Programs & Speakers

Workshop: Exploring Systemic Power
What are “power structures” or “systems of power”? Have you heard these terms thrown around and wondered what they mean? This training will explore the concept of power at a systemic level, and help us wrestle with the way in which individual lives and institutions are shaped by the beliefs, practices, and cultural norms around us.

Campaign Coffee Hour: How Northern Plains is Working to Expand Soil Health in Montana
Producers across Montana are discovering the power and promise of healthy soils. Healthy soils cultivate better produce, improve water quality, sequester carbon, and are better for people, animals, and the planet. Join Northern Plains’ members John Brown and Steve Charter to learn about the Soil Task Force’s soil health advocacy and policymaking efforts, and to find out how you can help.

Campaign Coffee Hour: C-PACE Flash Talk
We all know that clean energy upgrades save more money than they cost over the long term, but the upfront costs are just too high for many Montanans. Join us to learn how we can save money, create jobs, and fight climate change with C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy)!

Schedule

Thursday, November 19, 2020
6:00 - 8:00 PM Workshop: Exploring Systemic Power (Optional) Social Hour
10:30 - 11:30 AM Campaign Coffee Hours: Short programming followed by discussion on three concurrent topics (choose your favorite!):
A) How Northern Plains is Working to Expand Soil Health in Montana
B) C-PACE Flash Talk
C) Move Your Ash: short film and discussion followed by discussion on three concurrent topics (choose your favorite!):
Lunch
11:30 - 12:00 PM Session 1: Indigenous Land Acknowledgment, and the Next Steps to Work With Native Americans
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM Social Hour
1:15 PM - 5:15 PM Extended Break
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM Chair’s Welcome
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Keynote Speech: Josh Slotnick
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Social Hour
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Friday Night Entertainment

Friday, November 20, 2020

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Concurrent Session 2A: Montana’s Changing Climate
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM OR 2B: The State of our Food System (Pandemic and Beyond)
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM Flash Talk 1: Soil Practitioners’ Stories: Charter Beef
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Break
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM Session 3: Ranching Atop the Signal Peak Coal Mine
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM Flash Talk 2: The Radioactive Oil Waste Success Story
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM Break
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM Awards
4:15 PM - 4:25 PM Flash Talk 3A: From Corporate Cash to Bundy Blowups
4:25 PM - 4:55 PM OR 3B: Can Biochar Revive Soil Health on Degraded Land?
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM Flash Talk 4: Bequests: “Leave Your Mark”
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM Session 4: Film: Sparks That Started the Prairie Fire
4:55 PM Closing Announcements
5:30 PM Online Auction Closes

Schedule is subject to change.