



Master Composter

February 20th, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Stormy weather at Martial Cottle Park

Introduction

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Week Recap

- Victoria presented the 2024 CEP Initial Training Program to the County's SB-1383 Subcommittee
- The training schedule has been finalized & mentor position description updated
- Santa Clara University students gave progress report on 2 compost projects!

Upcoming



Mentorship Program for 2024 Initial Training

Let me know if you want to participate in being a mentor for new volunteers!



[Here is the Signup Sheet](#)



[Find new Mentor Position Description on the signup sheet](#)



March 2nd Worm Workshop needs a Volunteer

3/2/24.

- Michele Young has signed up to teach this workshop at Los Gatos Library but she needs help!
- Fun interactive workshop with worm bin materials provided by library



Join Vivian Wong at 2 Upcoming Community Events!

- Friday, February 23, 2024- Senior Winter Walk and Resource Fair, San Jose
- Saturday, March 9, 2024- Silicon Valley Reads Green Career Fair, San Jose

Upcoming

Kids Group Activities



KIPP Heartwood Academy

- **Presentation: vermicomposting**
- **Class: 5thGrade, 110students (3 classes)**
- **Possible dates/times: morning, 02/28/24 (or anytime that week) date flexible**
- **School Address: 1250 S King Rd, San Jose Ca 95122**

Stipe Elementary School

- **Presentation: vermicomposting**
- **Class: Kindergarten, 50 students**
- **Possible dates/times: 3/27 or 3/13 10:15 am**
- **School Address: 5000 Lyng Drive, San Jose, 95111**

Stratford School

- **Presentation: vermicomposting**
- **Class: Kindergarten, 120 students**
- **Possible dates/times: 2/28 or 3/6, 9, 9:30, 10:00 am**
- **School Address: 890 Pomeroy Ave., Santa Clara, 95051**



Composting Advice for Homesteaders 4-H Ranch

We are a 4H ranch that would like to have a compost project to help educate our youth and parents on how to properly compost. We have garden waste and animal manure (chickens, turkeys, goats, sheep and rabbits). We would love to teach everyone how to properly compost to have less waste and more usable compost. We are hoping to work with a master composter to develop a plan, project and workshop for our youth.



Please sign up for a kids classroom activity by filling out your name on the [Kids Composting Google Sheet](#) under the Master Composters column and I will confirm with the schools that we have at the minimum two volunteers confirmed to teach

Important Resources



- **Log your hours** continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!

[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](#)

- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education Zoom** link

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

- Rot Crew Calendar:

[Rot Crew Calendar Link](#)

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

CLICK LINKS BELOW

***2024 WORKSHOP, KIDS ACTIVITIES
AND COMMUNITY EVENT SIGNUPS ARE LIVE!***

2024 WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP SIGNUP

SCHOOL REQUESTS

CLASSROOM SIGNUP

2024 COMMUNITY EVENTS & SPECIAL LECTURES

EVENT SIGNUP



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

We kick it off with Part 1, '**Harvesting Solutions: A Trio of Perspectives on Addressing Food Waste from Field to Fork**' on **February 22, 2024**, 10-11:30 a.m. PT, exploring global perspectives on food waste within the food distribution chain, innovative food waste recycling, and statewide consumer education programs.

Continue the dialogue with Part 2, 'Farm to Corrections: Cultivating Justice through Nutrition and Gardening Initiatives' on **February 29, 2024**, 10-11:30 a.m. PT, delving into initiatives for justice-involved individuals' access to local produce and nutrition and gardening education.

Register now for transformative insights shaping a more just, healthier, and sustainable future.



MCP Updates



No Third Saturday Work Day!

- Work Days will Continue in April
- March 16th will be day 1 of Initial Training

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 10-12
- Weather permitting
- check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information

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!

- (food scrap drop off, workday tasks, if you've taken compost, etc.)
- You can also do this [via the volunteer hours log](#) linked above
- **Bring newspapers and unused bamboo chopsticks to Martial Cottle Park!** (chopsticks are for worm demos)



COMPOST

in the

NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

U.S. Needs to Advance Compost Infrastructure to Mitigate Climate Change

Even as more U.S. cities and states launch compost programs, there is still too much waste that could be composted, including food and packaging. With this, we are throwing away one of the best ways to mitigate climate change.

By: [Daphna Nissenbaum](#)

[Waste 360](#)

Compost Integral In Urban Park Construction

The Downtown Cary Park in Cary, North Carolina, constructed with climate resiliency as a core goal, amended clay soils and engineered others with compost to manage storm water and aid in tree establishment and preservation.

By: Ron Alexander

[BioCycle](#)



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