

## Cool Davis Awards History 2010 - Present

### **2010 Event: Cool Davis Green Living Festival, Sun., Oct. 10, 2010, Veterans Memorial Theater**

**Program: Eco-hero awards given during the “Panel of Mayors” with hosted by Davis Mayor Don Saylor.** The panel included Kevin Johnson, Mayor of Sacramento; Christopher Cabaldon, Mayor of West Sacramento; Artemio Pimentel, Mayor of Woodland; and Woody Fridae, Mayor of Winters discussing the efforts of their cities to begin to deal with climate change.

### **2010 recipients: Each was given a certificate and a wall hanging of recycled materials done by a local artist.**

Ben Pearl, a 27-year-old Solar Community Housing Cooperative member, he has learned to successfully harness community support to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, most notably in the current community project of a radical green retrofit of two historic Davis houses.

Larry Fisher, A Modern Day Inventor, who works out of the limelight, reusing and converting the stuff we throw away into useful products. He then distributes these to networks of cooperatives, migrant workers, overseas charities, and anyone willing to prevent another object from joining the endless Californian landfills.

(Derek Downey, Composter Extraordinaire, a 24 year-old recent graduate in Biological Systems Engineering at UC Davis ('09), served as Director of the student-run Project Compost at UC Davis from 2005-2007. With a staff of 3 other students, he assembled a team of 15-20 volunteers to perform daily collections of food scraps and other compostable materials from the Coffee House, all the dining halls, labs, and 15 other locations on campus. The team used electrically powered vehicles to collect and transport over 250 tons of food scraps every year to the Student Farm where the students added straw and composted the materials, eventually distributing the finished compost to food gardens on campus.

Situation in 2010 – completing the warmest decade in recorded history for our planet! Nine nations have recorded their highest temperatures ever – 130 degrees in Pakistan! Massive floods in China, Turkey, and Pakistan, months of fires in Russia, oil explosions and spills... Today all around the world, the Organization 350.org with its 10-10-10 project has coordinated grassroots service projects by thousands of people participating in over 7000 projects in 188/192 countries of the world doing environmental service projects and celebrating their commitment to take care of our planet. Here in Davis, we showed our solidarity with the international movement with a dozen of our own service projects yesterday and our Cool Davis festival today. As with the other 10-10-10 countries, our efforts are planned to demonstrate to our national leadership that we are doing our part, and now is the time for National leadership – in the USA that means Congress -to get going and pass meaningful climate legislation for President Obama to sign into law.

Note: The Climate Solution Awards were given out at the Festival on a stage in large Vets Memorial Community Room. With City Council Members, Joe Krovoza and Steve Souza doing the honors. “Climate Solutions for the Future” award certificates went to the following businesses: Yolo Federal Credit Union (BERC), Bobby Coyote and Margot Jamieson of Dos Coyotes (Partners for a Greener Business). Ken Kitsch of MAK Design and Build (BERC), Kate Hutchinson for Cicolat (BERC), and Café Bernardo (BERC).

## **2011 Event: Cool Davis Festival, Sunday, October 16, 2011, Veterans Memorial Theater**

**Eco-hero awards given during the What's on Your Plate program at 1pm:** With Laura Sandage as M. C., Allegra Silberstein read a poem created for the occasion, Tree-O (George Haver, Jamie Knapp, and Rick Palkovic) sang, Mayor Joe Krovoza welcomed all on behalf of the city and introduced a panel of food experts including, Chris Jones, Danielle Lee, and Spring Warren who spoke on the topic: "Eat Healthy, Spend Less, and Reduce Your Food Footprint. After the panel," Joe gave out the Eco-Hero Awards. Laura ended this part of the Theater Program with a song.

**2011 recipients** were each given a certificate and a framed watercolor painting that reflected the interests of the recipients. Judy Moores did the watercolors.

**Jeff Mailes**, a fifth year Senior at UC Davis is finishing a major in Environmental Resource Science. His award certificate read in part: Since your high school years, when you were diagnosed with and defeated cancer, you have devoted yourself to developing a new lifestyle focused on the promotion of local, organic produce and people power. While at UC Davis, you have worked with other members of Sigma Nu to install an incentive-based recycling system and divert over 643 pounds of recyclables from the landfill, start the Greek system's first composting program, make the fraternity's food events zero waste, and change your bylaws to include a sustainability chair.

**Julie Cross** started work in 1994 at the Food Co-op - first as a volunteer and then as an employee. Her Certificate reads in part: As a "food teacher," your efforts and leadership show us the way to incorporate sustainable practices into our civic and everyday lives. Through your work at the Davis Food Co-op, you have helped develop outreach programs on nutrition for school children and youth, nurture a pro-active partnership with the Yolo Food Bank, and devise classes for the Food Coop Teaching Kitchen. Your "12 (meals) for \$40" program menus are now used by other food co-ops nationwide.

**Nancy and Robb Davis:** Robb, with a career in international public health, Nancy, now a student adviser at UCD, and their two children have lived for various years in far-flung places such as France, Jordan, and West Africa, finally settling in Davis about ten years ago. The growing climate crisis, which they saw up close during their travels, led the family to think about how they might reduce their impact on the environment. Their Award citation reads in part: As visionary individuals, your efforts and leadership show us the way to incorporate sustainable practices into our civic and everyday lives. ... Some of your efforts include using solar energy to cook your food, moving to a smaller home, giving up your car, using bicycles as your main mode of transportation, and working with Davis Bicycles! to increase bike safety for children and adults.

## **2011 Climate Solution Awards**

Again with Laura Sandage as M.C., the Climate Solution Awards were given at 4:15 in the Vets Theater as part of the "Music to our Ears " program featuring Laura, George Haver, Andrew Corbett and Eve Bessier plus the Threshold Choir. David City Major pro-tem Rochelle Swanson presented the awards.

*Make Davis Cool: Leaders Jennifer Lee and Manny Rin (present) along with several others who could not come, founded Make Davis Cool specifically to help the Cool Davis Foundation fulfill its mission to help our community reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. During the past year, the group did such things as engage students in sustainable living practices, organize and run the Field Guide to Sustainability Class for 50 UC Davis students, and work with the UC Davis Greek community to promote zero waste events, energy efficiency, and the creation of a sustainability coordinator in each fraternity.*

**Partners for a Greener Davis**, businesses that have joined the City of Davis Public Works Department green business program and agreed to operate in an environmentally friendly fashion, comply with all pertinent environmental regulations, demonstrate measures to reduce water, energy, solid waste and water pollution, and allow Davis city staff to come see all the wonderful things that they are doing. Those recognized included:

Shar Katz from Caffé Italia, Joseph Finkleman Community Outreach Director of the Davis Cemetery District, along with several board members as well). and Pat Reynolds from HT Harvey and Associates. Westlake Market was also honored.

### **2011 Commercial Food Scrap Collection Pilot Project**

*The project reduces the amount of waste going to the landfill by diverting it to composting, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing an environmentally friendly way to take care of our planet. Those honored for their participation included: Shar Katz from Caffé Italia, Randii MacNear of Davis Farmers Market, Beth Tausczik of Davis Food Coop, Rafaelita Curva of DJUSC Nutrition Services, Bobby Coyote of Dos Coyotes, someone from Farmers Kitchen/Natural Foodworks, Marissa Schafer of Hallmark Inn/Seasons Restaurant, Vicente Osegueda of Nugget Market. Others businesses noted included: AgroFresh, Blue Oak Energy, Davis Waste Removal, Public Works Dept. of Davis, Mustard Seed Restaurant, Osteria Fasula, Sutter Davis Hospital, Village Bakery, Village Homes, and Village Pizza and Grill.*

**Situation:** The climate is changing. The earth is warming up, and there is now overwhelming scientific consensus that it is happening, and human-induced. With global warming on the increase and species and their habitats on the decrease, chances for ecosystems to adapt naturally are diminishing. Many are agreed that climate change may be one of the greatest threats facing the planet. Recent years show increasing temperatures in various regions, and/or increasing extremities in weather patterns.

### **(No awards were given out in 2012 as we shifted from fall to spring awards.)**

**The 2013 Eco-Hero Awards** were given at a special program celebrating John Muir's 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the Eve of Earth Day on April 21 at Davis Community Church. Noted local author Kim Stanley Robinson presented a slideshow talk on John Muir. City Councilman Dan Wolk introduced each of the award categories, and City Councilman Lucas Frerichs read the description of each recipient and presented the awards. Local Singer-songwriter John Swann sang original lyrics to "This Land is Your Land" composed by Davis poet-laureate Eve Bessier to introduce each recipient as they came forward. The recipients received certificates naming their award and framed photographs of a February snowfall in Yosemite Valley taken by Judy Moores! After the slideshow and awards program, everyone enjoyed refreshments and visited tables by co-sponsors: Cool Davis, Tuleyome, Sierra Club, and May is Bike Month.

**2013 recipients:** Diane Swann, Robin Waxman, Danielle Lee

incorporate agriculture into her life. She's vegetarian who composts, and grows her own food, all for **Diane Swann**- Diane models how to reduce our transportation footprint by biking the 18 miles to her job in Sacramento 3-4 times a week on her electric assist bike. It takes her just over an hour each way. Diane has also become a bike advocate, urging others to commute by bike, and asking the county to make the route safer for bike commuters. Diane and her husband live in Village Homes with natural cooling, no air conditioning, only one car, and one of the earliest photovoltaic systems in the city. She urges everyone to take one step at a time toward a greener lifestyle.

**Robin Waxman** – As a graduate student at SF State University, Robin designed a program to reclaim some toxic land in SF and grow food there instead. She brought the idea of F.A.R.M. to Davis where she invited volunteer "farmers" to convert her front lawn into a small vegetable garden, with half the produce donated to Cesar Chavez Plaza residents and the rest shared among the volunteer farmers. Since then Robyn has added two more public farms and always looks for more creative ways to her daughter's sake.

**Danielle Lee** – As the Sustainability Coordinator of the food services at UC Davis Danielle built a student team to manage waste diversion, composting, and education, too. She encouraged more folks to eat less animal-based products as a great way to reduce carbon footprint, and sourced more local foods for use in the dining commons.

**2013 Climate Solution Award recipients** received cards with photographs of the Yosemite Valley by Judy Moores in addition to certificates.

**Davis Bike Collective (Jason Moore)** - is a volunteer-run, nonprofit community bicycle organization teaches anyone to repair their bikes and provides a well-equipped, affordable shop where they can work. The Bike Collective empowers citizens to reduce their environmental impact, live more sustainably, and improve their health by using bikes as their transportation.

**Local Government Commission (Judy Corbett)** - Judy Corbett has spent the last three decades as executive director of the award-winning Local Government Commission, which she founded. This Sacramento-based nonprofit works with local government leaders throughout California to promote livable communities based on the Ahwahnee Principles that include healthy, engaged people, a healthy environment, a more sustainable economy, and an equitable society. The **Local Government Commission** promotes this by producing and sharing practical resources and by bringing local government officials together to learn from one another and from experts as they create local solutions to increasingly global challenges. Corbett has worked with local government officials to encourage development that considers the well-being of both people and the environment. For her efforts, Judy was named Time Magazine Hero for the Planet in 2000.

**The Davis Flea (Lauren Norton)** - Since it began in January 2012, the **Davis Flea** has allowed hundreds of people to find the object of their desires from dozens of vendors – and, in the process, rescued all sorts of stuff from the waste stream. As a byproduct, the Flea pulls money into the local economy, helps eliminate travel, provides employment for local musicians, and builds community. Created by Lauren Cole Norton, the Flea is a place where motivated and creative people can try out an idea without a huge financial commitment.

**\* Partners for a Greener Davis**

**2013:** MAK Design & Build and Davis Energy Group

**2013: \*\*The Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)**

Davis Energy Group, Physical Edge, UC Davis Student Housing and UC Davis Dining Services: Segundo, Tercero, Cuarto

**2014 Awards Program Call of the Wild with a storyteller, dance, etc. held at the Vets Memorial Theater**

Award	Category	Nominee/Contact	Comments
Eco-hero	Consumption	Ivy Zhou and Marissa Wong, Holmes Jr. High Green Team	Interview by Michelle Millet
Eco-hero	Built Energy *	Kristin Heinemeier, Principle Engineer, *Western Cooling Efficiency Center	Champion Cool Davis Volunteer plus her work Interview by Claire Black-Slotten
Eco-hero	Transportation **	Andy Frank and Carol Peterson **	The electric car and electric infrastructure for cars Interview AF by Bruce Thomas Interview by Anthony Eggert
Climate Solution	Consumption	United Methodist Church of Davis, Jim Cramer, Rep of Church and Society Committee	Interview by David Abramson
Climate Solution	Built Energy	Hallmark Properties, Reed Youmans	Interview By Chris Soderquist, Director, RepowerDavis
Climate Solution	Transportation	Davis School Bike Committee, Christal Waters and Trish (Patricia) Price	Interview By Julie Sontag
Outstanding service award	Cool Davis	Chris Blackman	

The Cool Davis Awards Committee included Julie Sontag, Diane Swann, David Abramson, and Robyn Waxman with Judy Moores as chair.

**Cool Davis: 2015 Awards Program** (See CDF Board Report on 2015 Award program.docx for more details.)

Award	Category	Nominee/Contact	Comments
Eco-hero	Consumption	Orhan Orgun - <a href="mailto:orhanorgun@gmail.com">orhanorgun@gmail.com</a>	Interview by David Abramson for removing his front lawn, planting fruit trees and vegetables, installing permaculture "hugelkultur" mounds that replenish the soil with nutrients, and producing 600+ pounds of fruit and vegetables yearly as part of his efforts for FARM Davis, a group that grows food for food-insecure people in Davis
Eco-hero	Built Energy *	Kaiyue (David) Wang, Davis HS Student - <a href="mailto:kaiyuewang1998@gmail.com">kaiyuewang1998@gmail.com</a> ,	Interview by Anya McCann For his development of a solar energy model -which he calls "SOLEM". His model simulates solar irradiance received by solar panels installed on roofs, and allows users to learn the optimal tilt angle for solar panels, wherever they are on earth, by typing in the local latitude.
Eco-hero	Transportation **	Daniel Sperling - <a href="mailto:dsperling@ucdavis.edu">dsperling@ucdavis.edu</a> Lew Fulton accepted on his behalf.	Interview by Claire Black-Slotten For his efforts in transportation that lead the way locally, nationally and internationally toward an environmentally sustainable transportation technology.
Climate Solution	Consumption	Holmes JHS Green Team: Martha, Quenon- <a href="mailto:mquenon@djud.net">mquenon@djud.net</a> Keri Hawkins - <a href="mailto:khawkins@djud.net">khawkins@djud.net</a> Hailey Shapiro - <a href="mailto:Shapiro82hailiey@sbcglobal.net">Shapiro82hailiey@sbcglobal.net</a>	Interview by Michelle Millet For for their pro-active efforts to significantly reduce waste on the Holmes campus, <i>and eco-justice efforts including the implementation of a composting program, the development of an educational video to teach students about recycling, and the creation of garden beds that are accessible to students with disabilities.</i>
Climate Solution	Built Energy	Parkview Place, Dick and Carol Bourne and 3 other couples - <a href="mailto:dicarol@comcast.com">dicarol@comcast.com</a>	Interview By Lynne Nittler Parkview Place incorporates a creative combination of heating, cooling, and hot water systems that easily exceeded the goal of net-zero performance in its first year. I
Climate Solution	Transportation	UCD Transportation Services Clifford Contreras, Dir. - <a href="mailto:cacontreras@ucdavis.edu">cacontreras@ucdavis.edu</a> Leslie Mancebo, - <a href="mailto:lmancebo@ucdavis.edu">lmancebo@ucdavis.edu</a> David Takemoto-Weerts <a href="mailto:dltakemotoWeerts@ucdavis.edu">dltakemotoWeerts@ucdavis.edu</a>	Interview By Judy Moores or its "goClub," The goClub provides incentives and support to students and employees who choose to commute by bike, foot, bus, train, or carpool rather than use a single-occupant vehicle. Leslie and David accepted on behalf of Mr. Contreras.
Outstanding service award	Energy Efficiency and Public Service	John Mott-Smith - <a href="mailto:johnmottsmith@comcast.com">johnmottsmith@comcast.com</a>	Interview By Julie Sontag For his work in both energy efficiency and out-standing public service. John's Davis Enterprise column, "Per Capita Davis," focuses on what individuals and municipalities can do to address climate change, and provides us with new ideas. His work as Yolo County's Climate Change Advisor and Yolo Energy Watch's Leader has helped cities quantify their energy usage and identify ways to reduce it resulting in GHG reduction.