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Newsletter for EV Community

October 2011

EcoCenter



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Fun Facts

Along Came a Spider



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Join the Conversation: A Focus Group on the EcoCenter

When all think alike, no one thinks very much.
-Walter Lippmann, Journalist



At the last EV Annual Meeting, we announced our intention to hold a series of open meetings. These focus groups are intended to provide our volunteers with an opportunity to share feedback about the organization and to help strategize about key issues.

We invite you to join us on **November 10, 2011, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**, at the PCC (Palo Alto EV Office) for coffee,

Rio Grand Gold Tarantula

Early fall is the breeding season for tarantulas, North America's largest spider. If hiking, you can see the males scurrying across trails looking for a suitable mate. They leave the safety of their subterranean homes and risk life and limb (all eight of them) for love.

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dessert, and a discussion of our anticipated move to our new home at the EcoCenter.

Specifically we want to know:

1. What are your hopes and expectations for the EcoCenter?
2. What are your fears about the EcoCenter?
3. What are your ideas and suggestions for moving forward?

Your perspective is valuable to us. We hope you can come. Your RSVP to Lisa Myers at lisa@evols.org will help us plan.

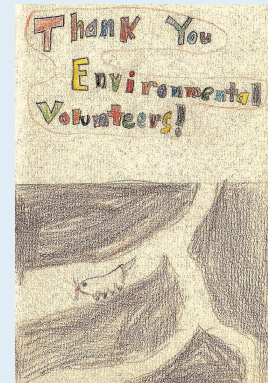
Thank you

School Services Update

by Laurie Lopez, Programs Coordinator

We're off to a great start this school year!

During the month of September, our volunteers taught **465** children in **19** classrooms about four of our nine subject areas: All About Birds, Early California Indian Life, Earthquake Geology, and Foothill Ecology. They also guided **153** of those children on seven field trips to Los Trancos Open Space Preserve and Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. To meet this demand, our EVs gave **258** hours of service!



"Thank You" card from one of the children we serve

Volunteer Training

by Brittany Sabol, Education and Training Director



Our fall training courses are underway, but there is still plenty of room for you to join the family of EVs expected to reach over 11,000 students this year. The next training course begins on October 20th from our Peninsula office and runs for seven weeks. For more information, check out our [website](#).

For more information, simply complete our Information Request [Form](#) or call our office at 650-961-0545.

Who's News: Kathy Dains

by Jan Whitmer

Having found volunteering with the EV to be great fun, **Kathy Dains** recently accepted a staff position with us as **Collaborations Project Manager**, overseeing several ventures in which we work with other environmental organizations. One of these is with the Mountain View Whisman School District in which we work with 6 other partners to provide 3 free programs for the 4th and 5th grades. Kathy will also be working with the district to measure student knowledge about ...

To learn what Kathy and the district will be measuring, click [here](#).



Kathy getting trained on our hand crank generator.

Hands-on Art Workshops

Artist Judith Selby Lan is creating her newest On the Road art installation for the Palo Alto Art Center. You can get your creative juices by flowing by attending this workshop.

Thursday, November 10, 4-7pm
Cubberley Community Center, Room H-1
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

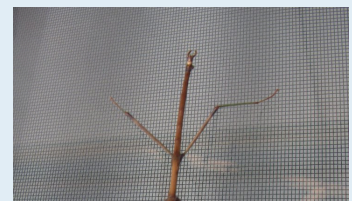


EV Snapshots

What's bugging you?
EVs share bugs they have found.



Bob "Scatman" Dodge found this Praying Mantis on his front porch.



John Armstrong found this stick bug in

Michigan on his cross-country bike ride.



Cindi Hsue has this Garden Spider in her backyard. It's about 3" wide with an abdomen that is 1" long.

If you have any images, from EV services, field trips or your own excursions, and would like to share them with the EV community, please send them to justyne@evols.org.

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