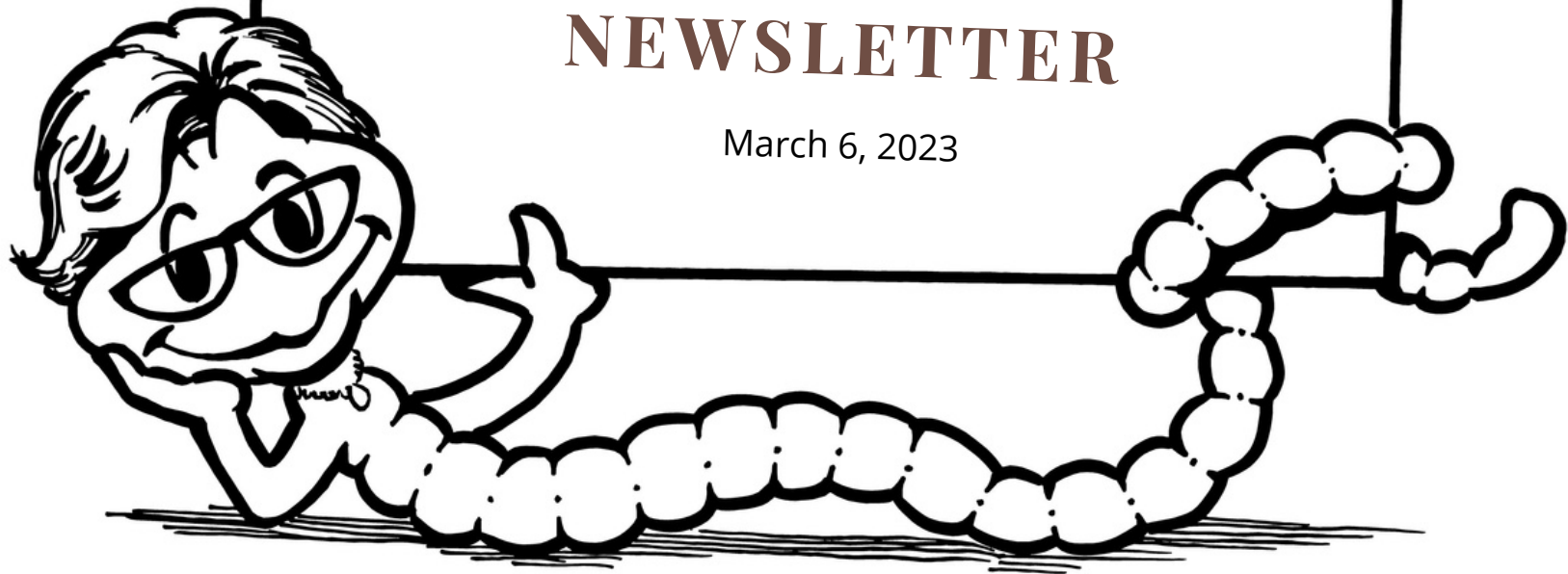


Master Composter

NEWSLETTER

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There are 80 cartoon illustrations like this for use in presentations, [which can be found here.](#)

Introduction

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Compost (and other related topics) in the news

Week Recap

Thank you to Victoria and Nathan for leading a workshop in Palo Alto on Saturday! So far, all of our workshops have had between 10 and 20 attendees, which is a huge improvement from last year. Please join us in-person or online at our monthly meeting tomorrow evening.

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*
- Saturday, April 29 - Compost Basics Workshop (Cupertino) *NEEDS ONE MC*

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)

Community Events

- Saturday, April 22 (11am - 3pm) - Cupertino Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration (Cupertino)
- Saturday, April 22 (11am - 4pm) - Happy Hollow Earth Day Celebration (San Jose)
- Friday, May 19 (11am - 2pm) - 7th Annual Be Strong Live Long Health & Wellness Fair (Santa Clara) - *Needs at least one more MC*

Sign up for an event [here](#)

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Zoom link:
<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/96899753550>

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5:30 - 6:30 Kids group meeting

6:30 - 7:30 Continuing Education

7:30 - 8:00 Updates & announcements

*Note that the CE speaker is before announcements since she is joining us from the East Coast and we want to respect her time

Continuing Education:

Tess Feigenbaum from Epic Renewal on bokashi

Updates & Announcements:

- Reminder to add SB 1383 information to your workshop slides (new brochure coming soon)
- We are receiving backyard composting bins this week! Worm bins still not available
- April is our busy month! Consider celebrating Earth Day (Month) by volunteering with us
- MCP Workday + Agricultural Day on 3/18
- Outreach materials
- NEW FLIPCHARTS - please send binding/transportation suggestions

Important Resources & CEP News



- Reappointment is right around the corner (sorta)! 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



- Workdays:
 - Wednesdays, 9am - 1pm
 - Third Saturdays, 10am - 12pm
- This Wednesday, 3/8
 - If it rains Wednesday morning, we will likely postpone the workday until a time when it will be dry (and hopefully warmer, too)
- To-Do List
 - Build new hot pile
 - Take apart large pallets
 - Check and move existing hot piles
 - Feed worms
 - Sift vermicompost



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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Why Community Composting Is Critical To California's Infrastructure

[BioCycle](#)

Potting soil has a dirty secret.

The soil used to grow potted plants and fill raised beds seems perfect. But it hides some disturbing problems for the environment and our health.

[National Geographic](#)

Are Butterflies Wildlife? Depends Where You Live.

A legal quirk leaves officials in at least a dozen states with little or no authority to protect insects. That's a growing problem for humans.

[New York Times](#)



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