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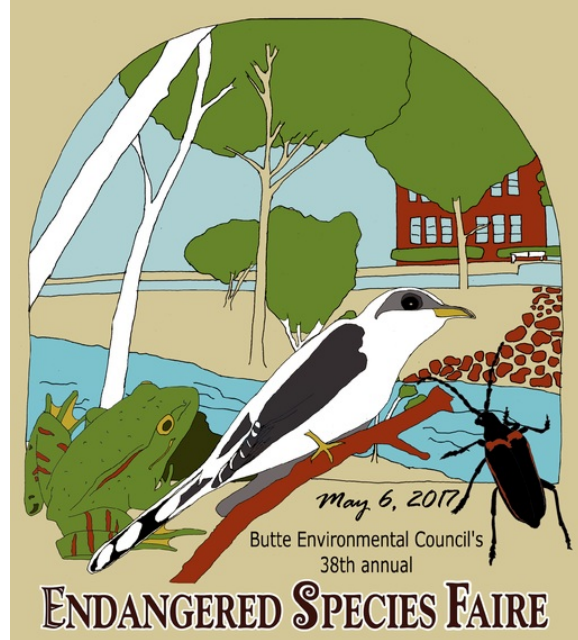
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Be a Friend of the Faire and get a FREE t-shirt

Each year for the past 38 years the Endangered Species Faire has educated and entertained thousands of children, parents and community members about the importance of saving our planet's endangered species. This is a FREE public event

for all ages, with environmental education being offered alongside music, eco-entertainment, and a rescued animal show!

This amazing event that brings together kids, young and old, costs over \$5,000 to organize and execute. This year, BEC needs your help more than ever to continue the tradition and values of the faire. In these uncertain times we are seeing environmental protections get thrown out before our eyes. It is critical for us to protect and defend our endangered species, wildlife and land for future generations. We need YOUR help in making this possible. [Click here](#) to make a digital contribution to the 38th Annual Endangered Species Faire OR [click here](#) to become a BEC Angel and support BEC's work year-round with a monthly donation of as little as \$10 per month.



**Give \$50 or more to
[support the Faire](#) by
Saturday, April 22
and get a FREE t-shirt!**

Earth Day Movie Night - Friday, April 21

EARTH DAY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • SIERRA NEVADA BIG ROOM

FREE EVENT! Doors Open At 6:00 P.M. Films Start At 7:00 P.M.

Visit local non-profits & learn
how to get involved.



Ride Your Bike! Plenty of Bike Parking Available.

Find out about this month's incentives for new BEC Angel's
when you visit our table at the event!

Puppet Making for the Procession of the Species

We are [making GIANT PUPPETS](#) for
the [Endangered Species Faire](#) on
[May 6th](#) and we want you to join
us!

[Giant Puppet Making ParTay](#)



Friday, April 21 - 12 pm to 6 pm

Snacks, puppets, good people, good time and GIANT PUPPETS.
Sponsored by Butte Environmental Council and promoted by Youth for Justice. Come get ya some! **1055 Spruce Ave, Chico.**

Bring newspaper, paints and paint supplies, masking tape, elmers glue, string ♦♦ also coat hangers and nylons they can make butterflies ♦♦ OH, and a set of pictures (front, side, back) of the endangered/threatened animal they want to make a puppet of ♥ If your into REALLY big PVC tubing, stick(s) or otherclever puppet framing material.

Puppet Making at the Farmers Market

Saturday, April 22 - 9 am to 12 pm

Come to the BEC Booth at the Saturday Morning Farmers Market and make puppets for the 38th annual Endangered Species Faire!

Download the [Puppet Making Handbook](#). Visit this site for all things giant puppet making >>> <http://puppetco-op.org/>

March for Science - Chico
Saturday, April 22



MARCH FOR SCIENCE

CHICO, CA

APRIL 22, 2017

11 am - 3 pm

Trinity Commons on the CSUC Campus

Stop by and see us at the BEC table! We will have hands-onactivities for the kids and lots of info on local environmental issues!

Open House Garden Festival - Sunday, April 30



Butte Creek Canyon Overlay Zone Public Workshop

Butte County Planning Commission
April 27, 2017 - 1:00 pm
25 County Center Drive, Oroville

Please join BEC in supporting the efforts to put long-term protections in place for Butte Creek Canyon.

For more information please visit BEC's website at becnet.org, Friends of Butte Creek at buttecreek.org and the the Butte County [website](http://www.buttecounty.net).

UPDATE!

Withdrawal of Applications for Durham Villas Planned Development

After years of debate over the [Durham Villas Project](http://www.durhamvillas.com), (a 139-unit housing development on 118-acres of existing orchard East of the railroad tracks in Durham, CA) the applications have been withdrawn by the applicant.

BEC has been following [this project](http://www.durhamvillas.com) with concern about the potential impacts on the local groundwater supply and the water quality in the Butte Creek watershed. Protecting our [land](http://www.buttecounty.net), air and water demands vigilance, and would not be possible without the support of community members like you. **Thank you for giving a voice to your local environment!**

Chico350 carpool to Sacramento's People's Climate Mobilization - Saturday, April 29

Interested in going to the People's Climate March in Sacramento on April 29? [Chico350](#) is organizing carpools for the People's Climate Mobilization Rally and March in Sacramento on April 29th. **Meet at the Chico Park & Ride at 8:15am sharp. Group(s) will depart from Park & Ride at 8:30am to attend the Climate March.**

Please contact Laurel at laur3290@gmail.com to get more information or visit the Facebook page by clicking [here](#).

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CTA tree planting with Girl Scouts

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Come out and help local girl scouts make a difference in your community!

Planting Party # 1 - Saturday, April 22

starts at noon at 518 W. 6th Ave.

Look for the big "FREE TREES" banner on the fence. Expect to take care of paperwork, load up, and head out to plant a # 15 Valley Oak!

Planting Party # 2 - Sunday, April 23

starts at 10 am at 518 W. 6th Ave.

Look for the big "FREE TREES" banner on the fence. Expect to take care of paperwork, load up, and head out to plant a Tulip and a Sycamore.

Do *YOUR* activism through BEC Join the Board! - Apply by Monday, May 8

Every June at BEC we have our annual Board of Directors election. Members have the opportunity to vote for the individuals that will help lead BEC in the future. **Members also have the opportunity to serve on the BEC Board!**


Looking for a way to lead your community toward sustainability, environmental quality, and cultivate a new generation of informed environmentalists? Board members have opportunities to understand and make a difference on local and regional issues that impact our air, water, land and people! Learn more about serving on the BEC Board of Directors at becnet.org/board-directors. **Applications are due by Monday, May 8.** Download the application [here](#).

North Valley Energy Watch

Did you know that swapping out your five most frequently used lightbulbs for ENERGY STAR LEDs can save you \$75 each year?


BEC is joining forces with [North Valley Energy Watch](#), [PG&E](#), [Richard Heath & Associates](#), [Grid Alternatives](#) and the [City of Chico](#) to help **save energy, save money, and lower our regions emissions!**

Compared side by side, LEDs stand out as superior lighting.

	 Incandescent light	 Compact fluorescent lamp (CFL)	 Light-emitting diode (LED)
✓ Energy Used	60Watts	13 Watts	6Watts
✓ Lifespan*	42 days	416 days	2.9years
✓ Cost per bulb	\$0.50	\$2.00	\$6.00
✓ Cost per year	\$4.80	\$1.20	\$1.00

*continuous usage

Look for more information soon about the [DIY Home Energy Saving Toolkit](#), informational and fun community events, the launch of [Chico's Million Watt Challenge](#) and more!



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Upcoming Community Events

Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale

The Mount Lassen Chapter of California Native Plant Society will hold its biennial Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from noon to 4 pm at the CARD Center, 545 Vallombrosa in Chico.

Over 300 species of plants from Butte, Glenn, Tehama and Plumas Counties will be on display, grouped according to plant communities. In addition, there will be a variety of other activities, including displays, nature walks, and a microscope table. Books and t-shirts will be available for purchase. The patio area will feature a sale of native plants for the home garden.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 for admission; students and children 17 and under are free.

Wildflower Music Festival

Saturday, April 22 - gates open at 11:30 am

A day of fun for the whole family with live music and a kids activity area!

WILDFLOWER SHOW



NATIVE PLANT SALE

APRIL 23, 2017
Sunday Noon - 4

CARD CENTER
545 Vallombrosa, Chico

Donation \$5
Student ID / Up to 17 FREE

Over 300 Species

Displays
Nature Talks & Walks
Microscopes
Books, Posters &
Children's Activities



Mount Lassen Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
mountlassen.cnps.org

Water-Wise and Habitat-Friendly Garden Tour

Sunday, April 30 - 9 am to 4 pm



Water-Wise and Habitat-Friendly Garden Tour

Sunday **April 30, 2017**

See water conservation techniques,
native plants in landscaping,
and how to create wildlife habitat.

Sponsored by
Altacal Audubon Society's *Neighborhood Habitat Certification Program*,
the Mt. Lassen Chapter of the California Native Plant Society,
and Butte Environmental Council.

[Click here to register.](#)

Tour Chico gardens that showcase: the beauty of our region's native plants; landscape designs for conserving water; methods for lawn replacement, including sheet mulching; and valuable wildlife stewardship features that support our local birds, bees and butterflies. Garden hosts will share resources and ideas for creating habitat gardens.

Tickets are available from the websites above or on the day of the event at Chico Creek Nature Center (1968 E. 8th St., Chico) until 1 pm. Price \$10 or \$6 for student and low income. <http://mountlassen.cnps.org>

Did you know that the [Endangered Species Faire](#) was created to recognize and celebrate Earth Day? The Faire was held in March and April for the first few years before it eventually became established on the first Saturday of May.

BEC hosted **the first Endangered Species Faire on March 22, 1980**. The theme was "Call of the Wild". The third Endangered Species Faire was a weekend-long event in April 1982 and was held at the Bidwell Nature Center on East 8th St.

During the past decades, the Faire has evolved from a local event into one of regional recognition. Everyone who attends has the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and appreciation for the natural world. With a full day of exhibits, activities, presentations and entertainment, approximately 5,000 individuals of all ages visit and participate in [Northern California's oldest annual environmental faire](#) held in Bidwell Park.

Look forward to more info soon about this year's [Faire](#) on **Saturday, May 6!**

Happy Earth Week!

Natalie Carter, Executive Director
Butte Environmental Council

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