SWIAA Enabling & Supporting Successful Native American Agriculture Producers

Conference Program
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SWIAA 32nd Annual Conference Program
January 20 – 23, 2020
Aquarius Casino
Laughlin, Nevada

Monday - January 20, 2020
SWIAA Board of Directors Meeting
Pisces Room
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Monday - January 20, 2020
Rural Business Development Workshop
1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

**GEMINI I ROOM**

1:00 pm  Introduction to SWIAA Business Promotion and Assistance Program/Needs Assessment  
Speaker: Jing Luo, PhD, PE/Jesus Solis, Apex Applied Technology, Inc.

1:30 pm  Contracting with The University of Arizona & Agriculture Business Basics  
Speaker: Izetta Morris, Contract Analyst Sponsored Projects & Contracting Services

2:15 pm  Break/Networking

2:30 pm  Business Book Keeping  
Speaker: Trent Teegerstrom, Arizona FERTP Project Director and Associate Specialist University of Arizona, Department of Agriculture & Resource Economics

3:30 pm  USDA Business and Cooperative Programs  
Speaker: Clint Kaasa, USDA Rural Development, Arizona State Office

4:00 pm  End of Session

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**Tuesday - January 21, 2020**

**PAVILION B**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm  Registration

9:00 am  Conference Opening

Opening Remarks  Mr. Homer Marks Sr., President/CEO, SWIAA, Inc.

Welcome  Mr. Johnny Hill Jr. Colorado River Indian Tribes

Invocation  Mrs. Dorothy Sunna, Gila River Indian Community

Posting of Colors  Pee Posh Veterans

National Anthem  Ms. Zoey Sharp, Colorado River Indian Tribes

9:15 am  SWIAA Annual Membership Meeting  
Speakers:  Homer Marks, Sr., President/CEO, SWIAA, Inc.

- President’s/CEO Report
- Southwest Indian Agricultural Association, Inc. Update
- Treasurer’s Report
- Nominations & Election of New Board Members
  - Native American Individual – Farm
  - Native American Individual – Livestock
  - Native American Individual – Livestock
  - Native American Organization – Livestock
  - Native American Youth

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- 10:00 – 10:15 am
- Refreshment Break

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10:15am  “Native American Agriculture Fund”
Speaker: Dr. Joe Graham, Regional Director & Education Liaison NAAF

11:00am  “Traditional Gardens”
Speaker: Jacob Butler - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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- 12:00 – 1:30pm
- Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm  “Approving Your Farm/Ranch Bottom Line”
Speaker: Ruby Ward, Professor and Extension Specialist – Agricultural Economics
Utah State University

2:15pm  “Agriculture Veterans USDA NIFA”
Speaker: Trent Teegerstrom, Arizona FERTP Project Director and Associate Specialist University of Arizona, Department of Agriculture & Resource Economics

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- 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM
- Refreshment Break

3:15 pm  “Solar Technology for Agriculture”
Speaker: Dr. Edward Franklin, University of Arizona
Solar Demonstration Location: 3rd Floor: Between AZ Tower and Calif. Tower.
4:00 pm  End of Session

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5:00 – 7:00 pm  SOCIAL HOUR – SCORPIO ROOM

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9:00 am  Call to Order:  Mr. Andrew Antone Sr., Vice-President, SWIAA, Inc.

Invocation:  Homer Marks Sr., President & CEO, SWIAA, Inc.

9:10 am  “Arizona Parasitology Concerns in Arizona”
Speaker: Dr. Shujuan Li, Extension, Public Health Intergrated Pest Management &
Dr. Paula Rivadeneria, Assistant Specialist, Environmental Science

9:40 am  “Climate Changes and It’s Impacts on the Southwest”
Speaker: Dr. Michael Crimmins, Professor & Extension Specialist, Climate
Science Department of Environmental Science

◆◆ 10:15 PM – 10:30 PM ◆◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK ◆◆

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10:30 am  “Instinctive Migratory Grazing School”
Speaker: Robinson Honani – Hopi Range Management Office

11:15 am  “Rebuilding Health & Sustainable Communities”
Speaker: Lillian Hill, Executive Director, Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture
12:00 NOON - LUNCHEON

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Andrew Antone Sr., Vice President, SWIAA, Inc.

DR. ROE B. LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Yasmin Quiroz
Alexandra Carlisle
Kristy Kinlicheenie
Nadira Mitchell
Sara Gurule

MARIO MARKS TRAVELING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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Gerald Moore
Jing Luo
Alexandra Carlisle
Kristy Kinlicheenie
Christopher Honahnie
Gabriel Mendoza, Sr.
Louis R. Lopez

DR. ROE B. LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1:30 pm “My Role In Agriculture” Speaker: Nadira Mitchell
1:45 pm “My Role In Agriculture” Speaker: Alexandra Carlisle
2:00 pm “My Role In Agriculture” Speaker: Kristy Kinlicheenie

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2:15 pm “Grass Casting” Speaker: Dannele Peck – Director of the North Plains Climate Hub

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:15 pm “Feral Swine Program Update” Speaker: Ms. Valerie Burton, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist Arizona Wildlife Services
4:00 pm  “National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program”  
Speaker: Terry W. Clark, DVM, Deputy Director, Office of National Tribal Liaison, 
USDA, APHIS

4:45 pm  End of Session

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Thursday – January 23, 2020

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9:00 am  Call to Order: Homer Marks Sr., President/CEO, SWIAA, Inc.  
Invocation:

9:10 am   “Tribal Agriculture Leases”  
Speaker: Staci Emm, Extension Educator; University of Nevada Cooperative  
Extension & Chair, Indian Lands Tenure Foundation Board of Director  
University of Nevada Reno

9:40 am   “SBAR Project Update”  
Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Ogden, Professor, Chemical and Environmental Engineering,  
Director, Institute for Energy Solutions, University of Arizona

10:15 – 10:30 AM   REFRESHMENT BREAK  ◆◆

10:30 am   “Native American Nutrition Conference”   (Invited)  
Speaker: Joshua Preston, San Xavier Coop Farms

11:15 am   “Trade Impacts on Agriculture”  
Speaker: Dr. Russell Tronstad, Extension Specialist, Agricultural and Resource
Economics, University of Arizona,

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Raffle Prize Drawing No. 15 – Bull (Hereford/Angus)
Donated by – Brian Davis Sr., SWIAA, Inc.

11:50 am   End of Conference

◆ ◆ ◆ 12:00 Noon ◆ ◆ Lunch On Your Own ◆ ◆

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Beginning Farmer and Ranchers Workshop Program

1:00  Introduction: UA Beginning Rancher/Farmer Grant
Speaker: Dr. Russ Tronstad

1:15  Ranch Horse Wrecks ... Are you Liable?
Speaker: Dr. Betsy Greene, UA Equine Specialist

2:00  Challenges and Solutions to Operating a Small-Scale Beef Processing Plant.
Speaker: Paul Schwennesen, Owner, Double Check Ranch

2:45  BREAK

3:00  Starting and Growing Direct Beef Marketing Channels.
Speaker: Paul Schwennesen, Double Check Ranch

3:45  Tools and Ingredients to Produce and Market Local Fresh Produce
Speaker: Lina Austin, Future Forward Foundation

4:30  Feedback and Prioritization of Beginning Rancher/Farmer Issues by Region

5:00  End of Workshop

PISCES ROOM
SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 – 1:00 PM

The SWIAA Board would like to recognize and thank the following individuals for all of their time and effort to make this year’s conference so successful:
If we missed anyone who assisted to make the Southwest Indian Agricultural Association, Inc. Annual Conference a success, we apologize.