



# AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

November 2009

## 2010 STATE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The 66th Annual Meeting of the N.C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center on January 3-5, 2010. The accommodations will be at the Raleigh Marriott City Center at a rate of \$79 per night plus tax. To make room reservations, call 919-941-5050. For more information on registration, room reservations, etc. visit the following website: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/swc/2010annualmeeting>.

The Auxiliary meetings will cover some timely topics. Monday's presentation will be on lifestyles, nutrition and you. On Tuesday, Diane Beth will be presenting an informative program on locally grown foods. Please plan on attending these meetings — I'm sure you will enjoy the information and activities being planned.

Don't forget to come by the Registration table to renew your membership or to join. The dues are only \$5.00.

### **AUXILIARY WEBPAGE**

This is just a reminder that the Auxiliary has a webpage on the NCASWCD's website. The Auxiliary is listed as a committee and the page contains the Auxiliary constitution/by-laws, handbook, list of committee members, grant application and newsletters. Be sure to check out this site at <http://ncaswcd.org/index.htm> and on the right side of the screen choose the Committee tab and the NCASWCD Auxiliary will be listed at the bottom.

## 2009 NACD SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING

The 2009 NACD Southeast Regional Meeting was held at the Marriott Charleston in Charleston, SC on August 23-26, 2009. As President of our Auxiliary, I was able to attend the meeting and will be giving a report at our meeting in January.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (NACD) MEETING



The 2010 NACD Annual Meeting themed "Committed to Conservation" will be held in Orlando, FL on January 31— February 3, 2010 at the Hilton located in Walt Disney World. For room reservations call 1-800-445-8607 or 407-827-4000.

To register for the meeting, go to NACD's website (<http://www.nacdnet.org/>) and then go to News & Events. Early registration ends on November 20th.



## GRANTS

### QUILT NEWS

The theme for the quilt that will be raffled at the 2010 NACD meeting in Orlando is "Native Habitat". The quilt square for N.C. was completed and sent to Alice Martch in West Windsor, NJ. The square represents the native habitat of NC. A picture of the quilt square will be on display at the Annual Meeting.

Enclosed are your 10 quilt tickets for our N.C. quilt. The tickets and money will be turned in at the Auxiliary's Registration table. **Please be sure to sell all of your tickets!**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please be sure to sign up to help with the registration table and the live auction. We will need volunteers to work the registration table on Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday.

### 2009-2010 Officers

**Melinda Houser, President**

**Betty Mathews, Vice-President**

**Pat Jones, Secretary**

**Jackie Phelps, Treasurer**

**This is a reminder that the grant deadline is December 1st.** A copy of the grant application was sent to each District office on the list serve. There are a lot of teachers doing conservation projects. Please make sure to get the message out about our grant.

If you need a grant application or have any questions, please give me a call (704-435-3640). Mail applications to: **Melinda Houser, 6922 Houser Farm Rd, Vale, NC 28168.**

**We will have an Executive Committee meeting on Sunday, January 3rd to review the grant applications. The exact time and meeting room will be posted at the Auxiliary Registration table on Sunday.**



## REMINDERS

- **Hospitality Room:** We need food for the reception on Sunday afternoon and for breakfast on Monday & Tuesday mornings.
- **Auction Items:** Don't forget to bring items for the silent and big auction. ***It's important that we bring quality items for the big auction in order to bring in more money!***
- **Bags & Tissue Paper:** Please bring bags and tissue paper to put items in that are sold at the silent auction.
- **Door Prizes:** Please bring gifts for both men and women.

## AUXILIARY COMMITTEES & MEMBERS

**Auction:** Jackie Smith, Jackie Phelps, Mable Booth, Patsy Stanley, Madelyn Suther

**Door Prizes:** Susan Lilly, Ann Lowder, Mable Booth, Cathy East

**Grants:** Executive Committee

**Historian/Scrapbook:** Jackie Smith, Mable Booth, Betty McPherson

**Hospitality:** Nancy Cavanaugh, Betty McPherson, Jeanette Overby, Hazel Nelson, Dianne Hudson, Madelyn Suther, Barbara Smith

**Nominations:** Susan Lilly, Betty McPherson, Judy Cox

**Photographer:** Pat Jones

**Quilt:** Jackie Smith, Mary Crutchfield, Shirley McEntyre

**Rules & Bylaws:** Melinda Houser, Betty Mathews, Pat Jones, Jackie Phelps, Mable Booth

**Silent Auction:** Anita Deans, Virginia Keaton, Glennie Beam, Karen Hurst, Pat Jones, Betty Mathews, Teresa Sink

**Ushers:** Betty Mathews, Anita Deans, Jackie Phelps

Committee Chairperson underlined. **Please review to make sure you are listed on the correct committee.**



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As we approach and move into the new year of 2010, there may be many economic challenges facing families. Through our local Soil & Water Conservation Districts, local schools, other organizations and the faith community, we can emphasize the importance of conservation and sustaining our environment.

### Environmental Sustainable Practices

#### **Be Energy-Wise!**

- Make use of natural light.
- Turn off lights when not in use.
- Change your thermostat settings. Thermostats 2 degrees higher in summer and 2 degrees lower in winter can have a major impact on the amount of energy you use. Install ceiling fans to help circulate the air.



**Let's Have an Eco-Lunch!** - Encourage "trash-free lunches". Pack lunches for work or school in reusable containers.

#### **Time to Clean Up!**

- Purchase environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- Washing a window with Windex and a paper towel or with vinegar and newspaper is a great comparison example.

#### **It's Not All Trash! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

#### **Digging in the Garden!**

- Use non-invasive, native plants when planting garden areas for birds and butterflies.
- Plant vegetable gardens. Children & grandchildren can plant from seed and take care of their plants until harvest time. Use harvested vegetables to provide snacks for children.

#### **Be water wise!**

- Turn off water when brushing teeth or while soaping up hands.
- Plant drought tolerant native plants. These plants need less water once established and are often suitable for habitats and animals.
- Harvest rainwater with rain barrels or cisterns. Use this water to take care of plants in vegetable gardens & wildlife habitat gardens.

*"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."* Kahil Gibran