



# Keeping it Rural

*2017 Conference*

SOUTHERN INTERIOR BEETLE ACTION COALITION/BC RURAL CENTRE

<b>Tuesday June 20th</b>	
8 – 8:30 AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 – 9:00 AM	<b>Conference Opening &amp; Welcome</b>
9:00 - Noon	<b>Facilitating Asset Based Community Development For Rural Communities Workshop</b> Through exciting stories, exercises - and lots of humour – Peter Kenyon will provide an overview of the philosophy, value and practice of Asset Based Community Development. Peter will share ABCD facilitation and training approaches, including the art of hosting conversations, gaming and storytelling.
Noon – 1 PM	<b>Buffett Lunch</b>
1 to 2 PM	<b>Revitalizing Small Rural Communities – the Lanesboro, MN Story – John Davis</b> John will discuss how the small town of Lanesboro, Minnesota (population 754) economically revitalized itself into a thriving destination arts community – reversing population decline and creating local jobs and economic activity. <a href="http://www.lanesboroarts.org/about/lanesboro">www.lanesboroarts.org/about/lanesboro</a> .
2 to 3 PM	<b>Stewarding the Land &amp; Creating Resilient Rural Communities - Nils Christoffersen</b> Like many rural regions, Wallowa County in the 1990s experienced timber supply reductions, sawmill closures and job losses. In 1996 in the back room of a bakery, a group of local citizens came together to create a new community organization to deal with this abrupt economic downturn– Wallowa Resources. For the past 21 years, Wallowa Resources has been encouraging greater local control over natural resources and creating local jobs. <a href="http://www.wallowaresources.org">www.wallowaresources.org</a>
3 – 3:30 PM	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
3:30 – 4:30 PM	<b>Nisga’a Lisims Government - Open for Business – Bert Mercer</b> The Nisga’a Final Agreement is British Columbia’s first modern treaty and came into effect on May 11, 2000. Empowered by the Nisga’a Treaty, the Nisga’a people are making their own decisions and taking responsibility over their land, forests, and fishery. Mr Mercer will outline how the Nisga’a Lisims Government is developing new businesses and partnerships to build a bright, sustainable future. <a href="http://www.nisgaanation.ca">www.nisgaanation.ca</a>
4:30 – 6 PM	<b>No Host Bar &amp; Networking</b>
6 - 8 PM	<b>Dinner &amp; Keynote Address – Peter Kenyon, Founder, Bank of Ideas, Australia</b> <a href="http://www.bankofideas.com.au">www.bankofideas.com.au</a>

<b>Wednesday June 21st</b>	
7:30 – 8:30 AM	<b><i>Breakfast Buffet</i></b>
8:30 - 9:30 AM	<b><i>Expanding the Rural Agricultural Sector – Maggie Donan</i></b> The Intervale Center based out of Burlington, Vermont is the recognized North American leader in agricultural sector development and expansion. Maggie will provide an overview of the history and range of activities that the Intervale Center supports, including her work to encourage, mentor and support a new generation of farmers. <a href="http://www.intervalecenter.org">www.intervalecenter.org</a>
9:30 -10:30 AM	<b><i>Revitalizing Small Rural Communities – the Ord, NB Story - Trevor Lee</i></b> The small town of Ord, Nebraska (population 2,112) the county seat of Valley County, is an amazing story of rural small town revitalization. From 1950 to 2000, Valley County lost 35% of its population. Between 2000 and 2006, Ord undertook a comprehensive revitalization effort with programs in four main areas: youth outreach, entrepreneurship, leadership development and philanthropy. <a href="http://www.ordnebraska.com">www.ordnebraska.com</a>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	<b><i>Refreshment Break</i></b>
10:45 – 11:45 AM	<b><i>Keynote Speaker - To be confirmed</i></b>
11:45 – 1 PM	<b><i>Buffet Lunch</i></b>
1 – 2 PM	<b><i>Keynote Speaker - To be confirmed</i></b>
2 – 4 PM Panel A (Concurrent)	<b><i>Agriculture Sector Development as a Rural Development Tool Panel</i></b> This panel presentation will examine how agriculture sector development can be used as an effective tool for rural development. Following presentations from our panelists we will have a facilitated discussion and question and answer period. <u>Panel Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Maggie Donan</b>; Intervale Centre, Vermont <a href="http://www.intervale.org">www.intervale.org</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Paula Cranmer-Underhill</b>; Spapium Farm, BC <a href="http://www.Spapiumfarm.ca">www.Spapiumfarm.ca</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Paris Marshall Smith</b>, Fields Forward, BC <a href="http://www.FieldsForward.ca">www.FieldsForward.ca</a></li> </ul>
2 – 4 PM Panel B (Concurrent)	<b><i>Using the Arts &amp; Festivals as a Rural Development Tool Panel</i></b> This panel presentation will examine how small communities have effectively used the Arts and Festivals to bring significant economic benefits to their small rural communities. Following presentations from our panelists we will have a facilitated discussion and question and answer period. <u>Panel Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>John Davis</b>, Lanesboro Arts, Minnesota <a href="http://www.lanesboroarts.org">www.lanesboroarts.org</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Frank Nickel</b>, Rosebud School of the Arts, Alberta <a href="http://www.rosebudschoolofthearts.com">www.rosebudschoolofthearts.com</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Paul Hinrichs</b>, Kalso Jazz Festival, BC <a href="http://www.kaslojazzfest.com">www.kaslojazzfest.com</a></li> </ul>
4 – 4:30 PM	<b><i>Conference Closing Remarks</i></b>