



Nebraska Society News

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER
OFFICERS 2022-2023

President	Claudia Stevenson bcjbs@msn.com	
Vice President		
Secretary	Darwin Hinrichs	hinrichsdm@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Corey Brubaker	corey.brubaker@usda.gov

IN THIS ISSUE

2023 MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT	1
2023 UPCOMING EVENTS- ANNUAL MEETING	2
2023 CHAPTER AWARDS and INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE REMINDER	3
2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS	4
2023 LEGISLATIVE / INFORMATIONAL BREAKFAST and LINKS OF INTEREST	5



Annual SWCS Golf Tourney and Scholarship Fundraiser

September 8th, 2023.
More info to come!



It is June, in Nebraska, and that means that the SWCS Annual Tours and Meeting is just around the corner!

The Event Committee led by Dave Bedlan and Corey Brubaker, has put together an awesome agenda that includes Technical Talks on Wednesday, and a tour of the Arbor Day Farm conservation efforts in the evening. On Thursday is a tour of the Buck and Duck Watershed projects, boxed lunch and then back to the lodge for a few Technical Talks. Of course, the Awards Banquet is Thursday evening and the meal looks wonderful. Friday will start with the Nebraska Foundation Board and the Chapter meeting followed by Technical Talks.

I am really looking forward to the tour at Arbor Day Farm. I have heard a lot about their conservation efforts and I think we are in for a real treat. Watershed projects are some of my favorite conservation projects and I am eager to learn more about Buck and Duck Watershed.

The Silent Auction is back and we invite you to bring a donation. Be sure to bring your wallet so you can win your bid! All proceeds go to the scholarship fund. I am very proud of both the Chapter and Foundation for the number of scholarships that have been awarded over the years.

Please plan to join us at the SWCS Annual Tours and Meeting on June 28, 29 and 30th. Come for some, come for all but please be there and support your Nebraska Chapter.

Claudia Stevenson



Nebraska Society News

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 NEBRASKA SWCS ANNUAL MEETING

The Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Society will hold its annual Technical Tours and Awards banquet on June 28-30 at the Lied Lodge and Conference Center in Nebraska City, NE

Online registration is available at the following link:
<https://form.jotform.com/231104112223130>



This meeting provides a forum for exploring and promoting science-based knowledge about management practices that improve and protect soil, water resources, and make them more productive and more resilient.

This meeting also provides opportunities for information exchange and development of professional relationships in all disciplines related to conservation work.



It is time once again to ask for your help in soliciting items for our annual SILENT AUCTION to be held during our state SWCS meeting!

Previous items that have been donated for this event have been crafts, wine baskets, books, pictures, gift certificates and plants. The money raised with this silent auction is used to help fund our scholarships given out each year.

Your help with the silent auction would be greatly appreciated. For any questions on this please contact Darwin Hinrichs at 308-340-5226 or email at hinrichsdm@hotmail.com.



Begin: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 at 1:00 p.m. (CST)**
Conclude: **FRIDAY, JUNE 30 at Noon (CST)**

Wednesday

Bob Hilske, retired NRD Manager, Nemaha NRD gives an overview of the Buck and Duck Watershed Project. Elisha Mackling, NRCS, will explain Cultural Resources Impacts and Mitigation for conservation projects. Stephen Kennedy, NRCS will discuss additional conservation work in the watersheds. Participants can go on a tour of the conservation work completed at Arbor Day Farm

Thursday

Thursday morning, there will be a tour of the Buck and Duck Watershed projects with a box lunch at Duck Creek Lake. Thursday afternoon, reconvene at the Lied Lodge for a second set of conservation related presentations; with an Annual Awards Banquet/Dinner.

Friday

Friday morning will be a NE SWCS Foundation meeting followed by the NE Chapter SWCS annual meeting with breakfast; as well as additional technical presentations.

Overnight Accommodations:

Reservations at Lied Lodge and Conference center will be accepted and confirmed based on availability. Individual reservations and information may be obtained by calling (800)546-5433 and ask for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation block.

Other hotels in Nebraska City:

- Holiday Inn Express & Suites**, 801 NE-2, Nebraska City, NE 68410 (402) 417-0820
- Best Western Nebraska City Inn**, 2515 S 11th St, Nebraska City, NE 68410 (402) 873-7000
- Deluxe Inn Nebraska City**, 1715 S 11th St, Nebraska City, NE 68410 (402) 873-6656



Nebraska Society News

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Nebraska Chapter,

Congratulations! It is with great pleasure that I inform you that the SWCS Board of Directors has named your chapter as a 2023 recipient of the **Outstanding Chapter Award** and **Exceptional Chapter Event Award** for the Annual Legislative Meeting.

The 78th SWCS International Annual Conference will take place on August 6-9 2023, at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Awards will be presented at the 2023 Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, August 8 at 12:00 p.m.

We hope that a chapter representative will be able to attend the Annual Conference and Awards Luncheon. We are pleased to provide you with a complimentary ticket to the Awards Luncheon if you would like to bring a guest. Please contact Renee Bouldin at renee.bouldin@swcs.org by Friday, June 9 to indicate if you are able to join us for the event, if you will be bringing a guest, and to send a photo representing your chapter for social media.

Once again, we congratulate you on receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award.

Sincerely,

Clare Lindahl
SWCS CEO
May 24, 2023



NEBRASKA SWCS CHAPTER LEADERSHIP HANDBOOK

Thanks to Claudia Stevenson for developing a Nebraska SWCS Chapter Leadership Handbook of important information regarding the chapter. The handbook can be found on the [NE SWCS website](http://www.neswcs.org).

Outstanding Chapter Award

The Outstanding Chapter Award recognizes chapters for their success in carrying out their overall program during the past year. To be considered, chapters must do the following:

- Have a website and/or at least one active social media account
- Have hosted at least one technical or professional meeting in the past year (virtual or in-person)
- Create a 2023 Chapter Action Calendar* and attach it to your report

Exceptional Chapter Event Award

The Exceptional Chapter Event Award (*previously the Chapter Achievement Award*) is intended for a significant achievement through a single activity conducted during the year. No chapter can be recognized more than once during a three-year period for the same basic activity.

Criteria:

- Goals and significance of the event, activity, meeting, or other chapter action
- Participation from SWCS members and community
- Outcome and impact on those in the conservation field

78th SCS International Conference



This year's conference theme, "Healthy Land, Clean Water: Cultivating a Legacy of Conservation," challenges us to envision the world we want to leave for those who follow us. At this year's event, we will share successes and embrace lessons learned so that we can move toward our natural resource goals with greater speed, efficiency, effectiveness, and inclusivity. We will examine the traditions that have both built and challenged our ability to advance the conservation movement while exploring the new and necessary capacity, innovation, and partnerships needed to regenerate our land, water and other natural resources.

The conference will assemble a diverse, multigenerational conservation community of researchers, practitioners, industry leaders, farmers, and students from around the world in Des Moines, Iowa, where the Soil and Water Conservation Society was founded 78 years ago and is still headquartered today. The agenda will feature the latest ideas, technologies, and practices, and foster a dialogue around their adoption. Through workshops, sessions, symposia, tours, exhibits, and demonstrations, cutting-edge research and practice developments in soil health, water quality, and resource management will be shared. Scientists and practitioners will present their work at the field, farm, and watershed scale across an array of private and public arenas. Applications of social theories and examples of successful outreach and education will enable attendees to identify ways to scale up localized successes. Participants will also hear about policy and economic developments that build a framework to increase conservation adoption and support future generations.



Nebraska Society News

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Eight \$1,000 Conservation Scholarships Awarded for Spring 2023 Semester



2023 CSC Scholarship Recipients
(l-r) KayLynn Miller and Isabel Gaines



2023 UNK Scholarship Recipients
(l-r) Sam Thede, Mackenzie Smith, Corral McClintock



2023 UNL Scholarship Recipients
(l-r) Sheridan Wilson, Will Hernandez, Jack Krebs

KayLynn Miller, Valentine, is a junior at Chadron State College majoring in rangeland management with a wildlife emphasis, and received a Tina Lorentzen Carlson Memorial Scholarship

Isabel Gaines, Lamar, CO, is a junior at Chadron State College majoring in rangeland management, and received a Tina Lorentzen Carlson Memorial Scholarship

Samuel Thede, St. Paul, is a freshman at University of Nebraska-Kearney majoring in biology comprehensive, and received a NSWCF scholarship

Mackenzie Smith, McCook, is a senior at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, majoring in wildlife biology, and received the Dave Langemeier Memorial Scholarship

Corral McClintock, Tecumseh, is a senior at the University of Nebraska-Kearney majoring in biology comprehensive with a wildlife emphasis, and received a Tina Lorentzen Carlson Memorial Scholarship

Sheridan Wilson, Lemoyne, is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in grazing livestock systems, and received a SWCS-UNL Foundation Scholarship

Will Hernandez, Lincoln, is a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in environmental science, and received the Cam Loerch Memorial Scholarship

Jack Krebs, Monticello, WI, is a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in water science and environmental science, and received a SWCS-UNL Foundation Scholarship

The Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation (NSWCF) has funded roughly \$47,000 in student scholarships in the last decade.

I received scholarships from the SWCS and I attended the 74th International SWCS Conference. I was able to network, create lasting friendships, and gain leadership skills that I utilize every day in my career.

Alexa Davis, NDNR (2017, 2018)

I appreciate the support SWCS and its members gave to me as a student. It's led to a very rewarding and meaningful career with a wonderful Agency. Thank you!

Joanna Pope, USDA NRCS (1993)

NSWCF is supported by dedicated SWCS members and friends through direct donations and participation in SWCS activities.

Students from UNL, UNO, Concordia, UNK, Chadron State, & NCTA have benefitted from your generosity.

Memorials or honorary donations are encouraged, as well as estate donations, large or small. Contact us for more information.

clprkne at wind-stream.net
402.464.1423





Nebraska Society News

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

2023 SWCS Legislative and Informational Breakfast

The 40th annual Legislative/ Informational Meeting was held at the Denney Federal Building on January 31st 2023.

Twenty-six people were in attendance, including 5 senators and 1 legislative aide, 14 SWCS members, and 3 scholarship recipients from University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Rob Lawson, USDA NRCS State Conservationist, gave a presentation on the various USDA conservation programs available to landowners in Nebraska, including Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Regional Conservation Partners Projects (RCPP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP).

Fiscal year 2022 accomplishments were also highlighted as well as the emphasis for fiscal year 2023, including Climate Smart Agriculture, Inflation Reduction Act funding, and the Urban/Small Scale Ag funding.



2023 SWCS Legislative and Informational Breakfast guest speaker, Rob Lawson, Nebraska NRCS State Conservationist

LINKS OF INTEREST.....

- ❖ Huskers take 4th at national soil judging contest (Irrigation Leader) team includes two Nebraska SWCS scholarship recipients.
<https://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/today/article/huskers-take-4th-at-national-soil-judging-contest/>
- ❖ Dick Ehrman, LPSNRD water resources coordinator and Nebraska Chapter member, is featured in Eastern Nebraska Water Resources (Irrigation Leader)
<https://irrigationleadermagazine.com/volume-14-issue-4-march-nz/>
- ❖ Gary Stone, Nebraska Extension Educator and Nebraska Chapter Member created 6-part series (*five parts currently available*) highlighting the main rivers in Nebraska and their impacts across the Midwest and Northern Plains
 - Part 1 - **The Big Blue, Little Blue and Nemaha Rivers**
<https://cropwatch.unl.edu/2023/major-nebraska-rivers-and-their-drainages-part-1>
 - Part 2 - **The Elkhorn and Missouri Rivers**
<https://cropwatch.unl.edu/2023/major-nebraska-rivers-and-their-drainages-part-2>
 - Part 3 - **The Loup River**
<https://cropwatch.unl.edu/2023/major-nebraska-rivers-and-their-drainages-part-3>
 - Part 4 - **The Republican River**
<https://cropwatch.unl.edu/2023/major-nebraska-rivers-and-their-drainages-part-4>
 - Part 5 - **The Platte River**
<https://cropwatch.unl.edu/2023/major-nebraska-rivers-and-their-drainages-part-5>
- ❖ Carbon America to Launch Nebraska's First Commercial Carbon Capture and Sequestration Project
<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20221004005399/en/Carbon-America-to-Launch-Nebraska%E2%80%99s-First-Commercial-Carbon-Capture-and-Sequestration-Project>
- ❖ Keith Berns, Green Cover Soil Health Resource Guide - 9th Edition
<https://greencover.com/freeguides/>



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 78TH SWCS INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Healthy Land, Clean Water: Cultivating a Legacy of Conservation

August 6-9, 2023

Des Moines, Iowa

www.swcs.org/23AC

#SWCS23