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78th SWCS International Annual Conference

SWCS would like to extend our most sincere thank you to the sponsors, exhibitors, presenters, session organizers, volunteers, and participants who made the 78th SWCS International Annual Conference a success! A tremendous amount of time and energy goes into planning behind the scenes to make this conference possible. We truly could not have brought our participants such a quality program without the help of all involved.

The 2023 Annual Conference brought together over 720 conservationists, representing 5 countries and 47 states. The conference program included 3 workshops, 167 oral presentations and symposia, 76 poster presentations, and 3 tours. This year's specialty topics included Cultivating Conservation Technical Assistance, Community, and Networks; Climate-Smart Agriculture; and Edge-of-Field Practices and Monitoring.

Keep an eye out as details regarding the 79th SWCS International Annual Conference will be released in the coming months!

View conference photos on the [SWCS Flickr](#).



78th SWCS INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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AUGUST 6-9, 2023

Photo Contest Winners Announced

Attendees of the 78th SWCS International Annual Conference had the opportunity to vote in the 8th SWCS Annual Photo Contest. The 2023 People's Choice winner was Darren Neville, with his sunflower/bee photo taken in Perham, Minnesota! You can see Darren's winning photo on the cover of the upcoming September/October issue of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*.

The 2023 "Healthy Land, Clean Water" winner, chosen by a panel of judges, was DeAnn Presley, with her cover crop photo taken in Westmoreland, Kansas. Congratulations to Darren and DeAnn!

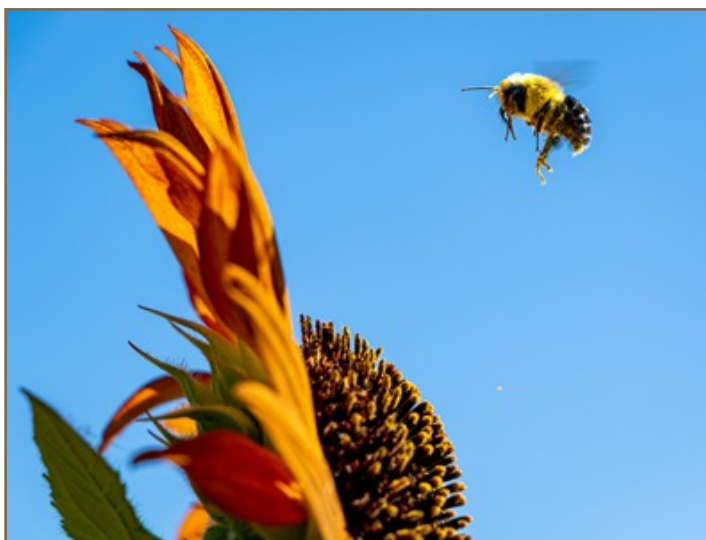


Photo by Darren Neville.



Photo by DeAnn Presley.

Conservation Professionals Week

Last month, SWCS kicked off the very first Conservation Professionals Week, and we had so much fun engaging with you and lifting up conservation professionals! Throughout the week, we had the opportunity to spotlight six amazing SWCS members and three SWCS Chapters that are doing fantastic conservation work in their area. If you missed it, check out our [Facebook](#) and [Linked In](#) to learn more.

Although the week is over, that doesn't mean we will stop sharing the love and support of conservationists. At SWCS, we strive to continually lift up and support conservationists in any way we can because you simply just ROCK! A huge thank you to everyone who engaged and participated throughout the week.

We would love to hear your feedback on the week. What went well? Do you have any ideas for the future? Email Emma Harper at emma.harper@swcs.org with your thoughts and suggestions.



NACD Funding Opportunity

Our partner, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), recently received a USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Grant, and they are using this funding to support locally led conservation projects across the United States and territories. NACD is seeking projects that foster private-public partnerships; scale implementation of climate-smart practices; advance measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification (MMRV); and support producer participation in resulting markets. NACD has announced a call for concept papers, launching the first phase of this \$90 million program. Any interested entity, public or private, is eligible to apply. **Initial concept papers are due by October 13, 2023.**

To learn more about the call for concept papers and available grant funding, visit their [website](#).

September/October Issue of the Journal is Available Now



The latest issue of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* is out now and is jam-packed with the latest research in natural resource conservation. In this issue feature article of the A Section, [Rattan Lal](#) discusses how soil and ecological degradation are having significant adverse effects on the community well-being and environment of the South Asian region. As for

research articles, this issue covers climate change, farmer conservation adoption barriers, soil erosion in forests, and more. [Ugadhaya et al.](#) look at the adoption rate of the 4R Plus movement in Iowa and the farmer barriers at the individual and county levels. In Central Arizona, [McGreal and Colby](#) dig into farmers' water use decisions using climate, economic, and remote-sensed land cover data. In the water quality space, [Horton et al.](#) evaluate how specific operational features (skid trails, stream crossings, etc.) of mechanized forest harvesting affect soil erosion. [Wang et al.](#) worked to fill a gap in research on the leading causes of gully erosion in Mollisols in northeastern China.

You can learn about these studies and more in the [online version](#) of the September/October issue now (print copies should be in mailboxes soon). Check it out today!

Start an SWCS Student Organization!

Are you ready to make a difference and start an environmental club at your school? We are thrilled to offer guidance on events and activities through SWCS student organizations!



View the [Starting an SWCS Student Chapter](#) event recording to learn more about the *2023-2024 Student Chapter and Affiliate Organization Guide* and how you can benefit from being a part of a student organization.

Are you already a member of a club on your campus that aligns with SWCS's goals? We now have

an official affiliation program so you can benefit from SWCS opportunities while maintaining your current organization.

In preparation for the upcoming semester, SWCS has also updated our [resources for students and early career professionals!](#) In addition to the guide, explore:

- Virtual Events
- Student Governance Tools
- Benefits for Advisors
- Career Guidance
- Leadership Opportunities
- Scholarships...and more!

Upcoming Webinar Series

SWCS hosts several educational webinar series, all of which are free or exclusive to members. [Learn more.](#)

Season 2 of the **Student Professional Development Series** kicks off Wednesday, September 20, at 4 p.m. CT with Session 5: Time Management. Join leading experts in natural resources, conservation, agriculture, and related STEM sciences as they share insights to help you develop your career. [Learn more and register.](#)

The next session of the **Conservation Matters** webinar series is Thursday, September 28, at 12 p.m. CT. In this webinar, presented by the SWCS Science and Policy Committee, we will explore investing in people to improve watersheds. [Register online](#) and share this opportunity with interested colleagues!

Upcoming Chapter Events

[SWCS SNEC Chapter
Erosion and Sediment Control Field Day #1](#)

Westerly, RI
September 19, 2023

[Arizona Chapter Fall Meeting](#)

Virtual Event
September 20, 2023

[SWCS SNEC Chapter
Erosion and Sediment Control Field Day #2](#)

North Grafton, MA
September 27, 2023

[SWCS SNEC Chapter
Erosion and Sediment Control Field Day #3](#)

Vernon, CT
September 28, 2023

The next session of the **SWCS Members Only Book Club: A Year with Aldo Leopold** is Friday, September 29, at 12 p.m. CT. Participants will resume their discussions of Aldo Leopold's classic work, *A Sand County Almanac*. Registration details will be emailed directly to active members.

One Water Delegation

Join the Soil and Water Conservation Delegation at the One Water Summit in November, receive registration discount and curated summit experience.



SWCS, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), and the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) invite members and partners to join us as part of the Soil and Water Conservation Delegation at the 2023 One Water Summit, November 14 through September 16, 2023, in Tucson, Arizona.

The One Water Summit is an opportunity for our organizations to connect with stakeholders in the drinking and wastewater sectors about opportunities to collaborate with our members—conservation professionals, districts, and state conservation agencies—who are implementing water solutions through their work on watersheds, working and natural lands, source water protection and more.

The One Water Summit includes three days of solutions-focused conversations on how the nation can better value and manage water to foster economic prosperity, community well-being, and environmental sustainability. Thought-provoking workshops, institutes, site visits, and networking opportunities will help spark dialogue and peer exchange.

Participants of the Soil and Water Conservation Delegation will receive a discounted registration and a curated summit experience that aligns with soil and water conservation issues and opportunities. Together, through our shared summit experience, our delegation will identify and develop new strategies to tackle challenges back home.

To register as part of the delegation, follow the directions below:

1. Visit www.onewatersummit.org and go through the registration process normally.
2. Enter **Soil and Water Conservation Delegation** in the field, "If you are a member of a delegation, enter your delegation name here."
 - *NOTE: You will proceed to a screen with a rate more expensive than the delegation rate—keep going. You will not be prompted until checkout to put in the discount code.
3. At the Order Summary page, apply the discount code **DELEGATE**—this will lower the price by 20%.
4. Enter payment, then submit.

If you have any questions, please contact events@swcs.org.

New Members

Welcome members who joined in August!

International

Ratih Kemala Dewi
Rahmatullah Hashimi
Qiliang Huang
Nursanti Nursanti
Wei-Yi Tu

Alabama

Trenten Wills

Arkansas—Razorback

Nicole Gilbert
Lee Riley

Arizona

David Goodrich
Alyssa Madinger

California/Nevada

Jake Deutmeyer
Thomas Harter
Owen Hemming
Heidi Ramsey

Canada—Ontario

Stephanie Vickers

Connecticut/ Massachusetts/Rhode Island—Southern New England Chapter

Majid Moradikia
Seyed Reza Zekavat

DC—National Capital Chapter

Shelby Best
Marlee Giacometti
Rachel Seman Varner
Madelyn Smith
Justin Walker

Delaware/Maryland— Pokomoke

Kristin Fisher
Emily O'Donnell
Dylan Owen

Florida

Jehangir Bhadha

Georgia

Kennedy Mayfield Smith
Richard Roth

Iowa

Kelvin Adu Baah
Antonio Arenas
Andy Asell
Júlia Brittes Tuthill
Alex Buseman
Derek Carney

Prathyusha Cheguri
Jian Chen
Ingrid Cintura
Emery Davis
Zhushan Du
Stephanie Enloe
Betret Eustace
Sierra Geer
Mike Gilman
Kyle Godwin
Jorge Alejandro Gomez Martinez
Xuche Gong
William Gutowski
Kent Heikens
Will Hoffmann
Ana Hummes
Brandon Iddings
Laura James
Sheela Katuwal
Eduardo Luquin
Joseph McCartan
Robin McNeely
Jen Merryman
Amina Moro
Jose Munoz Sanchez
Josh Obrecht
Benjamin Porepp
Rosie Roberts
Phillip Rockson
Natalia Rogovska
Tony Rosser
Sabrina Ruis
Rebekah Veldboom
Ken Wacha
Doby Williams
Ann Wolf
Sarah Wright
Madelynn Wuestenberg

Iowa—Iowa State University Student Chapter

Olivia McCauley
Taylor Vroman

Idaho

Isis Scott

Illinois

Minerva Dorantes
Essam El Naggar
Samantha Henry
Marina Osier
John Quinn
Frank Rademacher

Indiana—Hoosier

Breegan Andersen
Ashley Hammac
Casey Olechnowicz
Hans Schmitz

Kansas

Jessica Grunberg
Krista Long
Joshua Mansfield
Adam Petty
Kraig Roozeboom

Kansas—Kansas State University Student Chapter

Ethan Sylvester

Kentucky—Bluegrass

Tony Burnett
Michael Corio
Steph Hamborsky

Louisiana

Trish Adamson
Nick Sisk

Maryland—Old Line

Cara Urban

Michigan

Radwin Askari
Leslie Warner

Minnesota

Chris Bonick
Andrea Eger
Tessa Greve
Nathan Hylla
Mark Lefebvre
Yuxin Miao
Keith Olander
Amy Robak
David Van Eeckhout

Missouri—Show Me

Rachel Bechtold
Marissa Gerritson
Kelly Nelson

North Carolina—Hugh Hammond Bennett

Mara Cloutier
April Dobbs
Jeff Porter

North Dakota

Miranda Meehan
Haley Mosqueda

Nebraska

Tauana Almeida
Grant Arps
Max Arps
Hayden Bailey
Roberta Bianchin Rebesquini
Zander Jarecki
Hallett Moomey

Aleeya Morris
Halie Nelsen
Seth Norquest
Shivendra Srivastava
Tyler Williams

New Jersey—Firman E. Bear

Laura Tessieri

New York—Empire State

Christos Galanopoulos

Ohio—All Ohio

Jakob Boehler
Jay Martin
Austin Nainiger
Jennie Pugliese
Kathryne Rumora
Jedediah Stinner

Oklahoma

Mark Micozzi
Tiandre Watts
Don Williams

Oregon

Kristin Trippe

Pennsylvania—Keystone

Bill Clouser
Jon Duncan

South Dakota

Philip Adalikwu
Mustafa Aydogdu
Colin Gholson
Umar Javed
Lena Ouandaogo

SWCS

J'Nay Domineck
Bennie Loyd
Ivo Muller
Andrea Simpson
Kyle Weimann

Texas—North Texas

Tessa Bennett
Julianna Leal
Luis Mier Valderrama
James Russell

Washington—Olympic View

Alex Ayers
Amanda Phillips

Wisconsin

Lauren Asprooth
Josh Bendorf
Ethan Davis
Andrew Hillman
Sam Korducki

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