

Join us for two highly informative General Meetings on May 11 and July 13

## Recycling and Reducing the Use of Plastic

May 11, 2022, at 7 pm on Zoom

To attend, register [NOW](#).

Recycling has become more complicated in recent years - it seems less material is recyclable and more is going to the landfill, but now we have more options for composting organic waste. We want to do our part, but it's hard to get accurate information about what to put in the gray, blue, and green bins. And are there any new ideas out there for reducing our consumption of plastic in the first place?

Join us on May 11 at 7 p.m. for a presentation on the state of recycling and solid waste management in San Luis Obispo County, including a new digester facility that turns food waste into compost and electricity. Learn how you can take the next step in using natural resources more wisely and creating less waste. You'll gain a new perspective on what we throw away.



Photo by Chona Kasinger for The Luupe

We'll also learn about SB 54, the Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act, a bill to require producers to reduce disposables by right-sizing packaging and shifting to reusables when possible, and the November 2022 ballot measure, California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would require all single-use plastic packaging and food ware used in California to be recyclable, reusable, refillable or compostable by 2030, and single-use plastic production to be reduced by 25% by 2030.

Afterwards, share your experiences with products that are designed to reduce plastic consumption - like shampoo bars, laundry detergent sheets, etc.

Oh, and bring your questions for our presenters:

**Mike di Milo** is the principal of Science Discovery and has provided recycling education programs in SLO County for 26 years, owned a business in downtown San Luis Obispo, and served as a board member of several local non-profit organizations. When not working he enjoys live music and visiting the many local scenic parts of our county. Mike promotes environmental literacy and interest in science through Earth Inspired.

**Hoiyin Ip** is the Co-Chair of Sierra Club California's Zero Waste Committee and active on energy and climate work. She encourages everyone to engage in regular dialogs with their elected officials, educate them while you learn about climate change and resiliency. MLK said, "Education without social action is a one-sided value because it has no true power potential."

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## **A 27-Year Wildflower Journey**

**The Making of *Beauty and the Beast: California Wildflowers and Climate Change***

Rob Badger and Nita Winter will take you behind the scenes on their 27-year journey photographing wildflowers throughout California and the West. It began in 1992 when they discovered and fell in love with California's spectacular wildflower blooms in the Mojave Desert's Antelope Valley California Poppy Preserve. Photographing these beautiful landscapes and individual flowers evolved into their documentary art project, *Beauty and the Beast: Wildflowers and Climate Change*. Their new beautiful multiple award-winning coffee table book, co-published with California Native Plant Society, focuses on California's amazing plant diversity and is a companion to their traveling exhibit.

Gorgeous scenery isn't the only thing that makes the *Beauty and the Beast* wildflower photos so special. Rob and Nita developed unique field techniques to capture one-of-a-kind images. They create every one of the photographs in the field, lugging 80 pounds of cameras and their "natural light" studio equipment from below sea level in Death Valley National Park to 13,000-foot-high mountain passes.

Their new book's collection includes Rob's floral portrait techniques that go beyond any traditional approach. In the "Contact" series, the luminous flower petals actually touch the lens; in the "Wrapped" series, flowers are enfolded in black or white fabric to complement their geometric forms.

In their new, 12-time award winning coffee table book, "[Beauty and the Beast: California Wildflowers and Climate Change](#)," art and science are seamlessly woven into a beautiful work that celebrates California's amazing plant diversity to inspire hope and action.

Because many people don't know that wildflowers are especially vulnerable to climate change and habitat loss, the photographers and the book's 16 diverse authors have dedicated their life's work to protecting them and/or addressing climate change. With this project they hope to inspire others to do the same.

Books are available at local bookstores and through [www.wildflowerbooks.com](http://www.wildflowerbooks.com).

Our Presenters:

Internationally acclaimed conservation photographers **Rob Badger and Nita Winter** have been life partners and creative collaborators for more than three decades. Their work has been featured in Time, Mother Jones, and Sierra magazines, the New York Times, Washington Post, San Francisco Chronicle and the Los Angeles Times. They are the recipients of the Sierra Club's 2020 Ansel Adams Award for Conservation Photography.



Nita Winter and Rob Badger Backpacking in Carson. Photo by Rob Badger and Nita Winter.