



Master Composter

April 15th, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Pam and Alyce teach some very curious kids composters at Los Gatos Library

Introduction

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Week Recap

- Santa Clara University Students chose to create a worm casting collection tray at MCP for their ENGR 110 Class
- Trainees got a lesson about the Life Cycle of Compost from our very own, Michael Cohen
- Our Sunnyvale crew withstood the cold weather Saturday and taught an awesome Compost Basic Workshop!

Upcoming



Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Saturday 5/4/2024 10am - 12pm Help Bridget!	Compost Basics	Poppy Jasper Room, Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center 17000 Monterey Rd Morgan Hill, 95038	Morgan Hill
Saturday 5/11/2024 10am - 12pm Help Jack!	Compost Basics	Cupertino Library 10800 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014	Cupertino
Saturday 6/22/2024 10am - 12pm	Compost Basics	Lucie Stern Community Center, Community Room 1305 Middlefield Rd.	Palo Alto

Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Thursday, April 18, 2024	11:00:00 AM-2:00 PM	Eco Fair	Santa Clara
Saturday, April 20, 2024	10:00 am to 3:00 pm	3rd Annual Community Earth Day Festival	Morgan Hill
Monday, April 22, 2024	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Earth Day Social	Gilroy
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Valley Water Earth Day	San Jose

There are also quite a few Community Earth Day events for April 20th not listed here. Find one in your neighborhood and

[sign up.](#)



Upcoming: Kids Composting

Sherman Oaks Dual Language School (booked) 4/22

- **Presentation: vemicomposting**
- Class: Kindergarten, 60 students
- **Dates/times: 04/22/24 10:30-11:30 am**
- **School Address: 1800 Fruitdale Ave, San Jose, 95128**



Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto Booked 4/23

- **1 hour tabling event during student lunch break**
- **Dates/times: 04/23/24 11:30 am-1:00 pm**
- **20-100 students**
- **50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto**



Other Schools that want us during Earth Month!

Stratford school De Anza, Sunnyvale

Santa Teresa Elementary School, San Jose

Discovery Charter School, San Jose

Capri Elementary, Campbell

Ellis Elementary, Sunnyvale

Dolores Huerta Middle School, San Jose



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!
- You can find previous **recorded CE speakers** on the private Master Composter website.
- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.
- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education** **Zoom** link
- Rot Crew Calendar:



Log your volunteer hours here!

Watch the meeting recordings here

Explore the Google Drive here

Composting Ed Initial Training
Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm

Rot Crew Calendar Link



Signup Sheet Links



WORKSHOP SIGNUP

CLASSROOM SIGNUP

EVENT SIGNUP



MCP Updates



This Week: Third Saturday Work Day!

- **Work Day April 20th- 10 am-12**
- **Monthly Meeting will be held in person! 12-1**
- **Bring your Greens!**



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!

- **Bring newspapers Martial Cottle Park!**



Interested in joining a Master Composter/Master Gardener Book Club?



- Check out books from our library here at 1553 Berger and discuss them with your volunteer peers!

The first book series to discuss will be a choice of one of Doug Tallamy's 5 books.



- Please rsvp to Ingrid Graeve at: ingridg210@yahoo.com. Indicate whether you prefer in-person or zoom meetings and which Doug Tallamy book you will be reading.



Thanks for your participation in our book club pilot program!





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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

I Saved 2,000 Pounds of Food Waste From the Landfill With This Simple Composter

Do you like the idea of composting, but not the idea of maintaining a heap of rotting comestibles? Do you care about keeping stinky food scraps out of landfills, but not about creating compost?

For lazy environmentalists like me who want to reduce their own household waste without assigning themselves more chores, there is a simple option: the [Redmon Green Culture 65-Gallon Compost Bin](#).

By [Rose Maura Lorre](#)

[New York Times](#)

Human Composting Gains Traction Across the U.S.

Human composting could become the future of American deathcare as support for the method gains traction in several more states.

By [Andrew Stanton](#)

[Newsweek](#)



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