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STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

23 FEBRUARY 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24th

Garden Cart

PICA and the Student for Organic Solutions will be hosting a Garden Cart in the **Quarry Plaza** next **Friday** from **2:30** to 4:00 to celebrate this past Food Week! This is an opportunity to sign up to work in the garden in exchange for fresh, organic, delectable veggies!

February 24th - 26th

Play at Second Stage Theatre

On February 24th and 25th at 7:00pm and the 26th at 3:00 pm the Second Stage Theatre presents **Ruined**, a powerful play about the civil war conflict in the Dominican Republic Congo. This performance, written by Lynn Nottage, focuses on the the ramifications of mineral mining for electronics and gendered violence as war tactics. For more information about this must-see play, please visit the CAD's [website](#).

March 1st

Green Drinks

The UCSC Sustainability Office is holding an informal sustainability minded cocktail hour in downtown Santa Cruz at **Cafe Mare** from **5:30pm** to 7:30pm. Green Drinks is a network that brings together environmentally aware individuals to discuss zero waste lunch programs and show support for sustainability. Check out the Green Drinks [website](#) to know more!

March 3rd

Earth Summit

Remember to save the date for the **11th annual Earth Summit Event** on Campus from **11:00 to 5:00pm** in the 9/10 MPR! There will be an abundance of catered food, tabling, workshops, speakers, performances and the perfect opportunity to show your passion for environmental sustainability, food systems, and social justice, and to plant the seeds of action that will grow into the sprout of change!



GET INVOLVED NOW

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEEKLY UPDATES

The purpose of the Student Environmental Center is to promote student involvement through research, education, and implementation of environmentally sustainable practices on campus in collaboration with the university

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Last weeks three-day weekend was much needed, whether you spent it relaxing or visiting friends and family. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time and a small taste of the Spring Break to come! In the meantime, there is no excuse for a boring weekend with the plethora of events lined up this month. If you would like to attend a sustainability minded event, join the Student Environmental Center and learn about the environmental movement in Santa Cruz. Our General Gathering are held on Wednesdays in the College Eight Red room, from 6:30 pm to 8:30pm, with a wonderful home cooked meal, truly inspiring individuals, and a chance to create change.

In reflection of yesterdays the debate on Desalinization in Santa Cruz, I thought it fitting to share this quote.

*"In rivers, the water that you touch is the last of what has passed and the first of that which comes; so with present time."
Leonardo da Vinci*

The Student Environmental Center is made up of six campaigns; Waste Prevention, Transportation, Students for Organic Solutions, Green Building, Earth Summit, and the College Eight Garden. Each Campaign is busy helping to spread environmental awareness across UCSC! Contact us to learn about volunteer work, starting your own project, and much more!

Announcements

Waste Prevention

The Waste Prevention Campaign works toward creating Zero Waste by 2020. Click [here](#) to get involved and see how we do it. For more information on waste prevention work contact Amber at aglaab@ucsc.edu



Students for Organic Solutions

Students for Organic Solutions (SOS) brings foodies together to improve food systems on campus. Specifically to raise awareness about the health, environmental, social, and economic implications of our current approach to food. There are plenty of ways to get involved, learn more [here](#). For further information, contact Dominique at dtteixei@ucsc.edu



Gardener's Alliance Gathering

Students for Organic Solutions presents this quarters Gardener's Alliance Gathering at the Kresge Garden on Sunday, **February 26th**, from **2:00pm** to 4:00pm! This gathering is potluck style, so bring your favorite dish of veggies from your garden!



Take Back the Tap

Take Back the Tap at UCSC is working hard to ban the sale of plastic water bottles on campus. If you want to get involved, and help UCSC make the next step toward sustainability, check out our [website!](#)

Film Festival

The Watsonville Film Festival will take place Mello Center, 250 E. Beach St. on Sunday **February 26th**, from **4:00** to 6:30pm. This years theme is the Power of One, how an individual can create positive change in their surroundings. For information on what films are showing, please visit this website, and tickets are only \$5 and all proceeds go to the non-profit Watsonville TEC. The filmmakers will be present and there will be time for Q&A, so come enjoy a wonderful evening of film!

PICA Garden Workday

Every Saturday PICA will be hosting Garden Workdays in the A Quad on the Village from **10:00** to **2:00pm**. Come ready to work, meet people, and enjoy a deliciously prepared fresh lunch! Visit PICA's [website](#) for more information on who they are and everything they do.

Kresge Garden Workday

Come join us at the Kresge Garden workday and workshop every Sunday! We will be in the garden from **10:00** to **2:00pm**, and also have a potluck lunch, so don't forget to bring your favorite dish! To see what the weekly workshop will be on check out our [website](#).

If your organization would like to add announcements to this newsletter, please [email](#) information by 12pm Wednesday.



Green Building

The Green Building campaign offers opportunities for students to build and improve sustainability on campus, while Building Audits enable students to rate how green a building is. Click [here](#) for details about Green Building projects or contact Carson at cbwatts@ucsc.edu



Transportation

The Transportation Campaign is dedicated to increasing awareness of alternative transportation and challenging the current transportation system. The [Bike Class](#) is still open for enrollment, to learn more contact Andrew at szeto.andrew@gmail.com

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College 8 Garden

The College 8 Garden is a beautiful space that offers peer-facilitated education. Currently the garden is expanding and kicking off many exciting projects. The 1 unit class (CLEI 90) offered by College 8 Garden is just starting winter planting. For more details on how to get involved, [email](#) the College 8 Garden staff.



Earth Summit

Earth Summit plans events such as the Blueprint for a Sustainable Campus and the annual Campus Earth Summit to bring individuals together to share ideas! To learn more about these collaborative events click [here](#). Or contact Eliza to get involved at emilio@ucsc.edu



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