

ESP COLORADO

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President's Message

Alison O'Connor

A warm welcome to everyone as we begin a new year of ESP! I am honored to serve at the 2021 Zeta Chapter president. Thanks to Todd Hagenbuch for stepping into the role of President-Elect. It's also a pleasure to continue to work with the Executive Committee and committee chairs. Past-President Dennis Kaan has set a strong example of leadership for our organization and I plan to continue on this path.

If you missed our annual (virtual) meeting in October, there is still time to both renew your membership and join a committee. You can renew your membership through January 29. It's an easy online process this year through [Eventbrite](#).

Please also consider joining a committee. [Sign up here!](#)

ESP Websites:

Zeta Chapter: ESP.ColoState.edu

National: ESPnational.org



Congrats!

2020 Zeta Award Winners

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

Katie Dunker, Statewide Master Gardener Coordinator

DIVERSITY: INDIVIDUAL

Carla Farrand, Garfield County Extension Director

EARLY CAREER SERVICE

Susan Carter, Tri-River Area Horticulture and Natural Resources Agent

MID-CAREER SERVICE

Mark Platten, Teller County Extension Director

RETIREE AWARD

Luann Boyer, Executive Secretary Zeta Chapter

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Lisa Vernon, Senior Customer Service Representative, Jefferson County

Christie Earixson, Administrative Assistant II, Tri River Area

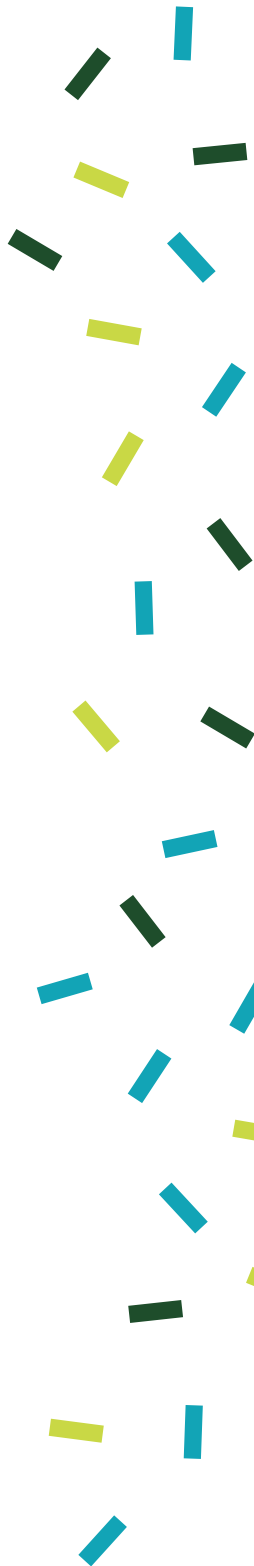
DISTINGUISHED TEAM

Grow & Give Colorado: A Modern Victory Garden Project

DIVERSITY: TEAM

Market Days! for Older Adults:

A program of the Larimer County Farmers' Market



Life Member News

Luann Boyer, Executive Secretary

Save the date!

Reserve June 11, 2021 on your calendar for the 2021 Extension Retiree Social. It is still on the schedule for Pelican Lakes Golf Course in Windsor and will be a mid-day Friday lunch. A decision will be made by early April 2021 dependent on the status of COVID.

A re-cap of the 2020 National Life Member Virtual Meeting

The virtual Life Member Meeting held during National ESP conference was well attended and is a wonderful opportunity to participate for those who are unable to travel to a National Conference. Each attendee shared “advice for new ESP Members”, how they had benefitted from ESP, and from being a Life Member. The ESP National Membership and Retention Committee hosted the event and as a result of feedback, committee members are considering how to host at least one virtual Life Member meeting sometime mid-year between National Conference dates.

Highlights of 1930: A glimpse into ESP history

◆ The growing pains of a new organization were exemplified as part of the business brought forth to Grand Council at the 5th National Convention of ESP November 17, 1930 in Washington, D.C. According to The Order of Business sent to Chapters, the most important matter to be decided was how to provide a newsletter, magazine or journal of some type to serve the purpose of keeping members informed of the organizational work. Early consideration was being discussed to have an individual dedicated to provide the publication and “his office should be equipped with every convenience to do a first class job.”

◆ The October 1930 issue of the current “newsletter” included an article about the Territory of Alaska organizing Extension work as of July 1, 1930 and became the fiftieth member of the Extension family. Congress had passed legislation which made the Smith-Lever Act applicable to the Territory with funds being determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Ten thousand dollars was allotted for the first year. This was the same amount appropriated for the states for the first year under the Smith-Lever Act in 1914.

◆ Nine boys and girls clubs were organized and 14 Home Demonstration clubs in Alaska during the first year. A state-wide, two-month tour determined there was 100,000 acres of agricultural land - enough for two to three million additional farmers to produce a local market for self-sufficiency and Alaska. With this agricultural support, it was predicted Alaska could support a population of 3 million.

REMINDERS

2021 ESP Membership

There is time to renew, join, or become a life member of ESP. Membership is an online process this year using Eventbrite. Click here to renew through January 29, 2021.

New members: \$85

Returning members: \$95

Life membership: \$275

Apply for ESP Zeta Professional Development Funds

There is money budgeted annually for ESP Zeta members who need financial support for upcoming professional development opportunities. These funds don't necessarily have to be used for conferences, but can be used for textbooks, curriculum, etc. for helping you in your professional development path.

Awards of up to \$200 are available through a simple [one-page application process](#). Send your completed application to Kurt Jones, chair of the Professional Development Committee: kurt.jones@colostate.edu

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference

Held virtually, February 10-11, 2021;
[Click here](#) for more information and to
register

Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference

Scheduled for April 12-14, 2021 in
Washington D.C.; [Click here](#) for more
information

Join an ESP Committee

Are you a bylaws boss? Pumped for public issues? A guru in global relations? Then consider joining an ESP committee to share your expertise. [Sign up here!](#)



Global Relations Update

Christy Fitzpatrick, Global Relations Chair

Happy New Year Zeta Colleagues! Will 2021 be the year when we can travel the world, or the country, or maybe even our county again? While right now we can't actually travel for international Extension work and professional development, it's still a good time to research potential future international opportunities. Keep an eye on the Zeta newsletter for updates on learning opportunities.

In January, you will see in the national ESP newsletter an article about GEIN, the Global Extension Innovation Network, a new subgroup of Connect Extension, which will become "A go to source for Extension Educators looking for new opportunities or ways to add a global experience or two into their career development."

To join, set up an account on Connect Extension and then contact John R. Vreyens, Director, Global Initiatives, UMN Extension at vreyens@umn.edu to request an invitation. See the article in the January newsletter for more information.

Our committee is also asking Zeta members who have had some international Extension experiences or who are currently involved in some virtual international or multicultural work to share your story with us. What did you do? How did this work impact the work you do at home? We will share in subsequent newsletters. Let's build a strong network within our ESP chapter to encourage and support work around this world!

**THERE'S STILL TIME
TO SUBMIT NATIONAL PROPOSALS!**

**2021 Webinar Proposals are due February 15.
Submit your proposal here (log-in required)**

**National ESP Conference proposals are due
March 8, 2021. Find out more here. The
National Conference will be held
October 25-28, 2021 in Savannah, Georgia.**