2014 SCHOOLYARD GARDENS CONFERENCE – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MORNING AGENDA

8:30–11:00 a.m. PLenary SESSION: LAUNCHING CHANGE MacMILLAN AUDITORIum

Welcome BEVERLY DURIGAN, Ph.D., Dean, University of Minnesota Extension
Opening Remarks BRENDA CASSELS, Minnesota Commissioner of Education
Keynote Presentation DAVID FREDERICKSON, Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture
A Student’s Lessons Learned IAMANUEL JONES, Eco-City founder
Call To Action MARY H. MEYER, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Horticultural Science, CFANS

11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. ANSWER ROOM AZALEA & TEACHING CLASSROOMS

11:00–12:30 p.m. LUNCH REEDY GALLERY

POSTER SESSION – Stories, experiences, lessons from existing school gardens SNYDER LOBBY

12:30–1:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS – TRANSFORMATIONAL SCHOOLS Classroom 1

A) Champlin-Brooklyn Park Academy for Math and Environmental Science – Champlin, Minnesota
SENSE SCHNABEL, Curriculum Integration Coordinator
DAVE SCHWEPP, Math/Science Teacher grade 5
KRISTIN WEGNER, Math/Science Teacher Grade 4
MARY CICHON and BETSY HAISE, Master Gardener Volunteers

B) The Edible Schoolyard: Building Success and Community in an Alternative Learning Setting – South Education Center, Richfield, Minnesota
JAYNE TIEDEMANN, Principal
BRIAN WHEAT, Biology/Food Science Instructor, Garden PROP Coordinator
BETHIA KRAAY, Special Education Instructor
KAREN BENDTSEN, Special Education Instructor

C) Blooming Heights Edible Schoolyard: A Year-Round, E-12 Model – Columbia Heights Public Schools
KATHY KEIZER, Superintendent
KRISTEN STUENKEL, Director, Community Education
BONNIE LOHMAN, Garden Specialist

D) Little Falls Community Schools Garden-to-Cafeteria Program Collaboration with the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls
DOUG POCOR, Agriculture Instructor, Little Falls Community Schools
SISTER RUTH LENTNER, Organic Garden Coordinator, Franciscan Sisters
SHEILA FUNK, Community Health Educator, SHP/CTG Coordinator
Morrison County
STEPHEN JONES, Superintendent, Little Falls Community Schools

THE ANSWER ROOM

11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. in the AZALEA AND TEACHING CLASSROOMS

Bring your questions and build your toolkit for success!

THE EXHIBITOR FAIR

11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. on the OSWALD VISITOR CENTER BALCONY

Connect with resources for help with your garden. Browse tables for curriculum ideas, education program support, horticultural and other expert advisors.

ROOM LOCATIONS

Oswald Visitor Center
MacMillan Auditorium
(MacMillan A/D, B/C)
Azalea Classroom
Teaching Classroom
Ready Gallery

Snyder Education Building
Snyder Auditorium
Snyder Lobby
Classroom 1
Classroom 2
Conservatory

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AFTERNOON AGENDA

Ongoing until 4:00 p.m. ANSWER ROOM AZALEA & TEACHING CLASSROOMS

1:45–2:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS: WORKSHOPS FOR LEARNING AND OPPORTUNITY

A) Parents Plus: Best Practices for Involving Parents and Master Gardeners in School Gardens
KBS KO, parent, Seward Elementary School, Minneapolis
JULIE SCHERRER, parent, Lyndale Elementary School, Minneapolis
LYNN CISON, Hennepin County Master Gardener Volunteer

B) Lessons of Partnership from a Preschool
SNYDER AUDITORIUM
Garden in North Minneapolis
PRINCESS TITUS, Appetite for Change
PHYLIS SUSAN, La Cretche
ELIZABETH SELANDER, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
TRACY BRADFORD, Ph.D., UMN Center–Early Education & Development

C) Gardens for Learning – Using the New Minnesota School Garden Guide
MacMILLAN A/C
SUE KNIGHT, Education Specialist, Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom

D) Gardening with Learning in Mind
MacMILLAN B/D
CARRIE BECKENBERG, Program Coordinator, School of Engineering and Arts, Golden Valley, Minnesota

E) Everyone’s Garden: Bringing Many Disciplines and Cultures into the Schoolyard
SNYDER B/D
RAT APONTE, Principal, Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center
KRISTI PURSELL, Program Educator, Midwest Food Connection
HARUKO RUGGIERO, Curriculum Coordinator, Midwest Food Connection

Ongoing until 4:00 p.m. ANSWER ROOM AZALEA & TEACHING CLASSROOMS

3:00–4:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS: WORKSHOPS FOR LEARNING AND OPPORTUNITY

A) The Value of Playing in the Dirt at School – SNYDER AUDITORIUM
Hopkins Public Schools
DR. GRETA EVANS-COOPER, Meadowbrook Elementary Principal,
MABE HECHURA, Director of Student Nutrition & Lifestyle Services

B) Beyond Veggies: Introduction to Alternative Gardens
SNYDER B/D
LAURA HURLEY, Environmental Project Manager, Urban Roots
CHI VUE, Youth Intern, Urban Roots
MARCELLO FORLAI, Youth Intern, Urban Roots

C) Best Practices for Keeping the Food from Your School Garden Safe to Eat
MacMILLAN A/C
KATHERINE SWIN, R.E.H.S., Food Inspection Supervisor, MDA

D) Pollinators and Your Schoolyard: How Bees, Butterflies and Bees Extend Your Garden Connections to Math, Social Studies and Current Events – And, why we’re not encouraging your school to get a beehive
MacMILLAN B/D
ERIN RUPP, Education Director, The Beez Kneez
KEVIN WILLIAMS, Curator of Education, Bell Museum of Natural History

E) Using Your Schoolyard Trees
LAURA DUFFEY, School Forest Specialist, Minnesota DNR

4:00–6:00 p.m. – HAPPY HOUR AND RECEPTION AT THE ARBORETUM

Brought to you by the Minnesota Schoolyard Garden Coalition

Don’t fight traffic – join us in welcoming JOHN FISHER to Minnesota! Meet members of the Coalition and get a dose of the Arboretum’s special Vitamin N. Relax after hours in the conservatory, warm yourself in the Fireplace Room, and enjoy the winter wonderland of the Arboretum as the sun sets.

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