



Master Composter NEWSLETTER

May 1, 2023

Aster and Vivian tabled at Happy Hollow's Earth Day event.

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Week Recap

Welcome to May! A special thanks to those who helped us finish the month out strong with more events last week. Nathan and Jack led a Cupertino workshop, Vivian tabled at Nutanix's Earth Day event, Megan Swift tabled at Santa Clara's Earth Day event, Laura led a virtual workshop, and Patrick tabled at the Indigo Program's Plant Sale.

Upcoming



Open Workshops

- Thursday, June 15 (10am - 12pm): Vermicomposting Workshop (Los Gatos) - *NEEDS ONE MC*
- Saturday, June 24 (10am - 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (Cupertino) - *NEEDS ONE MC*
- Thursday, July 6 (5pm - 7pm): Vermicomposting Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS TWO MCs*

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)

Community Events

- Saturday, May 6 (10am - 1pm): Health & Wellness Resources Fair (Morgan Hill) - *NEEDS ONE MC*
- Saturday, June 24 (9am - 11am): Native Plant and Pollinator Day (San Jose, MCP)

Sign up for an event [here](#)

Monthly Meeting Agenda

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

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6:00 - 6:30 Kids group meeting

6:30 - 7:00 Updates & announcements

7:00 - 8:00 Continuing Education

Continuing Education:

Stephen Andrews, retired UC Berkeley soil science professor, presenting on soil science & the benefits of adding compost to soil

Updates & Announcements:

- We made it through April! Our busiest time of year is finally calming down. Only a few more tabling events and a push for school presentation. Thank you all!
- May 13 - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at MCP
 - Workday @ 10am - 1pm
 - Lunch @ 1pm - 2:30pm
- Breakout rooms by city/region!



International Compost Awareness Week: May 7 - 13

The upcoming May 2 Monthly Meeting will be **online only** and will only include continuing education (short announcement period). Join us in-person on May 13 for a **volunteer recognition workday and lunch**.

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10am - 1pm Workday

1pm - 2:30pm Potluck celebration

AT MARTIAL COTTLE PARK

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)



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



- May 3, Wednesday Workday - TBD on Wednesday workday - Please let me know if you are planning to come and I will keep you updated based on the weather forecast
 - Activities:
 - Check and turn piles
 - Sift vermicompost
 - CFT harvest/fix
- Next community workday: May 20



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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Microplastics: The What, Where, Why and Impact

Among the organics recycling challenges du jour is the potential presence of microplastics in compost and digestate. Two-part article series starts with an overview and ends with findings of current research. (This is Part I.)

[BioCycle](#)

Food for Thought: Backyard Composting with the Master Composters

If you didn't catch it playing live, listen to Jack and Marilyn talk about backyard composting on Veggielution's radio/podcast show.

*Click on the link and then scroll to the bottom of the page to find the recording.

[Veggielution](#)



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