



# *Master Composter* NEWSLETTER

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Wednesdays at MCP - Jack and the Leaning Tower of Pisa (one of our hot compost piles)

## Introduction

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## Weekly Recap

Last week, Nathan Lau came out to help on our Wednesday workday. We were able to harvest the CFT and turn some more piles. Pam, Alyce, and Linda led a school on Thursday; we had a group of compost industry representatives visit our MCP demo site with Cole on Friday; and Bridget and Leila led a successful worm workshop in San Jose on Saturday.

# *Upcoming*



## Open Workshops

We are set for the rest of the 2022! Thank you so much for all your time and energy with this year's workshops.



## Community Events

- Saturday, October 29 (11am - 4pm) - Green Halloween Eco-Friendly Halloween Fun - *NEEDS (at least) TWO MCs*, could be done in shifts

Sign up to table for a community event [here](#)!!

# MCP Updates



- Reminder: You are *always* welcome to bring your organic waste to MCP and add it to a system (worm or backyard) if you have no way of composting it at home. Please just weigh it or otherwise record what you bring.
- **Pumpkin Drive!!**
  - Bring your carved up pumpkins after Halloween to compost at Martial Cottle Park! Collect them from your neighbors, your family, whoever & bring them out to MCP on a Wednesday workday or coordinate a date and time with me
- Upcoming workdays
  - November 19, 10am to 12pm - Rajat Srivastava
  - Wednesday mornings, 9am to 12pm
- Wednesdays with Maya & Jenel:
  - Last week: CFT harvest, turning piles
  - This week: Sifting the CFT harvest (saving worm lives), turning piles
    - \*I have a Zoom meeting from 10 to 11:30am this week, but I will be there before and after the call & Jenel will be there during

# Programming:

Dates to add to  
your calendar

## November 1

Final **monthly meeting** of the year!  
CE speaker: Katrina  
Spade, CEO of  
Recompose human  
composting

Zoom link:

[https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/  
98581442446](https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/98581442446)

## November 19

End-of-the-year  
**celebration** at MCP!

Join us for the last MCP workday of the year from 10am to 12pm, then stay for the lunch and celebration from **12:30pm to 2:30pm**. We will provide pizza and beverages, but you are welcome to bring appetizers or desserts to share if you'd like.

RSVP here:

<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=39317>



# COMPOST

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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

How fungi make potent toxins that can contaminate food

[Science News](#)  
[Nucleic Acids Research](#)

Meet the fungal friends and foes that surround us

[Science News](#)  
[The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi](#)

How dormant bacteria spores sense when it's time to come back to life

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