

What's the BUZZ  
About Conservation?



## 67th AISWCD Annual Meeting & IL Land and Water Resources Conference

July 26 through 28, 2015

Northfield Inn

Springfield, IL

# AGENDA/PROGRAM



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## EVENT REFRESHMENTS

*Coffee, tea, and morning snacks can be found in the Topaz Room both days of this year's conference.*  
*Attendees staying at the Northfield or Ramada can take advantage of the*  
*free continental breakfast in their breakfast lounges daily.*

**EVENT PHOTOGRAPHERS: Jody Christiansen and Cara Clark (NRCS) & Sue Davis (Christian County SWCD)**

*This year's logo consists of a photo taken by Molly Jacobs.*  
*Molly's photo won last year's Auxiliary Photo Contest in the youth category.*  
*We congratulate Molly and thank her for her amazing talent at such a young age.*

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### Conference Registration

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Northfield Conference 1 Lobby

### Springfield Local Products Tour

10:30 am to 4:30 pm

*This tour will feature three of Springfield’s favorite local businesses.*

10:30 am

*Meet at Northfield Inn Conference Center / Lobby Entrance*

11:00 am

*Arrive at Maldandar’s for rooftop garden/bee hive tours*

11:45 am

*Lunch at Maldandar’s*

1:00 pm

*Rolling Meadows Brewery Tour*

3:00 pm

*Jefferies Orchard Tour*

*Both the Rolling Meadows Brewery and Jefferies Orchard stops will have the opportunity to purchase their products.*

***Cost is \$30.00 and will include your lunch and tastings at Rolling Meadows and transportation to all stops.***

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# 67th AISWCD Annual Meeting & IL Land and Water Resources Conference “What’s The BUZZ About Conservation?” Monday, July 27, 2015 - AGENDA

## Conference Registration

7:30 am to 6:00 pm in the Northfield Conference 1 Lobby

## Auxiliary Silent Auction

7:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Northfield Conference 1 Lobby

## AISWCD Live Auction and Silent Auction Item Check In

7:30 am to 10:00 am in the Jade Room

## AISWCD Silent Auction Bidding

12:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Jade Room

## Exhibit Hall

8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Topaz Room

## Opening Ceremony

8:30 am to 10:00 am in the Opal/Onyx/Ruby Rooms

Group photos may be taken from 8:00 am to 8:30 am in the Opal/Onyx/Ruby Rooms

Please coordinate with your group before arriving if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

## RW Troxell AISWCD/District Insurance Policies

10:15 am to 11:15 am in the Opal/Onyx/Ruby Rooms

## Auxiliary: Cotton Glazing

10:15 am to 12:00 pm in the Continental Breakfast Room

## Auxiliary: Make and Take

2:30pm to 3:30 pm in the Continental Breakfast Room

## Breakout Sessions: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Preventing Fraud

Diamond Room

ISWCDEA:CRP Mid Contract Management

Emerald Room

Watersheds

Crystal Room

## Recognition Luncheon

12:45pm to 2:15 pm in the Opal/Onyx/Ruby Rooms

## Breakout Sessions: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

IDOA: Cover Crops

Diamond Room

ISWCDEA: Adult Education

Emerald Room

NRCS Client Gateway

Crystal Room

## Director Forum

3:45 pm to 4:45 pm in the Crystal/Diamond Rooms

## Employee Forum

3:45 pm to 4:45 pm in the Emerald Room

## Auxiliary Farm Family Reception/Photos (by invitation only)

5:15 pm to 6:00 pm in the Continental Breakfast Room

## Farm Family Banquet

6:15pm to 8:30 pm in the Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms (Seating available at 6:00 pm)

## Live Auction

8:30 pm until the last item sells In the Jade/Emerald Rooms

Cash Bar will be available

AISWCD Silent Auction Winners will be announced.

All items must be paid for upon receipt. (Credit, Check, or Cash accepted)



## 67th AISWCD Annual Meeting & IL Land and Water Resources Conference *“What’s The BUZZ About Conservation?”* Monday, July 27, 2015 - Information

### **Auxiliary: Cotton Glazing**

**Session Information:** This session will start the Cotton Glazing process. If attendees do not finish, they may return during the afternoon session to finish.

**Presenter Information:**

Marie Bunting and Judy Beyers

### **RW Troxell Insurance**

**Session Information:**

John Greene from RW Troxell will be presenting on the insurance policies that AISWCD holds for the SWCDs. Attendance is encouraged for SWCD directors and employees.

**Presenter Information:**

John Greene was a SWCD director/associate director for 25+ years. After retiring as a district chairman and director in 2004, he took over service of the AISWCD insurance policy accounts. He has been a multi-line independent insurance broker for 29 years.

### **Preventing Fraud**

**Session Information:**

This session will help small offices, such as SWCDs, see the early signs of fraud and help prevent it from happening.

**Presenter:**

James Sullivan is currently a Director of Dispute Advisory Services for Sikich, concentrating on internal controls reviews, fraud risk assessment and fraud investigations. Prior to joining Sikich, he worked in the Inspector General field for 21 years, the last 12 of which he served as the Inspector General for the Chicago Board of Education. James started his legal career as a criminal prosecutor in the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office.

### **CRP Mid Contract Management**

**Session Information:**

Confused about CRP mid contract management? This session will provide insight on what type of mid contract management to apply and when to apply it.

**Presenter Information:**

Kenton Macy, NRCS Biologist

Since 1995, Kent Macy has been the NRCS wetland/wildlife biologist for central Illinois. A graduate of Purdue, Kent worked with the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources and the Missouri Dept. of Conservation prior to joining NRCS.

### **Watersheds**

**Session Information:** This presentation will include a general description of watersheds and water quality as well as steps that should be taken in order to create a watershed plan. Representatives from successful watershed plans will give tips and share experiences as well. A question and answer opportunity will be available if time allows.

**Presenter Information:** AISWCD IUM/Watershed Coordinator, Matt Hanauer

Matt Hanauer is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in environmental science. He completed a watershed plan in Indiana and now is available to help SWCDs in Illinois complete plans of their own.





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### **Auxiliary: Make and Take Craft**

#### ***Session Information:***

This will be a hands on session where attendees will make a craft that they will be taking home with them. Attendees will also have the opportunity to finish their Cotton Glazing project from the morning session.

#### ***Presenter Information:***

Judy Beyers and Marie Bunting

### **IDOA: Cover Crops**

#### ***Session Information:***

Cover Crops A-Z

#### ***Presenter Information:***

Joel Gruver is currently an assistant professor at Western Illinois University where he manages an 80 acre research farm. Recent research has focused on cover crops and their value in suppressing weeds, improving nutrient cycling, building soil organic matter and alleviating compaction.

### **Adult Education**

#### ***Session Information:***

Informative session on education and outreach you can use in your districts to educate the community and producers in your area. There will be photos of events as well as information about how it was put together and what the events entailed as well as having some of the folks who provided us with their ideas on hand for questions.

#### ***Presenter Information:***

Sondra Baker (DeWitt), Spring Duffey (McHenry/Lake), and Keith Livesay (Union)

### **NRCS Client Gateway/Planners Certification**

***Session Information:*** This session will provide an overview of the Conservation Client Gateway including how to access the Gateway, and what information is available through the Gateway. An overview of the Illinois Conservation Planner certification will also be provided during the session.

***Presenter Information:*** Glen Franke, NRCS

Glen has served as a Soil Conservationist and a District Conservationist and is currently a Resource Conservationist on the Illinois NRCS Ecological Science staff. Glen provides support in conservation planning policy and training. He also serves as the State Coordinator for software applications such as Toolkit and the Conservation Client Gateway.

### **Live/Silent Auction**

This year's auction will be slightly different...but still fun! We will be focusing the LIVE auction on 10 of our larger items and around the room you will find SILENT auction items of all sorts. Bidding on these items takes place all day, so check in often to see if you have been out bid. Having only 10 items being auctioned off leaves plenty of time for live music and entertainment!

Sounds fun doesn't it?!??? If you didn't sign up to attend that's ok. Come on "buy"! We will welcome you with open arms.

***Auctioneer Information:*** Paul Rice from Myers Rice Auction and Realty [www.myersrice.com](http://www.myersrice.com)

***Entertainment:*** Mitch England will be Rockin and Rollin all night with us. You may remember him from the 2013 Soil Stewardship Luncheon where he stunned us all with his amazing Elvis impersonation. He's back this year and will be doing a little bit of everything!



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## Opening Ceremony

8:30 am to 10:00 am in the Opal/Onyx/Ruby Rooms

**Presiding:** Van Bitner, AISWCD Secretary

- ◇ **Color Guard**
- ◇ **Pledge of Allegiance**
- ◇ **Recognition of Past AISWCD Presidents**
- ◇ **Recognition of Newly Elected Directors**

### Legislator of the Year Award

*Award Winner: IL Representative David Reis*

*Sponsored by: AISWCD*

*Presented by: Myron Kirby, AISWCD President*

## Opening Remarks

AISWCD President: Myron Kirby

AISWCD Vice President: Tom Beyers

AISWCD Executive Director: Kelly Thompson

AISWCD Lobbyist: Mike Hoffmann

AISWCD Auxiliary President: Marie Bunting

AISWCD Forestry Committee Chair: David McCormick

ISWCDEA Co-Chairs: Kara Downin & Sondra Baker

IDOA Director: Phillip Nelson

IEPA: Dick Breckenridge

NRCS State Conservationist: Ivan Dozier

IDNR Director: Wayne Rosenthal

NACD North Central Region: Myron Kirby

IFA President: Mike McMahan

ILICA President: Tom Beyers

FSA Executive Officer: Rick Graden

## Recognition Luncheon

12:45 pm to 2:15 pm in the Opal/Onyx/Ruby Rooms

**Presiding:** Jerry Snodgrass, Education Focus Area Committee Chairman

**Invocation:** Marie Bunting, AISWCD Auxiliary President

### George McKibben Memorial Scholarship

*Award Winner: Lorraine Albert, Bond County*

*Sponsored by: AISWCD Foundation*

*Presented by: AISWCD President Myron Kirby*

### Outstanding Forestry Contribution Award

*Award Winner: Floyd Pagel, Effingham County*

*Sponsored by: IFA and AISWCD*

*Presented by: IFA President, Mike McMahan*

### Teacher of the Year Award

*Award Winners:*

K-8: Carol Schnaitor, Lee County

9-12: Brenden Schultz, Winnebago County

*Sponsored by: IL Audubon Society & AISWCD*

*Presented by: Education Chairman, Jerry Snodgrass*

### ISWCDEA Scholarship

*Award Winner: TBD*

*Sponsored by: ISWCDEA*

*Presented by: Kara Downin*

### Recognition of IL Envirothon Winners

*Award Winner: East Richland High School, Richland County*

### Auxiliary Poster Contest

*Award Winners:*

K-1: Dalyn Long, Stephenson County

2-3: Delaney Jo Fortney, Stephenson County

4-6: Kolbi Johnson, Mason County

7-9: Hannah Bainbridge, Henry County

10-12: Jessa Mae Mendiola, Kane/DuPage County

*Sponsored by: AISWCD Auxiliary*

*Presented by: Marie Bunting, Auxiliary President*

### Auxiliary Photo Contest

**Youth Award Winners:**

Close Up Conservation: Kyle Jones, Tazewell County

**Adult Award Winners:**

Conservation Practices: Megan Andrews, Kendall County

Close Up Conservation: Lisa Sweeney, Coles County

Conservation in Action: Kari Otto, Coles County

Ag/Conservation Across America: Lisa Sweeney, Coles County

*Sponsored by: AISWCD Auxiliary*

*Presented by: Marie Bunting, Auxiliary President*

### Recognition of Past Presidents

### Recognition of Newly Elected Directors

### Presentation of Director Service Awards

*Presented by: AISWCD President, Myron Kirby and IDOA*

## Award Winners



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## Farm Family Banquet

6:15 pm to 8:30 pm in the Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms (Seating available at 6:00 pm)

**Presiding:** Van Bitner, AISWCD Secretary & Tom Beyers, AISWCD Vice President

**Invocation:**

**Banquet Emceed by:** Brownfield Ag News, Cyndi Young

- ◇ **Recognition of Past Presidents & AISWCD Board Members**
- ◇ **Recognition of Director Service Awards**
- ◇ **Recognition of Newly Appointed Directors**

## Friend of Conservation Award

**IEPA Director, Lisa Bonnett**

**Sponsored by:** AISWCD

**Presented by:** Myron Kirby, AISWCD President

## Soil Champions

**Presented by:** NACD North Central Region, Beth Mason

## Conservation Farm Family Award

**Sponsored by:** Meijer, Brownfield Network, Brandt, Illinois Stewardship Alliance and AISWCD

**Master of Ceremony:** Cyndi Young, Brownfield Ag News

<u>Council</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>District</u>
2	Flag Hill Farms	Henry County
3	Maier Farm Family	Livingston County
4	Gaskill Farms	Warren County
11	Zehner Farms	Lawrence County

## Announcement of Governor’s Conservation Farm Family Award Winner

**Presented by:** AISWCD President Myron Kirby and IDOA

# Thank you to our Farm Family Banquet Sponsors!



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# 67th AISWCD Annual Meeting & IL Land and Water Resources Conference “What’s The BUZZ About Conservation?” Tuesday, July 28, 2015 - AGENDA

## Conference Registration

7:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Northfield Conference 1 Lobby

## Exhibit Hall

8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Topaz Room

## Auxiliary Silent Auction

9:15 am to 11:00 am in the Northfield Conference 1 Lobby.  
Items must be picked up by 11:00 am on July 28, 2015.

## Director Training

8:00 am to 11:15 am in the Jade Room

## Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy

8:30 am to 9:45 am in the Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Room

## ISWCDEA: Unconventional Partnerships

10:15 am to 11:15 am in the Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Room

## Auxiliary: Jewelry Making

10:15 am to 11:15 am in the Continental Breakfast Room

## Soil Stewardship Luncheon

11:30 am to 12:45 pm in the Opal/Onyx/Ruby Rooms

## Foundation/Board of Directors Annual Meeting

1: 00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms

Group photos may be taken from 12:30 pm to 12:45 pm or after the meeting in the Jade Room  
Please coordinate with your group before arriving if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

## Lincoln’s Home Outing

1: 00 pm to 4:00 pm meet in the Northfield Conference 1 Lobby

## SURVEY INFORMATION

Surveys can be found at the REGISTRATION TABLE.  
Please fill one out at your convenience. These will help us  
make next year’s conference even better!

## EXHIBIT HALL BINGO

Bingo Cards may be found at the REGISTRATION TABLE.  
When all spaces have been signed, please return to the  
designated drop box at the registration table. A winner  
will be selected before the Annual Meeting at 1:00 pm  
and a prize will be given.

## HOSPITALITY ROOM SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, July 26, 2015**

Continental Breakfast Room: 6:00 pm to ????

### **Monday, July 27, 2015**

Peridot Room: 4:45 pm to ????

Jade Room: End of Auction until 1:00 am

### **Tuesday, July 28, 2015**

Peridot Room: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm





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### **Director Training**

#### ***Session Information:***

This training is for any Director that has not already participated in the training suggested by NACD. All Directors on all SWCD Boards should have this training. If a director has already attended this then they are not required to take it each year.

#### ***Presenter Information:***

Jerry Snodgrass, Henry County SWCD  
Lee Bunting, Livingston County SWCD  
Terry Bogner, Marshall/Putnam County SWCD

### **Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy**

#### ***Session Information:***

An overview of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and tools for producers to utilize when considering Best Management Practices (BMPs) on their farm.

#### ***Presenter Information:***

Marcia Willhite became Chief of the Bureau of Water, Illinois EPA in May 2001. In this capacity she oversees water pollution control, drinking water, groundwater, watershed management and state revolving fund programs for the State. Ms. Willhite is active in the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA), serving as its national President in 2006-07. Prior to coming to Illinois, Ms. Willhite worked for 13 years in air quality including program management at the state level in Texas and at the local level in Lincoln, Nebraska. Ms. Willhite participates in the Water Quality Executive Committee of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, and represents Illinois EPA on the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission. Ms. Willhite has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology from Eastern Kentucky University and Master of Science in Toxicology from the University of Kentucky.

### **Unconventional Partnerships**

***Session Information:*** In this climate of budget uncertainty, many Districts are forging partnerships with non-traditional entities to develop new programs. In this session we will highlight four districts and their programs.

***Presenter Information:*** Spring Duffey (Resource Analyst-McHenry/Lake County SWCD and Wetland Specialist-McHenry County Stormwater Division), Dean Johnson (Resource Conservationist—DeKalb County SWCD), Megan Andrews (Resource Conservationist—Kendall County SWCD) Thad Eshelman (Resource Conservationist—Iroquois County SWCD)

### **Auxiliary: Jewelry Making**

#### ***Session Information:***

Attendees will be making bracelets that they may take with them.

#### ***Presenter Information:***

Veronica Seevers from Argenta, IL

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### Soil Stewardship Luncheon

11:30 am to 12:45 pm in the Opal/Onyx/Ruby Rooms

**Hosted by:** AISWCD Auxiliary

**Presiding:** Marie Bunting, AISWCD Auxiliary President

**Invocation:** Marie Bunting, AISWCD Auxiliary President

**Entertainment:** Kay Hendricks from Bloomington, IL will be presenting her program titled “Monarchs-Milkweed to Mexico.”

### Exhibit Hall Bingo Winner Announcement

12:55 pm Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms

At this time the winner of the Exhibit Hall Bingo will be announced.

All cards must be turned into the registration desk at this time.

**AISWCD will not ship this item.**

You must be present to win or assign someone to collect your prize.

### Foundation/Board of Directors Annual Meeting

1: 00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Crystal/Diamond/Emerald Rooms

**Presiding:** Myron Kirby, AISWCD President

**Parliamentarian:** Mr. Howard Heavner

All voting delegates must check in at the registration desk to pick up their packets.

### Lincoln’s Home Outing \$0.00

1: 00 pm to 4:00 pm meet in the Northfield Conference 1 Lobby

#### **Session Information:**

Attendees will be taken to visit Lincoln’s Home in downtown Springfield. They will be walked through a guided tour and have access to the gift shop. If time allows, attendees may head across the street to the William Vans Coffee House to enjoy coffee, tea, ice cream, and treats or the Mr. Lincoln’s Souvenirs and Gift Shop. William Vans Coffee House and the gift shops are at the attendees’ cost.

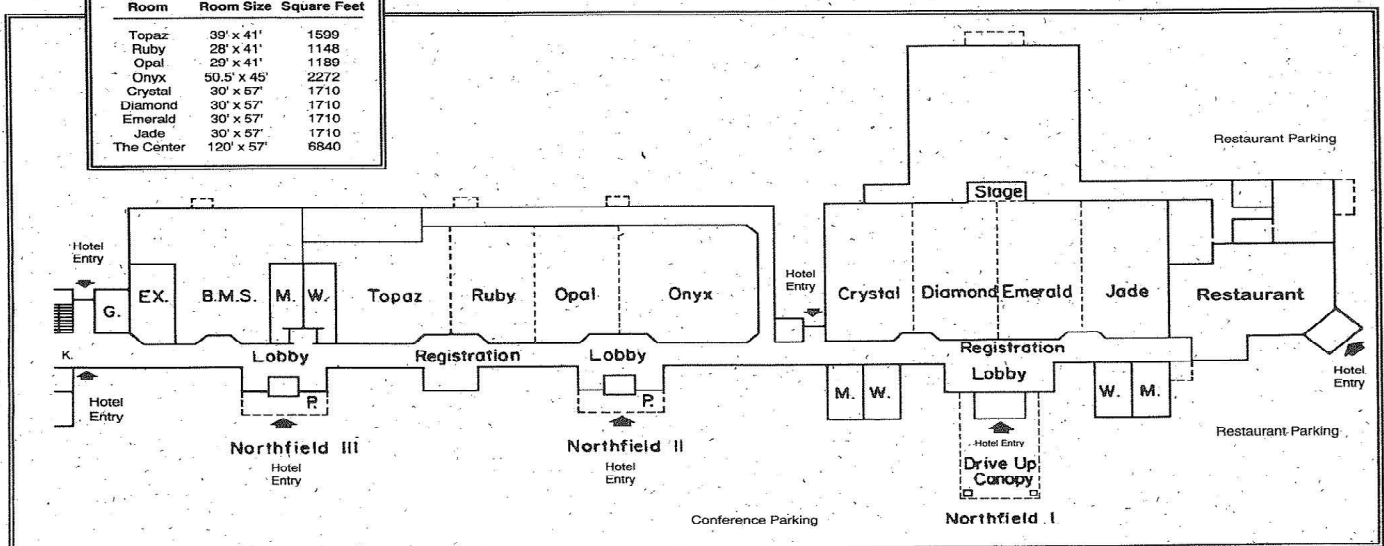
## NOTES

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## Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center

3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
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Room	Room Size	Square Feet
Topaz	39' x 41'	1599
Ruby	28' x 41'	1148
Opal	29' x 41'	1180
Onyx	50.5' x 45'	2272
Crystal	30' x 67'	1710
Diamond	30' x 57'	1710
Emerald	30' x 57'	1710
Jade	30' x 57'	1710
The Center	120' x 57'	6840



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## Exhibitors (Topaz Room) :

