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Oklahoma Chapter

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Vision: A multidisciplinary Society that advocates the protection, enhancement, and wise use of soil, water and related natural resources in Oklahoma and beyond.

Mission: To promote through education and example, an ethic that recognizes the interdependence of people and the environment.

Welcome New Members:

Meet Our Southwest Region Representative — Cheryl Simmons

Born in Nebraska and raised on a farm near Omaha, Cheryl Simmons graduated from the University of Nebraska in Natural Resources Management and Soils (1979) and received a Masters in Public Administration from Kansas University (1986). For 22 years, Cheryl worked with ranchers and farmers in Kansas and Maryland to plan and apply conservation. In 2000, Simmons accepted a national position to



work with the Farmland Protection and Community Planning Staff in Washington, DC, then the Conservation Planning Staff, and the Conservation Security Program (CSP). Currently, Simmons is a National Technology Specialist with the Central National Technology Support Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Simmons is a long time member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and is serving as the Southwest Region Representative on the SWCS International Board of Directors. She has held officer and council positions in KS, MD, and DC. She also participated in national committees, including the SW region leadership team, program committees and membership recruitment campaigns.

As part of the regional team serving on national committees for the Southwestern Region #7 are: Leadership Development – Larry Wright, OK; Professional Development - Daniel Meyerhoff, KS; Awards – Josh Ketch, OK, Sally Mills, TX; Nominations - Ted Zobeck, TX..

On-Line Annual Chapter Activity Report

The Leadership Development Committee is happy to announce the new on-line Chapter Activity Report. The report has been modified so it can be completed on line with simple mouse clicks. No more downloading the file, adding information and emailing it. To help you become familiar with the on-line report you are invited to a **free webinar on January 17th at 1:00 p.m. EST.** Members of the committee will walk you through the form, give you a list of items to gather before you begin, and answer any questions you have. Click here to view the new form: www.swcs.org

Food Recovery Efforts in North America: Getting Food To The Table Before It Becomes Waste

Free webinar is offered on Tuesday December 18, 2012 from 12:30 to 1:45 PM CST.

According to the EPA, an estimated 39.7 million tons of food is thrown away every year. This equates to over half of the food grown, processed, and transported. 50 million Americans have food insecurity, however, enough nutritious calories are grown and produced each year to feed every American. This webinar will discuss these and other facts and figures about our food supply and the problem of hunger in our country.

Pete Pearson, *Sustainability Director* for **SUPERVALU** will explain how his company is creating an effective logistics program through which grocery stores can more efficiently develop closed-loop waste cycles to reduce food waste.

The link to register for the free webinar is:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/479187312>

Sustainable Materials Management Webinar Series 2012-2013

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Oklahoma Chapter Council Meeting

The council is planning a meeting for Friday December 7, 2012 at the Grazinglands Research Laboratory at Fort Reno.



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