

# SOUTHERN MARYLAND RC&D



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

## Our very own RC&D Board Member elected President of the National Association of RC&D Councils



Southern Maryland RC&D Board Member Olga Walter was recently elected as the new President of the National Association of RC&D Councils. She has served as a Board member of the National RC&D for the past 10 years. Olga has been on the Southern MD RC&D Board since 1988. She also serves on the Mid Atlantic RC&D Association. She is a very strong supporter of the RC&D program.

## CONGRATULATIONS OLGA!

### Note from Chair

We have closed out the records of 2011 year and have all of that behind us. It has been a very successful time despite the bumps in the road. A few months ago we were told that the federal dollars were gone and we were now on our own. We did not take this as a doom but as a challenge, and I am glad to say, we are doing well. What an awesome feeling of accomplishment.

The economy is very poor and extremely sluggish and not a lot of wealth floating around, but we are doing well and find that there is a lot of needy projects that we need to address. We have made a difference in our communities and that is due to the intelligence and energetic members of the board and our fabulous staff. You are awesome. I would like to encourage you to continue to look forward with hope and determination. As we look forward we can seek opportunities to play a vital role in helping economic development, environmental concerns, social resources, farm life and a good quality of life for all. The next few years are going to be exciting. We know how to take on a project and make every project successful. I know you are ready for the challenge.

What an honor for the Southern Maryland RC&D. Congratulations to Olga Walter on her accomplishment in being elected National RC&D President. Good luck to you as you serve your term of office and as you fight for the survival of the RC& D program. We are proud of you and your work.

*Patricia Pinnell*

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## Welcome New Board Members

We would like to welcome two new board members to Southern MD RC&D. Robert Jarboe is a representative of the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District and is a retired farmer. Greg Mitsoff is a retired Navy Reserve Officer with a background in project management, information systems and national security. We look forward to working with them on various projects.



# VOLUNTEER BE A MEMBER OF THE RC&D BOARD

## RC&D Seeks Student Members!

The Southern Maryland RC&D Board has exciting and rewarding opportunities for high school juniors to serve on our Board! We currently have vacancies for St. Mary's, Calvert and Anne Arundel county representatives. A successful applicant should be a junior and should have project ideas to bring before the board. One student representative will be chosen from each county for this unique position. If you or someone you know would like to serve on our Board, please contact the RC&D office at (301) 475-8427 ext. 6.

## Congratulations to Science Fair Winners

Executive Director Al Stewart and Chair Pat Pinnell recently judged the St. Mary's County Science Fair and picked the following students to receive awards from Southern MD RC&D:

Senior First Place—Molly Tracy—Osteoporosis—The Effects of Ocean Acidification

Senior Second Place—Charles Sasscer—Forage Grasses

Junior First Place—Annie Imhof—The Giving Tree

Junior Second Place—Natalie Wolfe—How Do Plants React to Gravity Differential

Calvert Soil Conservation District Staff Member Geoff Westbrook volunteered to judge for RC&D at the Calvert County Science Fair and he picked the following:

Senior First Place—Allison Worth—Water Purification

Senior Second Place—Kimberly Lopez—Oil Spill Clean Up

Junior First Place—Gabriella Green—Effects of Acid Rain

Junior Second Place—Ben Harris & Mitchell MacAdams—Gauss Rifle

Executive Director Al Stewart judged the Charles County Science Fair and chose the following:

Senior First Place—Kaitlyn Sandy—What Site Rip Rap Works Best at Slowing Erosion

Senior Second Place—Claudia McGuire—The Effectiveness of Using  
Polymers in the Rehabilitation of Contaminated Soil

Junior First Place—Anna Radtke—What do Creepers of the Deep Know

Junior Second Place—Calla Ziebell—Can Erosion be Stopped



## Southern Maryland RC&D Announces Mini Grant Funding Opportunities

The Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Board has announced that applications for the mini grant program are available. Projects selected for funding will assist RC&D in implementing its Annual Plan and Area Plan which are both focused on community development, land conservation, land management and water management in Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's and Anne Arundel counties.

The maximum amount for each mini-grant award is \$500. The Southern Maryland RC&D Board will accept applications at its office in Leonardtown via email, fax or regular mail. The mini grant program will

operate on a rolling basis throughout the fiscal year (July 2011 to June 2012) while funds are available. Applications are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. Visit the website at [www.somdrctd.org](http://www.somdrctd.org) for more information about RC&D. Call the RC&D office at 301-475-8427 ext. 6 or email [denitra.brawner@somdrctd.org](mailto:denitra.brawner@somdrctd.org) if you are interested in applying and would like to receive an application.





## Open RC&D Board Positions

Southern Maryland RC&D is currently searching for Board Members to serve our communities. There are a total of seven open positions, with representatives needed for the Calvert Forest Conservancy District Board, Calvert County Student, Charles Forest Conservancy District Board, Charles County Student, County of Anne Arundel, Anne Arundel County Student and St. Mary's County Student. Additional Board Appointed positions are also open.

Board Members serve for a period of three years and have numerous opportunities to develop both professionally and personally, working with a talented group of professionals from Southern Maryland's four-county area.

For more information, please contact the RC&D office at  
(301) 475-8427 ext. 6.

## RC&D Tech Updates

**Donate Now Online!** Southern Maryland RC&D can now receive your tax-deductible donations online securely and easily via PayPal. If you've been considering making your charitable donation to Southern Maryland RC&D, but just haven't had the time to print and mail the donation form, please take advantage of this fast, safe, and easy method of payment online by clicking the Donate button to the right and follow the links from our homepage. Or, for those who prefer traditional mail or would like to make an anonymous donation, the printable donation form is still available online at [www.somdrccd.org](http://www.somdrccd.org) or by contacting our office at (301) 475-8427 ext. 6.



**Publicize Your Event!** Southern Maryland RC&D now has an events calendar on our website featuring activities happening in Southern Maryland. Please visit the calendar often at [www.somdrccd.org/calendar.php](http://www.somdrccd.org/calendar.php) to see what might be happening in your neck of the woods. Or, if you have an event you'd like to add, please let us know by calling (301) 475-8427 ext. 6 or emailing [somdrccd@somdrccd.org](mailto:somdrccd@somdrccd.org)!



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GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

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Alternatively, here's the format for a link that will pre-select Southern Maryland RC&D on the GoodSearch homepage: <http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=928562>. You can also click the GoodSearch icon below.

As always, Thanks for your continued support!

## 2012 Annual Awards Dinner

The Southern Maryland RC&D Annual Dinner will be held on Monday April 30, 2012 at St. Mary's Landing located at 29935 Three Notch Road Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 at 6:00pm. If you wish to attend please fill out the registration form below and send it in with payment by April 20th.

### AGENDA

- 6:00 PM .....Social Time
- 6:30 PM .....Dinner
- 7:15 PM .....Introduction of Guests and Presentation
- 8:00 PM.....Award Presentations
- 8:30 PM .....Adjourn

TEAR OFF AND RETURN

### REGISTRATION FORM Return by April 20, 2012

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet includes: Fried Chicken, Hot Roast Beef, Stuffed Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad, Rolls & Butter, Soda and Coffee.

Make checks payable to:  
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Please note that there are no refunds after April 20.



## Dates to Remember...

April 12 - Southern Maryland RC&D Quarterly Board Meeting

April 22 - Leonardtown Earth Day Celebration

April 30 - Southern Maryland RC&D Annual Dinner, St. Mary's Landing, Charlotte Hall, MD

June 10-13 - National RC&D Conference - Madison, Wisconsin

July 19 - Southern Maryland RC&D Quarterly Board Meeting



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