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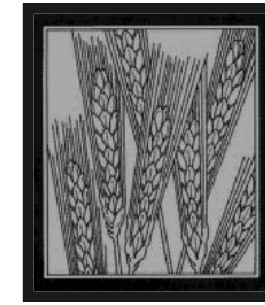
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10th Annual Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference

Agriculture 2008 ~ "Celebrating the Power of 10"

Tuesday, April 8, 2008
 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
 3675 Arboretum Drive
 Chaska, MN

Agriculture 2008 ~ Celebrating the Power of 10 is a leadership conference focused on the integral roles women plan in agriculture; offering session on leadership, current events and issues in agriculture and skill-building opportunities.

Anyone with an interest in agriculture can attend, but it is specifically aimed at women who are actively involved in all forms of agriculture as a career, or who are students with the intent of entering an agriculturally related career.

The conference format includes breakout sessions, where participants may connect with influential and motivated people in agriculture. In addition, there will be ample opportunities for networking during the continental breakfast, breaks and lunch.

Nominations for the Fifth Annual Agricultural Mentoring Awards are being accepted through March 21. Information about this program may be found on our web site www.womensagleadership.org, or by contacting Sarah Tesmer (telephone 612-624-6256 or email tesm0010@umn.edu). Recipients of this award honoring outstanding mentors in agriculture will be recognized during the conference lunch.

More information about the conference may be found at www.a2kconference.org. Sponsorship opportunities are also available - please contact Doris Mold at 715-822-6347.



This conference is again being coordinated by District 11 Agri-Women, and is supported by a broad range of organizations and businesses.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	Registration and Networking
8:45 AM	Opening Session Welcome - Amber Seibert , FFA State Vice President
9:00 AM	General Session MC - Margaret Hart , Communications Coordinator Minnesota Department of Agriculture Short Keynotes and Roundtable Discussion by conference participants Celebrating the Power of 10 Shirley McClellan , Farmer and Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Alberta. Faculties of Agriculture, Rural Economy and the School of Business Megan Reeck , University of Minnesota Collegiate Agri-Women President Kris Schmitt , Project Manager- Service Marketing, John Deere Linda Tank , Vice President Marketing Communications, CHS
10:30 AM	Break and Networking
11:00 - 11:50 AM	Breakout Session I
12:00 NOON	Lunch ~ 10th Anniversary Celebration Remarks by Robin Kinney , Assistant Commissioner Minnesota Department of Agriculture and Doris Mold , Sunrise Agricultural Associates and Past-President Minnesota Agri-Women Celebration of Conference Supporters Fifth Annual Agricultural Mentoring Awards Honoring outstanding mentors in agriculture will be recognized
1:30 - 2:20 PM	Breakout Session II
2:20 PM	Break and Networking, Silent Auction Closes
2:35 - 3:25 PM	Breakout Session III
3:30 PM	Conference ends - Thank you for joining us!

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Consumer Confidence in Food Safety and Defense: Reinforcing the Circle of Trust

Koel Ghosh, post doctorate research fellow at University of Minnesota Food Industry Center

Minnesota Home-Grown Cooking--Buy Fresh, Buy Local

Beth Nelson, MISA; Brett Olson, Renewing the Countryside; Doug Hilgendorg, Whole Grain Milling Co.; and Lisa Durkee, Amboy Cottage Cafe Durkee

Trade and Rural Development Matters: Perspectives from Canada

Shirley McClellan, Farmer and Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Alberta. Faculties of Agriculture, Rural Economy and the School of Business

Today's Opportunities: Assistance for Women Farmers through USDA NRCS

Debra Walchuk, State Outreach Coordinator, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Advocating for Agriculture from Wherever You Are!

Nora Nolden, Katie Miron, Erin Daninger, Tiffany Vue, Kelsey Taylor, Mickey Olson, Taylor Jeans, and Alex Murdock, Forest Lake FFA

Our State Fair is a Great State Fair! - Educating Fair Visitors about Agriculture

Michelle Fickett, Agriculture Education Manager, Minnesota State Fair

How to Find Your Niche

Doug Rathke and Connie Karstens, owners of the Lamb Shoppe, Hutchinson MN

Empowering Women in Greater Minnesota with AURI

Teresa Spaeth, Executive Director, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)

What's Next in Minnesota's Renewable Energy Development

NextGeneration Energy Board

Academy for Sciences and Agriculture Celebrates the Power of 10!

AFSA Students

Celebrating Minnesota's Sesquicentennial and 150 years of Minnesota Agriculture

Minnesota Historical Society



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Company / Organization

Address

City / State / Zip

Telephone (please include area code)

Fax

Email

- Regular (by March 31) **\$45** / person
- Regular (after March 31) **\$55** / person
- Patron **\$65** / person
- Sponsor **\$85** / person
- Contributor **\$100** / person
- Student (by March 31) **\$15** / person
- Student (after March 31) **\$20** / person

PAYMENT

- Check (make payable to District 11 Agri-Women)

If you wish to pay by credit card, please register on-line using the secure PayPal service on the website www.womensagleadership.org.

MAIL TO:

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Or fax your registration to
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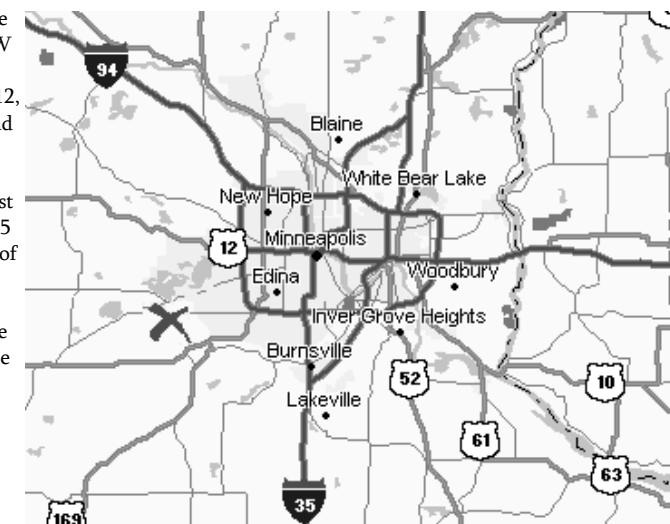
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HOW TO GET TO THE ARBORETUM

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is located about 4 miles west of Chanhassen on State Hwy. 5, just one quarter-mile west of the intersection of State Hwys. 5 & 41. Please be vigilant as you wait to turn into the Arboretum. Arboretum website is <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu>.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS:

Take 35W to I-494 west to State Hwy. 5 (exit 11C) OR, take 35W to the Crosstown (62), go west and follow the signs to Hwy. 212, but do not exit the highway, and continue west on State Hwy.5. Follow State Hwy. 5 for about 9.25 miles, past Chanhassen, past the intersection of State Hwys. 5 & 41. Just past the intersection of State Hwy. 41, there will be a small brown sign on the right-hand side of the road just before the Arboretum entrance. On the left you will see the large, pale-gray entrance sign. Take a left-hand turn off Hwy. 5 onto the Arboretum Drive.



FROM SAINT PAUL:

Take I-494 to State Hwy. 5 (exit 11C) OR take I-94 west to I-494, go south to State Hwy. 5 (exit 11C). Follow State Hwy. 5 for about 9.25 miles, past Chanhassen, past the intersection of State Hwys. 5 & 41. Just past the intersection of State Hwy. 41, there will be a small brown sign on the right-hand side of the road just before the Arboretum entrance. On the left, you will see the large, pale-gray entrance sign.

CONFERENCE FEES

REGULAR

by March 31 **\$45** / person
after March 31 **\$55** / person

PATRON* **\$65** / person

SPONSOR** **\$85** / person

CONTRIBUTOR*** **\$100** / person

STUDENTS (high school or college)

by March 31 **\$15** / person

after March 31 **\$20** / person

Patron* - fee covers the full cost of your attendance to this conference. If you are able, we encourage you to register at this level or higher.

Sponsor** - fee covers the full cost of your attendance, plus affords students and others the opportunity to attend.

Contributor*** - fee covers the full cost of your attendance, plus furthers the mission of District 11 Agri-Women, whose activities include this conference, a mentoring program, and a networking directory.

Cancellation policy

Cancellations received before or on March 31 are 100% refundable.

Cancellations received after March 31 will be charged the entire conference fee.