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Thank you to the many wonderful sponsors of our Santa Cruz and Napa Rainwater Catchment Systems workshops this month!

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Save the Date: 2014 ARCSA Conference

November 17-21, 2014

Mark your calendars! The 2014 ARCSA Conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from November 17-21, 2014. Workshops are scheduled November 14-16. Stay tuned for more details!

Call for Abstracts for the 2014 Conference!

ARCSA is looking for articles on the topics of drought and rainwater catchment for the 2014 ARCSA Conference. Have an idea for an article? Please send your abstracts by June 1, 2014 to **info@arcsa.org**.

Call for Volunteers for the 2014 Conference!

ARCSA is in need of volunteers for the annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona from November 17-21, 2014. Interested in helping out? Contact Heather Kinkade at **info@arcsa.org**.

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It Never Rains In California

by Kimberly Colbert, founder of the Rain Goddess®

The saying "it never rains in California" appears to be true. The President and Gov. Jerry Brown officially declared a drought emergency for the state. For the past several years California has been seeing less and less rainfall. The state has received less than 1/4 of average annual rainfall this year, and we are experiencing driest rainy season in recorded history, so what can we do to conserve water?

While none of us has the ability to make it rain, we can help to preserve some of the rainfall when the rains return. Think about it, the majority of all rainfall (fresh water) falling onto urbanized areas is lost. Instead of reaching the soil and naturally infiltrating and replenishing ground water and fresh water supplies, the majority of rainwater hits paved surfaces and becomes contaminated stormwater runoff. The natural rainwater cycle has been interrupted, rainwater that should be replenishing our freshwater supplies is now contaminated with pollutants found on our city streets. Contaminated stormwater is carried through the storm drain system and ultimately discharged to our local lakes, rivers and ocean.
Read more

New Rules Mean Rainwater Can Be Used in the Winemaking Process

In November of 2013, a press release from the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) announced a milestone decision. It finally removed the outdated EPA prejudice which long held that rain was non-potable, grey or runoff water. Today wineries can start planning and designing facilities to include rain collection for potable applications throughout the entire winemaking process.

According to the press release, "...this [decision] is intended to assist engineers, designers, plumbers, builders/developers, local government officials and other end users in safely implementing a rainwater catchment system." They continued, "Rainwater can be used for irrigation, laundry, hygiene and even potable applications if appropriately treated." This last sentence is huge for the wine industry.

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Driving this quantum shift was the collaboration of ASPE and ARCSA, with further sponsorship of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO).
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It Takes *How* Much Water to Grow an Almond?

How Thirsty Is Your Food?

One head of broccoli — 5.4 gallons of water

One walnut — 4.9 gallons of water

One head of lettuce — 3.5 gallons of water

One tomato — 3.3 gallons of water

One almond — 1.1 gallons of water

One pistachio — 0.75 gallons of water

One strawberry — 0.4 gallons of water

One grape — 0.3 gallons of water

Figures indicate how much water it takes to bring each crop to maturity in the US, if using only irrigated water. Data: Mekonnen, M.M. and Hoekstra, A.Y., "Water footprints of derrived crop products (1996-2005)". Art: Nikiteev_Konstantin, Asya Alexandrova, Igor Zakowski/Shutterstock; Kate Vogel/Noun Project.

Mother Jones

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Update Your Website With The New ARCSA Logo

As you may have noticed, ARCSA has a new logo! Members have until July 2014 to remove the old ARCSA logo from your website or any other marketing materials and replace it with the new logo. If you need a high-resolution version of the new logo, request it by email at **info@arcsa.org**.

ARCSA Accreditation Renewals Will Now Align With Membership Renewals

In an effort to make our membership renewal and professional accreditation renewal processes more straightforward, ARCSA members with accreditations will now have the same renewal date for both. Over the next several months, we will begin transitioning each of our accredited members to this new process of simultaneous renewal. Your membership renewal date will remain the same, only now, you will renew your accreditation (pay the fee and submit your CEUs) at the time of your membership renewal. It will still consist of two payments. Accredited members that are part of a Business Membership will be reminded to renew their personal accreditations at the time of the Business Membership Renewal Date.

The goal is to automate this process so you don't have to remember to renew your accreditation as well as your membership. If your profile is updated to reflect this, you may receive an email confirmation that states that you have made this change and includes a download for CEU submission. You will not need to take any action until your regular membership renewal date. As always, please feel free to contact us at **info@arcsa.org** with any questions.

Professional Development

Need to Satisfy Your CEU Requirements?

Purchase Archived Webinars in the ARCSA Store

ARCSA has archived past webinars in our online store for your convenience. These are available at a cost of $20 each.
View and purchase webinars here

Submit CEUs via Your Online Profile!

Members can now upload completed CEU's online

There are now two methods in which to record CEUs in your ARCSA online profile. With the first method, when you purchase any webinar or workshop through the online ARCSA store, once you complete that event, the CEU will automatically be recorded in your ARCSA profile. With the second method, you can manually enter any CEUs that were achieved outside of ARCSA's website. We invite all our members to update their profiles by following the directions below to submit your CEU's:

1. Log into your membership profile, and click on Manage Profile

2. Under Content & Features, click on Professional Development

3. Click on the Journal Entries tab, then click on the green arrow, "Add Entry", then click Yes.

4. Complete applicable information, and then click Submit. Your CEU will then be submitted to ARCSA staff for approval. After approval earned CEU's will show on your membership profile.

Questions? Contact **info@arcsa.org**.

New Template to Submit 5 Systems for AP

For those of you pursuing your AP designation, we now have a template for you to use when submitting your five rainwater catchment systems. We ask that you include a description of each system, as the template provides, along with pictures of each system for our review.
Access the template here

RWH Workshops & Accreditation Courses

2014 Workshop Schedule

ARCSA is in the process of assembling the workshop schedule for 2014. If you are interested in hosting or sponsoring an ARCSA workshop, please contact the ARCSA Education Coordinator at **education@arcsa.org**.

IS Workshops

Dallas, TX April 18, 2014

AP Workshops

Gibsonia, PA	April 8 - 9, 2014
Dallas, TX	April 14 - 15, 2014
Savannah, GA	April 29 - 30, 2014
Pittsburgh, PA	May 8 - 9, 2014
Norcross, GA	May 14 - 15, 2014

RWHDC Workshops

Dallas, TX	April 16 - 17, 2014
Norcross, GA	May 16 - 17, 2014

View full workshop descriptions and register here

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