



SOUTHWEST AGROFORESTRY ACTION NETWORK

In partnership with the Arizona Community Tree Council &
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension presents:

Southwest Agroforestry Action Network 5th Annual Conference

Agroforestry for the Southwest:

Integrating trees and food to regenerate landscapes and people.

April 23-26, 2024, Tucson, Arizona

University of Arizona, ENR2 Building, Room S107, 1064 E Lowell St, Tucson, AZ 85719

Registration Live and Virtual Options: <https://www.aztrees.org/event-5453333>

Scholarships are available: if you are practitioner, tribal member or need support to make your participation possible, please contact the conference organizer Chris Jones at ckjones@arizona.edu

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, Pre-conference activities (optional)¹

University of Arizona Memorial Fountain, 1200 E University Blvd., Tucson, AZ

4:00 – 5:15 pm: Campus Arboretum Tour: Native and Desert-adapted Edible Plants

5:30 – 7:00 pm: Green Roof Sunset Gathering (Refreshments by Tumerico served, no alcohol)

- Trevor Ledbetter, Director of the Office of Sustainability, University of Arizona
ENR2 Building, 1064 E Lowell St, Tucson, AZ

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, SWAAN Conference (in-person & online hybrid)

University of Arizona, ENR2 Building, Room S107, 1064 E Lowell St, Tucson, AZ

8:00 – 8:30: REGISTRATION, NETWORKING

Morning Session: 8:30 – 12:00²

8:30 – 9:00: Welcome to conference Moderator: Chris Jones

- Dr. Ed Martin, Director, UA Cooperative Extension (and Land Acknowledgement)
- Ralph Ware, Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- LoriAnne Barnett-Warren, Forestry Program Administrator, AZ Dept of Forestry and Fire Mgmt.

9:00 – 9:15: An Introduction to SWAAN and agroforestry in the Southwest

- Christopher Jones, Extension Agent, University of Arizona, Gila County

¹ Continuing education credits for April 23 evening presentations:

- Society of American Foresters has approved total of 1.0 CFEs (Cat. 1)
- American Society of Agronomy has approved total of 3.0 CEUs (Sustainability)

² Continuing education credits for April 24 morning presentations:

- Society of American Foresters has approved total of 3.0 CFEs (Cat. 1)
- American Society of Agronomy has approved total of 3.5 CEUs (Sustainability)
- International Society of Arboriculture has approved total of 2.75 CEUs

9:15 – 9:30: *Southwestern Tribal Agroforestry Outreach Project*

- Dr. James Allen, Professor, School of Forestry, College of the Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences, Northern Arizona University

9:30– 10:00: *Manzo School Garden Project*

- Moses Thompson, Director, UArizona School Garden Workshop

10:00 – 10:30: BREAK

10:30 – 11:00: *Native and desert-adapted edible plants for agroforestry in the Southwest*

- Ann Audrey, Linking Edible Arizona Forests (LEAF) Network

11:00 – 11:30: *Regenerative agroforestry practices for soil health and conservation*

- Dr. Debankur Sanyal, Asst Professor, Extension Soil Health Specialist, Univ. of Arizona

11:30 – 12:00: *Regenerative agroforestry for people: people, place, purpose and profit*

- Josie Hart, Associate Director of Farm Programs, Denver Botanic Gardens

12:00 – 1:30: LUNCH AND NETWORKING. Posters and Tables (lunch by Student Union sandwich deli provided with registration)

1:30 – 5:00: Afternoon Session³

1:30 – 2:15: *Re-hydrating and Re-enlivening Our Communities with Rain-watered Neighborhood Food Forestry*

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

2:15 – 2:45: *High desert food forests (Virtual Presentation)*

- Jacobo Marcus, Program Director, Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture Institute

2:45 – 3:00: BREAK

3:00 – 3:20: *Nalwoodi Denzhone Community: Regenerative Agriculture and Apache Culture*

- Juan Arias, UA FRTEP Extension Agent, San Carlos Reservation; and Chandler Ballinger, Farm Manager, Nalwoodi Denzhone Community

3:20 – 3:50: *Designing an urban food forest from top to bottom in the Sonoran Desert*

- Lisa Shipek Executive Director, Watershed Management Group

3:50 – 4:10: *Stratton Meadows Regenerative Neighborhood Project: Building Environmental, Economic, and Community Vitality through Urban Food Forests*

- Kelly Bull, Permaculture Design LLC, Owner

³ Continuing education credits for April 24 afternoon presentations:

- Society of American Foresters has approved total of 2.5 CFEs (Cat. 1)
- American Society of Agronomy has approved total of 3.5 CEUs (Sustainability)
- Society of Arboriculture has approved total of 3.0 CEUs

4:10 – 4:30: *Resources available to help support trees and agroforestry systems*

- Emilio Carrillo, USDA NRCS State Rangeland Specialist; and
- Alison Faller, Urban and Community Forestry Specialist, Arizona Dept. Forestry and Fire Mgmt.

4:30 – 5:00: *Why agroforestry in a warming world*

- Katherine Favor, ORISE Agroforestry Climate Hubs Fellow, USDA Forest Service, National Agroforestry Center;
- Dr. Caitriana Steele, USDA Southwest Climate Hub Coordinator

Group dinner (pay on your own): 6:00pm@Frog & Firkin, 874. E. University Blvd, Tucson 85719

Thursday, April 25, 2024, Field Tour⁴

8:15: LOAD BUS (Tucson University Marriott)

8:45 – 9:45: *Manzo Elementary School Garden Project.* 855 N. Melrose Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705.
School garden project with student guides, water harvesting cisterns, agrivoltaics and other sustainable practices.

- Moses Thompson, Director, UArizona School Garden Workshop

9:45 – 10:00: Load bus and depart for next site visit

10:00 – 11:00: *Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood.* 813 N. 9th Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705
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

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

11:00 – 11:15: Load bus and depart for next site visit

11:15 – 12:15: *Living Laboratory Tour; How low can you go? Watershed Management Group*
Julie Regalado, Education Program Director
Watershed Management Group, 1137 N Dodge Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716

12:15 – 1:15: LUNCH (provided; catered by Tumerico)
(Bus can return early departure participants after lunch)

1:15 – 3:30: *Agroforestry and food forest design mini workshop (optional)*

- Kelly Bull, Lisa Shipek, Josie Hart and Katherine Favor

3:30 – 4:00: Load bus and return to Tucson University Marriott

End of Conference

⁴ Continuing education credits for April 25 presentations (field tour):

- Society of American Foresters has approved total of 5.0 CFEs (Cat. 1)
- American Society of Agronomy has approved total of 7.5 CEUs (Sustainability)
- International Society of Arboriculture has approved total of 1.25 CEUs

Friday, April 26, 2024, SWAAN Business Meeting

9:00 – 12:00

Pima County Extension Office

4210 N Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719

Meeting facilitated by Chris Jones and Andy Mason

Tour of Tucson Village Farm with Thom Plasse

Conference participants are invited to attend; Virtual option available.