



Master Composter

December 2nd, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Speckled Swan & Bird & Bottle Gourds donated to CEP by Jacob's Farm

Introduction

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Week Recap

- We received nearly 3000 lbs. of gourds and pumpkins for the worms at MCP!
- Nearly finished the 2025 workshop calendar!
- Eagle Couets built a handwashing station and two vermicompost sorting tables for MCP
- Celebrated the Thanksgiving Break with joy and ease

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

We have completed our regular 2024 Workshop Year!

You can view and add your own compost presentation slides on our Google Drive [here](#)

POSTPONED- Special in-person Compost Application workshop due to rain

Date TBD Weather Permitting Possibly Januray 2025

Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Pomeroy Community Garden Day #2	Santa Clara	Saturday, April 5, 2025	Outdoor
Mission College Eco Fair	Santa Clara	Tuesday, April 22, 2025	Outdoor
MG Spring Garden Fair	San Jose	Saturday, April 26, 2025	Outdoor

Upcoming: Kids Composting

Russo/McEntee Academy	K-2 & 3-5	Vermicomposting	2851 Gay Ave	San Jose
Del Mar High School	High school	Vermicomposting	1224 Del Mar Avenue	San Jose
Toyon Elementary	2nd & 3rd grade	Vermicomposting	995 bard st	San Jose
Discovery Charter School	K-1	Vermicomposting	4021 Teale Avenue	San Jose
Hillbrook School	Kindergarten	Vermicomposting	300 Marchmont Drive	Los Gatos

Important Resources



- **Log your hours** continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!
- You can find previous **recorded CE speakers** on the private Master Composter website.
- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.
- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education** **Zoom** link
- Rot Crew Calendar:



Log your volunteer hours here!

Watch the meeting recordings here

Explore the Google Drive here

First Tuesday CE Link
First Tuesdays each month

6:30-8:00 P.M

Meeting ID: 919 3088 0896

Rot Crew Calendar Link

Signup Sheet Links

WORKSHOP SIGNUP

CLASSROOM SIGNUP

EVENT SIGNUP



MCP Updates



No Third Saturday Work Day in December

- **Enjoy your holiday and stay cozy!**
- **Your browns and greens make great x-mas gifts for our demo site :)**

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 9:30 am -12:00
- Weather permitting (Probably cancelled this week, check forecast)
- Check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information
- **Come water our new trees! They need water at least once a week. Get some volunteer hours by helping us water them.**
- **Remember to safely lock the gate with the chain wrapped though both fence holes and the locked faced left to right so the letters face the upright direction for the next person can unlock it.**
- **Interested in joining our new Martial Cottle Park team? Fill out [this interest form](#) to be on a steering committee to help us develop our CEP parcel!**

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!

- **Bring newspapers Martial Cottle Park!**



EVALUATIONS

FEEDBACK FROM YOU AND FOR
YOU



What we learned from our most recent workshops:

- Preparation for your workshops counts towards your hours too! Make sure you spend some time planning your lesson and demonstration and count that towards your reappointment!
- Spend this break relaxing but also feel free to update your slide decks for next year! What worked? What connected with people? What would make your slides and demo better?



Remember that we're always learning and growing and so this feedback is very informative for helping us be the best educators we can be!



No CE on Tuesday, 12/03/24

Winter Holiday is a great way to catch up on CE!

Jenel has made some updates about what we will consider for CE credit if you choose a source outside of our regular programming (e.g. a book, event, webinar, etc.)

In order for things to be counted as CE, they must meet a certain criteria.

- Compost Related
- They must be presented by an .EDU or the equivalent (research based information)
- They must be advertised to our whole group after approval
- A short presentation must be given at the next group MM or CE
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zoom.



TOMORROW!



[MAKE A GIFT!](#)



TOGETHER WE GIVE

GIVING
TUESDAY

DEC. 3, 2024

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Composting
Education
Program



COMMUNITY • HOME • CLASSROOM



**GIVING
TUESDAY**

**STEP 1: CLICK
“MAKE A GIFT” OR
SCAN QR CODE**

MAKE A GIFT!



**STEP 3:
FILL IN YOUR
INFORMATION**

**UNDER “ADDITIONAL
DETAILS:” YOU CAN
WRITE:
“COMPOSTING
EDUCATION PARCEL AT
MARTIAL COTTLE PARK”**

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

**STEP 4: PROCEED WITH
PAYMENT INFORMATION BY
SELECTING “GIVE NOW”**

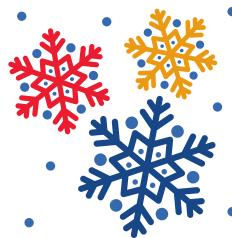
HOW TO DONATE! ON 12/3/2024

**STEP 2:
SELECT OUR
PROGRAM AND AMOUNT
YOU’D LIKE TO DONATE**

The screenshot shows a web interface for selecting a gift destination. At the top, there are tabs for "Gift", "Details", and "Payment". Below the tabs is a search bar labeled "Search County or Fund Name" with the text "JCCE - Composting Education Program" entered. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Program" with "UCCE" selected. On the right side, there is a section titled "I am giving to:" with a "UCCE" logo and the text "Santa Clara County UCCE - Composting Education Program". Below this, there are four buttons for donation amounts: "\$50", "\$100", "\$200", and "Other".

The screenshot shows a "Donor Display Information:" form. It has a checkbox labeled "Display My Name As A Donor" which is checked. Below this is a text input field for "Display Name" containing "Victoria Roberts". There is a text area for "What inspires you to give?(Public Comment 250 Word Max)" containing "Victoria Roberts". Below the text area is a checkbox for "Employer Matching" which is checked. To the right of this checkbox is a text input field for "Employer Name" with a search icon. Below the employer name field is a search bar labeled "Search for company...". At the bottom of the form is a blue "CONTINUE" button.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ANYTHING
YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE!**





COMPOST

in the

NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

This World Soil Day, take a look at the surprising science of soil

"What stands between life and lifelessness on our planet Earth is this thin layer of soil that exists on the Earth's surface," says [Asmeret Asefaw Berhe](#), a soil scientist at the University of California, Merced.

By [Aaron Scott](#), [Rebecca Ramirez](#), [Gabriel Spitzer](#)



[NPR](#)

How State Organic Waste Ban Policies Can Drive Food Waste Reduction

Organic waste bans are some of the most impactful state policies we can pass to limit the amount of food going to landfills and incinerators.

By [Darby Hoover](#)



[NRDC](#)



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