



Green City Fair

Have you heard? The hottest eco event this summer is up at Coldwater Canyon Park... it's TreePeople's Green City Fair! It's our first ever and we're really excited to throw this party for you. That's right, it's for YOU!



"TreePeople has long been a leader in bringing neighbors and community groups together. Their first ever, Green City Fair promises to keep with this tradition. Not only will there be a wealth of eco LA folks on hand to help you continue on your path, but you're bound to meet people working on issues in your neighborhood."

- Ed Begley Jr., Actor



1. I love TreePeople!

Our staff and volunteers hear this common phrase all the time. It's because we've been around for about 40 years, and many Angelenos have a great TreePeople story. So we thought, "Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate?" Our Green City Fair is the perfect place to do this by exploring our watershed garden, LEED platinum conference center and meeting lots of like-minded folks who work to make Los Angeles a greener better place to live.

2. Can't I just come up anytime?

You bet! TreePeople's offices are at Coldwater Canyon Park, which is a Los Angeles public city park. We have 45 acres of hiking trails. And we have concerts, workshops and volunteer events that are always a good time. But this June 4th, we're pulling out all the stops! Years from now, you'll say to your friends, "Oh yeah, I go every year... in fact, I was at the very first Green City Fair!"

3. Cool, what's the plan?

We'll have workshops on rain barrels, native plants, our Citizen Forestry programs and more! All of what we normally teach and do will be available in "bite-sized" pieces.

4. It's not just TreePeople stuff!

We realize that TreePeople doesn't always have all the answers, but being around LA for 40 years gives us the 411 on who does. So, we've invited all of them too. Want to install a compost bin? Solar panels? You'll meet several vendors and get the resources you need to do just those things. Need to find just the right rain chain? Want to know who is leading the green movement in your community? We've designed a one-stop shop so you'll find it all in one-place, quick and easy.

5. Didn't I do this on Earth Day?

No. You may have gone to some sort of expo, but did they have snow cones? Maybe it was on a city street, or in a convention center... we're in a 45 acre park, right in the middle of our city. If you've been to a TreePeople event, then you know we've got a reputation for making an all-day workshop or planting trees, loads of fun. Just think what we can do when we plan a celebration? Never been to any TreePeople event ever? Then there is no better way to find out what we're all about and start on your path of growing a greener city.

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TreePeople's Sustainable Solutions Program is dedicated to landscape transformation - turning yards into functional landscapes that are beautiful and sustainable. Our monthly guides and checklists detail an easy, step-by-step process, helping us all create a healthy urban forest where water is valued, air is clean, soil is healthy and trees are thriving.

Linda's List

Linda Eremita, TreePeople's Senior ISA Certified Arborist, has the following suggestions for your May gardening fun:

Climate Appropriate Plant of the Month

Saint Catherine's Lace (*Eriogonum giganteum*)

This native California buckwheat normally grows to 4', but can reach 8' to 10' tall and wide. The leaves are fuzzy white to grey-green. The large, pinkish-white, flat-topped flowers appear late spring through summer, then fade to red-brown. Saint Catherine's lace grows in clay and other soils near the coast or inland. It is an extremely low-water use plant, so don't place it near other plants needing summer water. And, like other buckweats, it's a great supporter of beneficial insects, butterflies and birds.

Upcoming Workshops

June 4, 2011 - TreePeople's Green City Fair!

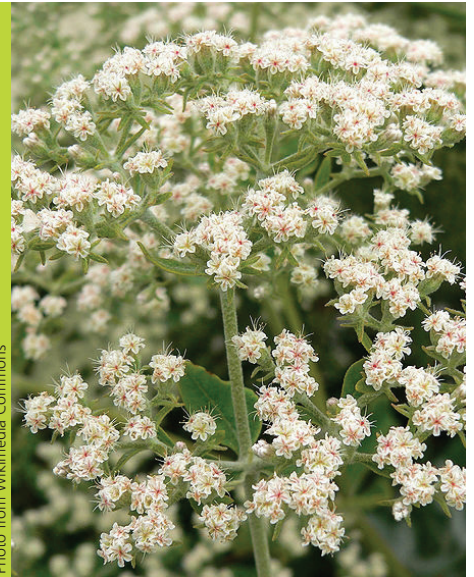


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Out-of-the-Box

Renter's Workshop!

Just because you rent an apartment, doesn't mean you're boxed into doing nothing to grow a greener city. In fact, there are tons of things you can do. Here's just a small sampling of what we'll offer in our renter's workshop at the GCF!

- Water-wise habits that save \$
- Eliminating single-use products
- Decreasing vampire power
- Weatherization of your apartment or house
- How to set up a recycling system in your building
- Making your own green cleaning products
- How to set up a composting system
- How to re-think, reduce, re-use and then recycle
- Gardening and growing fruit trees on your patio
- Energy efficient lighting & more!

Almost half of Angelinos rent their homes. So if we're going to create a sustainable Los Angeles, we all have to be part of the solution. Come to the Green City Fair and find out what you can do to help.

6. Is it just workshops and garden vendors?

While we've invited the best of the green scene, we have not forgotten... it's a party! So there will be lots of hip, local bands with fun music for young and old. There will be upcycling crafts for kids (just in time for Father's Day), self-guided hikes and educational tours to get out and stretch your legs and see our park. And then there's the food. There will be an amazing array of organic, local cuisine. Yum, yum!

We're celebrating all we've done and all we intend to do. TreePeople currently has 50 people on staff, 14,000 volunteers and 10,000 members. We've been around for 4 decades. We've planted over 2 million trees and each year care for 6000 more. But, if we want to really create a sustainable Los Angeles, then we need you. It's going to take all of us doing what we can. Do your part with TreePeople. Take a first step this June 4th at our Green City Fair and find out why TreePeople is the destination for growing a greener city.

Look forward to the following workshops!

EarthWorks

How to install rain gardens and create sustainable landscapes.

WaterWorks

DIY rainwater harvesting with rain barrels and rain chains.

Pruning and Pest Management

Tree care basics.

Native Plant Hikes

Guided by our Senior ISA Certified Arborist, Linda Eremita

Citizen Forestry Overview

How to organize your community to plant and care for trees.

Renter's DIY Green Living Workshop

Easy ideas for apartment dwellers.

Morning and afternoon sessions.

Check www.treepeople.org for times and registration information.

Seedlings For Service

TreePeople and Operation Gratitude have recently joined forces to express respect and appreciation to U.S. service members deployed throughout the world and help restore our nation's forests at the same time. By simply dedicating a tree, you can share your love for the environment while honoring our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, or Wounded Warriors.

For more information or to send a Tree Dedication, call (818) 753-TREE.