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### Chair's Update by Cindy Banyai

People sometimes think I am wild and crazy. Maybe it's because I love adventure and take opportunities as they arise. Maybe it's because I lived abroad for so many years. Maybe it's because I am a good dancer and like to have fun. What's funny to me about all of these perceptions is that they beguile my typically dogged commitment to process and facts. [Learn More](#)

## Celebrating History, Connecting Community

The CDS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt portraying community 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 print that ties the quilt together is South African cotton donated by CDS member Cornel Hart. The quilting group of the St. Ann's Sodality of the Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City, Missouri, hand quilted the finished piece, which is now being bound by Mary's mom and sister. This awesome commemorative quilt will be on display during the conference and auctioned during the live auction on Tuesday night as a part of the banquet.



**Save your dollars! Pool your dollars! Be creative!  
This is a beautiful hanging for a public place,  
a wall at home, or as a special topper for a bed.  
Proceeds from the auction support the CDS Endowment.**

## CD Practice Call for Submissions

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of CDS, an upcoming edition of CD Practice will include book recommendations of key books for community developers. What books stand out

as key reading in the community development field? Share the title, author, provide a brief synopsis, and briefly tell us why the book is a critical read for community development scholars and practitioners.

CD Practice presents innovative approaches, tools, and techniques that can be readily applied by community development practitioners, applied researchers, and pracademics.



Share your book suggestion with the [CD Practice Editor](#) **Deadline June 30.**

## CONFERENCE NEWS

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### 'SHOW ME' the Pre-Conference Workshops

They call Missouri the "Show Me State" so to follow our host's advice, we want to **Show You** some amazing highlights of the Pre-Conference Workshops on Sunday July 14.

The deadline to register for Pre-Conference Workshops is by 11:59 p.m. (GMT5), June 10, 2019. They will be held Sunday, July 14 at the Bond Life Sciences Center (the conference main venue) or in adjacent classrooms. Register for a workshop when you register for the conference. Pre-Conference Workshops are optional and require an additional fee at registration. Four workshops are half-day long, and two are full day and include lunch.

And now, **Show Me** the cavalcade of 2019 CDS Pre-Conference Workshops: Take some deep dives into leadership development, social network analysis, workforce development, arts & culture to increase community capacity, design & community development, and assessing university & community partnerships.

Your **Show Me** guides are folks with deep experience in their topics and deep excitement that you might join in the Sunday journey with colleagues from near and far.

#### ['Show Me' More](#)



#### Mobile Workshops

Tish Johnson shares her favorite conference memories and invites you to join in the 50th Anniversary Conference mobile learning sessions which include the Missouri Penitentiary, food systems, and mural painting.

[Learn More](#)

#### Practical Wisdom for a Better World

Organizers of the Conference's Opening Plenary Session are looking for photographs and words that will reflect diverse experiences, perspectives and communities of practice. It's fine to give us just a photo or just words, or both. We welcome all contributions. Your photos and words will help spark conversations, ideas, and inspirations. Qualities such as deep sense of meaning, insight and authenticity are more important than a pretty picture or witty turn of phrase.



**Join the action! [Contribute Words or Pictures.](#)**

**Climb Up On Your Soap Box**

CDS has always considered input from our members to be a core value. With that in mind, an informal, interactive opportunity for input was initiated about 20 years ago called "The Soap Box." A solid wooden box/platform known as a soap box is placed in the middle of a ring of CDS members. Then members are encouraged to step up to the soap box and are given 3 minutes to share a concern or issue on their mind. The issue can relate to CDS specifically, community development in general, or even be a particular challenge they are facing in their home community. A couple of "barkers" serve both to encourage the audience to participate but also monitor the speakers and participants so this is a civil exchange where we learn of other member's concerns. Past Soap Box speeches have brought important suggestions about CDS operations as well as shared new insights about community development from various communities around the world. Join us to share your thoughts at the CDS "Soap Box" on Tuesday, July 16 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Columbia, Missouri. This will be a fun session, so don't miss it!



## Join the CDS Conference Opening Reception

Learn about the roots of CDS beginning in 1969. Invite retirees and past members for an exciting line-up. Come on home for a family reunion on Sunday, July 14. There will be music from the 60s and 70s and, for those of you who are fun-loving and a bit daring, go ahead and pull some vintage looks out of the closet and show us what 1969 was really like! [Learn More](#)

## CDS Commemorative Book

**Pictured left: Past Presidents at the CDS 20th Anniversary**

As part of CDS's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a retrospective history of CDS is being written to explore the founding of CDS back in 1969 and the contributions of the Society to community development over the last 50 years. With photos and memorable moments in CDS's history, this book recognizes the contributions that members have made to the profession.

The book will be available for sale, for \$20.00, during the upcoming conference with proceeds from the sale going to support the Endowment Fund. A limited number will be printed so order your copy from [Sharon Gulick](#). Not attending? Let us know and a copy can be mailed to you with an additional charge for postage.

## Conference Lodging Options

**Reserve hotel rooms by June 12** to take advantage of the "CDS" room block and get the conference rate of \$149/night (before taxes) for single or double room.



The deadline for guaranteed campus housing in the dormitory has passed; however, there are still a few rooms available and they can be reserved during the conference registration process until they are gone or by June 10, 2019.

[View Lodging Options](#)



## Don't Forget!

**If you have already registered for the conference, please share the conference info with colleagues and others to encourage their participation.**

<https://www.comm-dev.org/networking/2019-conference>

**Registration key reminders:**

- Early-bird registration at reduced rates closes 11:59 p.m., CDT (GMT5) on June 10, 2019.
- There are special reduced rates for retirees and students. Students are expected to volunteer with some tasks.
- Conference fees cover: Sunday night reception and celebration of founders and past leaders, Monday continental breakfast, lunch and ice cream social (dinner is on your own), Tuesday continental breakfast, lunch, and banquet, Wednesday continental breakfast and lunch, and all plenary and breakout sessions.
- Fees for the pre-conference workshops and mobile workshops are separate.
- Special prices have also been arranged for guests who wish to attend Sunday night opening, Monday ice cream social, Tuesday banquet, or Wednesday closing lunch.
- Family activities are planned including walking tours, swimming, trolley tours, and an ice cream social. Registration required. [Learn More](#)

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Serve as a break-out session moderator during the July conference. Moderators get everyone started on time, welcome attendees, introduce presenters, and get everyone out the door on time. Contact [Jane Leonard](#) to volunteer.

## RESOURCES



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## THE LAST WORD IS YOURS Share pictures, words & book ideas

Be part of the Opening Session - share a photo, word or short phrase (2-4 words) that you associate with community development - perhaps a vivid adjective, or emotion, or whatever words come

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,

immediately to mind.  
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and reason the book is important to  
[CD Practice Editor](#) by June 30.

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