



NDCDEA NEWS

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Achievement Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting

Greetings and Happy Holidays! The annual meeting and banquet was a success again this year. Thank you to everyone that donated auction items! We made over \$3500 on the auction and almost \$600 on the 50/50 raffle to be used towards the Tree Promotion Workshop and other trainings. Thanks to Rick Schmidt, NDSU Extension Agent from Oliver County, for auctioneering! Joel Salatin, the keynote speaker, was well received and the breakout sessions in the afternoon drew large crowds, with some really good information presented. Thank you to Abby Wick, Joe Breker, and Derrek Dukart for leading the breakout sessions.

Jay Fuhrer was presented with the NDCDEA Appreciation Award during the breakfast meeting on Tuesday morning. Jay was one of many worthy candidates nominated for this award. It is very well-deserved.

New NDCDEA Directors Elected

We would like to welcome Beth Brandt from Ward County SCD, John Keller from Cedar SCD, and Corey Bittner from West Mclean SCD to the NDCDEA board of directors. Beth is replacing Kari Beckman in Area 3, John is replacing JD Hanson in Area 4, and Corey is replacing Beth McCleary in Area 4. The NDCDEA wishes the past directors best wishes in the future and we look forward to working with Beth, John, and Corey in the years to come!

Conservation at the Capitol 2019

Conservation at the Capitol will be held on January 30th during the 2019 Legislative Session at the Heritage Center next to the capitol in Bismarck, ND. This year's event will be more of a social/mixer in the evening rather than having displays set up in the "great hall". Picture "The Catalina Wine Mixer" at the end of the movie "Stepbrothers" (yeah, nothing like that). The hope is that legislators will come because they are interested in seeing what we do, rather than going through the lunch line and running back to their respective offices. Food will be catered through the Heritage Center, and there will be a cash bar. Any staff and supervisors that are interested are encouraged to attend.

Tree Promotion Workshop

The 2019 Tree Promotion Workshop will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck on March 5th-7th, 2019. Since it was such a success last year, Agassiz Seeds will be sponsoring another social hour on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Use this as an opportunity to chat with other employees and gain some knowledge from other districts.

As a reminder, if you are an NDCDEA member, your registration fee is waived for the workshop. If you are not a member, contact Darci Gahner and she can get you a registration form.

This year's agenda is being finalized and should be out very soon!

Things to Think About...

It's time to start thinking about who you would like to nominate for the Above and Beyond Award. Last year's winner was Burleigh County SCD. More information will be coming out later this winter.

2019 Scholarship Applications can be scanned and emailed to Corey Bittner from West McLean SCD.

As always, if you have anything you would like to see as part of a workshop or individual training, please let one of your directors know.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

- *Conservation at the Capitol is January 30, 2019*
- *Above and Beyond Award-Nominations due by February 15, 2019*
- *NDCDEA Scholarship deadline is February 22, 2019*
- *Tree Promotion Workshop is March 5-7, 2019*



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