

Master Composter NEWSLETTER

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Honestly, I forgot to take any new photos this week. Oops!

Introduction

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Week Recap

Happy first day of Spring! Derek and Megan Swift led a Compost Basics workshop in Santa Clara on a beautiful sunny Saturday! We also had a community composting workday and a tabling event at Martial Cottle Park. Thank you to Victoria, Nathan, Megan Marwede, and Marilynn for coming out.

Upcoming



Open Workshops

- Saturday, April 15 - Compost Basics Workshop (Morgan Hill) - *NEEDS TWO MCs*
- Saturday, April 22 - Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS ONE MC*

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)

Community Events

- Wednesday, April 19 (12pm - 3pm): Mission College Eco Fair (Santa Clara)
- Saturday, April 22 (11am - 3pm): Cupertino Earth Day
- Saturday, April 22 (10am - 12pm OR 15-minute on-stage demonstration): Milpitas Earth Day event
- Thursday, April 27 (11am - 1pm): Nutanix Earth Day (San Jose)
- Friday, April 28 (2:15 - 5:15): Indigo School Plant Sale (San Jose)
- Saturday, April 29 (12pm - 2pm): Pomeroy School Garden Day (Santa Clara)

Sign up for an event [here](#)



Continuing Education Credit Opportunities

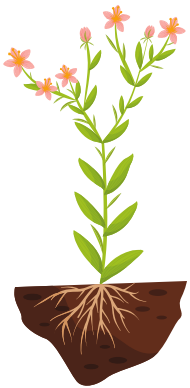
Listen to Jack and Marilyn on Veggielution's "Food for Thought" radio show and podcast, airing on **Thursday, 3/23, from 10:30am to 12pm** at **91.5 KKUP**. It will be available later on the Veggielution website.

Soil Regeneration Summit

To watch "The Symphony of the Soil by Elaine Ingham," [click here](#).

To watch "Successional Stages and Soil Food Web by Dr. Carla Portugal," [click here](#).

*Disclosure: I haven't actually had the time to watch these videos yet but they seemed like great opportunities that I wanted to share as soon as possible.



Important Resources & CEP News



- Reappointment is right around the corner! Remember to continue to log your hours.

[Log your volunteer hours here!](#)

- You can find previous recorded CE speakers on the private Master Composter website.

[Watch the meeting recordings here](#)

- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.

[Explore the Google Drive here](#)

- Pam & Alyce walk through the Master Gardener library

[Watch the video here](#)

MCP Updates



- We had another great community composting workday on Saturday. Meanwhile, Nathan, Megan, and Marilyn tabled for Martial Cottle Park's Agricultural Day event.
- If it's not pouring rain, we'll be at the park on Wednesday. As always, please let me know if you plan on coming. That way, if something comes up or the weather suddenly turns on us, I can let you know our plan.



COMPOST

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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

A Very Wet Winter Has Eased California's Drought, but Water Woes Remain

[New York Times](#)

How does carbon capture work?

This isn't exactly compost-related, but I thought it was an interesting article and might pique some interest

[New York Times](#)

Connections: What Is NOT Compost

Calling dried and ground food waste soil or compost right out of the machine is the equivalent of telling people that a raw potato will taste as good as a crispy French fry.

[BioCycle](#)



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