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AGENDA

Urban, Rural & Indigenous Agroforestry in the Southwest – Let's Network!

SWAAN's 3rd Annual Conference

July 11 - 13, 2023

Green Farm Barn, Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms
8500 W. Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, CO 80128

Registration Live and Virtual Options: <https://www.aztrees.org/event-5115830>

Continuing education credits for July 11 presentations:

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- **International Society of Arboriculture** *pending*

Continuing education credits for July 12 presentations

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Tuesday, July 11, Presentations¹

8:00 - 8:30 **Registration, IT, Networking, Check-in with virtual participants, Continuing Education Credits**

Bev Babb, Virtual Host, Executive Director, Arizona Community Tree Council

Amie Perea, Membership, Education and Grants Coordinator, Arizona Community Tree Council

Morning Moderator: Dana Coelho, Urban & Community Forester Program Manager, Colorado State Forest Service

8:30 am – 10:00 am - Networks – Support Communities

8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome to Conference**

- **Clint Evans**, State Conservationist, Colorado, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- **Matthew M. McCombs**, State Forester and Director, Colorado State Forest Service

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8:45 – 9:15 ***Urban Agroforestry & EQIP - An Opportunity To Explore!***

- **Susan Stein**, USDA NRCS/ACES Agroforestry Specialist, Washington, D.C.

9:15 – 10:00 ***Growing Urban Agriculture Partnerships-Technical Assistance Guide & Regenerate Wheat Ridge***

- **Susan Bennett**, Environmental Interpreter, Parks and Recreation, City of Wheat Ridge, CO, in partnership with Jefferson County Conservation District

10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK**

10:15 – Noon – Networks – Urban & Indigenous Communities

10:15 – 11:00 ***Urban Agroforestry - The Etkin Family Food Forest Initiative, DUG***

- **Creighton Hofeditz**, Director of Permaculture and Perennials, Denver Urban Gardens, Denver, CO

11:00 – 11:45 ***SW Tribal Agroforestry Outreach Project***

- **James Calabaza**, Indigenous Lands Program Director, Trees, Water & People, Fort Collins, CO

11:45 – 12:00 ***Closing thoughts from our morning session***

- **Dr. James Allen**, Professor, School of Forestry, College of the Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ; and **Anne S. Marsh**, PhD, Director, National Agroforestry Center, U.S.D.A. Forest Service

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH AND NETWORKING (Lunch is provided)

Afternoon Moderator: Steven J. Price, Utah State Extension Assistant Professor, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and 4H, Price, UT

1:00 – 3:15p Networks – Peri-urban, Rural Communities

1:00 – 1:45 ***Cedar Springs Farm***

- **Jake Takiff**, Owner, Cedar Springs Farm, Hotchkiss, CO

1:45 – 2:30 ***Drylands Agroecology Research - Dryland Agroforestry for the Arid West***

- **Amy Scanes-Wolfe**, Director of Research & Community Outreach (DAR)

2:30 – 3:00 BREAK

3:00 pm – 4:45 pm - Networks – Getting Started!

3:00 – 3:45 ***Soil Health – How To's for Yard and Field!***

- **Rutger Myers**, Soil Health Technician, Chatfield Farms, Denver Botanic Gardens, Littleton, CO

3:45 – 4:30 ***Landscape Edible Garden Design 101 & Colorado Springs Neighborhood Community Project***

- **Kelly Bull**, Horticulturalist and Educator, Permaculture Design, Colorado Springs, CO

4:30 – 4:45 ***Closing thoughts from our afternoon session***

- **Christopher Jones**, Extension Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources Programs, University of Arizona, Gila County Cooperative Extension, AZ, and **Diomides “Diomy” S. Zamora, PhD**, National Program

Leader for Forest Resources Management, Environmental Systems Division, Institute of Bioenergy, Climate and Environment, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm – Logistics/Announcements

4:45 – 5:00 Preparation/logistics for Field Tour/Location to meet/Q&A.

6:00 – 8:00 Group dinner, Location TBD

See You Tomorrow for the Field Tour!

Wednesday, July 12, Field tour²

(Meet at 8:00 am at Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Parking Lot)

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

8:00 – 9:00 ***Chatfield Farms, DBG - Regenerative Agriculture, Agroforestry, the Community Supported Agriculture Program (CSA), the Urban Food Initiatives, Educational Program for Veterans – and More!***

- **Josie Hart**, Associate Director of Farm Programs, and **Erik Geyer**, Chatfield Farms, DBG – Assistant Manager of Natural Areas and Arboriculture, Littleton, CO

10:00 – 12:00 ***Tour Yellow Barn Farm, the 100-acre scaled demonstration site for Drylands Agroecology Research. Learn how this non-profit organization is using dryland agroforestry as a model for reversing desertification, sequestering carbon, and building biodiverse agro-ecosystems in Boulder County.***

- **Nick DiDomenico**, Co-Executive Director, DAR, and **Azuraye Wycoff**, Owner, Yellow Barn Farm & Operations Director, DAR, Longmont, CO

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

2:00 – 3:00 ***DUG's Volunteer Tree Keepers and Community Food Forest Management***

- **Creighton Hofeditz**, Barnum Community Orchard, Denver Urban Gardens, Denver, CO

Return to Chatfield Farms Green Farm Barn Parking Lot.

4:00 – 5:00

Enjoy/explore the Chatfield Farms, DBG, Littleton, CO

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Thursday, July 13, SWAAN Business Meeting

Physical location: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Polly Steele Center (next to Green Farm Barn).

9:00 – 12:00

Meeting will be facilitated by Donna Davis (Chair) and Andy Mason (Secretary). A virtual meeting link will be established to allow people to participate remotely. All conference participants are invited to attend in-person or remotely. Topics include:

- 2023 quarterly programs and grant programs
- 2024 in-person conference meeting - Arizona
- SWAAN leadership – incoming Chair, Chris Jones
- Guests (NAC) – Programs of interest

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