

2008 Farm Partners Program

In recognition that any farm operation is a partnership when a married couple is involved, the CCTA High Plains No-Till Conference included a full spouses program of workshops designed to be of interest "farm partners." For more information on the workshops below, visit our proceedings and materials page.

Estate Tax Planning Part 1

Ron Rutz, Attorney, Fort Collins, CO.

Examining issues of the different kinds of Wills, Wills vs. Living Trusts, Durable Powers of Attorney, gifting, conservation easements, oil and gas planning, the use of limited liability companies (LLC's), water rights, all in an agricultural estate planning setting.

The Beneficial Backyard

Arthur Fairburn, Landscape Designer , Fort Collins, CO.

Creating a sustainable backyard that is both productive and xeric can be challenging work, but quite rewarding. Our backyards have the potential to become separate yet interrelated microclimates for a very practical and aesthetic garden. With the proper planning and design, you'll be able to create a residential microsystem that puts food on the table, saves you water and still maintains an attractive look in the landscape. A combination of permaculture, xeriscape, and smart construction all contribute to an exceptionally beneficial backyard.

Only An Egg

Nadine Haptonstall, Egg Artisan, Littleton, CO.

Learn about the art and history of Faberge Eggs. See a variety of jewel encrusted ostrich, duck, quail and chicken eggs. Learn how to make gifts to commemorate special events, Christmas ornaments, baskets, jewelry boxes and much more. Techniques from the quick and easy to time consuming elaborate will be demonstrated.

Wild Turkey Hunting

Wayne Dickens, Colorado Regional Director, National Wild Turkey Federation, Colorado Springs, CO.

Learn about the sport of turkey hunting, all about wild turkeys and the world they live in, the kind of birds, where they live, how to call, equipment needed, scouting areas, turkey hunting tactics, safety and ethics, etc.

Conference Resources:

Website: National Wild Turkey Federation - www.nwtf.org

Accidents Hurt - Safety Doesn't

Kelly Huenink, Farm Insure Safety Coordinator, A subsidiary of Colorado Corn, Greeley, CO.

The breakout session will address safety areas where Colorado Farmers/Ranchers have indicated they need help (based on a survey they completed in 2007). Specifically, they will address hiring practices and creating sound safety procedures/documents for employees.

Enhancing Wild Turkey Habitat on High Plains

Stan Baker, Senior Regional Biologist, Wild Turkey Federation, Moab, UT

This program will discuss methods of enhancing wild turkey habitat through a Power Point presentation. Topics of discussion will include: Farming for wildlife, wild turkey habitat requirements, developing habitat & enhancing existing habitat, financial incentives & assistance, benefits to the farmer.

Conference Resources:

Website: National Wild Turkey Federation - www.nwtf.org

Estate Tax Planning Part 2

Ron Rutz, Attorney, Fort Collins, CO.

A continuation of Tuesday's program.

The Courage to Wish Out Loud

Jane Barton, Community Educator, Life Quality Institute; An Affiliate of The Denver Hospice, Denver, CO.

For most of Us, the idea of Talking with our families and friends about our ultimate demise is daunting, even frightening. However, by facing our mortality, talking about the "what ifs", and expressing our wishes, we can prepare our loved ones to make the needed decisions. Be courageous, wish out loud!

Conference Resources:

Newsletter - [End-of-Life Decisions](#) (courtesy of the Colorado Coalition for Elder Rights and Adult Protection (CCERAP))

Five Wishes workbooks - copies may be ordered from:

www.agingwithdignity.org/5wishes.html

or contact: www.thedenverhospice.org or call 303-321-2828

The video "**Five Wishes**" that accompanies the workbook may be borrowed from: The Colorado Coalition for Elder Rights and Adult Protection, www.ccerap.org - go to videos and download order form.

Handout: [Valuable Documents At Your Fingertips](#) - Courtesy of CCERAP

Share the Care

Jane Barton, Community Educator; Share The Care Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Denver CO.

An estimated 44 million people serve as primary caregivers who face the daily challenges posed by chronic, advanced, or terminal illnesses. At a time when our healthcare systems are stressed, families are geographically scattered and technology serves to isolate and insulate, Share the Care is a refreshing approach to caregiving.

Conference Resources:

Handout - [Share the Care information for Community](#)

Website: www.lifequalityinstitute.org