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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:

Dr. Jean Steiner elected President-Elect of ASA

Dr. Jean L. Steiner, Director of the Grazinglands Research Laboratory in El Reno, has been elected President-Elect of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), a prominent international scientific society headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. The El Reno laboratory is operated by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the chief scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Steiner obtained a B.A. degree in geology from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Kansas State University. She has worked for ARS since 1983, and has lived in El Reno since 2001. She'll assume the duties of her new office at the ASA Annual Meeting "Water, Food, Energy, & Innovation for a Sustainable World" in Tampa, Fla., in November.

Here's a brief description of agronomy from the American Society of Agronomy website <http://agronomy.org>.

Agronomy is a science and a practice that looks at agriculture from an integrated, holistic perspective. In agronomy, it's important to understand the properties of the soil and how the soil interacts with the growing crop; what when and how to apply nutrients to meet crop needs; the ways that crops grow and develop; how climate and other factors affect the crop at all stages; and how to control weeds, insects, fungi, and other crop pests. Another huge consideration in agronomy is how to grow crops effectively and profitably while conserving natural resources and protecting the environment. The best crop production methods are always grounded in scientific research.

Mortality Composting Training

The OKSARE PDP is pleased to announce some upcoming trainings which should be of interest to many of you. On Friday, April 26, at Langston University there will be a Mortality Composting Training held from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. This workshop is designed for professional development and will prepare attendees to assist their clientele with the information necessary to practice on-farm mortality composting. The following day, April 27, the annual Goat Field Day will be held at Langston University. I have attached the agenda for the Mortality Composting Training and the brochure for the LU Goat Field Day. We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend both days and to accomplish this, The E. Kika de la Garza Institute for Goat Research at Langston University is able to cover all expenses for you to participate in the two trainings. The expenses are to be covered as follows:

- *Lodging expenses will be covered directly.
- *Mileage to/from the Workshop will be reimbursed through Langston University
- *Per Diem expenses will be reimbursed through Langston University
- *There will be NO registration expenses

charged for either days' participation
*Shuttling to/from lodging/meals and the workshop site will also be provided
Please respond to janelle.malone@okstate.edu if you are interested in participating in this opportunity. Janelle Malone, Assistant Extension Specialist, OKSARE Professional Development Program, Plant and Soil Sciences, Oklahoma State University.

Grazinglands Research Laboratory Field Day 2013

Friday, May 10, 2013 From 9 am to 3:30pm
Tours, Research Information to include:

Remote Sensing, Canola, Red Cedar, Grass Cultivars, Rotational Grazing, Conservation Practices and No-Till, Exhibits and Free lunch!

Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Mitigation Conference

Wildfire Safe, Sound & CodeSmart

April 16 & 17, 2013

Hard Rock Casino, Catoosa, OK

2012 was another record setting year for wildfires, burning almost 10 million acres leaving behind an extraordinary toll of well over 2652 homes lost and sadly 36 lives were taken. Each year this trend seems to worsen with more and more impacts to communities and homeowners throughout the United States. Despite the fast-growing number of WUI areas throughout the U.S., study after study shows that rural areas lack proper building, fire and WUI codes. This conference is in conjunction with Oklahoma hosting the Southwest States Resource and Conservation Development Councils annual meetings.

National Land and Range Judging Contest

April 30 to May 2, Oklahoma City area.

Conservation Day at the Capitol

April 1, Oklahoma Capitol Building

Oklahoma Chapter Annual Conference June 13—14

The annual conference for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society will be held at Roman Nose State Park Lodge near Watonga, Ok on June 13-14, 2013. See page 2 for more details and registration.



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REGISTRATION

Oklahoma Chapter of the
Soil and Water Conservation Society

2013 Annual Meeting

Thursday & Friday, June 13 – 14, 2013

Roman Nose Lodge (580) 623-7281

Highway 8A, Watonga OK 73772

Name: _____

As you would like on the name tag: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Registration Fees		
Fee includes Thursday Lunch, Dinner & Entertainment plus Friday Breakfast		
Category	Early Registration (Until May 13, 2013)	Late Registration (After May 13, 2013)
OK-SWCS Member	\$50.00	\$60.00
Student-SWCS Member	\$25.00	\$30.00
Non-Member	\$55.00	\$65.00

Please make checks payable to **OK-SWCS** and return registration to Larry Wright, OK-SWCS Treasurer, 401 N Bryan St, Weatherford OK 73096. Larry's email is Larry.Wright52@gmail.com

A group golf outing is planned for Friday the 14th from 12:30-? Dutch Treat \$32.50. Interested? yes

There is a block of 22 rooms reserved under "OKSWCS" and they will be reserved until May 13th. There are 22 rooms available inside the lodge, and there are 10 additional cabins available for the same \$77 government rate, but folks would have to specify that they want a cabin in lieu of a room inside the lodge.

Chapter Leader Training Webinars

[Click here to watch](#)

Call for Nominations for Council Seats

If you or somebody you know is interested in standing for election for a seat on the SWCS Oklahoma Chapter Council, please contact jean.steiner@cox.net. This is a very rewarding activity, working to help support the conservation mission in our state.

Great Plains Trail Bird Hike

A bird hike is scheduled to take place at Red Rock Canyon State Park on Saturday May 4th. Melinda Hickman, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and Sue Hokason, Quart Mountain Nature Center will lead the bird hike through the beautiful canyon and also will speak to interested parties about the Great Plains Trail, chimney swift kiosk and the Caddo Canyon Loop. Contact Jennifer at Red Rock Canyon State Park 405-542-6344 for additional details.