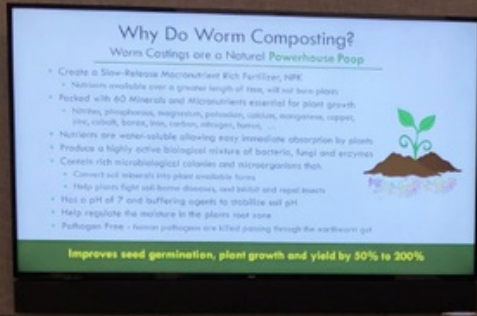


Master Composter

NEWSLETTER

April 10, 2023



Lee teaching a hybrid vermicomposting workshop in Mountain View in March.

Introduction

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Week Recap

Thanks as always to our Sunnyvale team for leading their monthly Compost Basics workshop! Dan Hafeman was on double teaching duty last week, since he was our CE speaker as well. Thanks to those who joined the meeting. Check out Dan's great add-as-you-go hot composting technique, available as a recording through the [Master Composter website](#).

Upcoming



Open Workshops

- Saturday, April 22 - Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS ONE MC*
- Thursday, May 4 - Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS TWO MCs*

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)

Community Events

- Wednesday, April 19 (12pm - 3pm): Mission College Eco Fair (Santa Clara)
- Thursday, April 20 (11:30am - 1pm): Valley Water Earth Day (San Jose)
- Saturday, April 22 (11am - 3pm): Cupertino Earth Day
- Thursday, April 27 (11am - 1pm): Nutanix Earth Day (San Jose)
- Thursday, April 27 (10am - 2pm): Santa Clara Earth Day/Arbor Day
- Friday, April 28 (2:15pm - 5:15pm): Indigo School Plant Sale (San Jose)

Sign up for an event [here](#)

Monthly Meeting Recap

APRIL 4, 2023

Since we had only 2 MCs show up in-person and another 7 join online, we are reevaluating our requirements for attending meetings as well as our scheduled date and time. Please fill out [this survey](#) to give your input.

Continuing Education:

Dan Hafeman, Progressive windrow composting
Watch the recording [here](#)!

Updates & Announcements:

- I need a lead for the Saturday workday, otherwise I will need to cancel it. Please let me know ASAP if you are able to lead the workday.
- Backyard bins have started going out to previous and current workshop attendees! (*Still no worm bins*)
- April is our busy month! Consider celebrating Earth Day (Month) by volunteering with us

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](#)

- Tip: Bookmark & save the monthly meeting Zoom link

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

MCP Updates



- Martial Cottle Park this Wednesday, 4/12
 - To-do list items:
 - Check & turn piles
 - Sift vermicompost
 - DIY worm bin instructions
- The next Saturday workday: April 15, 10am - 12pm
 - I'll need someone to lead this workday since I will be leading the Morgan Hill workshop that day
 - I will send a to-do list for the day
 - Community members are already signed up to help



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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

The 6 Best Worm Composting Bins of 2023

[Tree Hugger](#)

Is The Western Drought Finally Ending? That Depends On Where You Look

[Bay Nature](#)

Surprising science behind bumblebee superfood

Sunflower family's spiny pollen vastly reduces prevalence of widespread parasite in bumblebees, increases production of queens.

[Science Direct](#)
[University of Massachusetts](#)



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