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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY FOR HHB CHAPTER MEMBERS MUST REPLY BY 2/17/09

The Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter of the Soil and Water Society is planning a trip to our nation's capitol in March. The chapter is chartering a bus to transport us to Virginia on the afternoon of March 27th. Once there we will stay overnight and the morning of March 28th, load the bus and embark for the Smithsonian Museum to view the much talked about soils exhibit. The museum is located on the capitol mall, we will also view other landmarks and buildings during the day of March 27th. The chapter is still in the planning stages, but we need to know your interest now to help with the planning. Charlie Bass of the Franklin SWCD is heading up the trip, and you can contact him by e-mail (charles.bass@nc.nacdnet.net), or by phone (919-496-3137x3). CUTOFF DATE: 2/17/09

THE OPTION WITH THE MOST POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CHOSEN!

OPTION #1. You would spend two nights out, March 27 and 28, returning to Raleigh on March 29. Tentatively, bus ride \$50 per person, hotel; Comfort Inn, \$53 single, Double \$56 king -- food not included.

OPTION#2; Leave on March 27 at 8:00AM, spend the afternoon and most of the next day in DC; Return late March 28. Tentatively, bus ride is \$34; Comfort Inn \$53 single, Double \$56 king — food not included.

NOTIFY Charle Bass by FEBRUARY 17, 2009 if interested and option chosen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"Below are changes the SWCS Council recommended at the meeting on January 24th, 2009. Please email or write me by March 15th if you agree or disagree with these changes. The name change is basically a correction to include an accurate official name. The nominations addition is to allow for appointments for positions when there are no candidates for elections."

Article 1 - Name

The official name of the organization is the "Soil Conservation Society of America Inc. North Carolina Chapter". Our business name is the "Hugh Hammond Bennett-Soil and Water Conservation Society" (hereinafter referred to as the chapter).

Article VII

Nominations Election Procedures

Section 7 - Insert

In the event the nomination committee is unable to secure a nomination for a particular electable office or council seat, the current president may appoint a member to fill the position for the upcoming year. The president must secure these appointments prior to the annual summer council meeting. At that time, all office holders and council members will be sworn into office.

Please reply to me by the deadline at steve.woodruff@nc.usda.gov or

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President Steve Woodruff

HUGH HAMMOND BENNETT CHAPTER AWARDS 2009



Jim Canterberry (R) presents Superior Service Award to George Naderman (L)

SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

Dr. George Naderman has been a member of the HHB Chapter for over 33 years. During this long tenure he has served the Chapter in more different capacities than any other member, including Chapter President, Chairman of the Conservation Committee, Planning committee for the 1986 International Meeting in Winston Salem, NC, Research committee for long term no-till, etc. He has participated in many cleanup days at the Bennett Home place in Anson County over the years as well. Dr. Naderman has been recognized with many different awards for his work with conservation activities across North Carolina. He has attended many of the summer meetings of the Chapter as well as seven International meetings of SWCS. Dr Naderman is a credit to the HHB Chapter and very deserving of the Superior Service Award.



Dick Everhart (L) receives award from Steve Woodruff (R)

WATER QUALITY

Dick Everhart has worked tirelessly to restore and protect the stream corridors of Surry County since arriving there in 1989. His interest in stream channel improvement and habitat restoration has been recognized not only in North Carolina but across the country. Dick has served as a "Pioneer" stream restoration and his work on the Mitchell River Watershed. Thousands of feet of stream have been restored and hundreds of acres have been permanently protected guaranteeing that pristine waters will continue to flow in the Mitchell River. Dick Everhart undertook restoration and protection work, not because his job required it, but because he felt it was important and someone needed to step up and make it happen. The Mitchell River has been noticed across the state and now used as a model for success.



Ray Archuleta (L) receives award from Kristin Smith (R)

CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR

Ray Archuleta exhibits enthusiasm for conservation and it shows in his work. As a conservation agronomist on the national Soil Quality Team, Ray devotes much of his time to developing and delivering information and training on the benefits of improved soil quality. For the past three years, he has traveled across the county speaking and teaching to NRCS staff, partners and agriculture producers the virtues of soil quality. Just during the past year he has trained over 750 people in his soil health and soil quality presentations. Ray is a very effective instructor and communicator, not only because he is an expert on the subject, but more importantly because he whole-heartedly believes in what he is teaching. He is truly excited about soil health and sharing his knowledge and experience with others.



Ernie Averett (L) receives Conservation Steward Award from Dewey Botts.

CONSERVATION STEWARD/OUTSTANDING LAYMAN AWARD

Ernie Averett, a seventh generation tobacco farmer from Granville County, is a founding board member and immediate past president of the Tar River Land Conservancy. The Conservancy has protected over 13000 acres of land and over 100 miles of streams in just eight years. It is no coincidence that more than 40 percent of the total land protected by the conservancy has been in Granville County, where Mr. Averett lives. Ernie has become a voice for working farmland conservation, and the Tar River Land Conservancy is often referred to as "Ernie's Conservancy". Mr. Averett has dedicated an enormous amount of personal time to grassroots fundraising for the organization. He has promoted and caused great success in the membership of the Land Conservancy, not only from his great interest, but from his relationships with local land users in Granville County. He supports the belief in farmland preservation with action; by placing a permanent working farmland easement on his own farm in Granville County. He is a true believer in saving our farming heritage for future generations of North Carolinians.

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Greg Hughes (L) presents Paul Boone ® with award.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SOIL CONSERVATION

Paul Boone, a career NRCS employee for over 30 years, has worked in several locations, including 20 years in Hertford County. During his tenure in Hertford he worked on many natural resource concerns including animal waste management systems on broiler operations, installing BMP's for erosion control on cropland and promoting wildlife habitat with conservation planning activities including controlled burning and pre-commercial thinning. He has served on several county and state committees while in Hertford County as well. Not only has he help other landowners with conservation activities, but he has implemented work on his on farm.



Gary Holzman (L) Kaye Bales and Robert Brown

NATURAL RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT

The Warren Soil & Water Conservation District, assisted by the technical staff to implement many BMP's on priority sites throughout the County. The Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP) was developed to address the severe sedimentation problems existing in Smith Creek, which is located within the bounds of Warren County. The overall goal of the WRP was to remove Smith Creek from the NC 303d impaired waters list.

The Warren technical staff, through site visits, solicited prospective farmers and landowners to commit to the planned BMP's necessary to implement the WRP. Through education and outreach they were able to gather the required applicants and then plan, design and implement the practices necessary to complete the project.



Matthew Taggart (L) receives scholarship from Joe Kleiss

HHB SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Taggart, is a current M.S. student in the Soil Science Department at NC State University, with a planned graduation in December of 2009. His studies include understanding how moisture and temperature regimes affect carbon loss from organic soils. He is recipient of a \$1000 Scholarship from the HHB Chapter for this year.



Manly Wilder (L) receives award from Pat Harris and Jerry Dorsett

MERIT AWARD

Manly Wilder's background growing up on a farm in Nash County, North Carolina helped prepare him for his service to the conservation community throughout his career. During his 35 year career with NRCS he served in many locations and capacities; North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington DC were his venues of service. This doesn't include his foreign service in Columbia, South America, Thailand, Israel and Australia before retiring from USDA. His service to natural resources didn't stop there; He was Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation from 2005-2007, providing leadership to staff and programs including Agricultural Cost Share, Conservation Districts, nutrient management planning and community conservation. Manly was appointed to NC DENR Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources in October 2007, providing leadership to the many Divisions under DENR capacity. Manly has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career, including the USDA Honor Award in 1989.

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Maurice Cook, (2nd from right) presents to Duke Energy Corporation

CONSERVATION BUSINESS (INDUSTRIAL) AWARD

Duke Energy Corporation is recognized for the implementation of BMP's along a new electrical transmission line in Graham County, North Carolina. Duke Energy is utilizing a variety of BMP's to demonstrate excellent environmental stewardship. The environmental standards employed by Duke exceed those prescribed a requirement in state laws to effectively protect the water quality of all areas under new transmission lines being constructed in the County.



Sergio Abit, (L) receives scholarship from Joe Kleiss

HHB SCHOLARSHIP

Sergio Abit, a PhD Candidate in the Soil Science Department at NC State University received a \$1000 Scholarship from HHB Chapter. Sergio is conducting innovative field research addressing lateral transport of solutes through the capillary fringe of soils. His research will have significant impact confirming current practices and developing new protocols for environmental monitoring of chemical and microbial pollutants.



Charles Bass (center) presents award to Durham SWCD

UNIT OF GOVERNMENT AWARD

The Durham Soil & Water conservation District has strived to make significant improvements in the natural resources in not only Durham County, but also across the state and southeastern US region. The District's programs include agriculture conservation, community conservation and environmental education. The success of it's many programs has lead to the District being asked to lead presentations and discussions at Regional NACD conferences as well as DEA annual conferences. The many avenues of the District's programs makes it a leader in natural resource conservation in all areas of Durham County.