

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Inland Empire Chapter *Fall 2006*



FALL MEETING

Friday, November 3, 2006

More Conservation in Southeastern Washington

Walla Walla BPO Elks Lodge
351 E. Rose St., Walla Walla, WA 99362
Phone: (509) 525-2901

Web Site: <http://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=287>

- 9:30 A.M. Registration.....Esther Patterson, Chapter Treasurer
- 9:30 A.M. Welcome.....Larry Hooker, Southeast Washington Director
- 9:35 A.M. SWCS Chapter Business MeetingGeorgie Leinweber, Chapter President
- 10:15 A.M. Walla Walla County Conservation District Activities ...Rick Jones, WWCCD Manager
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 12:30 P.M. Walla Walla Conservation District Tour.....Rick Jones, WWCCD Manager
- 3:00 P.M. Closing Discussion.....Georgie Leinweber, Chapter President
- 3:15 P.M. Adjourn

Directions to Walla Walla BPO Elks Lodge

From Hwy 12, take the Second St. Exit. Travel southeast to the second traffic light at Rose St. Turn left and travel northeast to the second traffic light at N. Palouse St. The Elks Lodge is on the left between Palouse St. and Tukannon St.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I have decided that I have no favorite season or if I do it is the next season as I always look forward to the change. This year my garden was so prolific I was really looking forward to fall and frost. Come January I will be pouring through seed catalogs again, preparing to plant another garden.

As the season changes to fall, we look forward to our fall SWCS meeting in Walla Walla. Larry Hooker, Don McCool and Steve Rolph have put together a great agenda. This is a great time to learn something new and network with some great people. We hope you can pull away from your busy schedules for just one day to attend the fall meeting.

Our past U. S. President Clinton had a don't ask don't tell policy. As president of IESWCS I'm asking all of you to have a do ask and do tell policy. Please tell the society's message to new employees, educators, and industry persons, and please ask them to attend this fall's meeting. Walla Walla will be a great place to bring prospective members and friends.

Georgie Leinweber, Inland Empire Chapter President

Attention Members!!

At the Fall meeting, members will make nominations for the 2007 chapter election. Positions available this year include Vice-President, Secretary, South Idaho Panhandle Director, and Northeast Washington Director. We certainly have many members who would make great candidates for all of these positions.

We distribute the newsletter by email. If you received this newsletter by mail it was because we don't have your email address. Please send your email address to Ann Swannack at ann.swannack@wa.usda.gov. If you do not have email, we will continue to mail it to you.



2006 International Conference - Keystone, CO: "Got Oxygen?"

By Shelly Lassiter

Not only was the site of the 61st Annual SWCS conference spectacular, it also took your breath away! Literally. In a ski resort valley, at 10,200 feet, Keystone takes a little getting used to. For the first day or two, conference goers, young and older alike, felt and looked a little like guppies - tired, and gasping for air.

As the only chapter member who made the trip, I will just try to 'hit the highlights' of 6 great days in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

On Saturday July 22, the Leadership Development Workshop was very well attended by incoming chapter vice-presidents and other chapter representatives. The workshop focus was to raise the awareness of the tools available to chapter leaders, ways to help them function better as leaders and to present chapter success stories. These tools were designed to help increase membership activity and funding through providing Continuing Education Credits at meetings and workshops.

The House of Delegates representatives met on Sunday. Society delegates came together to discuss important environmental management issues in the upcoming year. Later that day, the Welcome Reception started the conference rolling, featuring Keystone pioneers Max and Edna Dercum. Poster presentations, exhibit booths and the silent auction were great backdrops for renewing member friendships and networking.

Monday's keynote address was given by the Honorable Judge Gregory J. Hobbs. Judge Hobbs serves on the

Colorado Supreme Court and has a wealth of knowledge on water use law, the environment, and land-use. He spoke about the scarcity of water in the West and gave a great overview of the different issues that are at play on the subject. He explained the early doctrines that govern water in Colorado-senior/junior rights. Also, the fact that 80 percent of the water that falls on Colorado is in the west two-thirds of the state, but in the east third, is where 80 percent of the people live.

The remainder of Monday and again on Tuesday there were over 70 presentations made each day highlighting current environmental issues around the world. On Wednesday, everyone headed outdoors to participate in one of five technical tours. The main focus was on water issues in the West - reclamation, restoration, managing and mitigating.

These annual conferences are exciting to attend. It is unbelievable how many meetings and presentations are jammed into five days. The knowledge, experience and dedication of our members create their own energy from within, which is truly refreshing. SWCS really is a great organization which is doing great things for conservation.

I would ask you all to consider attending the annual conference. If that isn't an option for you at this particular time, then make a conscious effort to get more involved our local chapter activities. We are all short on time and long on reasons why not to participate in chapter activities, but it will be time well spent and there truly is an 'energy' that comes from good people doing good things for the land. Become more active - you will be glad you did.

Fall Meeting Registration
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Name: _____ Representing: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Advanced Registration by Friday October 27, 2005 - \$15.00 SWCS members, \$20.00 non-members
At the Door - \$20.00 SWCS members, \$25.00 non-members

For "**new**" memberships received at the door (\$75.00), the registration fee will be waived

Registration includes payment for a luncheon buffet.

No refunds will be issued after October 31, 2006.

Send registration form and check payable to:

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