



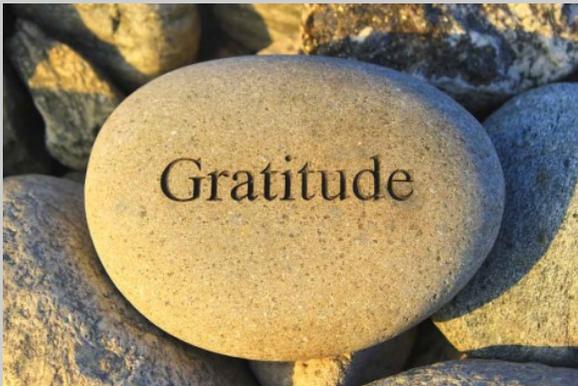
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Chair's Update by Cindy Banyai

We are less than a month away from our 50th Anniversary Celebration (**register here** if you haven't done so already). All of our work toward this momentous occasion will be on full display very soon! We have an amazing line up for world class speakers and visits from many of our past presidents and leaders. It will truly be a time to connect our past and future! It is also a time for us to get our collective work done (business meeting) and celebrate our accomplishments (awards).

We also have several sessions and opportunities for our members to provide feedback on the updates to our bylaws and POG. Be sure to check the schedule and the announcements to join in! We need your input! If you have any thoughts in the meantime, please feel free to share them with me at chair@comm-dev.org.

As this is my last update and overall my last regular blog and Vanguard submission, I just want to say that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve our organization. We have seen much transition in our organization and our world since I began my service to CDS in 2012 as Vanguard Editor. I have always done my best to help our organization navigate these transitions, even through troubled waters. As I leave the reigns for the incoming leaders, I hope that the waters are calmer and the path is clearer and there is continued success for our organization.

The work that each and every one of you does everyday is vital to the success of the communities we love and our world at large. In fact, as has been said before, community is the way. I want to express my sincere gratitude for the work that you do and the contributions you make to our field and our organization. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Celebrate History, Cultivate the Future
Support the CDS Endowment Auction

development was pieced by Mary and Lena Leuci from blocks drawn by conference participants in 2015, 2016 and 2018 and CD members from South Africa. The commemorative quilt will be on display during the conference and auctioned during the live auction on Tuesday night as a part of the banquet.

The live and silent auction supports the CDS Endowment (which funds scholarships and more). And we need items donated that represent your region or area. Arts and hand-crafted items and local foods and beverages go well. Items with university logos don't. And keep in mind that some people drive and others fly. The live auction will feature a couple of the traditional items as well as the 50th Anniversary Quilt (approximately 84 inches by 92 inches).



Proceeds from the auction support the CDS Endowment for the future.

CONFERENCE NEWS

Register for the Conference

Excitement Accelerates!

Coming Home to Cultivate the Future Conference Nears



We are one month away from the 50th Anniversary and 51st Annual International Conference: Community Development: Coming Home to Cultivate the Future, July 14-17, 2019, at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, USA.

If you have already registered to attend this fun and informative conference –
YOU ARE IN FOR A TREAT!!
If you have not yet registered – **IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!**

If you are involved in, or just interested in, community development, community leadership development, community entrepreneurship development, community change, community improvement, and/or urban or rural community development in general, you simply cannot miss this conference opportunity. Not only will you learn and share but you will receive an additional bonus of a continual 50th year celebration throughout the conference.

Learning Opportunities include an agenda packed with:

- Pre-conference workshops
- Mobile learning workshops
- Outstanding plenary speakers and topics
- A variety of great breakout sessions
- Poster Presentations
- Community Development Society discussions and planning
- Bringing the Soap Box back

Join the Excitement

50th Anniversary Celebration Activities

- An Opening Reception Sunday evening that will go back to the 1960's and 1970's. Come



- dressed for the times! Hear from past presidents over the decades.
- CDS commemorative book, a 50th Anniversary history that explores the founding and evolution of CDS
- 50th Anniversary tribute video
- Contribute to the participatory CDS Timeline and CDS Vision Walls.
- Learn about the beautiful hand-quilted 50th Anniversary Quilt constructed with blocks hand-painted by CDS conference participants the past couple of years.



CDS at 50: Keeping Hopes and Dreams Alive

Pictured above: Past Presidents at the CDS 20th Anniversary

Ever wondered how and why CDS was formed? Who had the inspiration and determination to see it happen? To celebrate CDS's first 50 years, a retrospective history of the organization has been compiled. A limited number of books, just 100 copies are being printed, will be available for purchase at the July conference for \$15. Proceeds from the book will support the Endowment. The book covers the ups and downs of the Society and recognizes the thoughtful commitment of its officers and members.

Did you know that "Community Development Society" was not the original name? And, what about that bomb scare?

If you want to be sure that you get a copy, send an email to [Sharon Gulick \(GulickS@missouri.edu\)](mailto:Sharon.Gulick@missouri.edu) asking to have a copy reserved and you can pay at the conference. Aren't able to attend the conference but would still like a copy? Send a check for \$20 (covers the book and shipping) to: Sharon Gulick, 5810 Sterling Ridge Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Family Fun in Columbia

Bring your families! Doris Littrell has coordinated some wonderful options to please children, grandchildren, spouses, significant others, and friends. Columbia, Missouri is the premier site for this conference for attendees and their families and friends. Downtown

Columbia offers a variety of restaurants, unique shops and recreational spots. Add this to an absolutely beautiful University of Missouri campus, and you will have the time of your life.



RESOURCES



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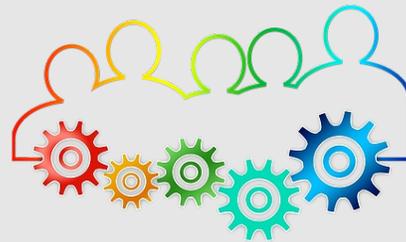


Stay informed. Review the latest minutes from our Board of Directors.

Mar 15, 2019 - Board meeting

Apr 19, 2019 - Board meeting

May 2019 Board meeting canceled due to scheduling conflicts



MEMBER BENEFITS

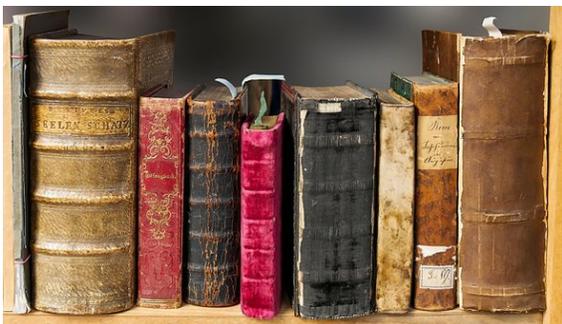
Job Opportunity



The Center for Resilient Communities in the Department of Geology and Geography at West Virginia University invites applications for a director for its program on Community Leadership and Social Action in Appalachia. This is a 12-month renewable appointment with a faculty rank of Service Instructor (MA level) or Service Assistant Professor (PhD level). The preferred start date is August 12.

[Learn More](#)

THE LAST WORD IS YOURS
Share book ideas



Share your book recommendations for key reading in the community development field.

Your suggestion could be published in the 50th Anniversary edition of CD Practice. Just send the title, author, brief summary, and reason the book is important to **CD Practice Editor** by June 30.

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