



THE RESTORATION REPORT

November 2017

#GIVINGTUESDAY

MAKE A DONATION

As we are in the midst of the holiday season, many of us are focused on giving more than we receive. #GivingTuesday was established as a way of being

charitable toward diverse communities and organizations to celebrate that kindness and generosity. There are thousands of worthy organizations to make a donation to this #GivingTuesday, and we at the Center for Human-Earth Restoration hope you count us among them. *If you'd like to give, you can do so on our website, www.centerforhuman-earthrestoration.com/donate, or by making an Amazon purchase at smile.amazon.com.*

Amazon Smile contains all the same products and prices as Amazon.com—the only difference is that .5% of your purchase goes to an organization or charity of your choice. It's that simple! #GivingTuesday is happening on November 28. Mark your calendars and show your support!

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

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NEC STUDENTS COMBAT STORMWATER

STUDENTS BECOME THE EDUCATORS



Biltmore Hills and Rochester Heights are two communities within the Walnut Creek watershed that suffer the effects of stormwater runoff. This type of water pollution occurs when rainwaters wash over surfaces like parking lots and bare fields, carrying all surface pollutants with it—including gasoline, fertilizers, oil, litter, and more—right into the nearby creek. For Biltmore Hills and

Rochester Heights, that creek is prone to flooding their lands during rain events. The Neighborhood Ecology Corps has spent several weeks working with Christy Perrin of the Water Resources Research Institute to understand the issues with stormwater runoff and develop presentations on the topic to educate the public. This month they presented their findings to parents, but in the coming months they will speak to local community members as well. Topics include the water cycle, rain gardens, river basin terminology, an enviroscape demonstration, and ways we at home can decrease stormwater pollution and runoff. St. Ambrose Episcopal church has been gracious enough to allow our students to use their facilities and show off their new rain garden during student presentations.



LINCOLN HEIGHTS LEAVES THE CLASSROOM

3RD GRADERS VENTURE OUTSIDE

As a continuing partnership with Lincoln Heights Elementary, C.H.E.R. led some outdoor activities this month with the school's 65 3rd grade students. The focus was on trees and soil, as per their state essential



standards, but there was plenty of room for games and exploration as well! One group even happened upon a surprise guest while exploring. Can you spot the camouflaged Copperhead snake in this picture? Yikes!

GODDESS GATHERING

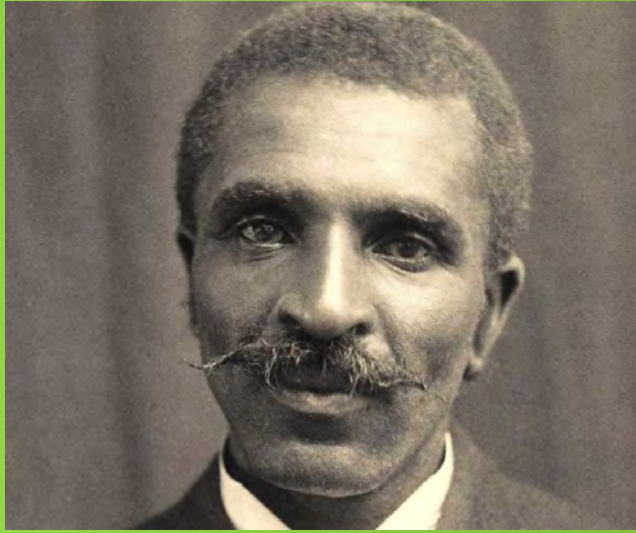
FILM SCREENING A SUCCESS



Over 30 women congregated this past Saturday to celebrate their inner goddess at our screening of the inspiring documentary: *The Goddess Project*—a film dedicated to sharing the many stories of women across the country. Walnut Creek Wetlands Center opened their doors to allow

C.H.E.R. to host the event at their facility, and many attendees commented on the beauty of the center's little-known wetlands. After the film was over, many of the goddesses in attendance shared their views on the film, discussing the many ways they drew inspiration from it and felt connected to it.

Featured Environmentalist: George Washington Carver



Many people credit GWC as the inventor of peanut butter. We hate to break it to you that isn't true, but he was responsible for countless other creations using peanuts! But in addition to his work with legumes, he spread the word of science to many who needed it most.

GWC is one of the pillars C.H.E.R. stands on, as his focuses on improving underserved communities with the use of science and deep personal connections placed him among the most noted environmentalists in history.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROSS ANDREWS NATURE POETRY CONTEST

As the new year approaches, be on the lookout for poetry inspiration! The annual Ross Andrews Nature Poetry Contest will be open for submissions starting in January.

SUMMER CAMP WIND EAGLE

January will also bring open registration for our nature camp, Camp Wind Eagle, held each summer. Watch your inboxes for further notices!

*Happy Thanksgiving from the staff and board of directors at the
Center for Human-Earth Restoration!*