



Master Composter

May 6th, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Martial Corttle Park 5/1/2024

Introduction

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Week Recap

- Trainees finalized t heir final project topics
- Michele Young represented CEP at the Campbell FFA Family Fun Ag Day
- Derek Bryant and Victoria Roberts taught at Morgan Hill and raffled off a compost bin to a resident
- International Compost Awareness Week Started May 5th (ongoing!)

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Saturday 5/18/2024 Help Terry	Compost Basics	Mountain View Library 585 Franklin St.	Mountainview
Saturday 6/1/2024 Help Mint!	Worm Composting	Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park 2380 Monroe Street	Santa Clara
Saturday 6/22/2024 10am - 12pm	Compost Basics	Lucie Stern Community Center, Community Room 1305 Middlefield Rd.	Palo Alto

Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Friday, May 17, 2024	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	"Be Strong, Live Long" Health & Wellness Fair	Santa Clara
Saturday, May 18, 2024	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	Family Health & Wellness Resource Fair	Morgan Hill

Upcoming: Kids Composting

Monday, May 13, 12-1p.m	Capri Elementary	Kindergarten	Campbell
Thursday, May 16, 10:30-11:20	Old Orchard School	6th Grade	Campbell
Friday, May 17, 10 am	Yew Chung International School of Silicon Valley	TK	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



LET'S #GIVEBACK!

Save the Date

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Make a Gift!

UCCE Santa Clara County

Composting Education Program Fund

GIVING DAY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources

MAY 16-17, 2024 | NOON TO NOON
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24 hour online giving campaign supporting our mission to extend sustainable composting practices through our free county wide community workshops, schools, local tabling events, and at our community compost demonstration site.



Join us for an at home film screening
Custom popcorn recipes below!

SAVE THE DATE!
MAY
7TH



ICAW Film Screening!

Come enjoy a documentary about our interconnected relationship with soils and regenerative practices that can help restore our environment.

International Compost Awareness Week is May 5th-11th, 2024

Help us celebrate by joining our free online zoom screening of the Netflix documentary, *Kiss the Ground*.

Date and Zoom info

-  Tuesday May 7th, 2024 at 7:00 pm
-  Zoom



Free Entry
Link here!

Meeting ID: 925 9498 2801

More Information
www.ucanr.edu/compost

Get In Touch
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SIGNATURE POPCORN SEASONINGS



Popcorn Seasonings - Savory

Ranch Popcorn Seasoning: 1/2 tsp dried dill, 1/2 tsp dried chives, 1/2 tsp garlic powder, 1/2 tsp onion powder, 1/4 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp pepper

Dorito Popcorn Seasoning: 2 Tbsp nutritional yeast, 1/4 tsp garlic powder, 1/4 tsp onion powder, 1/4 tsp cumin, 1/4 tsp paprika, 1/4 tsp chili powder, 1/4 tsp salt

Coconut Curry Popcorn Seasoning: 1 Tbsp unsweetened shredded coconut, 1/2 tsp curry powder, 1/4 tsp salt

Taco: 1 Tbsp taco seasoning, 1 Tbsp nutritional yeast

Dill Pickle: 1-1/2 tsp vinegar powder, 1/2 tsp ground coriander, 1/2 tsp dry mustard powder, 1/2 tsp garlic powder, 1/2 tsp onion powder, 1/4 tsp dill seeds (crushed with the side of a knife), and a hearty pinch of kosher salt. Sprinkle fresh dill on top.

Savory: 1 Tbsp garlic powder, 1 Tbsp dried parsley flakes, 1-1/2 tsp dried basil, 1-1/2 tsp dried marjoram, 1-1/2 tsp dried thyme, 1-1/2 tsp pepper, 3/4 tsp cayenne pepper

Togarashi Popcorn: 2 tsp toasted sesame oil and toss vigorously. Sprinkle 1 Tbsp Togarashi, and a large pinch of kosher salt over the popcorn and toss to coat completely. Top with 1/2 cup of either dried edamame or wasabi peas

Cajun: 2 tsp paprika, 1 tsp onion powder, 1 tsp garlic powder, 2 Tbsp salt, 1/2 tsp fresh ground black pepper, pinch cayenne pepper (optional)

Curry: 1 Tbsp curry powder, 2 Tbsp salt, 1/4 tsp fresh ground black pepper, 1 tsp turmeric, pinch cayenne pepper

Truffle: 6 Tbsp melted butter, 1-1/2 Tbsp truffle oil, 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, 1 tsp kosher salt, 1/2 tsp pepper

Popcorn Seasonings - Sweet

Cinnamon Sugar Popcorn Seasoning: 2 Tbsp powdered sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/4 tsp salt

Gingerbread Popcorn Seasoning: 1-1/2 Tbsp powdered sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/4 tsp ground ginger, 1/4 tsp ground cloves

Mexican Chocolate Popcorn Seasoning: 1 Tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder, 1 Tbsp powdered sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/4 tsp salt, pinch of cayenne pepper





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

Are humans a 'keystone species'? This captivating new book rethinks our role in rewilding

Sophie Yeo talks to us about her new book *Nature's Ghosts* and the lessons for conservationists buried in landscapes of the past.

By Kavita Ashton

[Euronews](#)

Plastic-eating bacteria can help waste self-destruct

Scientists have developed a "self-digesting plastic", which, they say, could help reduce pollution.

By incorporating spores of plastic-eating bacteria they've developed a plastic that can self-destruct.

The spores remain dormant during the useful lifetime of the plastic, but spring back to life and start to digest the product when exposed to nutrients in compost.

By [Helen Briggs](#)

[BBC](#)