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## From the President

Hello everyone!

I've been talking on the phone to a lot of ANREP'ers recently. I almost always ask first for a brief local weather report. The Florida folks were dodging tornadoes. The New York people were shoveling out from heavy snow. The Maine person was experiencing 'typical' cold winter weather. The DC people thought their weather was pretty stable but a snowstorm blew in and stranded everyone. The Minnesota guy cheerily noted that the temperature was up to -10. I feel positively smug about our drippy, dreary but not dangerous Oregon rain.

I find myself musing that while our climates are different (and a-changin'), we ANREP'ers have much in common. In fact, a jumble of clichés pop into my mind – We're believers in "the Extension way." We "walk our talk." We "make do with less." We "guide by the side." All I talked with "have a lot on their plates," yet we still "step up to the plate" when need arises.

Our goal in ANREP is to help you deal with all those things on your plate. Yes, we offer a dynamic, soul-satisfying conference every two years. Already a team of ANREP'ers are strategizing, planning and organizing the May 2008 conference in Madison, WI. Less well-known is our active involvement in PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development), the leadership opportunity for Extension folks <http://www.jcep.org/pild.htm>. Or our steering committee work with Galaxy III, the all-Extension,

blow-out conference event scheduled for September 2008

<https://share-point.agriculture.purdue.edu/ces/galaxy/default.aspx>. ANREP presidents (past, present and prez-elect) are on the Joint Councils of Extension Professionals (JCEP), rubbing elbows with the leaders of other Extension programs and our allies at the national level, trying to raise the visibility of Extension and its many accomplishments.

ANREP also has a bunch of folks working on the National Network for Sustainable Living Education (pronounced "nessle") initiative. They're developing three projects: 1, a searchable database of the best-of-the-best Extension materials on the huge topic of sustainability. 2, a green camps certification system and sustainable practices guidelines for 4-H and adult camps. 3, a sustainable living guide for use with our varied clientele. Our CSREES liaison, Greg Crosby, has been talking NNSLE up to people in DC. With the renewed interest in energy conservation, ANREP and NNSLE are strategically placed to make a difference.

And finally—whew—we have ANREP'ers ensuring the smooth inner workings of our organization. Besides our Executive Secretary Bill "the man" Hubbard and your over-extended but still plugging away Board, ANREP'ers are also handling membership issues, those much-coveted awards, strategic planning,

newsletter (thanks Ken!), policies and bylaws, professional and leadership development, emerging issues, and finance and audit.

There's a lot going on inside ANREP to help you personally and professionally. Use what we offer – and if there's something you don't see on the list, let us know. We're proud of being Extension. We're proud of being ANREP members. We'll do what we can to help. (Now, if I was really good at this, I would find a way to wrap up this Letter from the Prez by tying back into the "weather" theme at the beginning. All that comes to mind is the old outdoor school song)

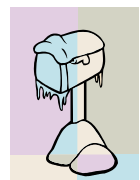
**Whether the weather be fine,  
Or whether the weather be not,  
Whether the weather be cold,  
Or whether the weather be hot,  
We'll whether the weather  
Whatever the weather  
Whether we like it or not.**

Well, you know, that works!

Viviane Simon-Brown  
2007 President

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## Congratulations Sandy Farber



**ANREP MEMBER  
SANDY FARBER  
AMONG FIVE HONOR-  
EES SELECTED FOR  
OUTSTANDING PUBLIC  
SERVICE ON BEHALF  
OF DISTRICT RESI-  
DENTS**

Washington – After a city-wide competition, five DC government employees, whose performance and dedication exemplifies the best in public service, have been selected to receive the 2006 Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Awards for Distinguished DC Government Employees. Each winner will receive a \$7,500 cash award and will be honored at an awards ceremony on Thursday, January 18, at The George Washington University Cafritz Conference Center (800 21st St., N.W.) at 5:00 p.m. City Administrator Dan Tangherlini will be the keynote speaker.

The selected 2006 winners are: John Joseph Borges, recreation specialist, Department of Parks and Recreation;

Sandy Farber, extension agent, University of the District of Columbia – Environmental and Natural Resources;

Joy Phillips, PhD, associate director, Office Planning – State Data Center

Anthony Pompa, deputy chief financial officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer – Office of Financial Operations and Systems

Darryl Webster, school social worker, District of Columbia Public Schools .

The annual D.C. public service awards program is made possible by a grant

from The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation and is administered by The George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership (CEPL).

CEPL is a training and research center focused on leadership and management in the public sector.

Its mission is to develop public leaders who make a positive difference in their organizations and the lives of the people they serve.

“The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation are delighted to recognize these outstanding government employees for their extraordinary contributions to the District of Columbia,” said Calvin Cafritz, president and CEO of the Foundation. “We honor them for their tireless effort, innovative ideas and commitment to excellence which benefit everyone in the Washington region and we wish them continued success in the future.”

CEPL Executive Director James Robinson added, “The Center is pleased to administer the 7th annual Cafritz Foundation Awards.

leveraged their 7,000+ volunteer hours on projects throughout the city, saving the District approximately \$130,000 in labor costs.

Farber has also introduced good citizen skills to the District’s youth by instituting a Junior Master Gardeners Program (JMGP).

The Junior Master Gardener Program trains and encourages elementary students in grades 3-6, providing them with lifelong skills as well as a challenging enhancement to their science curriculum.

Farber is also commonly called by the local media to offer her expert opinion and advice.



*See who is helping to save the District approximately \$130,000 in labor costs.*

**About Sandy Farber...**

Sandy Farber has successfully revitalized the Master Gardener Program (MGP) at the University of the District of Columbia, reinventing the program and adding innovative projects through community outreach and education. The current MGP includes a strong resident focus, educating residents on the benefits of sustainable horticultural practices.

Farber has certified over 100 master gardeners and



## What's Happening?

JCEP North Central Regional Meeting  
February 27-March 1, 2007  
St. Louis, MO

JCEP PILD Conference  
April 23-25, 2007  
Crystal City, VA

IUFRO 3.08 Conference  
June 17-21, 2007  
Leyte, Philippines



## USU Forestry Extension Website Increasing in Popularity

The Forestry Extension website has recently seen a boom in visitors to the site. In just the past year, the average number of monthly visitors has jumped 35% to 4,815 and the number of pages viewed by those visitors has risen 28% to an average of 16,402 page views each month. Explanations for this growing trend towards internet use

are possibly due to the information becoming so easy to obtain by being accessible practically anywhere and anytime.

Individuals can find an abundance of information on the Forestry Extension website ranging from forest management, forest products businesses, urban forestry, and updated information on past and upcoming workshops.

Some of our most popular web pages educate visitors on tree selection, planting, care, and identification.

You can visit the website at:  
<http://extension.usu.edu/forestry>



Submitted by: Darren McAvoy



## Utah State University presents Virtual Forestry Tours

Utah State University Forestry Extension's Web site features Virtual Forest Tours. These "tours" are actual routes through forested areas in Utah that follow nationally designated Scenic Byways. They highlight points of interest along the byways with pictures and descriptions of forests and forestry topics. GPS coordinates are available, as well as topographic maps.

Flash technology is used to create interactive maps that allow users to see photographs and text at specific stops along the route, simply by running their cursors over the map.

Take the tour on the Web, or couple it with a visit to the area to learn more about Utah's forests. Scenic byway tours that are currently on the Web site include Mir-

ror Lake, in the Uinta Mountains of Northern Utah, La Sal Loop, in southeast Utah near Moab, and the Markaguant Plateau tour which follows Utah Highway 14 east from Cedar City in Southwest Utah. USU Forestry Extension is expanding the selection of tours on their site. Learn about forest types, history, ecology, beetle outbreaks, and other relevant forestry issues.

Visitors can also complete a short on-line survey that will help us to evaluate our work and modify future tours to meet visitor's expectations.

To see the tours visit:  
[http://extension.usu.edu/forestry/UtahForests/UF\\_VirtualTours.htm](http://extension.usu.edu/forestry/UtahForests/UF_VirtualTours.htm)

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### ANREP Awards Program

The ANREP Awards Program will foster high standards among its members and help expand the use of high quality, innovative materials and programs by honoring the outstanding members and partners as well as the educational materials and programs they have developed.

Send nominations and educational materials via mail to Joan Bradshaw, AN-REP Awards Chair, University of Florida IFAS Extension, 3650 W Sovereign Path, Ste 1, Lecanto FL 34461 - 8070.

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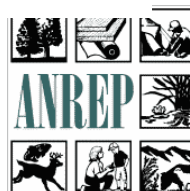
All nominations and supporting materials must be received (not just postmarked) by Friday, March 30, 2007.

#### Achievement Awards:

- o Early Career Leadership Award
- o Career Leadership Award
- o Individual Program Leadership Award
- o Innovative Program Award Outstanding
- o Team Award International Service Award
- o Outstanding Team Aware
- o Partner Award

#### Educational Materials Awards:

- o Computerized Graphic Presentation/Slide Set
- o Computer Software/Application
- o Long Publication (6 or more pp.)
- o Mixed Materials
- o Newsletter/Series of Articles
- o Promotional Materials
- o Radio
- o Refereed Journal Article
- o Short Publication (5 or less pages)
- o Televised Conference/Videoconference
- o Video/DVD/CD



#### 2007 ANREP Officers

- President:** Viviane Simone-Brown
- President-Elect:** Susan Donaldson
- Immediate Past President:** Ben Jackson
- Treasurer:** Larry Biles
- Southern Region Representative:** Will Shefthall
- Western Region Representative:** Ed Smith
- North East Region Representative:** David McGill
- North Central Region Representative:** Mike Reichenbach

#### Position Announcement

- [Associate Professor of Forest Operations](#)
- University of Idaho Moscow, ID
- Deadline: March 01, 2007



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