



Master Composter

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NEWSLETTER

Master Composter Trainees build their first compost pile at MCP together

Introduction

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Week Recap

- Mint and Victoria Roberts taught at Blach Intermediate Middle School
- Jeff Creque gave an amazing environmental talk to the IT class
- TONS of Earth Day Tabling (thank you all so much, you're incredible!)
- April's Third Saturday Work Day and Monthly Meeting at Martial Cottle Park!
- Jack was in the news! (read below)

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Saturday 5/4/2024 10am - 12pm	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:

Wednesday, April 24, 2024	11:30 am to 1:00 pm	Valley Water Earth Day	San Jose
Friday, May 17, 2024	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	8th Annual "Be Strong, Live Long" Health & Wellness Fair	Santa Clara

Find one in your neighborhood and sign up.

Upcoming: Kids Composting

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



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

some exciting things!

Volunteer Appreciation: Victoria Mollo!

Victoria has been a wonderful Master Composter volunteer and IT Mentor this year! She has raised the bar in terms of coming prepared, asking great clarifying questions, and for being highly observant! She has been a very interactive member during our Weekly IT meetings and has made efforts to improve our program through her dedicated volunteer work! Thank you for being a Master Composter, Victoria!



International Compost Awareness Week 2024 Film Screening May 7th

On the First Tuesday of May, we will be hosting a film screening of a documentary to celebrate ICAW! Join our zoom screening and make a fun popcorn snack at home... More details in next week's newsletter...





MCP Updates



Next Third Saturday Work Day! May 18th

- **Work Day April 20th- 9 am- 11 am**
- **Monthly Meeting will be held in person! 11:15-12:15**
- **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

Home is where the honeybees are: Cupertino beekeeper shares knowledge with locals

Beekeeper Jack Carter helps relocate swarms, monitor backyard beehives and runs a local honey stand.

That's our Jack!!!!

By **STEPHANIE LAM**

Mercury News

For Earth Day 2024, experts are spreading optimism – not doom. Here's why.

Climate change may still be an existential threat to humanity, but as Earth Day 2024 rolls around on Monday, some of the people most concerned about the planet aren't peddling doom – they're spreading optimism.

By Elizabeth Weise

USA Today



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