



Master Composter

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2023

NEWSLETTER

New CEP Coordinator Victoria leading her first 3rd Saturday Workday

Introduction

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Week Recap

This week, Laura Monczynski and Mint Pasakdee gave a wonderful virtual composting workshop using English and Spanish bilingual content

The Third Saturday Community Workshop was a major success despite the rain! We got new community volunteers to show up and churned out new compost despite the rain!

We finalized the species of trees we are planting at our Martial Cottle Demo Site and are accepting donations to procure them!

TOGETHER WE GIVE



GIVING
TUESDAY

NOV. 28, 2023!

If you or family and friends need end-of-the-year donation for taxes, encourage them to give toward

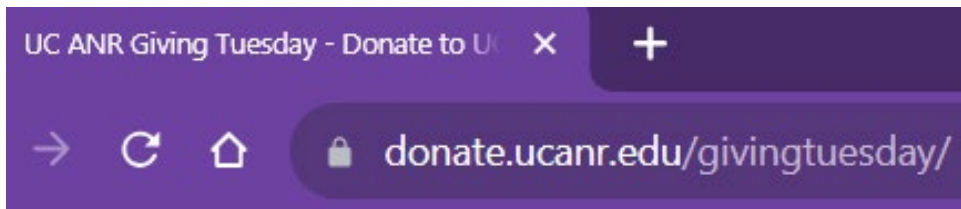
“Trees for the Composting Education parcel at Martial Cottle Park” from [our website](#).

Some employers do matching funds, so please check that out!

See Instructions Below

How to Donate to our Tree Planting

Go to the Giving Tuesday Website at <http://www.ucanr.edu/givingtuesday>.



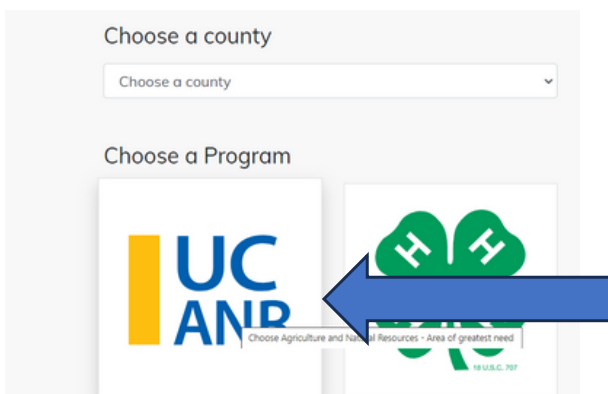
Click Make a Gift to UC ANR



Choose Santa Clara County from the dropdown menu: **Santa Clara**

Then choose a Program icon.

Since we aren't a statewide program, **click on the UC ANR Logo:**



You will be taken to the page where you choose the amount. No amount is too small. Please make sure to type in the comments section that this is **“For Trees at the Composting Education Program Demonstration Site at Martial Cottle Park.”**

The screenshot shows a donation form with the following elements:

- Navigation: "Donation Home", "UC Cooperative Extension Offices", "Santa Clara".
- Mission statement: "Your gift advances the research and public service mission of University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources."
- Designation: "Choose a Designation" dropdown menu with "UCCE Santa Clara County Fund" selected.
- Amount: "Choose Donation Amount" section with buttons for \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, and an "Other: \$0.00" input field.
- Checkbox: "I wish to cover transaction fees for the charity (increase my donation to accomplish this)" with a checked box.
- Text: "You will pay \$0.31 which includes transaction fees of \$0.31".
- Total: A blue box showing "Total: \$0.31".
- Callout: A yellow box containing the text "“For Trees at the Composting Education Program Demonstration Site at Martial Cottle Park”".
- Comment: "Leave a comment (optional):" text box with the same text as the callout. A blue arrow points to this field.

Fill out the remainder of the form and hit the green Donate button at the bottom of the page.

You can also check to see if your employer will match your donation right below the Donate button. Do it!

The screenshot shows an employer matching tool interface with the following elements:

- Text: "Need help making a gift? Call (530) 750-1389 or email gifts@ucanr.edu".
- Text: "To learn about other ways to give, click here for the [Development Services website](#)."
- Section: "See if your employer will match your donation!"
- Input: A search box with the placeholder text "Search for company".
- Button: A blue "Let's Check" button.
- Text: "All information provided by Double the Donation" with a logo.

You should immediately receive a “Thank you for your donation” email.

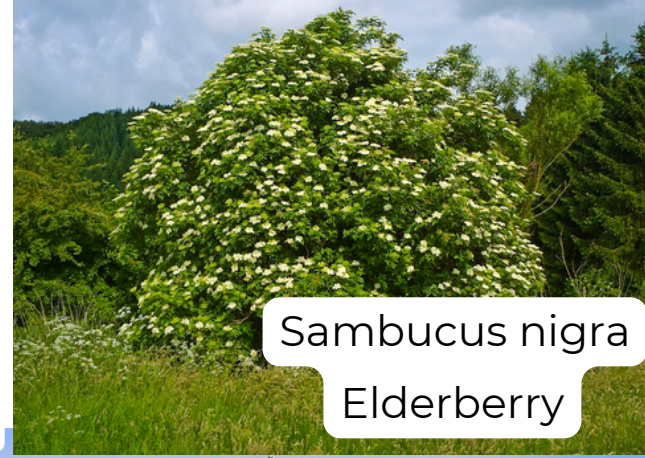
Please feel free to share these instructions with family and friends

Thank you

California Native Tree Species

These are the Ca native plants that are available for the Martial Cottle Park Tree Planting project from Our City Forest!

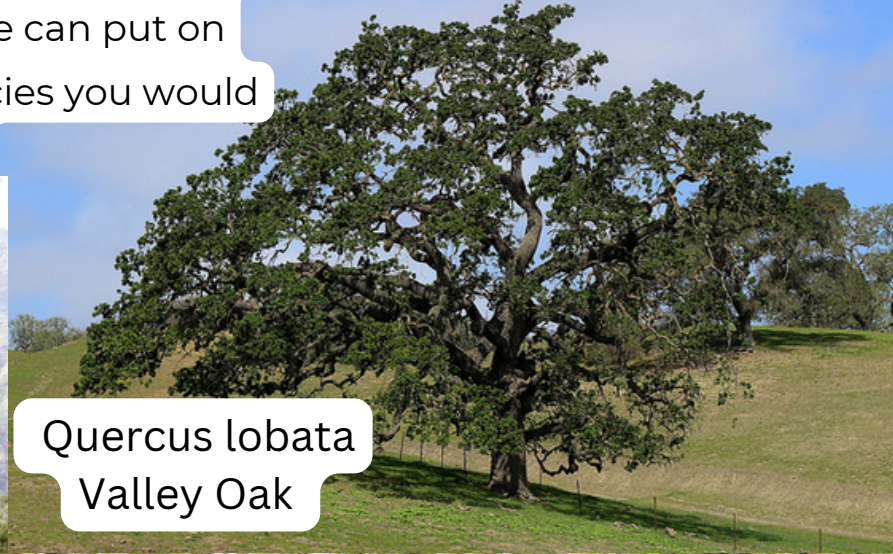
As of now, we are certainly getting one Valley Oak and 4 sycamores, but we would love to plant more native varieties from the options below! The more donations we get, the more plants we can put on the property so let us know which species you would love to see on the site.



Sambucus nigra
Elderberry



Cercis occidentalis
California Redbud



Quercus lobata
Valley Oak



Platanus racemosa
Western Sycamore



Prunus ilicifolia
Holly Cherry



Aesculus californica
California Buckwheat



Morella californica
Wax Myrtle

Upcoming



No Wednesday Workday November 22nd,
will be back November 29th

- Workdays December 6th, 13th, and 20th are the last of the year, weather permitting
- No Third Saturday Workday in December

January CE Meeting will be on the Second
Tuesday

- Join us January 9th for our first CE of the year!

Interested in teaching the next generation of
composters?

Our school group needs more composting teachers!

- We currently have several empty spots on our volunteer sign up
- If you're ever available on weekdays and are interested in teaching youth in the community, please let me know."sheet for school requests

Sign up for a kids event [here](#)

Important Resources



- **Log your hours** continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!

[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](#)

- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education Zoom** link

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

- **CE ideas?** Email them or fill out this survey:

[Continuing Education suggestions](#)

MCP Updates



- Remember to post scan the QR code by the worm CFT any time you come to Martial Cottle Park to let us know what you've done there!
 - (food scrap drop off, workday tasks, if you've taken compost, etc.)
- Let your friends know that we are accepting applications for the MCP Initial Training until November 30th!
 - If you have friends thinking about being Master Compost Volunteers, now is the time to sign up!
 - They can fill out their interest form on our website [here!](#)
- Bring your pumpkins to Martial Cottle Park!



COMPOST

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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

The Problem With Those Kitchen Composting Machines

Spoiler: For starters, what they produce is not compost.

By Rosie Spinks

[Sierra Club](#)

Why actress Patricia Arquette builds compost toilets

World Toilet Day highlights how inadequate sanitation kills 1,000 children a day. With her foundation, Hollywood star Patricia Arquette is helping to develop solutions.

By [Elizabeth Grenier](#)

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