

# MOMCC Spring Conference

MOMCC is a Regional Affiliate of

**ALHFAM**   
The Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums

## March 9-11, 2017

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
Kankakee, Illinois

# COPING WITH SUCCESS

Join us in Kankakee, Illinois for this Indiana-Illinois cross-border conference hosted by Buckley Homestead County Park, Lowell, Indiana. We will be raiding back and forth across the border coping with the truth that one state alone cannot hold this conference.



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# LODGING & CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

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## The Hilton Garden Inn, Riverstone Conference Center

455 Riverstone Parkway, Kankakee, IL 60901-7225

Phone: (815-932-4444)

Reservations: Call 815 932 4444

Room Rate	\$91.00 + Taxes
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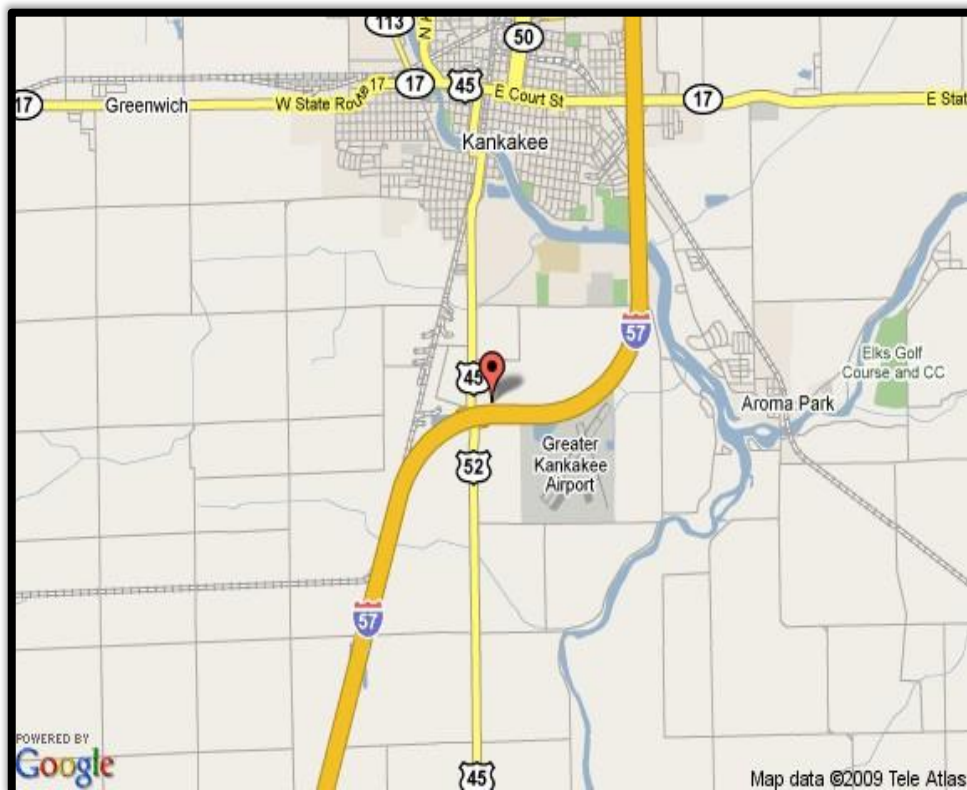
**Reservations must be made by February 22, 2017**

To qualify for the group rate, identify yourself as being with MOMCC

**NOTE: ALL CONFERENCE LOCATIONS ARE IN THE CENTRAL TIME ZONE**

### Directions from the Hotel Staff

US Interstate 57 South - Exit 308 - Turn Left at Exit Ramp Traffic light - Turn Right immediately to arrive at the Hilton Garden Inn, Riverstone Conference Center near Olivet Nazarene University



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# Conference at a Glance

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## **THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

Breakfast on your own.

### **All Day Workshops & Tours**

- Draft Ox Plowing
- Spoon Carving

### **Half Day Morning Workshops**

- Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
- Buckley Market Basket

### **Half Day Afternoon Workshops**

- Kankakee/ French Heritage/ Bradley
- Fruit Tree Pruning/ Grafting

**1:00-6:00 PM-Buckley Homestead Open; Snacks Available**

**7:00 PM-Hilton Garden Inn: First Timers Reception**

**7:30 PM-Hilton Garden Inn: Live Auction**

**9:30 PM-Hilton Garden Inn: Hospitality Room –**  
Stop in for socializing and networking!

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

Breakfast on your own.

**Vendor Area Open- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Welcome/ Opening Remarks 8:00 AM**

**Concurrent Sessions: 8.30-9:45 AM**

- Bee Keeping in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries
- Ice Harvesting, An Ice Show
- Creating An Online Training Manual

**Break – 9:45-10:00 AM**

**Concurrent Sessions – 10:00 AM-11:15 PM**

- Managing Honey Bee Colonies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Midewin's Past, Present and Future
- The 500

**Break- 11:15-11:30 AM**

**Plenary Session 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

Interpreting Agriculture: A Humanist Perspective

**PAST PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON/**

**12:30-2:00 PM** Past Presidents Address, Coping with Success, MOMCC's Past, Present and Future  
Jonathan Kuester, Volkening Heritage Farm  
Past President, MOMCC

**Resource Group Session – 2:00-3:00 PM**

- Interpretation, Music, Art, Material Culture
- Leadership, Supervision
- Agriculture, Gardens, Foodways

**Break – 3:00-3:15 PM**

**Concurrent Sessions – 3:15-4:30 PM**

- Arlington Club Beverages
- Steelmakers and Steel Towns
- Everglades of the North: The Story of the Grand Kankakee Marsh

**Cash Bar – 6:00 PM**

**Dinner, Dance 7:00 PM**

**Hospitality room to follow!**

**New this year! MOMCC AFTER HOURS!**

**Join us in the Hospitality Room for Fun and Frivolity Games, Contests, and MORE!!!**

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

Breakfast on your own.

**Vendor Area Open 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Concurrent Sessions – 9:00-10:15 AM**

- Geschirr Macher, Re-interpreting Your Historic Structures
- Bringing Natives to Your Park
- Dressing Alice: Children's Clothing in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

**Break – 10:15-10:30 AM**

**Concurrent Sessions – 10:30-11:45 AM**

- Duneland Dynamics
- Native American Gardening: History and Interpretation for Today's Garden
- "It's what We Don't Say and Do": Nonverbal Communication in Interpretation

**CLOSING REMARKS – 11:45 AM-12:00 PM**

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# Thursday, March 9

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All Workshops & Tours will meet at the hotel lobby at the designated time listed below.

## All Day Workshops

### Plowing With Oxen 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

*Time: 7:00 AM –meet in Hilton Garden Inn Lobby*

*Location: Buckley Homestead County Park Upper Barn and Fields*

*Host: Tim Harrigan, Tillers International*

*Maximum Participants: 12*

*Cost: \$45 ( include lunch)*

Learn the basics of oxen care, working with oxen, and yokes. Then head to the field for hands-on experience putting on a yoke, hooking up equipment, and working in the field. Some time may be given to working with younger cattle... Meet at the Hotel Lobby at 7:00am and carpool to Buckley Homestead parking lot, walk to the 1910 barn yard.

### Spoon Carving 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

*Time: 7:00 AM meet in Hilton Garden Inn Lobby*

*Location: Buckley Homestead County Parks Maintenance Building*

*Presenter: Andy Farnham, Volkening Heritage Farm*

*Maximum Participants: 20*

*Cost: \$26 (includes Lunch) Participants will receive a carving gouge and finished spoon they carve themselves.*

Learn simple wood carving techniques in this basic spoon carving class. Participants will start with a hardwood blank and use hand tools to carve a finished spoon to take home. Meet at the hotel lobby at 7:00 AM and carpool to Buckley Homestead parking lot, Walk to 1910 barnyard where you will be met and taken to the maintenance barn.

## Half Day Workshops

### Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Tour 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

*Time: 8:00AM meet in Hilton Garden Inn Lobby*

*Location: Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie*

*Hosts: Wendy Tresouthwick, Education Interpretation Coordinator, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie*

*Maximum Participants: 30*

*Cost: \$10 per person ( Does not includes lunch)*

Learn about the tallgrass prairie in the area South West of Chicago from geological to Native Americans who lived here to farmer and military bases, to present restoration of prairie and the bison herd. Drive 2 miles to the bison area and walk approximately ½ -1 mile to the pasture viewing area. Wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars. Meet in the hotel lobby at 8:00am and carpool to the site. (Suggested lunch places in Wilmington are Nelly's on Rt. 66 and Hayden's Crossing.)

### Buckley Market Basket 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

*Time: 8:00AM*

*Location: Hilton Garden Inn*

*Instructor: Julie Duttlinger*

*Cost: \$40 (does not include lunch) Includes all materials. Bring an old towel, clothespins, pencil and tape measure.*

Make a 8"x12"x8" deep closed bottom, stout, sturdy basket with a D handle out of reed material. See an ash log that historic basket making material would have come from and the resulting ash basket. Guaranteed finished basket.

**Kankakee Historical Society and Bradley House Tour 12:00 PM-4:00 PM**

*Time: 11:30AM meet at Hilton Garden Inn Lobby*

*Location: Kankakee Historical Society, French Heritage Museum, then Bradley House*

*Host: Connie Licon, Executive Director at Kankakee Historical Society and Laura Golowski, Operation Manager at Bradley House*

*Maximum Participants: 15*

*Cost: \$20.00, includes admission to sites and photo pass at Bradley House*

The Kankakee Historical Society is one of the oldest in the state of Illinois and includes the Museum, Column Garden, Taylor School House (used 1904-1954), and Dr. A.L. Small Memorial Home (built in 1855, restored to early 1900's). The French Heritage Museum tells the stories of the French Canadian, and Belgian Settlers, fur traders and Coureurs de bois, first explorers and missionaries of the Kankakee river valley. The Bradley House is Frank Lloyd Wright's first Prairie style designed house, in 1900. The Neighboring Hickox House, a private residence, was also designed by Frank Lloyd Wright at the same time.

Please wear flat shoes to protect the floors of the house. Meet in the hotel lobby at 11:30 and carpool to the sites.

**Fruit Tree Pruning and Grafting Workshop 1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

*Time: 11:30AM meet at Hilton Garden Inn Lobby*

*Location: Buckley Homestead County Park Upper Barn and Orchard*

*Instructor: Dr. Peter Hirst, Purdue University, Nikki Witkowski, Purdue Cooperative Extension, Lake County*

*Maximum Participants: 20*

*Cost: \$25.00 per person, includes grafting/budding knife, spray schedule and 5 root stocks that you will graft onto for apple trees to take home.*

Learn basic fruit tree pruning and care, modern techniques in an heirloom orchard. "Prune when the knife is sharp." "Prune until you can throw a cat through the tree". Then learn grafting techniques and graft your own 5 apple trees to take home using modern or heirloom varieties of scion wood. Meet in the hotel lobby at 11:30am and carpool to Buckley Homestead parking lot, walk to the 1910 barnyard.

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## **Thursday, March 9**

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### **Buckley Homestead County Park**

**3606 Belshaw Rd. Lowell, IN 46356**

**NOTE: Buckley Homestead is in the Central Time Zone**

#### **Directions from Hilton Garden Inn to Buckley Homestead**

Take I-57 North four miles to the exit for IL-17 East, continue onto IL-1 North (watch curves in Grant Park, Illinois). Turn right onto IL-17 South (East of Grant Park) / IN-2. Cross US-41 and continue East on Belshaw Rd. to Buckley Homestead. Travel time 1 hour.

#### **Directions to Buckley From North, East or South.**

From I-65 take IN-2 West toward Lowell for 4 miles to Hendricks Rd. (large Buckley sign), Turn South, Go ¼ miles to parking lot on East side of Road

**1:00-6:00 PM Buckley Homestead County Park: Site open and snacks available!**

### **HILTON GARDEN INN RIVERSTONE CONFENCE CENTER**

**7:00-7:30 PM Hilton Garden Inn -- First Timer's Reception**

We invite all first timers to MOMCC to attend this reception at Hilton Garden Inn to meet the MOMCC Board of Directors and learn more about the organization.

**7:30 PM Hilton Garden Inn -- LIVE AUCTION**

It's a pirate auction! Bring your "Pirates Booty" to this lively fun-filled auction. Our "Crew" of auctioneers will rob you blind to raise as much money as they can for the organization. All proceeds go to MOMCC.

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# Friday, March 10

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All sessions, meetings, and other activities take place at Hilton Garden Inn, Riverstone Conference Center.

## 8:00 AM Vendor Area Open

## 8:00-9:45 AM Concurrent Sessions

### Bee Keeping in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries

*Presenter: Terry Sargent*

Bees and bee keeping have been a quintessential human pursuit for thousands of years. Once a common backyard garden enterprise, bees became big business by the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Explore the tools and technology of 19<sup>th</sup> century beekeeping and how they are applicable to your site.

### Ice Harvesting, An Ice Show

*Presenter: Anne Zimmerman, Cedar Lake Historical Association, (Retired)*

Join us for this slide show presentation on the history of ice harvesting in Northwest Indiana. Session includes a 30-minute video of ice harvesting as well as explanations of processes used in commercial ice harvesting.

### Creating An Online Training Manual

*Presenter: Patricia Kennedy Green, Volkening Heritage Farm*

Creating and maintaining paper manuals can be a burden on staff, volunteers and the environment. After years of printing and handing out 100+ page interpretive manuals, the staff of Volkening Heritage Farm decided to go a different way. This session will explore the concept of online training manuals using VHF's "PAL Portal" as an example of how you can create your own.

## 9:45-10:00 AM Break

## 10:00-11:15 AM Concurrent Sessions

### Managing Honey Bee Colonies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

*Presenter: Krispn Given, Purdue University*

This practical follow up to Bee Keeping in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries will discuss modern bee keeping practices and challenges.

### Midewin's Past, Present, and Future

*Presenter: Wendy Tresouthick, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie*

This presentation includes a slide show about the history of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, what they are working on now and where they hope to go. Presentation includes the introduction of bison to the park, why they brought them to the prairie, and what they hope to accomplish with their presence.

### The 500

*Presenter: Monique Ingot, Volkening Heritage Farm*

It's a typical Sunday at your local living history site. A weekend staff person opens the building and checks in the one volunteer scheduled to work that day, and then it happens. 500 visitors descend and "Katy bar the door" or the artifacts will walk away. Has this ever happened to you? Explore techniques and solutions for dealing with overwhelming visitor numbers with shrinking volunteer levels and staff stagnancy. This session could save your site and your sanity!

## 11:15-1:30 PM Break

## 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Plenary Session

### Interpreting Agriculture:

### A Humanist Perspective

*Presenter: Dr. Debra A. Reid, The Henry Ford*

## 12:30-2:00 PM Past Presidents Luncheon

Join MOMCC Past-President Jonathan Kuester for his address to the membership titled "Coping with Success: MOMCC's Past, Present and Future."

## 2:00-3:00 PM Resource Group Session

- Interpretation/Music/Art/Material Culture
- Leadership/Supervision
- Agriculture/Gardens/Food

## 3:00-3:15 PM Break

### **3:15-4:30 PM Concurrent Sessions**

#### **Arlington Club Beverages**

*Presenter: Dan Schoeneberg, Arlington Heights Park District*  
F.W. "Pop" Muller first delivered his soda along the dirt roads of Chicago's Northwest Suburbs in 1872. For over 120 years the Arlington Club Beverage Company sold their unique refreshment before going out of business in the 1990's. Today, Muller's original soda factory is a part of the Arlington Heights Historical Museum, a cooperative effort of the Historical Society, Park District and Village of Arlington Heights. In 2016 the Museum re-introduced Muller's iconic sodas for sale. Explore this successful venture as well as Pop Muller's intriguing story.

#### **Steelmakers and Steel Towns: An Overview of Indiana Historic Steel Region**

*Presenter: Stephan G. McShane, Calumet Regional Archives, Indiana University Northwest*  
Using historical photographs, this presentation will trace the beginning history of the steel industry in Lake County Indiana along with their accompanying steel town of East Chicago, Indiana Harbor and Gary.

#### **Everglades of the North: The Story of the Grand Kankakee Marsh**

*Presenter: Jeff Manes*  
This documentary film chronicles the history of the great Kankakee Marsh. Join freelance writer Jeff Manes for a discussion of the making of this film.

### **6:00 PM Cash Bar**

### **7:00-10:00 PM Dinner, Dance**

#### **Wear your most successful period clothing**

We invite you to wear your most successful period clothing. It could be you're most accurate, most worn out or the clothing you just wear the most when interpreting. Prizes and bragging rights will be awarded.

#### **MOMCC SHOWCASE**

Take Part in the MOMCC Site Showcase a continuous loop DVD of participating sites shown throughout the conference.

Just send 15-20 slides with your site name on every slide, including a title slide. Share your historic buildings, programs, displays & exhibits, staff & volunteers- whatever you feel shows off your site.

Not technically inclined? Just send the images and slide title information and we'll do it for you.

Take part in this opportunity, Contact Mike Follin at [mfollin@ohiohistory.org](mailto:mfollin@ohiohistory.org)  
Completed slides or images must be received two weeks prior to conference date.

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# Saturday, March 11

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**8:00 AM-12:00 PM Vendor Area Open**

**9:00-10:15 AM Concurrent Sessions**

**Geschirr Macher, Re-Interpreting Your Historic Structures.**

*Presenters: Jonathan Kuester, Dan Hess, Volkening Heritage Farm*

Follow the staff of VHF through an intriguing research project that ended in the reinterpreting of the Hattendorf summer kitchen into the Yeargin Geschirrwirks.

**Bringing Natives to Your Park**

*Presenters: Cathy Misch, Buckley Homestead, Joy Bower, Gibson Woods Nature Preserve*

Take a virtual tour through Buckley Homestead. This session will highlight native beds and other plantings throughout the park. Get tips on how to get started including references and nurseries that carry native plant stock.

**Dressing Alice: Children's Clothes in the 19th Century**

*Presenter: Betsy Urven*

Presenting child interpreters at our historic sites can be one of our most powerful interpretive tools. While decades of research has gone into properly dressing adult interpreters, little if any work has been done on children's clothing. Betsy will discuss the trials and tribulations of dressing her Granddaughter Alice to interpret multiple 19<sup>th</sup> century time periods. Learn about children's fashion, and patterns of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**10:30-11:45 AM Concurrent Sessions**

**Duneland Dynamics**

*Presenter: Kenneth J. Schoon, Indiana University Northwest*

This presentation integrates dozens of colorful scenes of today's Indiana Dunes along with a description of their ecological importance and stories from yesteryear. Topics include fur trading and a small French "fort," a Revolutionary skirmish, hermits and developers, explosions and scams, railroad expansion and President Lincoln's Duneland funeraland much much more...

**Native American Gardening: History and Interpretation for Today's Garden**

*Presenter: Cindy Deardorff*

Learn about the Three Sisters Garden for your site. Discover Native heirloom seeds. Session will include information on tools, heirloom seeds and research material, and the Wild Ones Organization.

**"Its What We Don't Say and Do":**

**Nonverbal Communication in Interpretation**

*Presenter: Michael Follin, The Ohio History Connection*

The ability to understand and use nonverbal communication, or body language, is a powerful tool that can help interpreters connect with visitors, express ideas, thoughts, concepts and build better relationships/connections in interpretation. All of our nonverbal behaviors, the gestures we make, the way we sit/stand, how fast or how loud we talk, how much eye contact we make, send strong messages. Learn to control and use these behaviors in a quickly changing culture.

**CLOSING REMARKS- 11:45 AM-12:00 PM**



# MOMCC 2017 SPRING Conference Registration Form

Please complete all relevant sections of this form. To Register and pay online go to MOMCC.org. Otherwise, Make checks payable to MOMCC and mail with the completed form to:

Ed Crabb  
3606 Belshaw Rd.  
Lowell, Indiana 46356

## Early registration deadline is February 22, 2017

Please note: MOMCC cannot guarantee placement in workshops for registrations received after February 22, 2017.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Site/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I require vegetarian meals  
 I am a first time MOMCC conference participant  
 I am a vendor  
 I am willing to drive to facilitate car pooling  
 I will bring an item for the auction

## Conference Registration

### A. Full Conference Registration:

*\*includes: Thursday reception & auction, Friday & Saturday sessions, lunch, breaks & banquet*

*\*Vendor Full Registration includes: 1 table, all conference sessions and meals*

_____ MOMCC/ALHFAM member	\$95
Postmarked before Feb. 22, 2017	
_____ MOMCC/ALHFAM member	\$125
Postmarked after Feb. 22, 2017	
_____ Non-member	\$115
Postmarked before Feb. 22, 2017	
_____ Non-member	\$145
Postmarked after Feb. 22, 2017	
TOTAL – A \$ _____	

### B. Conference A La Carte

_____ Vendor fee per table	\$20
*number of tables _____	
_____ Friday Sessions ONLY (member)	\$75
_____ Friday Sessions ONLY (non-member)	\$105
_____ Saturday Sessions ONLY (member)	\$65
_____ Saturday Sessions ONLY (non-member)	\$75
_____ Friday Lunch ONLY	\$30
_____ Friday Dinner ONLY	\$50
TOTAL – B \$ _____	

## Pre-Conference Workshop Registration

### C. Half Day Workshops: Thursday, March 9

\*Indicates lunch included

_____ Midewin Nat'l Tallgrass Prairie	\$10
_____ Buckley Market Basket	\$40
_____ Kankakee Historical / Bradley	\$20
_____ Fruit Tree Pruning	\$25
TOTAL – C \$ _____	

### D. Full Day Workshops: Thursday, March 9

\*Indicates lunch included

_____ Draft Ox Plowing	\$45
_____ Spoon Carving	\$26
TOTAL – D \$ _____	

### E. Membership Renewal

_____ Individual	\$30
_____ Household	\$35
_____ Institutional	\$50

**GRAND TOTAL** **A-E \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Concurrent Sessions: Fri. & Sat., March 10&11

(Please mark the sessions you plan to attend.)

- \_\_\_ Bee Keeping in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19 Centuries  
 \_\_\_ Ice Harvesting, An Ice Show  
 \_\_\_ Creating an Online Training Manual
- \_\_\_ Managing Honey Bee Colonies in the 21st  
 \_\_\_ Midewin's Past Present and Future  
 \_\_\_ The 500
- \_\_\_ Arlington Club Beverages  
 \_\_\_ Steelmakers and Steel Towns  
 \_\_\_ Everglades of the North
- \_\_\_ Interpreting Agriculture  
 \_\_\_ Bringing Natives to Your Park  
 \_\_\_ Dressing Alice: 19<sup>th</sup> century children

- \_\_\_ Duneland Dunamics  
 \_\_\_ Native American Gardening  
 \_\_\_ It's What We Don't Say and Do

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ Check (payable to MOMCC)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Register on-line (credit card payment using PayPal) at MOMCC.org

Call for Papers available on MOMCC.org

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Archbold, Ohio

NOVEMBER 9-11, 2017

TURNING LEMONS INTO LEMONADE:  
Facing Challenges, Building Relationships and Making it Work

Mark Your Calendar now for MOMCC Fall 2017

Return to:

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3606 Belshaw Rd.  
Lowell, Indiana 46356



**Open at Once - Don't miss the deadlines!**  
**MOMCC Spring Conference, March 9-11, 2017**

**Feb. 22, 2017: Last date for Hotel Conference Rate**  
**Feb. 22, 2017: Early Conference Registration Deadline**