




EDUCATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

January 2019 Newsletter

We  our members! **THANK YOU** to the 30 members who have supported EFM's mission to provide outstanding environmental community education and advocacy training to Bay Area residents for 30+ years and 111 members who have sponsored EFM for 10+ years!

Have you renewed your 2019 Membership?

**Our work is critical. Get involved now!
The planet needs your protection.**

Join Us Now

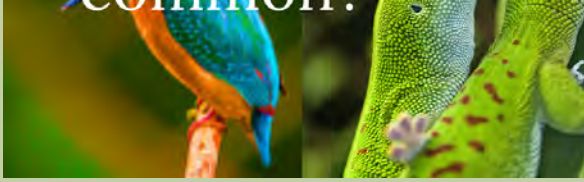
BIOMIMICRY:

Nature-Inspired Solutions to Environmental Protection

Tuesday, January 15



What do these
images have in
common?



**We are pleased to announce our
Spring 2019 *Innovation in Climate Protection* 4-part series**

**We have assembled a group of exciting speakers and
conversationalists for you to discover, who are inventing current and
creative technologies to lower greenhouse gas emissions**

Register today

President's Message

Happy New Year! This past year rushed by so fast, and it is hard to believe that we are here again at the start of another new year.

For Environmental Forum of Marin, 2018 marked an incredibly busy year -- Master Class 44 graduated and MC 45 began, we hosted a series of thought-provoking community education events culminating in our most well attended event ever with Congressman Jared Huffman, Arlie Hochschild and Mark Hertsgaard, AND we established the Founders Fund -- just to name a few things!

The fun continues into 2019! Please don't miss our four-part series on *Innovation in Climate Protection* beginning on the evening of January 15 with an inspiring program focused on Biomimicry and its application to environmental protection. The speakers are leaders in innovative and disruptive thinking.

Along with Sustainable Fairfax, we are hosting a film screening of *Wasted; the Story of Food Waste* on January 25 (learn more as you read through this newsletter).

Advocacy Training Highlights: Master Class 45 Advocacy Speeches

Kraemer Winslow, Master Class graduate and Principal of Make Your Point Communications, masterfully guided students in preparing and delivering advocacy speeches required for completion of the Master Class. Tom McAfee, graciously donated his time to videotape the students' speeches. Phyllis Faber, a founding Master Class teacher, was first in the audience (which also included former graduates Kathy Cuneo, Robert Miller and Kate Powers) to congratulate students for their exceptional, thoughtful work, directly addressing climate change. Renee Goddard, Vice Mayor of Fairfax, provided invaluable tips on making effective advocacy presentations to a Town Council.

Master Class student, Daisy Carlson advocated for tax-deductible carbon offsets as an effective way to lower GHGs. Marcus Thorndike invited us to join the new country, "Earth" and to register as declared citizens. Patrick Costello presented a case for cessation of our "addiction to dinosaur

Best wishes to you all for a great year ahead!

Susan Rusche, President

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## **EFM's 2019 four-part series on *Innovation in Climate Protection***

**Tuesday, January 15**

### **BIOMIMICRY: Nature-Inspired Solutions to Environmental Protection**

Biomimicry seeks sustainable solutions to human challenges by emulating nature's time-tested designs and strategies. Our evening features Beth Rattner, Executive Director of the Biomimicry Institute, and Mikhail Davis, Director of Restorative Enterprise, Interface.

**[Register here](#)**

**And, Please Save the Dates!  
(details to follow)**

**February 27**

**The Built Environment's Role in Cutting and Capturing Greenhouse Gases**

**March 27**

**Carbon Sequestration Part I: Engineered Technology Solutions**

**April 24 (TBC)**

**Carbon Sequestration Part II: Nature-based Solutions**

cessation of our addiction to unclean blood," by divesting from fossil fuels. Similarly, Wilford Welch urged for an ambitious plan to get all residents to switch to 100% renewable electricity (MCE's Deep Green) by 2020; and Annika Osborn urged Marin residents to drive electric for their transportation needs. Felicia Chavez took a global view, encouraging a systems-thinking approach by adopting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Other students reminded us of the effects of climate change we are already experiencing. Marion Matthews recently back from searching for victims of the firestorm in Paradise, provided a clear image of the tragic impacts of climate change in our own communities. Kirsten Nolan is building a Resilient Neighborhood Association with her HOA. Gerri Kunin spoke of the impact of Environmental Forum of Marin's Master Class: "it has changed the way I wake up in the morning." EFM is reducing her eco-anxiety by giving her the tools to move forward.

Lisa Williams talked about stewarding Mt. Tam and connecting everyone to the Mountain including those with electric bikes. Barbara Ball moved on to the economic losses of sea level rise. Using Miami as her example, she suggested that one of the best solutions in Miami is to retreat from the shoreline. Joanne Lasnier, who works with the Marine Mammal Center, also got our feet wet by reminding us of the urgency to protect our Oceans which are "not too big to fail" and upon which all life depends. Paula Alsterlind brought the conversation back to Marin and restoration work at Corte Madera Creek. Amanda Meecham has worked with Hamilton Wetlands Project Nursery in Novato and lamented that they are at a

# Upcoming Environmental Community Events

Co-Sponsored with Sustainable Fairfax, a Film Screening of *Wasted: The Story of Food Waste*

Friday, January 25  
6:30 pm (doors open)  
The Fairfax Women's Club  
46 Park Road, Fairfax

[Register here](#)

See how the world's most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming "scraps" into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system. Narrated by Anthony Bourdain.

**SUSTAINABLE FAIRFAX  
FILM & SPEAKER SERIES**

Environmental Forum of Marin and Sustainable Fairfax present...

**WASTED!**  
The Story of Food Waste

Free Raffle for \$100 Good Earth Gift Certificate!  
Film will be followed by a discussion with the Zero Waste Team

Suggested donation \$10  
Advance tickets at [marinefm.org](http://marinefm.org)

Through the eyes of chef-heroes like Bourdain, Dan Barber, Mario Batali, Massimo Bottura, and Danny Bowien, see how the world's most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming "scraps" into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system.

See how food waste directly contributes to climate change and how each of us can make small changes - all of them delicious - to solve one of the greatest problems of the 21st Century.

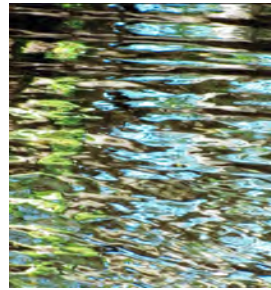
FRIDAY, JAN. 25, 2019 • Film at 7:00pm  
Doors open at 6:30pm • Raffle at 6:30-7:00pm  
The Fairfax Women's Club, 46 Park Road, Fairfax

novels and lamented that they are at a crossroads for funding. She has seen the evolution of that space from a toxic area to one brimming with life.

Master Class 45 Project Presentations will be on April 6 when students will return to report on their specific topics of interest.

by **Kim Rago**, Executive Director

## Master Class Alum News



Environmentalist Sue Mace (MC 39) hates to miss a day exploring the wilderness. A Marine native, she has recorded the beauty and wonder of our environment through her exquisite photography, and she has generously donated a selection of her work to EFM.

Single 8 1/2" x 11" color photographs are available with a \$20 donation to EFM via our website [here](#).



## **Green Chautauqua Presents:**

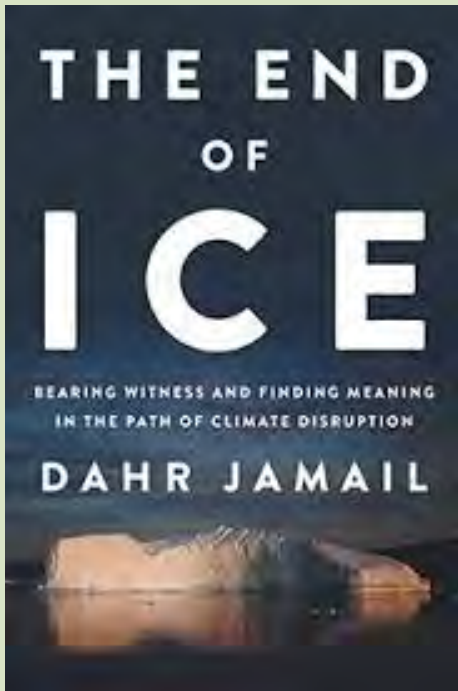
Author Dahr Jamail in conversation with Peter B. Collins, syndicated talk radio host, will speak about his new book, [The End of Ice.](#)

**Saturday, February 2**

**7:30 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church  
San Anselmo**

Community-sponsored by EFM, see [more information](#) or download the [flyer](#)



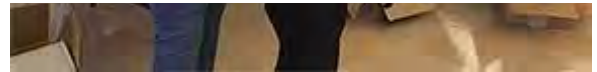
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## **Marin Conservation League**

Celebrating its 85th year in 2019, MCL hosts monthly issue committees focusing on preserving, protecting and enhancing Marin's natural assets. Refer to MCL's website calendar for upcoming events.

## **One Tam**

**Hands on Tam Winter**



Marin City Community Services District, Cornerstone Community Church, Marin City Family Resource, Youth Development Center and Warm Wishes MarinLink sponsored 2018 Helping Hands Holiday Wishes Project on Saturday December 22. A hot delicious meal was prepared by Cornerstone Community Church for the community at large. Staff and youth from the Family Resource and Youth Development Center packaged 150 donated backpacks with warm blankets, socks, gloves and scarves for families in the community. Terrie Green, Project Coordinator, Norma Fragoso and Barbara Bogard (all EFM MC graduates) chipped in with supplies and assisted youth organizing backpacks to be delivered for the holidays.

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## **What We're Watching Now:**

Thanks to videographer Tom McAfee (MC 44), you can VIEW THE VIDEO of our November 19 program, [The Great Divide: Can We Work Together for a Healthy Environment](#), with guest speakers, Congressman Jared Huffman, Arlie Hochschild, and Mark Hertsgaard. This and other past programs available on our [Environmental Library](#) (under "Ways to Engage").

Also of interest, Kristina Hill and former EFM guest speaker, is featured in several episodes of [Sinking Cities: A Four-part Series on the Threat of Climate Change](#) on PBS. The series examines how cities around the world are preparing for the real-time effects of sea-level rise. To view a recording

## Workday

**Saturday, February 2**  
**8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Join the partners of One Tam for a day of service on our beloved mountain. The rainy winter season is when some of our most important restoration work is completed, and when the need for volunteers is greatest. Together, work to improve trails, care for natural landscapes, and improve habitat for birds and other wildlife. Various locations: visit [OneTam.org](http://OneTam.org) to learn more.

### Resilient Neighborhoods

Be part of the climate solution: 2019 schedule and registration is now available online to join a team in Mill Valley, San Rafael or Novato.

effects of sea-level rise. To view a recording of Kristina's EFM lecture, visit our [Environmental Library](#).

## 2018-2019

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