

Conference Agenda

Thursday, March 22, 2012

11:00 am Register & Pick up information packets Twin Palms Hotel, 225 E. Apache Boulevard, Tempe.

11:15am Boxed lunch provided for field trip

11:30 am to 5:30 pm Field Trip:
Singh Farms, the local composting facility and vegetable farm where ASU takes their green waste to be composted. The Phoenician, a AAA Five Diamond Resort with beautiful landscapes and flowerbeds using Singh Farms compost will be the second stop. The last stop will be the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix for a self guided tour through their desert plant collections along with sculptures and gift shop. Lots of opportunities for questions and your first chance to meet with seminar participants and speakers.

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Welcoming Reception at the Twin Palms Hotel

Friday, March 23, 2012

7:00 am to 8:00 am Continental Breakfast Old Main building on the ASU Tempe campus with classes to follow. First chance to visit vendor tables. Some vendors already signed up include TORO, Infinite Green Solutions, Rainbird, and Calsense Controllers.

8:00 am to 8:50 am "Climate Change and Outdoor Water Use"
Ray Quay, Research Professional FSC with the Decision Center for Desert Cities in the ASU Global Institute of Sustainability

9:00 am to 9:50 am "Alternate Sources of Water for Landscaping and How to Maintain These New Systems"
Heather Kinkade, Faculty Associate at ASU's The Design School

10:00 am to 10:50 am "Irrigation Master Plans"
Marc Bayer, ASLA the design element

11:00 am to 11:50 am "Planting and Maintenance Strategies for the Future"
Cynthia James-Richman, Faculty Associate at ASU's CTI Applied Sciences and Math

Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch and time to visit with vendors.

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tour of the ASU Tempe campus lead by members of the Grounds Services team. Featured on the tour will be a number of sustainable practices ASU has undertaken including solar panels on the roofs of many buildings and parking lots, solar compactors, gardens featuring recycled and repurposed materials, and irrigation upgrades as well as the extensive plant collections on campus. The challenges of keeping landscapes looking pristine in spite of 70,000 students and 11,000 faculty and staff employees will be discussed.

4:00 pm The tour will end at the new Grounds Services shop where the crew will show some of their innovative designs including a rain water harvesting system. Light refreshments will be served.