

June/July 2019 Newsletter

Where Will You Journey Next?

Expand Your Horizons and Venture with Us ...



Do you have a big idea or an issue that you want to advocate for?

Looking for the most effective way to make a difference on climate health?



Curious about the interdependence between our natural ecosystems and ourselves?



Love getting up close and personal with farming, forests, beaches and wetlands?



Yearning for the enthusiastic company of like-minded people?

All Roads Lead to EFM's Master Class

Master Class 46 is About to Begin:

Enroll by July 1 for early-bird pricing!

Join the Master Class

The Time for Environmental Action is NOW!



Summer is almost upon us and EFM members know what that means — time to prepare for the next Master Class (46). Work is already underway to present a creative collection of ads and flyers strategically placed mostly online and on social media. Coming soon will be a special Newsletter devoted to the Master Class program, with all the updates and changes happening!

June marks the beginning of EFM's new board year and I am happy to welcome two new members: Barbara Ball, Treasurer, and Elizabeth Scofield, Secretary. At our recent Annual Meeting on May 5, we elected the new officers and directors (listed below) and said farewell to Tom Arthur, Assistant Master Class Director, who has retired from the Board. Many thanks to all the on Board and off Board members who contributed to a very successful year!

Susan Rusche, President

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## Master Class 46 Preview

**Saturday, August 17**  
**10:00 am to Noon**  
**BioMarin - Magnolia Conference Room**  
**750 Lindaro St, San Rafael**

[Here is your opportunity to hear highlights of our special program.](#) Learn more about the class series, our dedicated and professional presenters, and meet other participants. We will allow plenty of time for questions and mingling after the presentations have taken



EFM's Community Education Events (formerly known as 'Lecture Series'), were an outstanding success this year with important and compelling topics, impactful speakers, and 100+ registrants for every event!

EFM's goal for 2018-2019 Community Education Events was to provide broader offerings of community learning opportunities to reach more people with films, lectures, and field trips.

**Films:** We co-hosted two environmental films: *Rebels with a Cause* with the City of Novato and *Wasted: The Story of Food Waste* with Sustainable Fairfax. The Rebels filmmakers, Nancy Kelly and Kenji Yamamoto, gave a short talk and answered questions following the screening.

**Lectures:** Last November, renowned author Arlie Hochschild presented her book, "Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right" to a packed house at Corte Madera Community Center. Between January and April, EFM presented a four-part series on *Innovation in Climate Protection*. Programs and speakers addressed innovative solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation. Topics included Biomimicry and nature-based solutions, the built environment and embodied carbon emissions, carbon sequestration technologies and approaches, and federal climate policy.

Knowledgeable speakers from across the Bay Area, as well as Congressman Jared Huffman, contributed to these compelling programs. Attendance at all events was the highest in EFM's history with more than 500 people attending an EFM Community Education Event.

**Field Trips:** For the first time, EFM opened its signature West Marin field trip to non-Master Class students. Seven participants attending the Global Climate Action Summit in September joined the Master Class for a day in West Marin. The guests



place.

For more information about our Master Class, [visit our site](#). Orientation is on Saturday September 7. Our class size is limited. [Reserve your place with a \\$100 deposit today](#). (Fill out the application and choose "invoice me")

## Join EFM's Master Class for our annual West Marin Agriculture and Mariculture Field Trip!

Tuesday, September 10

Experience the interconnection between climate change and food supply with onsite presentations in picturesque West Marin County. This tourist-friendly region known for wild flowers, ocean-side pastures, and whale watching also maintains a rich history of local and organic dairy, agriculture and mariculture struggling to survive development and adaptation to climate change. More information [here](#).

## Upcoming Environmental Events in our Community:

### [Marin Conservation League](#)

#### Picnic on the Patio

Saturday, July 20

175 North Redwood Dr., San Rafael

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Mingle with MCL Directors and community members to celebrate the beauty of summer. Share food, drink, and environmental passions. [Register here](#).

MCL hosts monthly issue committees focusing on preserving, protecting and enhancing Marin's natural assets. Refer to [MCL's website calendar](#) for additional upcoming events.

### [One Tam](#)

One Tam transcends boundaries to inspire deep connections to Mt. Tam and to mobilize the skills and resources of its five partners and the community to care for its long-term health. Help ensure a vibrant and healthy future for Mt. Tam.

Volunteer opportunities, community

enthusiastically took their experience and learning back to distant places, including Japan.

EFM is delighted with the interest and excitement around our Community Education Events. We are building on this new approach and encourage your feedback and suggestions.

by Helene Marsh and Sarah Loughran

## Continuing the Conversation

### The Potential of Intergenerational Collaboration to Solve the Climate Crisis



Over the past several months, I have engaged in four events during which members of the younger and older generations explored the following questions: 1) What might the generations accomplish together that they could not accomplish by themselves? 2) What are the barriers to overcome for intergenerational collaboration to be effective? and 3) What are some of the ways these barriers can be overcome?

The recent actions by young climate activists around the world, such as Greta Thunberg of Sweden and her Schools Strike for Climate Action Movement, the Sunrise Movement, the Extinction Rebellion and Our Children's Trust, are building a major worldwide movement that is sorely needed to wake up those in power, or as the recent Climate One program coined it "If You Won't, We Will!" This is indeed the time for the elders to step forward and support these young activists. As one younger person at an event said: "We don't want you in front of us, we don't want you behind us, we want you beside us." (I've highlighted the powerful influence of these young activists in my last two blogs at [www.WilfordWelch.com/blog](http://www.WilfordWelch.com/blog)).

by Wilford Welch (MC 45)

hikes, naturalist talks and more! Visit [OneTam.org](http://OneTam.org) to view the full calendar.

**[Resilient Neighborhoods](#)**

Commit to summertime climate action with Resilient Neighborhoods to get prepared for emergencies and lower your carbon footprint. You will get support to personalize your climate action plan and achieve measurable results over 5-team meetings. The San Rafael team starts on Tuesday, June 25th at 7 pm. Offered free of charge. Registration is required. [Click here for details and to sign up](#).



**We reduced 83,142 lbs. of CO2 emissions with Resilient Neighborhoods!**  
You can too!  
[www.resilientneighborhoods.org](http://www.resilientneighborhoods.org)



Kim Rago, Alan Jones, Bruce Richard and the Carbon Commandos Team!

**San Rafael Team** is held on the following Tuesdays, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, and 8/20 from 7-9:00 pm. Register for the San Rafael team [HERE](#).

**[Futurewell](#)**

**The Summit**  
**Friday, September 6, 2019**  
**Stemple Creek Ranch, CA**

Futurewell is committed to raising the collective consciousness and stimulating a market shift towards self-care, food system reform, and sustainable living. These elements combined will play a pivotal role in the future health of people and our planet.

Join us for a fully immersive and elevated experience hosted on Stemple Creek Ranch, a working cattle ranch that embodies the future of regenerative, organic farming, nestled amongst the rolling hills of West Marin.

This [one day summit](#) will support a

*Wilford Welch and Lisa Williams (MC 45) co-led a Master Class project to bring generations together to work on climate change solutions.*

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Welcome Terri Thomas, EFM's Director of Ecology

We are pleased to welcome Terri Thomas (MC 43) who will support our Master Class team on the Baylands and Plant Communities field trip as well as the class on Marin's Public Lands. Terri will be the prime coordinator for a new class session: "Geology, Water, and Wildlife."

Terri has been a natural resources manager, ecologist, and planner with 36 years of national park experience in management, science, monitoring, operations, policy, and regulation in the full breadth of natural resource disciplines. She has worked at various national parks including — Crater Lake, Yosemite, and the Everglades. From 1984 to 2016 she held the positions of Chief of Natural Resources Management and Science at Golden Gate National Recreation Area followed by Director of Conservation, Science and Research at the Presidio Trust.

Terri has a BS in Forestry from UC Berkeley and an MS in Forest Ecology from the University of Washington. She has served on the boards of FIRESafe Marin, the Sausalito Community Boating Center, the Floating Homes Association, the elected board of the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District, and most recently served as the Director of Natural Resources and Climate Resiliency for Conservation Corps North Bay.

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**What We're Reading Now**

Our book recommendations come from our President Susan Rische and Nancy



consumer-driven movement to help tip the balance towards ensuring better products, practices, and policies in the food system and beyond.

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President, Susan Rusche, and Nancy Benjamin, Communications Director.

David Wallace-Wells book, The Uninhabitable Earth is alarming. We are at a tipping point, and this is a clear call to action before it's too late. He writes, "technology is our best shot at halting the planet's warming," and "the solutions are obvious, and available."

Walking, by Norwegian explorer, lawyer, and philosopher Erling Kagge, is the first person to complete the Three Poles Challenge on foot to the North Pole, South Pole and the summit of Mt. Everest. This is not a book about hiking but rather, a delightfully-paced book about the pleasures of exploring our world.



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