

MEMBERS, PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

We are especially interested in hearing any class project updates.

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NEWSLETTER

Advocates for the Natural World

January 2017

The purpose of the newsletter is to stay in touch with all of you, our members and graduates.

President's Message

Wherever we live in the county, many of us consider Stinson Beach our go-to beach. It is wide and clean, and the views looking up to the Coastal Trail are stunning. The fog rolling in is as fabulous as the sun shining down. It is a place I always share with my visiting friends.

My friends Dean and Patty feel the same way, but their stroll on a rain-break day turned to clean-up when they came upon piece-after-piece of plastic on the beach last week. Straws, shotgun shell wadding, plastic bottle caps, forks, pieces of plastic chairs and the list goes on. Below is just some of their "bounty."

After the disappointing shock of the quantity of single-use plastic which can be picked up in less an hour, I was reminded of the difference one, or two, people can make.

Sometimes the change needed to make a difference seems overwhelming. Sometimes it takes a President or Congress. But sometimes it just takes one person who takes it upon

Lecture Series 2017

With a new administration in Washington, you have 2 clear options regarding our environment:

- Learn more about the real issues, and the practical steps you can take to make a difference
- Wait and see what happens, with your fingers crossed

We want you to step up and get smarter!

Our Lecture Series for 2017 is designed to help you do that with experts in many fields offering a closer look at today's pressing environmental issues.



themselves to do something.

Onward,

Kathryn Olson



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Members Events: Please Join Us!

Wednesday 1/25 from 6 - 7 pm Corte Madera Community Center

Members wine and cheese reception prior to our first lecture of this spring's series.

Time to Join or Renew Your Membership

Please join us in 2017 as we continue to provide programs that educate on critical environmental issues.

If you haven't already, renew your membership for 2017

[Click here](#) to join/renew now.

EFM Sponsors Project Drawdown Event with Book Passage

May 1, 2017

Paul Hawken will speak upon the release of Project Drawdown, a book, containing the 100 most substantive solutions to roll back climate change, based on meticulous research by leading scientists and policymakers around the world.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Spring 2017 Lecture Series

Save the Dates

[Click here](#) for more info about the lectures and to register.

Climate Action in the new Administration	Wednesday January 25
Hungry for Answers: Why do we Waste so much Food?	Saturday February 4
The Twin Tunnels and SF Waterways: Where is the Balance?	Wednesday March 8
Yes We Can: Marin Solutions for Housing	Saturday March 18
Climate Change, Reality in the Arctic	Wednesday March 22
Wildlife	Wednesday April 12
Marin's Climate Goals and Where we Stand	Wednesday April 26

Master Class Project Update

Island Getaway - Volunteers Wanted

Do you see yourself as the ruler of an island? Two islands? If so read on...



These are not your ordinary islands! They are floating in the Marin Civic Center Lagoon, where they demonstrate bioremediation, i.e. cleaning up lagoon waters. Launched in 2015 at the Bioneers conference, the islands are the class project of Environmental Forum **MC41** graduates **Aurora Mahassine, Dan Monte and Alex Kahl**.

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THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EVER PROPOSED TO REVERSE GLOBAL WARMING

EDITED BY PAUL HAWKEN



Fast forward to 2017. The CCWR (Civic Center Watershed Restoration) project is **looking for volunteers from the Forum community to help run Phase 2** of this project, where we intend to introduce another biofilter technology and scale up for actual remediation. This project has it all - fame, fortune (OK, grant money), and red tape. Let us know if you are up to the challenge.

Learn more:

<http://www.gallinaswatershed.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/marinccwr/>

Our Community is Environmentally Active:

[One Tam: Sunrise Tour of Muir Woods](#)

[MCL: Breakfast with Senator Mike McGuire](#)

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