

# 2025 ARC CONFERENCE TOPICS

Subject to revisions

## Monday, September 8, 2025

11:00 AM	<b>Conference Registration</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Golf Tournament: Coronado Golf Course, Hot Springs Village (Registration: 8:00 AM)</b>
12:30 PM	<b>Tour: City of Hot Springs Recycling Center/Alliance Rubber Co/Fordyce Bathhouse</b>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Exhibitor Setup</b>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Pre-Conference Workshop: Composting for Horticulture: Advocating for the End-Users</b>
	Dr. Matthew Bertucci, Assistant Professor, Dept of Horticulture – Univ of AR System Division of Agriculture
	Rachel Woody-Pumford, Graduate Research Assistant – Univ of AR System Division of Agriculture
	Dr. Amanda Perez, Associate Professor, Dept of Horticulture – Univ of AR System Division of Agriculture
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Welcome Reception – Pool Pavilion</b>

## Tuesday, September 9, 2025

7:30 AM	<b>Registration</b>
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Continental Breakfast w/Exhibitors</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Welcome: Tres Williams, III, ARC President/Pat McCabe, Mayor - City of Hot Springs</b>
8:35 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>Break w/Exhibitors</b>
<b>Sessions</b>	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Session (A) AEEA Planned Session</b>
	Sophia Stephenson, Executive Director – AEEA
	Jamie Ward – Curricula Concepts
	Dr. Carmen Merrick – Hendrix
	Dr. Jennifer Penner – Hendrix
11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	<b>Awards Luncheon: Sponsorship &amp; Presentations</b>
	<b>Keynote Speaker: Don Bates, Owner/Founder</b>
	– Osprey Initiative, LLC
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	<b>Session (B) How to Establish Policy and Procedures</b>
	Adam Helvey, OPMA, Sustainable Procurement Program
	Manager – SPS State Procurement Services, Oregon
	Department of Administrative Services
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Break w/Exhibitors</b>
2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	<b>Session (C ) Making Organics Work</b>
	Jim Willits, Owner – American Composting
	Michael Marchman, Permit Engineer – DEQ
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Break</b>
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>Session (D ) Plenary Panel Discussion:</b>
	<b>Collegiate Recycling Roundtable</b>
	Caysie Martin, Director of Admissions – National Park College
	Alexandra Barnard, Assoc Professor, Biology, Academic Programs Director,
	Math & Science Division – National Park College
	Tammy Webb, Recycling & Waste Coordinator – AR State University
	Gregory A. Tatera, Dir of Campus Custodial & Grounds Service – UofA Little Rock
	Lance Grigsby, Asst. Director of Operations – AR Union Sustainability
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Reception with Exhibitors</b>
	Evening in Hot Springs on your Own

## Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Exhibit Hall Opens</b>
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>Breakfast (Buffet)</b>
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>Breakfast Speaker: Kirk Kreisel, Founder/CEO – Artisun Solar</b>
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Break in the Exhibit Hall - Exhibitor interaction</b>
<b>Sessions</b>	
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Session (E) Recycling Artificial Intelligence</b>
	Justus Selwyn, Professor – John Brown University
	Robyn Reed, Director – Boston Mountain Solid Waste District
	John Osterkamp, Director of Sales – Heil Co
	Matt Harris, Regional Sales Manager – Marathon
11:30 AM	<b>Drawing - Must be present in Session (E) to win Door prize</b>
11:45 AM	<b>Conference Close</b>
12:00 Noon	<b>ARC Annual Meeting</b>