September Social Media Workshops Rescheduled for October! . . . (Source: Jamie Seger)

Due to many scheduling conflicts with events such as Farm Science review and the NEAFCS conference, we have rescheduled the social media workshops set for September for the following dates:

- Just the Basics Workshop: October 22nd
- Content & Strategy Workshop: October 24th

Both workshops will be held on campus in Columbus. Please save these dates if you are interested in attending either or both workshops. Registration information will come out the first week in October.

What’s new in your county?

In an effort to create more relevant news for the Heart of Ohio newsletter, we ask that you send in information regarding what is going on in your county! Send email with the subject line “Newsletter” to Stiving.3@osu.edu
In the next few days OSU Extension program staff will receive an email about an exciting opportunity to participate in the Extension Reconsidered initiative. This national initiative involving 13 state Extension systems and being led by Imagining America, “aims to reconsider dominant views of what Extension is and what it’s for, and to envision what it could and should be in the twenty-first century.” Here in Ohio, we are doing just that through Extension Reconsidered, and also connecting the project with the Vice-President’s Dialogue on the Future of Extension and OSU Extension’s state-wide needs assessment.

Become involved in this opportunity to engage young people (under the age of 30) in a conversation about the future of their communities and Extension. Applications by local 4-person teams (consisting of a 14-19 year old, a 20 to 24 year old, an adult mentor and an Extension employee) will be accepted until October 6th. To learn more, click on this link http://northeast.osu.edu/sites/extne/files/imce/files/NEWS/Ext%20Reconsidered.pdf

Present at the 2014 OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium . . .

You are invited to actively engage in the OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium on December 9-11 at the Ohio Union. As our organization looks to “The Next 100 Years,” all colleagues are encouraged to consider the research, skill sets, methods, trends, etc. that will drive our organization forward in service to all Ohioans. As the initial RFP announcement on August 26 said, “Dean McPheron wants Extension to take the gloves off and tackle the emerging Ohio trends of the next 20 years and what that means for Extension work.” Anyone in OSU Extension is invited to contribute presentations and posters that will move us toward a stronger future. Proposals are due by 5 pm on September 26. Proposals may be submitted to present in one of the following formats: 45-minute presentation or poster. New this year: a special poster opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students. Visit http://go.osu.edu/2014EAC to view the request for proposal outline and directions.
Ohio JCEP Special Chapter Award Submissions Requested by October 3...

It is time to nominate your peers and community partners for the Ohio Joint Council of Extension special chapter awards. With the formation of our JCEP organization, we worked to streamline the award nominations for ESP and some of the former state organization awards under the JCEP special chapter awards, so take time to look at the website and list of former recipients; then nominate yourself or your colleagues for one of these prestigious awards. Nominees are eligible to receive an award in any one category only once. Award nominations require a 60-word or less abstract about the nominee. Chapter winners will be asked to complete a regional/national award application in January.

Categories for nominations and the description or criteria for the award can be found on the JCEP site at http://extensionstaff.osu.edu/ohio-jcep-scholarships-grants-and-recognition-committee/ojcep-awards. This link also includes a complete list of previous recipients.

National DSA Ruby Award – must be an OJCEP member
- Administrative Leadership Award – must have 10 or more years of service
- Diversity Multicultural Recognition (individual) – must be an OJCEP member
- Diversity/Multicultural Recognition (team) – At least 50% of team members must be current OJCEP members
- International Service Recognition – must be an OJCEP member
- Visionary Leadership Recognition – must be an OJCEP member
- Continued Excellence Recognition – must be an OJCEP member. Eligible for nomination five years after receiving chapter DSA; minimum of 20 years in Extension.
- Meritorious Support Staff Service Recognition for support staff who have demonstrated excellence in supporting Extension programs.
- Retiree Service Recognition given to a current OJCEP/ESP member who is an OSU Extension retiree.
- Friend of Extension – three awards will be selected per year, with one of those being selected to move on to the ESP national nomination for Ohio. Recipients can be nominated from categories to include elected officials, Extension volunteer/lay leaders, professional or business leaders, businesses or organizations.
- Statewide Service Awards – You will also be receiving a ballot in the next few weeks to select members in five categories/program area for achievement awards which include: 4-H, ANR, CD, FCS, and state level.
  - Early-Career Award – less than 10 years
  - Mid-Career Award – 10-20 years of service
  - Distinguished Service Award – more than 20 years of service.

Each 20 employees in the category allows for one winner to be selected.

Program area winners will submit a 120 word bio to the Special Chapter Subcommittee for competing for the state level winner. Previous category winners(not selected as the state winner) will be included in the pool of candidates for consideration as Ohio’s state level winner in these categories and may be asked to submit an applications Ohio’s national ESP applicant.

Nominations are due to Bev Kelbaugh kelbaugh.1@osu.edu by October 3: 740-732-5992