Workshop Agenda

November 20 - 22, 2014

Alton Community Worship Center
5563 Drive
Alton, MO  65606
Thursday, November 20, 2013

Thursday, November 20, 2014

10:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions
Rachel Luster, Founder, Oregon County Food Producers & Artisan Co-Op
Debbie Sallings, Alton Chamber of Commerce
Patrick Ledgerwood, Presiding Commissioner
Cynthia Nikitin, Director, Citizens’ Institute on Rural Design

11:00 a.m.  Oregon County and the Ozarks’ Vernacular Architecture
Barbara Williams, Artist and Professor, Missouri State University
Mike Luster, PhD, Director of the Arkansas Folklife Program

Noon    Lunch

1:00 p.m.  Site Visit to Future Co-Op Space

2:00 p.m.  Productive Landscapes
Jesse Vogler, Visiting Assistant Professor, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts
Emily Vogler, Landscape Architect, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates

Jesse & Emily Vogler will introduce the ways architects and educators study and design
America’s agricultural landscapes, while engaging multiple constituencies and audiences.

2:30 p.m.  The M12 Collective: Exploring Rural Culture and Landscapes
Richard Saxton, Creative Director, M12 Collective
Kirsten Stoltz, Director of Programs, M12 Collective

Richard Saxton and Kirsten Stoltz of the M12 Collective will present M12 projects that
focus on building a dialogue about the rural condition.

3:00 p.m.  Learning Carousels: Architecture & Site Design
Jesse Vogler: Building location, siting and integration into the square
M-12: Learning open action workshop

4:00 p.m.  Learning Carousels – Part Two
Participants join the second of two carousels
Friday, November 21, 2014

10:00 a.m.  Rural and Proud
Maria Sykes, Founder, Epicenter

Maria Sykes will present on creative projects and programs of Epicenter, a rural non-profit in the town of Green River, Utah (pop. 953), with a special focus on the renovation of a derelict building using volunteer labor and minimal budget.

10:45 a.m.  Cooking Up Something Special with Local Ingredients: Growing a Co-op in Alton
Ben Sandel, Leadership Development, Startup Co-ops, Capitalization, CDS Consulting

Ben Sandel presents on how to assess feasibility for expanding a co-op and provides an overview of the ingredients necessary for a successful co-op project.

11:30 a.m.  Learning Carousels: Building Design and Functional Layout of Programming
Maria Sykes and Mark Wise, KEM Studios, will each lead a group in a design discussion and exercise.

12:30 p.m.  Lunch

1:15 p.m.  Fruit for Public Spaces in the Ozarks
Guy Ames, Founder, Ames Orchard & Nursery and Horticulture Specialist

Guy Ames will speak about the many varieties of fruit trees and bushes that thrive in the Ozarks that can be grown without pesticides.

2:00 p.m.  Learning Carousels – Participants divided into two groups
Group 1: Building design with Maria Sykes and Mark Wise
Group 2: Co-Op Consultation with Ben Sandel

3:00 p.m.  Walking Tour of Potential Edible Courtyard Site with Guy Ames and Emily Vogler

3:45 p.m.  Recap of Next Steps
Participants will report out key findings from their Learning Carousels, highlight key lessons learned and agree upon ideas for further development by the Resource Team for presentation at the Public Session on Saturday.

Saturday, November 22, 2014

3:00 p.m.  Public Open House
Community members are invited to share their thoughts and comment upon the ideas and plans for the new Co-op building generated during the workshop sessions.

5:00 p.m.  Celebration in the Square!