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COMPOST
Submitted by Lindsey Cunningham

Have you ever wondered if there was a better use for those leftover eggshells and banana peels? This month you can find out more about composting from members of the UC Davis Project Compost.

About Project Compost: “Project Compost is a student-run, student-funded unit of the Associated Students of the University of California, Davis (ASUCD). Four student staff members, many interns, and even more wonderful volunteers cooperatively manage Project Compost. Here you can find guides for composting, ways to compost in your own home, find out more about how to get involved with Project Compost!”

Please join us this month on November 12th for a presentation on composting and how to help the environment, benefit your garden and reduce landfill waste.

Animal Companions on Duty
Submitted by Yolanda Franklin

Humans share their existence with animals in numerous ways. Some pet owners have discovered that the presence of their animal companion has significantly improved the quality of their lives. There are two different government certified classifications of animal assistance, “service” animals and “therapy” animals. They are not one and the same.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, “The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this criteria, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.”

Service animals are trained to perform tasks that individuals with disabilities cannot perform for themselves. Examples include the work of guide dogs for the visually impaired, the alerting response by on-duty dogs for the hearing impaired, and the sensitivity detection and protection of humans suffering from seizures by a variety of animal companion caretakers.

The duties of Therapy animals are not limited to working with people with disabilities and are not legally defined. A therapy dog is allowed into locations such as hospitals and nursing facilities, by invitation only. Continued on pg 2
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Medical research has been documented to reveal physical and psychological healing benefits in patients who interact with their own beloved pets or are visited by volunteer therapy animal programs. So, the next time you see an animal bonding with its human owner, know that it might very well be officially on-duty in more ways than one.

See "The Gambling Lady," Good Theater at UC Davis
Submitted by Merissa Fuentes

This November, the Department of Theater and Dance is putting up a Restoration Comedy in mid-November. Consider a night of theater on campus as a fun and unusual evening out in Davis. Restoration plays are English comedies written between 1660 and 1710. Sometimes referred to as “comedy of manners,” they are known for being light-hearted and sometimes a bit racy with misunderstandings and mistaken identity, duels, and romantic triangles among the wealthy providing much of the fun. “The Gambling Lady” written by Susannah Centlivre in 1705 and directed here by Granada Artist-In-Residence Fidelis Morgan is about an aristocratic young woman who keeps hosting a gambling ring in her uncles house and the fortunes lost and the romantic entanglements begun over the gambling table. Featuring a female lead who gambles and want to decide her own marriage, as well as a young woman with a scientific bent it has some rather modern characters for a play of it’s time.

It should be a fun evening of silliness and theater. Show dates are November 13-16 and 20-23. Tickets: General $18/22; Students, Children & Seniors $16/20. Purchase tickets: (530) 754-2787 or (866) 754-2787 or tickets@mondavi.org. For more information checkout the UC Davis website about the production: http://arts.ucdavis.edu/seasonal-event/gambling-lady-basset-table

Monthly Maintenance

- A combination of cold air and hot water create steam and condensation. Condensation builds up the most in your bathroom. Keep the bathroom fan running a little longer to pull the moisture from the air.
- Portable electric furnaces or heaters use lots of energy. Put a small oscillating fan by your gas wall furnace to help pull the warm air to those back bedrooms.
- We only get to clean our building’s rain gutters once a year. Usually this happens in December when we can anticipate that the trees have lost most, if not all of their leaves.
- Please take note of the following materials which may stain your floor:
  - Asphalt
  - Wet cardboard
  - Dyes on magazines and other paper or cardboard
  - Rubber backed carpets or rubber mats
  - Rubber furniture rests
  - Black rubber wheels
  - Ink
  - Oil
  - Some black shoe soles
  - Cleaner containing pine oil
  - Poster paint and powder paints

When submitting repair requests, please only submit one repair per request. If you have multiple items to be repaired, please submit a separate request for each repair.
Soap Making Class
Please join us for a special presentation from Solano Park resident Xinjia! She will be showing us how to make a few types of soap and how you can make soap at home.
Contact Lindsey for more details at 805-345-0351 or liacunningham@ucdavis.edu.
When: Wednesday, November 5, 7 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Compost
All are welcome to join a presentation by Project Compost. Learn how to help the environment, benefit your garden and reduce landfill waste.
Contact Lindsey for more details at 805-345-0351 or liacunningham@ucdavis.edu.
When: Thursday, November 13, 7 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Fancy Tea Party
Bring a teapot or a tea cup and join us for a traditional English Afternoon Tea Party where we will enjoy finger sandwiches, fresh scones and some sweet treats on a Sunday afternoon.
Please RSVP to liacunningham@ucdavis.edu or mefuentes@ucdavis.edu so we can plan the event properly.
When: Sunday, November 9, 3 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Happy Birthday Potluck
Happy Birthday to all Solano Park Residents! No matter what day or month your birthday actually falls upon, we can celebrate collectively and let the kids enjoy the inflatable bounce house while the adults share good food and good times.
Contact Solano Park RA Yolanda Franklin at 530-487-5872 for more details.
When: Saturday, November 15, 3 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Bedtime Story Hour
Sweet dreams and restful slumber go hand-in-hand with children’s bedtime stories. Parents are encouraged to bring their youngsters, age 7 years and under, for a reading fairy tale tradition. Appropriate pajamas may be worn to this program if so desired.
Contact Solano Park RA Yolanda Franklin at 530-487-5872 for more details.
When: Wednesday, November 12, 7 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Service Animal on Duty
Did you know that many household pets can serve as service animals to humans? Because of the bond we have with our beloved animals they are able to provide comfort, protection and support for many medical conditions that humans suffer from on a daily basis. Learn more about the intuitive nature of animals and meet Pumkinhead, my three-legged therapy companion cat.
Contact Solano Park RA Yolanda Franklin at 530-487-5872 for more details.
When: Tuesday, November 18, 7 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Making Turkey Center Pieces
Come with your child and make easy turkey centerpieces for the Thanksgiving table, or just for the spirit of the holiday. Contact RA Merissa at 530-548-5900 with any questions.
When: Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Toddler Play
All Toddlers and Parents are welcome to join for some fun on the Toddler gym. This will be an opportunity for parents to connect and for the little ones to have some fun!
Contact Lindsey for more details at 805-345-0351 or liacunningham@ucdavis.edu.
When: Thursday, November 20, 3:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Making Cranberry Sauce from scratch
Learn how to make cranberry sauce from scratch, and never have to use canned cranberry sauce again. Contact RA Merissa at 530-548-5900 with any questions.
When: Tuesday, November 25, 7 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center
### Calendar of Events
#### November 2014

**All residents are welcome to attend all programs, regardless of location. All events held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.**

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Did you know?

- Registration Reminder ~ Student Housing requires all students to meet our eligibility requirements to continue living in The Parks Apartments. Students must have full-time registered status during fall, winter and spring quarters/semesters. Full-time status is defined at 12 units for quarter students and 10 units for semester students. Students who do not meet the requirement are required to register for additional classes or submit notice to move out. Please be aware of these requirements when you register for winter and spring quarters in the coming months. Please contact Student Housing at 752-2033 or your Park Office if you have any questions.

- If you plan to travel during the holiday period, please leave a travel form with your Park Office.

- Packages ~ Please don’t ask the Park Office to accept your incoming packages. We don’t have space and security for them. Perhaps a neighbor could be designated to accept a package for you, or you might indicate your balcony for drop-offs.

- Smoking is not allowed within any apartment, or anywhere at UC Davis. Smoking is also not allowed near any playgrounds or outdoor seating areas that other residents may typically use. Please be aware that anyone violating this policy is subject to a lease violation.