel discussions, as this year's meeting will also be. The topic for this year is "Powering Missouri: Renewable Energy and Alternative Fuels".

Speakers will be addressing issues related to wind power, switchgrass use in coal-fired power plants, ethanol, biodiesel, and related policy issues. The presenters represent the City of Odessa, DNR's Energy Center, Chariton Valley (Iowa) RC&D, the Missouri corn and soybean industries, power plants, seed companies, FAPRI, and several others.

Early registration, for SWCS members, is \$18 prior to September 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost of early registration covers the meeting, a boxed lunch, and access to the gardens before/after the meeting and during breaks.

Contact Kim Worth at [kim.worth@mo.usda.gov](mailto:kim.worth@mo.usda.gov) or 660-663-3703 x7 to register, or visit [www.swcs.missouri.edu](http://www.swcs.missouri.edu) for more information and the registration form. The registration form is also available in this newsletter on the back page.



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#### Special points of interest:

- \* Fall Forum registration form is available on the last page.
- \* Page 3 has information about improving the look of our current web site.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS BY RON REDDEN

The August membership indicates that we now stand at 218 members.

The 218 includes the 2006 Envirothon students.

Membership numbers by area are: NW - 27, NE - 39, C - 80, SW - 51, and SE - 21.

New members include Kristen Lloyd, Sam Fok, Danielle Zempel, Victoria Choe, and Morgan Weir. Victoria is from Maryland Heights and the other four are from St. Louis.

**Become a Show-Me Chapter Officer or Area Councilperson!** What does it involve? Check out the officer job descriptions at <http://www.swcs.missouri.edu/jobdesc.htm> If you are interested, contact your Area Director, Area Councilperson, or Tammy Teeter, Nominations and Election Committee, by October 12, 2006.

## FALL FORUM HISTORY

- 2006 "Powering Missouri: Renewable Energy and Alternative Fuels", Kingsville
- 2005 "Phosphorus-Based Nutrient Management", Jefferson City
- 2004 "Community Planning – Challenges and Rewards", Columbia
- 2003 "Sand and Gravel Mining in Missouri", Jefferson City
- 2002 "Wetlands in Missouri: Challenges, Problems or Opportunities?", Jefferson City
- 2001 "Whose River Is It? Concerns and Issues on the Proposed Flood Regime of the Missouri River", Jefferson City
- 2000 "Land Use Planning... The Public and Private Viewpoints", St. Peters
- 1999 "Nutrient Management Plans – Friend or Foe", Jefferson City
- 1998 "Livestock and Streams: Compatible or Catastrophic", southwest Missouri
- 1997 "Urban Development: Environmental & Economic Impacts"
- 1996 "Missouri's On-Site Sewage System Law", Jefferson City
- 1995 "Environmental Impacts of Large vs. Small Swine Farms," Moberly
- 1993 "Property Rights versus Society's Needs"

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY RENEE COOK

The SWCS Annual Conference in Keystone, CO was very informative and I enjoyed the scenic beauty of the mountains. The Show-Me Chapter was well represented with 15 members including Kim Worth, Diane Bradley, Tom DeWitt, Ron Redden, Bob Broz, Shannon Brown, Ken Bruene, Marc Vanacht, Claire Baffaut, Tabitha Madzura, Clark Gantzer, Newell Kitchen, John Sadler, Ann Robinson, and myself. Members of our chapter made formal presentations and presented a poster.

I gave a presentation at the Leadership Development Workshop on the Missouri Natural Resources Conference (MNRC). The presentation focused on the success of the MNRC due to our partnership with the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, the Missouri Chapter of the Wildlife Society, and the Missouri Society of American Foresters. In addition, I shared the conference planning process, funding/budgeting, and attendance. The workshop participants and individuals, that heard through the grapevine, were very interested in the presentation especially after seeing or hearing about the attendance and the money we have generated. The Illinois Chapter is the first one that is going to follow our lead and hold a conference in 2007.

Kim Worth and I attended the West North Central Region Roundtable and gave an update on our chapter activities during the last year. Again, those present that did not attend the Leadership Development Workshop were interested in hearing more about the MNRC. We also attended the Awards Banquet. The Show-Me Chapter received an Outstanding Chapter Award in recognition of accomplishments during 2005 in overall programming to carry out goals and objectives of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. It is always exciting when the chapter is recognized at the national level.

The House of Delegates Meeting was informative. The Show-Me Chapter resubmitted a resolution from last year "Creating a New Membership Option". It recommended that the SWCS research and consider creating a membership option that does not include receiving the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation and for it to be at a lower rate. The Chapter was informed after resubmitting the resolution that there is a \$35.00 contributor option (not including the Journal) that is available but not publicized. I discussed this with the Executive Council prior to attending the House of Delegates Meeting and it was decided to withdraw the resolution from the floor and explore the contributor option. This will be communicated further to the chapter membership through a group email.

Attending the SWCS Conference was a great opportunity and I hope many of you consider attending the conference in Florida next year. The conference will have some changes in 2007. There will not be any special activities for spouses and youth.



Craig Cox, SWCS Executive Director presents Renee Cook, President, with the Outstanding Chapter Award.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Forum, Tuesday, **September 26, 2006** at Powell Gardens (between Kansas City and Warrensburg).

**October 11-13, 2006** Westin Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.—“Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality” Conference.

The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesday, **October 17, 2006** in the USDA Service Center Conference Room, Boonville, MO.

Missouri Natural Resources Conference **January 31 - February 2, 2007**

The theme is “Conserving All Natural Resources: Implementing the Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy”.

For more info visit the web site at [www.mnrc.org](http://www.mnrc.org).

## REVAMP OF WEBSITE PENDING BY KIM WORTH

The Show-Me Chapter website was launched in 1998 by Bob Ball and Chris Fulcher, with CARES. It is maintained, free-of-charge, on server space at CARES (Center for Agricultural, Resource and Environmental Systems at the University of Missouri – Columbia) and is updated by volunteer webmasters who are Show-Me SWCS members. The website has been maintained by webmasters Bob Ball, Ron Ziehm, and Kim Worth over the years, with technical assistance from Chris Fulcher, Bryan Mayhan, Stan Wood, and others at CARES.

The site has served the Chapter well as a method to convey information, and other chapters look to it as an example website. You can access budgets, minutes, the membership directory, photo albums, event schedules, the Long Range Plan, newsletters, job descriptions, and much more via the Chapter website.

In the near future, the Executive Council, and webmaster Kim Worth, will be working with CARES to give the website a face-lift. Priorities in the website rework have not been finalized, but some of the “biggies” include a more professional looking site (especially the homepage), a consistent color theme throughout the site, and a more functional and comprehensive table of contents.

If you have comments as to what changes you would like to see made, parts of the website that are particularly valuable to you, features that would be helpful, or anything else, please contact Kim Worth at [kim.worth@mo.usda.gov](mailto:kim.worth@mo.usda.gov) or 660-663-3703 x7.



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FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
STRENGTHENING THE SCIENCE BASE

October 11-13  
Kansas City,  
Missouri

The primary objective of this workshop is to bring together individuals in the technical and scientific communities who are working to quantify the environmental benefits of conservation practices on agricultural land at landscape and watershed scales. Environmental benefits include soil, water, and air quality; water conservation; and aquatic and terrestrial habitats.

The workshop will be multidisciplinary, involving agronomists, soil scientists, biologists, ecologists, hydrologists, economists, sociologists, engineers, and others working to improve our ability to quantify the effects of conservation practices on soil, water, air, and habitats at landscape or watershed scales.

Participants will share their research findings and lessons learned and discuss key issues regarding work at landscape or watershed scales.

Secondary, but critical, objectives of the workshop will be to (1) expose the scientific community to needs and expectations of practitioners and policymakers struggling to account for the environmental benefits of projects intended to enhance soil, water, air, and habitats at landscape or watershed scales and (2) characterize the implications for policy and practice

from what research results have shown at landscape or watershed scales.

The first of these secondary objectives will be accomplished through two plenary sessions and associated discussions during the workshop. The other secondary objective will be accomplished through analysis of the papers presented and discussions held during the workshop.

The early registration deadline for the “Managing Agricultural Landscapes” workshop is September 29th. Save \$50 by registering early! Online registration is available at: [www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org)

More than 300 attendees are anticipated, so don't delay in reserving your room at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City. The Westin has reserved a block of rooms for the workshop—listed as “Soil and Water Conservation Society CEAP Workshop”—at a rate of \$91 per night, plus tax. That rate is within the federal per diem for 2006.

Hotel room reservations must be made by September 11, 2006. Make sure you register soon, as after that date, space availability at the hotel will determine whether any rooms can be reserved, and the special workshop room rate will no longer apply.

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**Fall Forum Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation-SWCS Member/Non-member \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Selection (circle) 1) Turkey and Cheddar on croissant      2) Ham and Swiss on croissant  
3) Chicken Salad on croissant    All picnic lunches come with chips, a cookie, and a drink.

**Registration Fee:** Prior to September 19th, lunch provided- \$18 for SWCS members \$20 for non-members—After September 19th - \$25.00 for everyone, without lunch provided.

Seating Limited – Register Early

**Checks should be made out to:** Show-Me Chapter, SWCS

**Please mail registration to:** Attn: Kim Worth USDA Service Center – MLRA Office, 209 Ash Street, Gallatin, MO 64640-1185

Questions - Contact Kim Worth at 660-663-3703 Ext. 7 or e-mail her at [kim.worth@mo.usda.gov](mailto:kim.worth@mo.usda.gov)

Powell Gardens is about 30 miles east of Kansas City on U.S. Highway 50.

**From South Kansas City and Johnson County, Kansas** Take 435 East to 470 East to Highway 50 East in Lee's Summit. Powell Gardens is 20 miles east of Lee's Summit. The entrance is on the left (north) side of Highway 50. Approximate drive time from State Line Road is 30 minutes. **From downtown Kansas City** Take Interstate 70 east toward St. Louis. Exit at Bates City. Take Highway Z south 13 miles to Highway 50. Turn left on Highway 50. Travel one mile; the Gardens' entrance is on the left (north) side of Highway 50. Approximate drive time from downtown Kansas City is 50 minutes. **From Sedalia, and other points east of Powell Gardens** Take Highway 50 west toward Kansas City. Powell Gardens is 20 miles west of Warrensburg. The entrance is on the right (north) side of Highway 50. Approximate drive time from Sedalia is 50 minutes.

## 2007 SWCS SCHOLARSHIPS

**Objective:** The SWCS Scholarships provide financial assistance to students wishing to pursue studies with a natural resource conservation orientation at properly accredited colleges or universities.

**Amount:** **NEW for 2007!** One \$2,000 First Place scholarship and one \$1000 Second Place scholarship will be awarded. Scholarship recipients also receive a complimentary one-year membership in SWCS and the local chapter. This is an increase in the amount of both scholarships for 2007!

**Eligibility:** This scholarship is for students who attended high school in Missouri. The student need not be an SWCS member. Applicants must be in

their senior year of high school, or in a full-time undergraduate academic study. For more information about eligibility requirements, please see the web site.

**Applications:** Applications for 2006-2007 scholarships must be **postmarked by November 27, 2006**. The scholarship application form is available on the Missouri Show-Me Chapter SWCS web site home page (<http://swcs.missouri.edu>) or by contacting Beverly Maltsberger, Buchanan County Extension Center 4125 Mitchell Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64507, phone (816) 279-1691 email: [maltsbergerb@missouri.edu](mailto:maltsbergerb@missouri.edu).