



# *Master Composter*

July 29th, 2024

## NEWSLETTER

MC Russ tabling at Santa Clara County Fair 2024

### Introduction

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### Week Recap

- Victoria Mollo, Mint, and Pavan taught a workshop on composting basics in Palo Alto
- The County Fair began!
- New banner design created with help of Lisa Fraboni for Martial Cottle Park
- Our team at Compost Ed has started holding office hours to help folks with tech or programmatic questions - check rot crew calendar

## Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Saturday 8/24/2024 Help Mint!	Compost Basics	Everett N. "Eddie" Souza Park 2380 Monroe Street	Santa Clara
Saturday 9/7/2024	DIY Worm Bin Build & Hot Pile Demonstration	MCP Compost Demo Site	San Jose
Saturday 9/14/2024	Worm Composting	Elizabeth Gamble Garden 1431 Waverley St Palo Alto, CA 94301	Palo Alto

## Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Open to Mon, Tues, or Thurs after June 10th and before August 7th	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch at the Library - Composting Program for Families	Morgan Hill
Saturday, August 17, 2024	9:00 am to 1:00 pm	MC Park Volunteer Open House	San Jose
Saturday, September 14, 2024	10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Tiny Home Expo	San Jose
Saturday, October 5, 2024	9:00 am - 11:30 am	MG's Fall Festival Fall Garden Fair	San Jose

## Upcoming: Kids Composting

Granada Islamic School Date TBD	K-12	Back Yard Compost	3003 Scott Blvd	Santa Clara
Russo/McEntee Academy 9/16-17	K-2 & 3-5	Vermicomposting	2851 Gay Ave	San Jose



\*We will still have our First Tuesday Meeting 8/5, but no virtual guest speaker for August

## LET'S TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SPEAKING

Every month, the Santa Clara UC Master Gardeners host a guest speaker for their monthly continuing education program. The next program is **Saturday, August 10th from 10 AM - 12 PM at the San Jose Public Library - Willow Glen Branch**, and we welcome all Master Composter volunteers to participate to earn CE credit.

It will be a **special presentation from UC Master Gardener, Bob Bowe**, Class of 2019. Bob leads the Adult Education Program at Camden Community Center and regularly speaks in person and online for the Library Talks Program and Speakers' Bureau. He also volunteers for the Gardens Inside - Elmwood project and has been an active Master Gardener Mentor for several years.

Bob finds joy in giving educational presentations to the public, and you can too! In this interactive workshop, **you will learn the 8-part formula to speaking with impact**, and a **variety of high impact techniques** to keep audiences engaged. Both beginners and more experienced presenters can benefit from participating.

**Please RSVP by emailing Jenel no later than Wednesday July 31st.** MCs who RSVP will receive location details, materials, and suggested prep-work 1 week in advance.

SATURDAY,  
**AUGUST 10TH**  
FROM 10 AM - 12  
PM

**AT THE SAN JOSE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY -  
WILLOW GLEN  
BRANCH**

# 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**

**First Tuesday CE Link**  
**First Tuesdays each month**

**6:30-8:00 P.M**

**Meeting ID: 919 3088 0896**

**Rot Crew Calendar Link**

## Signup Sheet Links

**WORKSHOP SIGNUP**

**CLASSROOM SIGNUP**

**EVENT SIGNUP**



## MCP Updates



# Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Postponed Date TBD!!!

- **No Work Day but will be a potluck gathering**
  - **Probably October or November**
- **Bring your Greens!**
- **More details to come**

## Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 9am -11
- Weather permitting
- Check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information
- **Come water our new trees! They need water at least twice a week. Get some volunteer hours by helping us water them.**

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!**



# COMPOST

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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

## How to live without plastics for a month, according to the founder of a global movement

What would a month without buying any new single-use plastic products look like? It's a tall order for many Americans, who go through about five pounds of plastic a week, according to Oxford University's [Our World In Data](#). Most of that plastic will end up in a landfill and take anywhere from 20 years to centuries to decompose.

By [Claire Murashima](#)

[NPR](#)

## A belowground perspective on the nexus between biodiversity change, climate change, and human well-being

Soil is central to the complex interplay among biodiversity, climate, and society. This paper examines the interconnectedness of soil biodiversity, climate change, and societal impacts, emphasizing the urgent need for integrated solutions.

By Eisenhauer et. al

[Journal of Sustainable Agriculture and Environment](#)



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