



Master Composter NEWSLETTER

October 3, 2022

Preschoolers at Saint Frances Cabrini during their hands-on demo with Pam and Marilynn last week

Introduction

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Weekly Recap

Last week was a great week for Martial Cottle Park. We had 3 MCs come out to work with us on Wednesday. On Saturday our demo site had an open house for the Fall Festival. Marilynn and Megan fought off huge crowds at their table by the Visitors Center and Bridget helped us at the quiet parcel site.

October 4, 2022

Master Composter Monthly Meeting

Link: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/98581442446>

6:30pm - 7pm: Updates and announcements

- MCP
 - We've been having a lot of fun out at MCP on Wednesdays and the 3rd Saturday workdays
 - It's been a great opportunity for those who are comfortable with in-person activities to be able to meet and interact with other MCs
 - Non-labor activities: shredding newspaper for CFT, organizing shipment/shed
 - Fall Festival wrap-up
- Workshops -- Only ONE more workshop that could use an additional MC!
 - November 5 - Compost Basis in Los Altos Hills with Jennifer Doniach (lead)
- Programming
 - Please fill out the survey that I sent out two weeks ago: https://ucanr.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8B6JwWln4uqoRlq
 - Anonymous
 - Helps us with decision-making
 - Includes an area for suggested CE topics/speakers

7pm - 8pm: Continuing Education (CE)

- Speaker: Luke Besmer
- Topic: Compost Tea & Bokashi – What is it, how to make it, what its benefits are
- For more information on Luke: <http://www.composttealab.com/>
- He has a great organic garden too!

Upcoming



Open Workshops

These are workshops that have not been filled yet. Please check your calendars to see if you are able to lead or assist with any of these.

- Saturday, November 5 - Compost Basics Workshop (Los Altos Hills) - *NEEDS SECOND MC*

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)!!

Kids Composting

- We are being inundated with school requests! Please consider helping the Kids Composting team if you don't already help with workshops or tabling events

MCP Updates



- Upcoming workdays
 - October 15 - Linda Bookman
 - November 19 - Rajat Srivastava
- Wednesdays with Maya & Jenel:
 - Last week: A ton! -- ASP, CFT, Soil Saver, wire piles, beautification efforts
 - This week: Feeding CFT system, building benches



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Astronauts might be able to use asteroid soil to grow crops.

[Science News](#)
[Planetary Science Journal](#)

Inside one of the world's first human composting facilities.

[The Verge](#)

Agricultural rewilding can help restore the environment and support production of high-welfare, researchers say

[Science Daily](#)



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