

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
MNA Annual Conference 2009



People and the Prairie

November 6-8, 2009 with pre-conference field trips Friday the 6th
Lake Shetek Bible Camp (LSBC) in Slayton, MN [Driving distance: 3.5 hours from Mpls]

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Wes Jackson has been a researcher, professor, author, and is currently President of The Land Institute. *Life* magazine named Wes Jackson as one of 18 individuals they predict will be among the 100 "important Americans of the 20th century." Some of his books include, *The Virtues of Ignorance: Complexity, Sustainability, and the Limits of Knowledge*, *Rooted in the Land: Essays on Community and Place*, and *New Roots for Agriculture*.

Michael J. Caduto is an award-winning author, ecologist, musician and storyteller who has worked with many Native cultures. Michael is co-author of the national best seller *Keepers of the Earth* and its popular sequels *Keepers of the Animals*, *Keepers of Life*, *Keepers of the Night* and *Native American Gardening*.

Jim Gilbert is a consulting naturalist for WCCO Radio, co-author of the Minnesota Weatherguide Calendars, author of two books on Minnesota nature, and writes a weekly nature column in several newspapers. He teaches part-time in the Environmental Studies program at Gustavus Adolphus College. For thirty years Jim served the Hopkins Public Schools as a science teacher and naturalist.

MNA is seeking **presenters for concurrent sessions** for the following strands:

- Natural History & Research
- Teaching and Interpretation
- Leadership & Skill Building
- Hot Topics

Some presentation ideas – do you or anyone you know have experience on these or similar topics?

- Native American history, culture & prairie connections
- Tallgrass vs. Shortgrass prairie
- Prairie Insects, Herps, Mammals & Birds
- Wind Farms
- Ethanol & Cellulosic Biofuels
- Prairie Education Programs
- Fire! Fire! Fire!
- Rock Harvesting
- Perennial Cropping
- Winter Botany
- Underground a prairie, root systems
- Grasses vs. Forbs
- Prairie biomass

Presentation Application Requirements

MNA invites you to apply to present a concurrent session. Presenters must provide their own audiovisual equipment. Complete application form and email or mail proposals to:

Beth Beuch, Presenter Coordinator, MNA Annual Conference 2009
P.O. Box 405, Henderson, MN 56044 OR blbeuch@netscape.net OR 507-248-3104
If you have any questions, please contact **Beth Beuch at blbeuch@netscape.net**.

Presenters, selected by MNA program committee, will be able to attend the conference at the discounted presenter's rate.

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Presentation title

Ideal session time

- 45 minutes-1 hour
- 1.5 hours
- 3 hours

Presenter Information

Name

Title

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email Address (used for confirmation and details!)

Co-Presenter Information

Name

Title

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email Address (used for confirmation and details!)

Presentation description for publication (50 word limit)

Detailed description of presentation for review purposes (150 word limit), including how the presentation ties to the theme, People and the Prairie.

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Maximum number of participants (if applicable)

Room requirements (chair, table set-up)