



EDUCATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

March | April 2019 Newsletter

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Thank you to all current members for your generous and ongoing support. Our Community Education Events and Master Class educate the public, train committed advocates, and launch impactful environmental projects.

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Join Us Now

Welcome [Vert Asset Management](#), our newest business member!

On Wednesday, March 27 ...

We bring you part III of our IV-part-series on Innovation in Climate Protection. Join us to discover exciting speakers and conversationalists who are inventing current and creative technologies to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

[Register Today!](#)

Climate Imperative:
Reduce, Reuse and
Sequester GHGs
Climeworks - Carbon-Sucking





And, SAVE THE DATE of Tuesday, April 23 for Part IV
The Green New Deal: A Game Changer?

President's Message

Spring has finally sprung after seemingly relentless rain, and it couldn't be more welcome! After any number of "atmospheric river" events, it has become clear that climate change is not an abstract concept; it is very real and it is happening now. So, on that note, please be sure to join us for Part III and Part IV of our community education series: Innovation in Climate Protection on March 27 and April 23.

Do not miss these exciting and inspiring events addressing the innovative steps being taken to combat climate change. Read more about these events in this e-news and be sure to RSVP early [here](#)!

On April 6, Master Class 45 students will give their final presentations and graduate. Our Annual Meeting on May 5 will be held at the Bay Model with a reception and art exhibit: *Beauty and the Beast – California Wildflowers & Climate Change*. Registration coming soon.

On behalf of all of us at EFM, I hope to see



Building to Cool the Planet

BEYOND 'GREEN'



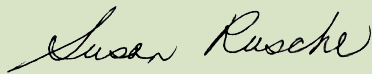
Part II on Innovation in Climate Protection

Building to Cool the Planet: Nature-Inspired Solutions to Environmental Protection

February 27

in behalf of all of us at EFM, I hope to see you soon!

Susan Rusche, President



P.S. Have you renewed your membership yet? If so, THANK YOU! If not, please do it soon. Your support helps us continue our exceptional community programming. Renew by visiting [MarinEfm.org/page-1075249](https://marinefm.org/page-1075249), or you can send a check to the address listed at the bottom of this e-news.

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

**CLIMATE IMPERATIVE: Reduce, Reuse and Sequester Greenhouse Gases**

**Wednesday, March 27  
San Rafael Health and Wellness Campus  
6:30 - 9:00 pm**

To avoid dramatic climate change, we must significantly reduce emissions *and* sequester carbon to lower the levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. New technologies and ideas are flowing, and we can create a new carbon economy in which carbon can be transformed from waste to product, liability to asset, pollutant to resource.

Experts Noah Deich (Carbon180), Claire Jahns (US Climate Alliance), and Roger Aines

The gates of opportunity have been swung wide open for innovators to satisfy the world's needs for low-carbon building construction. According to Bruce King of the Ecological Building Network (EBNet) and David Arkin of Arkin Tilt Architects, who spoke at EFM's educational forum last month, many of the solutions may be growing in our backyard.

Read the full article:  
<https://coolhive.com/sanctuary-sunday/> (under "**Blog**")

by **Daisy Carlson (MC 45)**, *Cool Hive*

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Wilford H. Welch (MC 45) to Present at Kol Shofar

HOW CAN WE HELP SOLVE THE CLIMATE CRISIS? Join current EFM MC 45 student, Wilford H. Welch, author of *In Our Hands: A Handbook for Intergenerational Actions to Solve the Climate Crisis* on Saturday, April 13 at Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon at 1:15 pm. Please reserve your seat - rsvp@kolshofar.org



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**Member Impact: Kurt**



(Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) will focus on the hope and challenges of carbon sequestration and the innovative technological and nature-based solutions under development. This includes large-scale direct air capture with underground storage, direct source carbon capture and reuse, and agriculture-based sequestration solutions.

[Don't delay, RSVP here](#)

**THE GREEN NEW DEAL: A Game Changer?**

**Tuesday, April 23**

Congressman Jared Huffman, Isaac Silk (Sunrise Movement), and Mark Hertsgaard (The Nation), will provide the inside story on the Green New Deal (GND) and the activists working to make it a reality.

Modeled after the 1930s New Deal, the GND proposes massive investment in clean energy, green jobs, equitable opportunities, and infrastructure meant to transform not just the energy sector, but the entire economy. How does the Green New Deal propose to change the game? Can it succeed?

**Registration coming soon**

**For EFM Members Only:  
Project Presentations +  
Master Class 45 Graduation  
Saturday, April 6  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
[Please sign-in to register](#)**

**Annual Meeting with  
Reception and Artists  
Program: *Beauty and the  
Beast -- California  
Wildflowers and Climate***

**Member Impact: Kurt Johnson (MC 44)**

Kurt Johnson (MC 44), and Chair of San Anselmo's Sustainability Commission, drafted an EV strategy which was unanimously approved by the San Anselmo Town Council in February. The strategy includes increasing the number of public stations, electrifying the town's fleet and raising awareness of electric vehicles. Transportation is a large source of greenhouse gas emissions - accounting for 55% of emissions in San Anselmo - and must be radically addressed in order to reduce GHG emissions. Thank you to San Anselmo for taking a lead on EV adoption, and, *way to GO, Kurt!*

Read full article in [Marin IJ February 18](#)

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Phyllis Faber Honored



On our annual field trip to West Marin last fall with the Master Class, Phyllis with Bob Giacomini of Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co.

Esteemed founding EFM Master Class teacher, Phyllis Faber, was honored in January for her long-term contributions to the Board of Planning and Conservation League, Sacramento. Read more about

Change
Sunday, May 5
3:00-5:00 pm
Registration coming soon

Photographers Rob Badger and Nita Winter have documented California wildflower environments from below sea level in Death Valley National Park to the high alpine "rock gardens" above 11,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This exhibit addresses climate change and other human impacts, and their effect on a universal symbol of beauty: the wildflower.

**Upcoming
Environmental Events in
our Community**

Marin Conservation League

***MCL at 85: A Legacy of
Looking Forward Annual
Award Dinner & Meeting***

Friday, April 5
Peacock Gap, San Rafael
5:00 - 9:00 pm

MCL is celebrating 85 years! Join for dinner and a presentation of MCL's 2019 Environmental Achievement Awards, election of officers, and keynote speaker Michael Wall, Co-director of Litigation, NRDC.

[Purchase tickets 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.

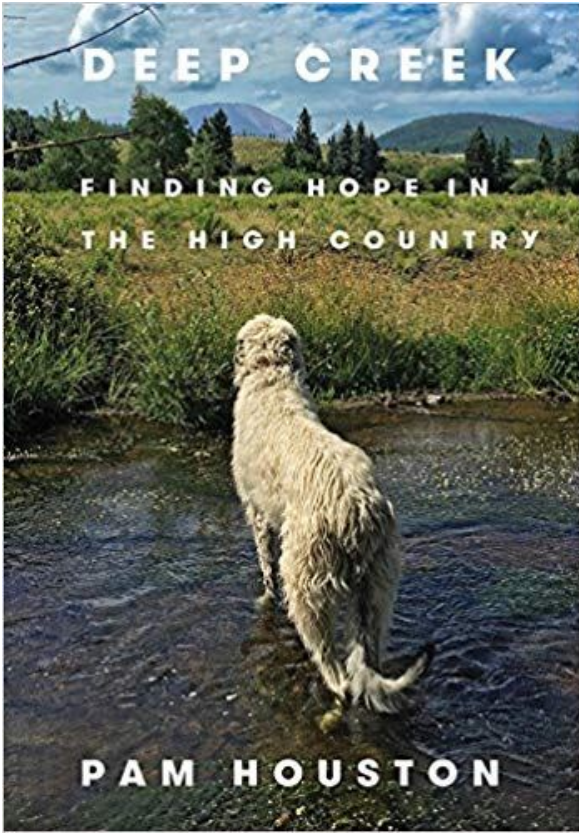
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Phyllis' commitment to conservation in this [Marin Conservation League's March/April e-news](#) article (page 9) written by Nona Dennis, and fellow founding EFM teacher.

Listen to an oral history with Phyllis Faber recorded by Mill Valley Public Library in 2013 [here](#).

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**What We're Reading Now**

Our book recommendation comes from Gayle Marsh who recently relocated to Santa Fe, NM. "I just finished reading '*Deep Creek*' by Pam Houston. It is a memoir set on her ranch in the southern Colorado Rockies. She has a deep love of animals and nature. I couldn't put it down!"



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Sue Mace's Photographs

**Tam's Wild Side Returns:
Wildlife Talks and Happy
Hour**

Friday, April 12
Marin Art & Garden Center
6:00 pm --

**Earth Day Bald Hill Broom
Bust!**

Saturday, April 20
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

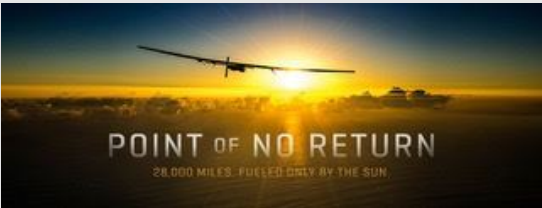
Visit OneTam.org to view the full
calendar.

Resilient Neighborhoods

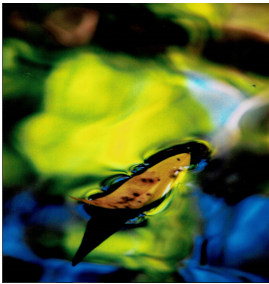
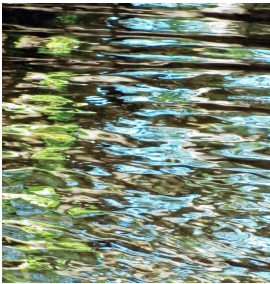
New Climate Action Teams start this
spring! Further details + to join a
team, [here](#).

**Meet the Resilient
Neighborhoods Community**
Iron Springs Public House
901 Fourth Street, San Rafael
Monday, March 18
4:00-9:30 pm

Join the Resilient Neighborhoods
community for Give Back Monday and
learn more about climate action
workshops while enjoying great food.
10% of all proceeds will benefit RN's
work. Learn more [here](#).



Film Screening:
Point of No Return
Monday, April 22
Smith Rafael Film Center
6:30 pm --



Photographer, Environmentalist, and MC 39
graduate, Sue Mace, 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](#).

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