



EMERALD KEEPERS

For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado

SEPT. 7 - 21

CAN THE TRASH! Community Clean Up

Send your trash pick up photos to emeraldkeepers@gmail.com to be entered in to a drawing for prizes! All photos are due September 22.



SEPT. 18 - 20

VIRTUAL SCREENING OF *PUBLIC TRUST*

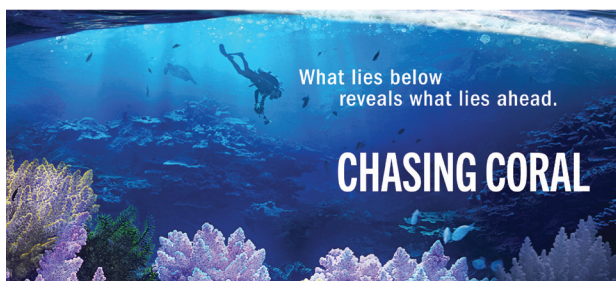
Sign up to watch our free screening of @patagonia's *Public Trust*, a new film about the fight to protect America's public lands. RSVP here: www.eventbrite.com/e/screening-of-public-trust-tickets-120114051361



SEPT. 22

PUBLIC TRUST DISCUSSION, 7PM

Zoom links for the discussion with Serge Dedina, executive director, WILDCOAST, will be sent to you with your RSVP on Eventbrite. Dedina was instrumental in helping to establish Marine Protected Areas in California and Mexico.



THROUGH SEPT. 30

VIRTUAL SCREENING OF *CHASING CORAL*

This important award-winning film follows a team of divers, photographers and scientists recording the elusive process of coral bleaching, a phenomenon happening at an unprecedented rate around the world from warming ocean temperatures. Go to EmeraldKeepers.org and click the Screenings tab to watch.

SEPT. 30

CHASING CORAL DISCUSSION, 7PM

Join our discussion featuring Dr. Stephen Palumbi, director, Stanford University Hopkins Marine Station, to learn about current coral research and restoration taking place around the world. The Zoom link will soon be posted under EVENTS at EmeraldKeepers.org.

CONSIDER COMPOSTING

Are you concerned about the amount of waste that is coming out of your home and going straight into landfills? Have you tried by reducing plastics and want to know what more you can do? Are you worried about greenhouse gasses and your impact on the environment? Do you love your garden flowers and wish it wasn't so costly to keep them beautiful?

If you answered yes to any of the foregoing questions, then composting is something you should consider. Compost is a natural outcome of the decay of organic matter. We often buy compost at the nursery to enrich the soil in our gardens. However, we can harness the natural process of decay to create our own compost through deliberate composting of much of our kitchen food waste.

Local resident and Master Composter (yes, that is a thing), Laura Sinton, extolls the virtues of composting: "Not only do you save money at the nursery, you put less waste into landfills, which are running out of space anyway, and your plants look amazing."

HOW TO GET STARTED

Composting is simple. There are several ways to go about it, ranging from keeping a compost pile in a homemade chicken wire container to buying a prebuilt compost container. The containers come in several forms, depending on what your needs are.

- For an easy introduction, sign up for a free, virtual one-hour composting class at The Living Coast Discovery Center on select Sundays (twice per month) at thelivingcoast.org.

- Or, go online to view "Learn How to Compost" at sodgod.com or "Composting: A Guide to Making Compost at Home, Using Compost Tumblers, Bins," at eartheasy.com.

- If you want to become a master composter, there are multiple programs around San Diego County including at the Solana Center for Environmental Innovation (solanacenter.org).

COMPOSTING BENEFITS

- According to the EPA, 60% of landfill waste is organic and compostable; landfill waste, even when organic, creates harmful methane gas.

- Composting enriches the soil, making healthier plants and cutting down



Master Composter Laura Sinton



Compost bin



Turning the compost

on the need for chemical pesticides and fertilizers. • Composting decreases outdoor water expenses because compost improves soil's water holding capacity – especially for sandy soil, like much of that in Coronado.

For more information visit **EMERALDKEEPERS.ORG**