HELP SEND THE STONE TRUST TO THE 18TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRY STONE.

BENEFITS OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

THE CONFERENCE OPENS DOORS TO LET US SEE HOW OTHER COMMUNITIES ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THAT CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES:

- How to apply dry stone work to green infrastructure. The potential versus what American wallers collectively have experience with.

- How to impact public policy to slowly bend the arc of how decisions are made at the local level. Today you might get a twenty year solution. With knowledgeable foresight, you could get a two hundred year solution. With maintenance, you could get millennia.

HOW YOUR GIFT WILL BE USED

Delegates to the conference generously offer to take time away from earning their livelihoods. In fairness, the Stone Trust intends to compensate them at the contracted instructor per diem for the ten-day trip, in addition to covering travel and accommodation expenses.

Urgency: By September 15, 2023
MEET THE DELEGATES

DANIEL ABDON PETERSON

Daniel Abdon Peterson MAgs is the landscape designer and owner of HabAdapt Landscape Design in the upper Midwest region. Daniel assists clients with developing designs, landscapes and outdoor spaces focused in sustainable ecologic and permaculture systems design including historical and traditional construction methods. His projects involve restorative practices incorporating native plant communities, permaculture practices, water management and dry stone construction using locally available materials.

Daniel holds a level III dry stone craftsman certificate and dry stone teaching certification with the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain. Daniel earned his Graduate degree in Agriculture focused in Landscape Ecology, specifically in natural community restoration, invasive species management and GIS mapping. As a firm believer in sharing information, Daniel started The Stone Trust teaching site in Minnesota and is also currently serving as the President of the Board for The Stone Trust. For more information about Daniel or HabAdapt Landscape Design, check his website habadapt.com or Instagram HabAdapt

MICHAEL WEITZNER

Michael was born in Switzerland and has lived in Spain, England, Scotland, and in Brattleboro, Vermont since 1996. His fascination with dry stone walling began at an early age when he was introduced to it by his Swiss grandfather. His first full-time experience of dry stone work came in 1993, when he assisted with the construction of a dry stone house on the Isle of Harris off the west coast of Scotland. Michael attained DSWA-GB Master Craftsman certification in 2003 and is one of the founding members of the Stone Trust. He has a strong interest in historic preservation and is working to promote the use of best dry stone-walling practices in public works. He carries out conditions assessment of dry stone-covered bridge abutments, arched bridges and culverts, and other structures such as lime kilns and blast furnaces.

DELEGATES WILL RETURN WITH:

1. Documentation to guide program development: Buildings and foundations; climate resilient infrastructure (retaining walls, levees, bridges/abutments, culverts, food production (drought, microclimates), preservation technologies
2. Documentation of policies that promote integration of dry stone structures into public infrastructure to support development of standards/white papers
3. Identification of partners with the capacity to enhance the Stone Trust national and global profile. Develop and implement plan for building relationships.
4. Articles for inclusion in Stone Trust publications

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“[Dry stone] structures testify to the methods and practices used by people from prehistory to today to organize their living and working space by optimizing local natural and human resources. They play a vital role in preventing landslides, floods and avalanches, and in combating erosion and desertification of the land, enhancing biodiversity and creating adequate microclimatic conditions for agriculture. The bearers and practitioners include the rural communities where the element is deeply rooted, as well as professionals in the construction business. Dry stone structures are always made in perfect harmony with the environment and the technique exemplifies a harmonious relationship between human beings and nature. The practice is passed down primarily through practical application adapted to the particular conditions of each place. (ich.unesco.org)”