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Achievement Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

Due to another virtual annual meeting, there isn't much to report. The Achievement Award winners were honored during the virtual area meetings and the video that is typically shown at the banquet was shared. This year's Aldo Leopold award winner was also announced. The 2021 winner is Brad Sand from Sand Ranch in Ellendale, ND. His video biography is uploaded to YouTube so check it out! Congratulations Brad!

NDCDEA Scholarship

Application forms are available for the 2022 NDCDEA scholarship. The essay question is "What are some practices that can be implemented by urban residents that conserve natural resources and make fresh, healthy produce more accessible to themselves and others?" Applicants must be ND residents and plan to major in a conservation-related field while attending a North Dakota college or university in the fall of 2022. Scholarship information can be found on the NDCDEA Facebook page or by emailing ryan.thorson@nd.nacdn.net. Two winners will each receive \$1000 sent directly to their school.

New NDCDEA Directors Elected

We would like to welcome Jaci Cargo from the McKenzie County SCD, Cassidy Fairbanks from the Bowman-Slope SCD, and Matt Olson from the Wild Rice SCD to the NDCDEA board of directors. Jaci is an appointed director until being eligible for a new 2-year term in November 2022. Cassidy and Matt were elected to serve 2-year terms ending in 2023. Congratulations to all of the new directors and welcome to the NDCDEA board!

Tree Promotion Workshop

The 2022 Tree Promotion Workshop is being held March 15-17 at the Bismarck Radisson. Our keynote speaker is Don Morgan, CEO of Starion Financial. Don has worked closely with different conservation groups, and is passionate about holistic and regenerative agriculture.

Day one of the workshop will emphasize information necessary for new employees. There will be opportunities for new employees to have discussions with some "seasoned" employees in smaller groups as well. The day will conclude with a tour of Flatbed Firewood and Lumber followed by a tour and taco bar at Laughing Sun Brewery. 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 Lorinda Haman. Nomination forms have recently been sent out.

It's not too early to start thinking about 2022 Achievement Award nominees. The banquet this year will be held at the Ramkota in Bismarck once again.

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

- *Above and Beyond Award-Nominations due by February 25, 2022*
- *NDCDEA Scholarship deadline is February 25, 2022*
- *Tree Promotion Workshop is March 15-17, 2022*
- *Tentative Tree Planting and Cooler Maintenance Workshop—April 2022*



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