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Thank you for another successful Cool Davis Festival!

As co-directors of the Cool Davis weekend, we are thankful to Mother Earth, who gave us three days of blissful weather, and to all those who contributed – Cool Davis Core Members and Initiative Partners, sponsors, performers, Davis City Staff, elected officials, exhibitors, demonstrators, awardees, a host of volunteers and hundreds of visitors. On Friday evening, October 14, the first Cool Davis Cruise About of Electric vehicles wound their way through the downtown Davis ending up in Central Park for an hour of show and tell. On Saturday, about 200 Community volunteers enjoyed the ten diverse service projects organized by local groups for the Cool Davis Day of Service. On October 16, the Cool Davis Festival with about 1700 participants – visitors, exhibitors, demonstrators, awardees and volunteers - explored healthy pathways to a low carbon life.

At the Festival, in the main exhibit hall, Car-

bon Central exhibitors provided a wealth of useful, practical tools to calculate and lower carbon emissions and other groups offered hints about living green and healthy. In the theater, a panel of food experts awakened us to the reality of our food print; the theater rocked with laughter as Nature's Theater presented an antidote to the lure of junk food. Eco-heroes and group award winners for the Compost Program and Partners for a Greener Davis set high examples for us to follow as we learned of their accomplishments, and throughout the afternoon music ranging from the DHS Baroque Ensemble to Eve Bessier's rendition of "It ain't easy being green" kept the audience spellbound. Outside,



proud EV owners shared the Volt, the Leaf, and other vehicles; Davis Bicycles! treated children to a Bike Rodeo; visitors took a spin on electric assist and working bicycles, pedicabs and more; gardening groups clued people into water conservation, vermiculture, and drought-tolerant planting; and restaurants tempted visitors with local vegetarian treats. The courtyard captivated the children with its fun environmental activities and charmed us all with the music of Dolanc Quartet and Elements of Style. Meanwhile, in the club room, demonstration gurus showed us how to cook, preserve, and make green cleaning supplies. All together, the Festival



and passion into crafting a remarkable educational event. We feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with all who helped and are pleased by the response of the Davis community – for it is only by working together that we will reduce our citywide greenhouse gas emissions and eventually achieve the City’s goal of Carbon Neutrality by 2050. Thank you one and all.

Chris Granger, Judy Moores and Lynne Nittler
Festival co-coordinators

showed how climate solutions are easy to do, economically advantageous, and often fun, too!



Energy ran high as visitors took in all the information and noted ways to begin their own journey to lower their carbon footprints. Many signed the Cool Davis pledge to reduce their carbon emissions this year.

We have come to appreciate each and every person who helped us - from those who put in a zillion hours to those who only gave an hour. Our dedicated inner crew poured their knowledge, resources



P.S. Interested readers can check out our new website for more about the festival including the many photographs that captured the lively spirit of the Cool Davis Weekend at www.cooldavis.org. Next steps along our pathway will be posted soon.

Cool Davis Day of Service

The Cool Davis Day of Service on Saturday, October 15, dawned bright and beautiful – especially perfect for the many activities that were scheduled outdoors. The various Projects introduced volunteers to leaders of organizations – most of them Cool Davis Partners - that take care of our natural environment and provided specific tasks that further the work of rehabilitating our local environment, feeding the hungry and/or assisting individuals and/or households to move towards low-carbon lifestyles.

This year 185 volunteers ranged from 4 hearty folks who went all the way to Stebbins Cold Canyon to help Tuleyome's Andy Fulks work on trail maintenance to over 60 who helped Tree Davis plant trees. Half a dozen photographers who documented the work of each group joined the volunteers. Counting the photographers and all the sewing volunteers who were part of a multi-week veggie bag project, well over 250 adults and young people participated in Cool Davis Service projects this year. From all reports, the projects were a success and everyone had a great time. Here are some examples:

Keren Costanzo, Executive Director of Tree Davis, noted that their volunteers planted, staked, and mulched 54 trees in a north Davis Greenbelt near Anza.

Robin Waxman organized two projects for Future Action Reclamation Mob (F.A.R.M), and reports that at both sites, the 19 total volunteers, "worked amazingly hard." She was particularly thankful that one of the volunteers who showed up at the country property "was a pomologist, who worked out great for our orchard clean up." F.A.R.M. serves the low income/no income residents of Cesar Chavez Plaza and some homeless camps on Olive Drive by providing organic and local fruit and vegetables.

Jane Schafer-Kramer reported that 14 volunteers from the community joined about 12 members of the Community Garden, and together they did a terrific job getting their winter garden planted. Food from the winter garden will help feed the hungry.



Sara Tremayne of Putah Creek Council had 8 volunteers help with transplanting in their greenhouse on the southeast side of Davis. She was delighted when David Robertson, who assigned as their photographer, brought his wife Kathy and they both helped with the work.

Emily Peffer from the Society for Conservation Biology, UC Davis Chapter worked with Audubon California and led volunteers with buckets on a hike through the Audubon Bobcat Ranch to collect blue, live, and valley oak acorns for restoration projects in Yolo County. "They also had time," Emily reports, "to collect pine cones from foothill pines also for restoration plantings."

Meanwhile, at the Craft Center on the UC Davis cam-



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pus, Morgan Anderson hosted 8 volunteers who made dozens of veggie bags many of which were handed out the next day at the Cool Davis Festival. She was pleased when Chris Akins, the photographer assigned to the Craft Center, helped out. Chris reported, "Morgan is a great teacher, and the whole group was very friendly. So I actually ended up sewing some bags, too."

Also, on campus a dozen volunteers joined Derek Downey at the UCD Bee Charmers Apiary to learn about bee keeping. Another 30 showed up at the



Resident Garden (outside Segundo Dining Commons) where Jeff Mailes had volunteers transplant vegetables and learn garden safety.

Our thanks to all the Service Project volunteers and to the sponsoring groups and their leaders. Judy Moores and Manny Rin,



Kudos to Photographers

Special thanks to all the talented photographers - including many members of the Davis Photography Club - who volunteered to document the Cool Davis Weekend of Events, October 14-16. Kudos go to Chris Akins, Samer Al Asaad, Alex Draffan, Andrew Fulks, Georgia MacKenzie, Richard McAdams, Judy Moores, Emily Pepper, David Robertson, Mark Robinson, and Frank Roe for their help.





Veggie Bags Galore!

About 400 visitors to the Cool Davis Festival received a free veggie bag thanks to all the volunteer sewers who worked on their own or in groups! Lynne Nittler and Judy Moores started the original veggie bag project at the Unitarian Universalism Church of Davis. Last year for the first Cool Davis Festival, they recruited sewers from around town and other faith

groups to make bags to distribute. In the spring, Judy and Lynne worked with design students Lucy Carousel and Jamie Cooper in one of Louise Savageau's Design classes to create Veggie Bag posters and a stamp for the Veggie Bag Project.

This past summer, Nancy Schweitzer took over coordination of the project and worked with individuals and groups from the Davis Korean Church, the Unity Center of Davis, the UU Church of Davis, Quilts for Kids, Project Linus and the University Retirement Community as well as Jeanne Pettigrew's Davis High School Fashion students and volunteers at the UC Davis Craft Center – who together created over 550 bags. Many of those who sewed bags also donated fabric for the project.

Nancy with the help of Chrissy Backman and Christy Dewees stamped many of the bags with the Cool Davis Veggie Bag logo in time for the Festival. Morgan Anderson of the UC Davis Craft Center, Chrissy Watson, and Sandi Watson also helped Nancy distribute the bags at the Festival on Sunday, October 16. Additional bags will be given out at future events. The cotton bags are just the right size to be used in the produce and bulk sections of grocery stores – replacing the omnipresent plastic bags with a sturdy reusable one. Each bag comes with sewing instructions. They also make great gift bags, eliminating the need for paper wrapping.

A New “Cool” CDI Partner: Davis Pedicab

Cool Davis welcomes its newest partner, Davis Pedicab, which offers a new, fun “cool” thing to do in town. Andrew Watters and Melanie Roberts started Davis Pedicab in January 2011 to offer a sustainable transportation option for UCD and the City of Davis. They regularly have 3-5 pedicabs out but have a fleet of 8.

Andrew says, “We hope to expand Davis Pedicab’s operations to serve more than students and bars. We would like to serve folks who need a ride to the train station or from the train station home or to campus.” He suggests that families may enjoy a Saturday or Sunday Davis Pedicab outing with their children. Each cab carries 2-4 people and possibly 5 if 2 are children.

Andrew says, “I find that once people take a pedicab ride, they like it, and by using Davis Pedicab instead of a motorized vehicle they can lower their transportation carbon foot-print, too.” Andrew has larger projects in mind for Davis as well. He is currently developing a new product and service that combines the pedicab experience with the necessity for mass transit.

Davis Pedicab’s core hours of operation are Wednesday-Friday evenings from 7pm-2:30am, Saturdays from 11am-3am, and Sundays 2pm-10pm. Customers are asked to pay what they think is fair – tips only and in cash. Pedicab pick-ups may be scheduled by calling 530 771-7405 or for more information, contact the business at davispedicab@gmail.com.





Cool Davis Breakfast for Partners

Cool Davis Initiative
invites you

Wednesday, November 16
7:15AM – 9:15AM

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District
1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103
Davis, CA

Continental Breakfast
Catered by Caffé Italia

RSVP by November 14:
Kathy Coulter, kcoulter@ysaqmd.org, 757-3657

AGENDA

Cool Davis Update: Consideration of Cool Cities Proposal
Partners Updates: Partner Projects and Accomplishments
2012 Plans: What can we do together?

This is a time to learn from each other and plan together.



Cool Davis Initiative Partners



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Yolo Food Bank
Yolo Land Trust
Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District

Submitting articles

If you have a carbon reduction or energy efficiency related announcement or article to share please let us know. Cool Davis Initiative Partners enjoy special benefits in announcing their special events and activities in our newsletter. The 15th of the month is the deadline for submitting fully edited articles. Send to: Chris Blackman at cblackman@yolofcu.org.