

The CEC Volunteer Bulletin

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Hello! We hope you enjoy reading the first copy of the CEC Volunteer Bulletin- a monthly newsletter for CEC volunteers. Whether you help out every week, or only a couple times a year, we hope this newsletter will help keep CEC volunteers in-the-know about all of the happenings here at CEC. This issue includes information about upcoming volunteer events and projects, in addition to updates about on-going and completed volunteer events and projects. Without the help of volunteers, CEC would be quite different! CEC volunteers are responsible for helping CEC fulfill its mission of promoting the durable use of the earth's resources in many ways- from helping out in many ways on the property, to being role models of sustainability in the community. Thank you for all you do for CEC!

What's New at CEC?



Due to the nature of CEC (no pun intended!) indoor volunteer jobs at CEC are in limited supply during winter months. Despite colder temperatures, CEC volunteers have been hard at work this winter. A fantastic group of volunteers helped get CEC's annual mailing out in November, while our weekly invasive removal crew (including many Bonner Scholars and members of the local community) have been busy preparing the grounds for spring. The Jones Family and CEC staff member Alison Zajdel attended the Pay-it-Forward event with PCCU & CEC, lending their painting talents and knowledge to this exciting project. For more information about the project, visit www.richmondredesign.info

Gary Dorsey has had a hand in sprucing up many of the wooden signs around CEC (pictured below right). Right after the new year, he and volunteer Ginger Blaine spent a morning putting the signs up around CEC. The new paint gives a fresh look to many of the CEC trails and gardens- thank you Gary and Ginger!

Liz Embick donated several hours of her time in December to the beautification of CEC's composting outhouse (pictured left). Liz lent her painting expertise and skills in painting the inside of the Clivus multrum a lovely almond color. The outhouse is CEC's only public restroom and gets a lot of use throughout the year. Thanks to Liz, it will be looking great for years to come!

Tom Kelsey, along with the Lincoln H.S. Agricultural Mechanics class and their teacher, have volunteered to repair the Prairie Wood trailhead sign. The current trailhead sign is in need of some structural repairs. We are so excited about this community collaboration and are looking forward to working with this fantastic group!

CEC Staff would like to thank all of our volunteers who have stopped in to see us this fall/ early winter! Thanks to your help, some great things have been accomplished! We look forward to your support and love hearing any ideas you may have for future volunteer programs and projects.



Drop-In Wednesdays

CEC is pleased to announce the start of drop-in-Wednesdays! Starting in February, this event will take place the third Wednesday of every month from 10AM-11:30AM, and feature a short service opportunity. If possible, projects will be group oriented and tailored to the season/weather- with outdoor land stewardship projects starting in March.

Stay tuned... a fun volunteer hike will be announced in February!

Have you taken any pictures of CEC that you'd like to see in the next newsletter? Nature inspired poems and writings are welcome too! Please e-mail all submissions and suggestions for the next newsletter to Emily Bobrowich at E.Bobrowich@Copeenvironmental.org.