



AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2008

2009 STATE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The 65th Annual Meeting of the N.C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts will be held at the Sheraton Imperial in Durham on January 4-6, 2009. For more information on registration, room reservations, etc, visit the following website: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/swc/2009annualmeeting>. The room rate at the Sheraton Imperial is \$75 per night plus tax. To make room reservations, call 919-941-5050 .

The Auxiliary meetings will have some dynamic and engaging speakers. Monday's presentation will be on the "No Child Left Inside" Act. On Tuesday our NC State Specialist (Cooperative Extension) will be presenting an informative program on a topic that affects every household. Each person attending will receive a surprise. 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.

2008 NACD SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING

The 2008 NACD Southeast Regional Meeting was held at the Beau Rivage Casino & Hotel in Biloxi, MS on August 10-12, 2008.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the meeting. If any member attended the Southeast Regional Meeting, please be prepared to give a report at our meeting in January.

NEWS FLASH — THE AUXILIARY HAS A WEBPAGE

A webpage has been created for the Auxiliary. The webpage contains the constitution/by-laws, handbook, list of committee members, grant application and newsletters. The webpage is part of the NCASWCD's website. Check out the website by going to <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. Thanks to Kelly Ibrahim, Division of Soil & Water Conservation for putting this information on the website.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (NACD) MEETING



The 2009 NACD Annual Meeting themed "Building a Better Tomorrow" will be held in New Orleans, LA on February 1-4, 2009 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. For room reservations call 1-888-627-7033.

To register for the meeting, go to NACD's website (<http://www.nacdnet.org/>) and then go to News & Events. Advance registration ends on November 21st.



GRANTS

QUILT NEWS

The theme for the quilt that will be raffled at the 2009 NACD meeting in New Orleans is "Soil". The quilt square for N.C. was completed and sent to Judy Baird in Atlanta, IN. The square represents the local soil. 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!**

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 4th at 4:00 pm to review the grant applications. The 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, Mable Booth, Patsy Stanley

Silent Auction: Virginia Keaton, Anita Deans, Glennie Beam, Karen Hurst, Gloria Correll, Pat Jones

Door Prizes: Susan Lilly, Ann Lowder, Mable Booth

Grants: Executive Committee

Quilt: Jackie Smith, Mary Crutchfield, Shirley McEntyre

Historian/Scrapbook: Jackie Smith, Lottie Caroon, Betty McPherson

Hospitality: Nancy Cavanaugh, Betty McPherson, Jeanette Overby, Sophia Floyd, Hazel Nelson, Dianne Hudson, Madelyn Suther

Nominations: Susan Lilly, Betty McPherson, Judy Cox

Photographer: Pat Jones

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

Ushers: Betty Mathews, Gloria Correll, Anita Deans, Jackie Phelps

Committee Chairperson underlined

THANKS!

Thank you for serving as a volunteer for the Soil & Water Districts. We need everyone's input. Looking forward to seeing each of you at the State Association Annual Meeting.

2008-2009

Officers

Melinda Houser,
President

Betty Mathews, Vice-
President

Pat Jones, Secretary

Jackie Phelps, Treasurer

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.



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Make your home more energy efficient. Make your house green! Don't whip out the buckets of green paint just yet....I have a better idea. We all know a few things to do to conserve energy at home, but with a little more effort we can really conserve. Listed below are some facts about energy and some tips.



FACTS ABOUT ENERGY

1. Over 70% of electricity in the US is generated from non-renewable sources.
2. Coal is used to generate almost half of the electricity produced in the US. When coal is burned as fuel, it gives off carbon dioxide.
3. About 30% of the energy used in commercial and industrial buildings is used inefficiently or unnecessarily.
4. More than 25% of energy consumption in homes goes to lighting.
5. Only about 10% of the energy used by a bulb creates light, the other 90% creates heat.
6. If you replace 25% of your light bulbs with fluorescents, you can save about 20% on your lighting bill.
7. Around 80% of the energy used to wash clothes comes from heating the water. Using warm or cool water will save energy.
8. Stopping air leaks around the house can save you as much as 10% on heat and air conditioning costs.

ENERGY TIPS

- Keep the cold air out. If you don't have energy efficient windows, hang insulating curtains or drapes.
- Keep doors and windows closed when using heating or cooling units.
- Don't blast the AC or heat. In the summer try and keep the air conditioning around 78 when you're there and 68-70 for heating. Each degree of heating/cooling can cost an additional four to five percent in energy costs.
- Clean & replace filters. Appliances that have filters use more energy if the filters are clogged.
- Brighten your room with better bulbs. Replace existing incandescent lamps with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). These lamps can save three-quarters of the electricity used by incandescent.
- Is your fridge running too hard? Fresh foods keep at 38 degrees ; frozen foods at 0 to 5 degrees.
- Clean the dryer lint trap after each use.



- Dishwasher: wash only full loads. Use the energy saver, air dry cycle or if possible open the door and let the dishes dry naturally.
- Oven: don't preheat your oven (depending on the food); reduce cooking time by defrosting food in the refrigerator before cooking and avoid excessive peeking into the oven.