

Farmer Network Training
Missoula Extension Office
Agenda

- 9:00—9:15 Introductions and Overview (Maud Powell)
-Maud, Melissa F. & Melissa M. Intros - who we are?
-Names, organization from, region they cover (constituents), what type of network interested in starting (demographic or subject area), experience forming networks and if they are already involved in existing networks *Use intro material to design planning program breakout groups
- 9:15—9:35 Impacts of Farmer Networks (Maud Powell & Melissa Matthewson)
- 9:35—9:55 Meeting Facilitation (Melissa Fery)
- 9:55—10:35 Role Play—Getting Your Network Started, Add Challenges (competition, geographical distance, clear definition of audience gardener/farmer, timing, maintaining, attendance, staff time, poor facilitation), Communication Tools & Network Structure (Maud Powell) ***Talk about naming**
- 10:35—11:20 Planning Your Program—Powerpoint with Case Studies and Group Breakout Session (Melissa Matthewson)
-Breitenbush NW Exchange
-Women Farmer Networks
-Grain & Bean Network
-Practical Farmers of Iowa
-Local Farmer to Farmer through OSU
- 11:20—11:50 Maintaining Your Network (Melissa F. & Maud P.)
- 11:50—12:30 Lunch
- 12:30—12:45 Survey your Network—How-to and Results of OR Farmer Network Survey (Melissa Fery)
- 12:45—1:00 Wrap-up and Evaluations