



SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message Liz Rogers

Happy 2010—it is that time of year when many of us plan to make changes in our lives. I don't know about you but my big plans to win the Boston Marathon or gold metal in the winter Olympics (pick any sport, my chances are the same) are probably pretty low, Ok, they are nonexistent. However, I like this time of year because it is a chance to reflect on what has been accomplished in my personal and professional life and look forward to all the challenges and adventures of the New Year.

Before we move on to the upcoming chapter events, I could not resist sharing a part of a favorite poem by Ogden Nash that expresses how I feel at the end of the fun and crazy holiday season. Hope you enjoy it.

*May I join you in the doghouse, Rover?
I wish to retire till the party's over.
Since three o'clock I've done my best
To entertain each tiny guest. My conscience now I've
left behind me,
And if they want me, let them find me.*

Ok, now I feel better and let's move forward to February 18, 2010. I am excited about the winter meeting which will be held that day. At this time I would like to say thank you to our Premier Sponsor, CME Associates, Inc for their generous support of this year's conference. This year's very timely topic is "Energizing the Rural Landscape—Renewable Power and Energy Efficiency Opportunities for our Farms, Homes, and Communities." I realize the title is a mouthful but the program promises to be a mindful of interesting discussions and presentations on energy initiatives at the state level, new technology, and funding and program resources. In my last message I discussed the importance of increasing membership. The registration form has one of our famous, "blue light specials",

which means you could attend the conference and become a member of the society for one year at a discounted price. Please share this information with folks who you think would enjoy not only this conference but the benefits of being a member of SWCS.

In addition to our conference SWCS will host a Farm Energy and Energy Conservation Conference—April 14-16 in New Jersey. This will be the SWCS Northeast Regional Leadership and Technology Workshop. Save the date—more information to follow.

Please read Jeff Anliker's Executive Director's report for information on the dates for the 2010 Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), the Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspector (CESSWI) and the Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality certification programs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the winter conference in February,

Liz

Regional Energy Meeting in April

Soil and Water Conservation Society Northeast Regional Leadership and Technology Workshop

Farm Energy and Energy Conservation—April 14-16, 2010 to be held at the Golden Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Avalon, NJ

Look for further announcements!

**Save this date: February 18 — Chapter Winter Meeting
April 14—16 Northeast Regional Workshop**



The Southern New England Chapter of the SWCS is a non-profit scientific and educational organization dedicated to promoting and advancing the conservation of soil, water and all natural resources.

Contributions and articles for the SNEC-SWCS Newsletter are welcome and will be printed as space permits, subject to editorial policy. Please submit articles to: Nancy Ferlow
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Executive Director's Report

Happy New Year and Welcome to a New Decade!

Our Winter Meeting will be Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Periwinkles Restaurant, 917 Southbridge Rd, Auburn, MA 01501. The theme is *Energizing the Rural Landscape—Renewable Power and Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Our Farms, Homes, and Communities*. Additional information is available in this newsletter or on our website at www.swcssnec.org. CME Associates, Inc is the Premier Sponsor for our conference. In addition, other sponsors include Alteris Renewables, the Center for Ecological Technology, the Northeast Chapter International Erosion Control Association, and the Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England. Four (4) Personal Development Units (PDU) will be available to those that attend if they would like the certificate.

The Board of Directors wants to increase the professional development for Chapter members and others in 2010. We are looking for YOUR ideas on the topics and types of workshops and conferences that we can host either as a Chapter or in partnership with other organizations. Please contact any Board member or myself with your thoughts.

For the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), the Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspector (CESSWI), and the Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ) certification programs, we have established the following dates in 2010. All of the review sessions and exams will be given in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The dates are:

- Friday, March 19, 2010 for a CPESC Review Session
- Friday, April 23, 2010 for CPESC/CESSWI/CPSWQ Exams
- Friday, June 18, 2010 for CPESC/CESSWI/CPSWQ Exams
- Friday, July 30, 2010 for a CPESC Review Session
- Friday, August 27, 2010 for CPESC/CESSWI/CPSWQ Exams
- Friday, October 22, 2010 for CPESC/CESSWI/CPSWQ Exams

Additional information for these sessions will soon be posted on our website at www.swcssnec.org as well as on the CPESC website at www.cpesc.org.

Since the last newsletter, the following individuals have renewed their SWCS membership or have become new members:

- New Members: Kate Keck and Basma Mohammad of Connecticut; and Andrea Vassallo for the UConn Student Chapter
- Renewed Members: Ken Taylor, Joe Polulech and Barbara Kelly of Connecticut; and Wendi Goldsmith of Massachusetts.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 413-213-6885, anliker@charter.net or through the website.

Jeff Anliker

Registration Form

Energizing the Rural Landscape—Renewable Power and Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Our Farms, Homes, and Communities

Thursday, February 18, 2010 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (Registration open at 8 am)

Periwinkles Restaurant & Banquet Hall

917 Southbridge St, Auburn MA 01501

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Enclosed is credit card information or check payable to SNEC-SWCS for \$_____ for

_____ SWCS/ Co-Sponsor Members at \$40 (\$50 after 2/4/10) per person

_____ Non-Members at \$50 (\$60 after 2/4/10) or \$110 Blue Light Special (includes 1 year SWCS Membership at \$80) per person

_____ Students at \$25 (\$30 after 2/4/10) per student

(There is a nonrefundable-processing fee of \$25 if you cancel 72 hours or more prior to the event, and NO refund for cancellations less than 72 hours of the event.)

For additional information, call 413-213-6885 or send an email to anliker@charter.net.

Please indicate special dietary or other needs: _____

NOTE: Four (4) Professional Development Units (PDU) are available for those organizations that accept them.

Please submit this form with Payment to SNEC-SWCS, PO Box 487, Belchertown, MA 01007. Fax registration forms with Credit Card payment to 413-323-1113. NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED.

Hold the date for the SWCS National Meeting in July 2010

The 65th International SWCS Annual Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Primary conference dates are July 18-21, 2010. The headquarters hotel is the [Hilton at the Ballpark](#). This year the overarching theme of the conference is: **Ecosystem Services: Applications for Conservation Science, Policy, and Practice**

Ecosystem services, simply put, are the benefits that society receives from soil, water, air, organisms, and the processes that govern their interactions. Nourishing food and clean water in sufficient quantities are two examples of human needs that would not be met without ecosystem services such as soil formation, nutrient cycling, and regulating the earth's climate. Other services include meeting the recreational, aesthetic, and cultural amenities that are essential for human well being. The concept of ecosystem services is not new, but is gaining momentum as we seek to prioritize, measure, and communicate the value of conservation impacts in agricultural and urban settings.



SWCS SNEC 2010 Winter Meeting
Thank you to our generous premier sponsor: CME ASSOCIATES, INC.

**Energizing the Rural Landscape -
Renewable Power and Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Our Farms, Homes, and Communities**

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Periwinkles Restaurant & Banquet Hall

917 Southbridge St

Auburn, MA 01501

Directions Available at: <http://www.periwinkles-giorgios.com/>

- 8:00 - 9:00 **Registration** (Continental Breakfast & Coffee)
- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Liz Rogers, President SNEC-SWCS
- 9:15 - 9:45 **Keynote Address** - “The Unique Challenges and Potential for Energizing Rural Southern New England through Renewables and Efficiency Upgrades”
- 9:45 - 10:30 **Panel Discussion** - State Energy Agencies: Overview of Policies, Funding and Programs In CT, MA and RI
 Jim Barry, Regional Coordinator, Green Communities Division, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
 Julian Dash, Renewable Energy Director, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation
 Dave Ljungquist, Associate Director of Project Development, Connecticut Clean Energy Fund
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Break** (Exhibits)
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Tools for Renewable Energy Technology**

 Energy Audits and National Projects – Craig Metz, CEO, EnSave
 CT LEEDS Program for Green Buildings – John Guskowski, Senior Planner, CME Associates Inc.
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Networking Lunch & Exhibits** (Italian Buffet)

- 1:00 - 2:00 **Funding/Programs**
- NRCS Energy Programs & Standards; How to Become a TSP – Nancy Ferlow, State Resource Conservationist, NRCS CT
USDA Rural Development & Farm Service Agency Energy Programs – Jay Healy, RD State Director for CT/MA/RI
Massachusetts Farm Energy Program – Darlene Monds, NRCS RC&D Coordinator, Berkshire Pioneer, MA
- 2:00 - 3:15 **Case Studies on Renewable Power and Energy Efficiency Projects**
- Wood Chip Burning Plant – Representative of Ponaganset Middle School, RI
Dairy Manure Digesters – Peter Melnik, Melnik Dairy Farm, Representing A Green Energy/SJH & Co, Inc., MA
Getting Municipal Buildings “Off the Grid” – Nick Mullane, First Selectman, Town of North Stonington, CT
Wood Pellet Plant for Southern New England – Steve Triedman, President, American Wood Pellet Company, RI
- 3:15 – 3:30 **Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks**
- 3:30 – 4:30 **Exhibits**
- 3:30 SWCS SNEC Business Meeting

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Premier Sponsor:

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Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England (www.ssssne.org)

Student Chapter News

Student Support

As most members may already know, there is a University of Connecticut (UConn) Student Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) that began in 1979 and continues to draw much interest today. The chapter is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. The UConn-SWCS promotes the wise use of soil, water and related natural resources in Connecticut through advocacy, professional development, and public education. Plans to begin student chapters in Massachusetts and Rhode Island are currently in process.

The SNEC-SWCS provides funding for SWCS memberships for up to ten students per state who are members of their respective student chapters. This year, because UConn had the only active chapter, eleven student memberships were funded to UConn student chapter members.

The student members are typically very involved in chapter activities ranging from maintenance, marking, and clearing of UConn hiking trails to involvement with the funding, development, and creation of a green roof on campus. The SNEC-SWCS is proud of our student members for what they are able to plan, organize, and accomplish, and for their knowledge and abilities in soil and water conservation. We look forward to continu-

ing our relationships with them after graduation.

To encourage graduating students to continue their memberships in SWCS, the SNEC-SWCS offers to pay for half of their first year of professional membership upon graduation, provided the graduating student remains in the region (Connecticut, Massachusetts, or Rhode Island). This offer is extended to a maximum of five graduates per state. We look forward to following the successes of our graduating student members, and encourage them to apply for professional membership support from SNEC-SWCS.

The SNEC Chapter Newsletter goes electronic.

The Southern New England chapter took a great leap forward and published it's newsletter electronically. This will save money and allow us to put that money into our conferences to serve you. If you wish to continue receiving this newsletter in hard copy, please send a short note to SNEC-SWCS, P.O. Box 487, Belchertown, MA 01007 saying that you want to keep your hard copy subscription. We will be delighted to send you one.

Nancy Ferlow, Newsletter editor



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