



An International Forum Connecting People with Hands-On Solutions to World Poverty

Presentations by Village Earth

Village Earth joins with NGOs and individuals to help connect rural villages (two-thirds of the world's population) to global resources including energy resources, information resources, hard and soft appropriate technologies, social resources and financial resources for self-reliant, sustainable village-based development. They work on the premise that lack of access to resources is the primary obstacle to building a better life, and that poverty is the symptom rather than cause of the problem. They maintain the approach that villagers themselves rather than an outside authority must decide priorities and offer trainings in the US and throughout the world. Village Earth and The Sustainable Village are Colorado neighbors and plan to work together to empower villages on a broad scale. www.villageearth.org



Use of Hard and Soft Technology for Sustainable Development

Pre-Conference Workshop

Wednesday, October 1, 2003, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Presenters

Dr. Edwin Shinn and Mimi Shinn
Co-Founders of Village Earth

Effective use of technology requires that it be appropriate to the resources and goals of the users of the technology and that both hard technologies and the techniques of their use (soft technologies) be packaged and applied together. This short course will illustrate how these concepts have been applied successfully in developing communities and demonstrate how to assemble a complete technology package. A workshop will allow attendees to practice these techniques.

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Community Capacity Building on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Session 8 – Real World Solutions – Case Studies (3)
Saturday, October 4, 2003 10 am – 12pm

Presenter

David Bartecchi
Director of Program Development, Village Earth

This presentation will focus on Village Earth's work, mobilizing communities for collective action, on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Working with individuals and organizations at Pine Ridge since 2001, David Bartecchi will discuss the various obstacles encountered in this work as well as some of the future opportunities that exist for residents of the reservation.



Sustainability

Special Talk by Maury Albertson

At the present time humanity is moving headlong in the direction of self destruction because of the unsustainable way it is using its resources. Adequate, and cost-wise competitive, renewable energy resources are readily available to provide all of the energy we will ever need. Virtually unlimited amounts of clean water and food can be made available in a renewable way. We know the political systems and the approach to business that is sustainable. All that remains, is the will and determination to put all this into practice to achieve worldwide sustainability. The question remains: Will we do it – in time?

Speaker

Maury Albertson, Ph.D., P.E.

Co-founder of the Peace Corps, Dr. Albertson served as a consultant to the World Bank, the UNDP, AID, UNESCO, the Peace Corps and other agencies on projects and programs dealing with environmental engineering, water and sanitation, water resource development, on-farm water management, appropriate technology, village development, small industry development, research and education.

A Professor at Colorado State University for over 50 years, his long list of honors include "Engineer of the Year", Colorado Governor's "Award of Merit for Science and Technology", and honorary doctorates from Peshawar University, the Asian Institute of Technology, and Lowell University. He's published more than 200 papers and is a founder and president of Village Earth.

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