

AGENDA
Southwest Agroforestry Action Network, 2nd Annual Conference
Southwest Agroforestry Challenges and Best Practice Solutions
March 17-19, 2020, Tucson, Arizona

Tuesday, March 17, Presentations

Location: University of Arizona, ENR2 Building, Room 107, 1064 E Lowell St, Tucson, AZ

One day registration fee \$40, lunch provided

Parking garage available east of the ENR2 building, \$8 fee to park

8:00 - 8:45 REGISTRATION, NETWORKING

8:45 – 9:15

Dr. James Allen, SWAAN Chair and Professor and Executive Director, School of Forestry, College of the Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences, Northern Arizona University

An Introduction to SWAAN and Agroforestry in the Southwest

9:15 – 10:00

Dr. Kathleen Merrigan, Morning Keynote Speaker, Director, Arizona State University Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems

Sustainable Food Systems in the US Southwest

10:00 – 10:30

Susan Stein, Director, USDA National Agroforestry Center

The National Agroforestry Center, an Information Resource

10:30 – 10:45 BREAK

10:45 – 11:15

Jeb Minarik, Acting ASTC-Programs, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Opportunities for NRCS Financial and Technical Assistance to Support Agroforestry Practices

11:15– 11:45

Denise Purvis, Mary McKay, Co-Founders, Harris Heritage Farm, Sonoita, Arizona

Developing and Sustaining a Family Farm in Southern Arizona

11:45 – 12:30

Dr. Ursula Schuch, Professor and Specialist, Environmental Horticulture, UA School of Plant Sciences

Best Practice Solutions for Increasing the Success of Agroforestry in Semi-arid Environments of the US Southwest

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH AND NETWORKING (Lunch is provided)

1:30– 2:15

Brad Lancaster, Afternoon Keynote Speaker, Author of Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond

Best Practices for Providing Sustainable Water Supplies to Urban Trees

2:15 - 2:45

Kendall Kroesen, Community Outreach Coordinator, Mission Garden/Friends of Tucson's Birthplace

Mission Garden: Tucson's Agricultural Origins

2:45 – 3:00 BREAK

3:00 – 3:30

Jacobo Marcus, Program Director, Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture Institute

High Desert Food Forests

3:30 – 4:00

Ann Audrey, SWAAN Co-Chair; Steering Committee Chair, Linking Edible Arizona Forests (LEAF) Network

Resources for Growing Edible Trees in Agroforestry Systems in Arizona

4:00 – 4:30

Cori Dolan, Urban and Community Forestry and Forest Health Manager, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management

Resources Available to Help Support Trees in Arizona

4:30 – 5:00

Dr. James Allen, SWAAN Chair; Professor and Executive Director, School of Forestry, College of the Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences, Northern Arizona University

Facilitated group discussion of Agroforestry Potential in the Southwest

Tuesday, March 17, Informal gathering

6pm to 8pm, Gentle Ben's Brewing Co. 865 E. University Blvd, dinner and drinks available for purchase

Wednesday, March 18, Fieldtrips

One day registration fee \$40, lunch provided

Location: 946 W Mission Lane, intersection of Mission Road and Mission Lane

Park northeast of Mission Garden wall in the large dirt lot

Tour buses will load from here after the Mission Garden tour

9:00 – 10:30

Mission Garden tour

Kendall Kroesen, Community Outreach Coordinator, Mission Garden/Friends of Tucson's Birthplace

Time line gardens covering 4000 years with extensive tree and garden plantings

10:30 LOAD BUSES FOR THE REST OF THE TOUR

10:45- 12:30

Dunbar-Spring Neighborhood tour

Brad Lancaster, Author of Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond, and Co-Founder of Desert Harvesters and Neighborhood Foresters Program

Neighborhood Foresters tree-planting program in public rights-of-way supported by water harvesting and a permaculture homestead with water harvesting, solar power and edible trees

12:30 - 1:30 TRAVEL TO SONOITA, sack lunch provided on the bus

1:30 – 3:30

Harris Heritage Growers tour

Denise Purvis, Mary McKay, Co-Founders of Harris Heritage Growers

Tour of U-Pick Family Farm in southern Arizona with trees, crops and animals

3:30 – 4:30 TRAVEL BACK TO TUCSON

Thursday, March 19, SWAAN Business Meeting

9:00 – 12:00

UA/Pima County Cooperative Extension Office, 4210 N Campbell Avenue, Tucson

Parking is free at the site

Meeting will be facilitated by Andy Mason and Dr. James Allen

A virtual meeting link will be established to allow people to participate remotely

All conference participants are invited to attend in person or remotely