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Dear Heather,

Spring is upon us and we warmly welcome the April showers! This month we have a lot to share with you including news, events and ways that you can continue to get involved and support the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association. Did we mention you can always **support ARCSEA with an online donation?**

ARCSEA NEWS

Sign the National Rainwater Harvesting Petition Today!

ARCSEA has launched its "We the People" petition, appealing to the U.S. President to support rainwater harvesting. We have until May 13th to collect 100,000 names, which would qualify us for an official response from President Obama. **Learn more & sign the petition here**



The Impact of Rat Lung Disease & Invasive Slugs on RWH in Hawaii

ARCSEA Education Program Director, Tim Pope, on Rat Lung disease and invasive slugs on his recent visit to Hawaii: Rat Lung disease is not a new pathogen. It has been around for many years. But the combination of an invasive slug species and the sheer number of Rats on the Big Island



New Accreditations

Accredited Professional

Brian Munson
Queenie Tsui

Accredited Associate

Timothy Baker
Maureen Copeland
Denver Fredenburg
Delarey Havemann
Javier Oxford
Rita Parsons
Jessica Pollitz



New Members

Alberta

Leanne Cheung
Daryn Hitchner
Jordan Hoch

caused the CDC to list it as the most at risk neighborhood...What we have here is a public health hazard that if it continues in its present course will kill folks and destroy the Rainfall Catchment Industry.

[Read the full post here](#)

Show Off Your RWH System

Do you have a rainwater harvesting system in one of our upcoming workshop locations? **Let us know!** We would like to incorporate tours of local rainwater harvesting systems into future workshops. Take a look at [our calendar here](#), and **send us an email** if you are an ARCSEA member and would like to showcase your system.

RWH is Part of Water Week 2015

The National Water Policy Forum, Fly-In & Expo, **Water Week 2015** is underway. Water Week is a celebration of the innovative transformation occurring within U.S. water sectors, as they adapt to and address the nation's 21st Century water challenges, especially adequate supplies of potable water and uses of alternate, non-potable water resources, such as rainwater and stormwater. And ARCSEA's Board President, David Crawford, and Board Secretary, Neal Shapiro, are there to lead the effort. [Read more](#)



MEMBER NEWS

Accredited Professionals Renewal Grace Period

Starting this month, expired Accredited Professionals (AP) will have 60 days to renew their AP status. APs are required to submit dues of \$25 annually and complete 4 continuing education units (CEUs) annually. Should you exceed the 60 day renewal grace period, you will be required to retake the Accredited Professional Exam and complete the accreditation process again. Keep that AP status in good standing to avoid having to redo the process!

Submit your CEUs through your online profile here.
Pay your AP dues in our online store here.

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Rene Michalak
Chad Placsko
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Join the Membership Committee

ARCSA's Membership Committee makes recommendations to the ARCSA board of directors and staff on important issues related to membership benefits, renewal, retention and recruitment. Committee Membership entitles you to 2 CEUs annually. If you are interested in volunteering your time to the ARCSA Membership Committee, **contact Committee Chair, Marty Morganello here.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming Workshops & Webinars

Accredited Professional Workshop
June 8-9, 2015 | Dallas, TX

Rainwater Harvesting Design & Construction Workshop
June 10-11, 2015 | Dallas, TX

Inspection Specialist Workshop
June 12, 2015 | Dallas, TX



If you are interested in hosting or sponsoring an ARCSA workshop, please contact the ARCSA Education Coordinator at education@arcsa.org.

Earn CEUs at Texas A&M

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center Dallas is offering a variety of educational and professional training courses in the coming months. These rainwater workshops qualify for ARCSA CEUs. **Check out the full line-up here**

Thank You, Workshop Supporters!

March was a busy month for workshops. During the first week of March we held a great workshop, hosted by University of California at Davis, CA. Jill Bringham was our host and was a huge help in putting the workshop together. Davis was followed by three workshops in Hawaii and we have many to thank. Mary Donohue from



University of Hawaii, **SEA GRANT** program helped us coordinate workshops, Ruby Pap of SEA GRANT on Kauai who was kind enough to host our Education Programs Director, Tim Pope, and Robert Howerton from SEA GRANT on Maui who helped facilitate the Maui workshop. From Maui to Hilo, we spent four days with the folks from SEA GRANT doing community outreach meetings regarding water quality and the Rat Lung Disease problem. We had our AP class at Kilauea Military Camp and Cantal Chung from SEA GRANT did a fantastic job hosting this workshop. A huge thank you to one of our students, Jileen Russell from Pu'U Kumau Ranch on the north end of the big Island, who has a very well-constructed, large catchment system for potable use and she invited Tim to drop by look at their system. Both Jileen and her husband Richard embrace rainwater catchment and were kind enough to send Tim home with a \$1,000 gift to ARCSA.

**Interested in sponsoring an upcoming workshop?
Contact ARCSA for details**

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