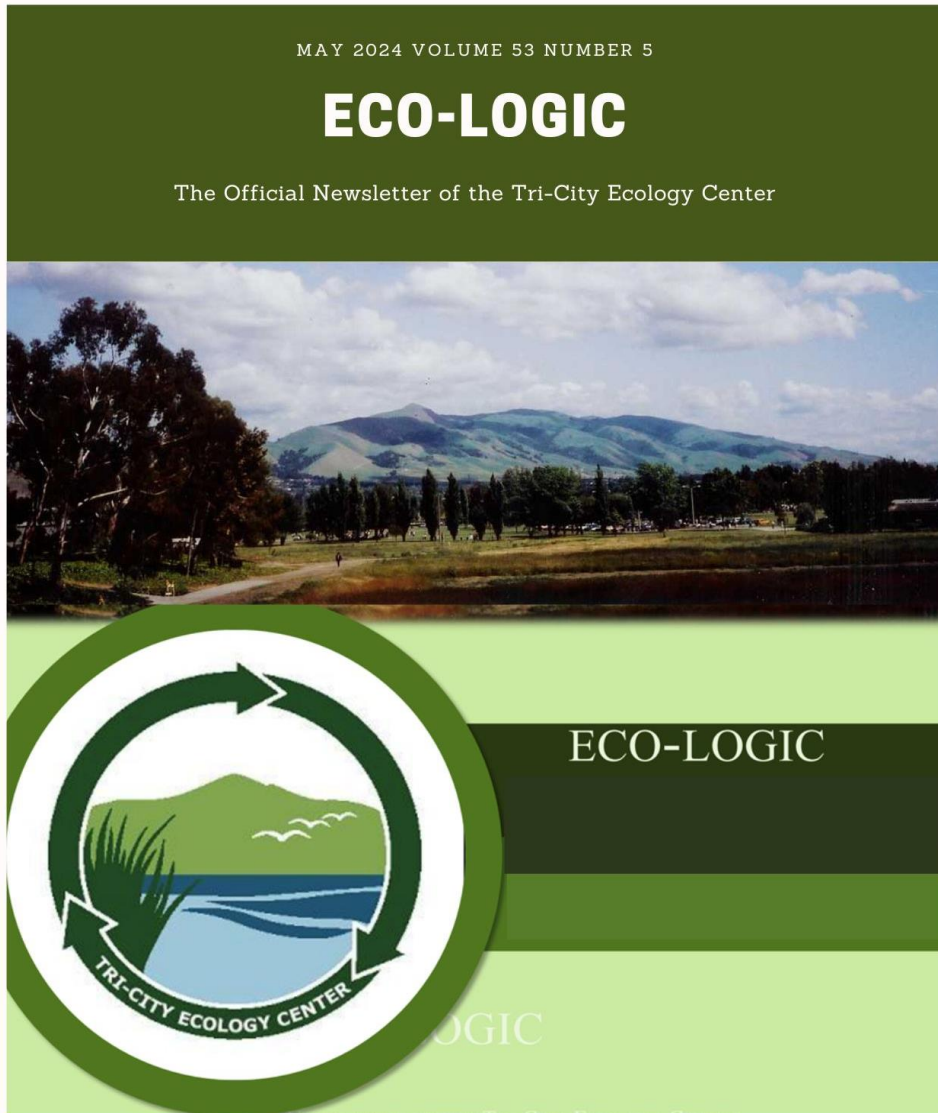


TCEC May newsletter



The Grey Water Project's Earth Day Art Competition

This March Issue is celebrating the Earth Day Art Competition that has been organized each year by Shreya Ramachandran. Shreya's Grey Water Project has maintained the Earth Day competition for the past five years and brought in 145 entries this year! Several of the artworks that won awards are shown along with the explanation from the young artists of

why they believe the environment is important and how we all have a role in maintaining a healthy earth. The artwork was also showcased at the Fremont Earth Day, Fremont Creates, and Stanford Earthtones.

Thanks to TCEC for partially sponsoring the awards every year and judging the competition. Special Thanks to Steve Evans for organizing the judging, which is very challenging given all the wonderful submissions. We wish they could all be shared but please judge for yourself and read the messages from the future leaders of ecology work.

Name: Reyansh Rana

1st Place

Ages: 5 - 7



My artwork shows how we can all work together to make our cities greener and more environmentally friendly for a brighter future!

Name: Divyadarshini Balamurugan

1st Place

Ages: 8-10



Climate change means the earth's weather is changing in ways that last a long time. It's getting warmer and causing more storms and less rain or more rain in some places. In my country, nowadays during the rainy season we get more rain and we have no rain in the summer season. We also face more than 40-degree hot climate. Human activities like deforestation, more plastic usage, burning coal and oil, hunting animals for trading, etc are harming mother nature. In the future, we will face big issue. we can help by using less energy and being careful with nature.

Name: Kshiti Patil

1st Place

Ages: 11-13



My artwork says that Mother Earth is in trouble due to we humans harmful activities She is crying for our help. It's our turn not only to help her out but also to help ourselves and our future generations. My artwork shows now time has come to think and choose the correct way. It also shows how a brain contains helpful activities that can make our earth and biodiversity happy. So Climate Action is a key to unlocking our future.

Name: Shreshtha Sharma

1st Place

Ages: 14-18



Shreshtha Sharma

We usually perceive Earth Day to simply be a day of celebrating our Mother Earth, except it's more than just that. Through my painting, I am trying to express how Earth Day also stands for defining what all we can and should do to protect the earth. the blue-black backdrop is symbolic of the infinite space, in which the only inhabitable planet, our Earth lives. each polaroid in it stands for a sustainable action we can take this Earth Day and make our planet a better place to live.

Name: Anagha RaoRance

Grand Award

Age: 8



When my class took a field trip to Stivers Lagoon, we all were amazed by the pollution of our environment. The same day, we took a pledge to keep our watersheds clean and healthy. I used to live in Arizona which was practically a big desert and the only water we got was from the mighty Colorado River. So, I was inspired to let people know that, in some places, people barely get any water. I also play in Lake Elizabeth Park which is beautiful due to its clean water noisy but beautiful flock of geese and lush green fields. So, I thought why not help people think of saving our ecosystem and parks - which is also why I entered this competition. We should help to reduce pollution by recycling not just at school but also at home and in public areas. After all, we are not the only organisms that live here.

My artwork is a hand holding the earth to show that the future is in our hands. The left side shows a lush green ecosystem that should be our future while right side shows polluted earth with murky water, bare cracked and parched land and tons of smoke polluting the air that would be our future if we don't act. Hence my motto is - " the climate is changing, so should we". You can also be an activist, no matter what your age is.

Name: Isabella Arca

Second Place

Category: Ages 14–17



This piece focuses on how an individual effort can contribute to improve the health of the environment. When a multitude of people are proactive in fighting for climate action and are mindful in making eco-friendly adjustments to their lifestyle, their combined efforts make a positive impact to the Earth's health.

Bicycles in Fremont?



Get Ready for Bike to Wherever Day!

It's the 30th anniversary of Bike to Wherever Day on Thursday, May 16, a day where people choose to bike to and from their daily destinations to promote bicycling as an impactful alternative to driving. This activity benefits your health and the earth and reduces traffic congestion. Take the pledge to bike to wherever and don't forget to stop by one of many energizer stations throughout the city.

It's also Bike to School Day! Plan ahead and review the recommended bike route to/from your school. And don't forget about the family-friendly bike tour of Fremont happening this Saturday, May 11, highlighting new bike infrastructure and upcoming projects, including learning more about the [Active Transportation Plan](#) and other projects like the East Bay Greenway Trail. This bike ride includes a stop at Walnut Avenue/Liberty Street for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the addition of a new protected intersection to the City's Fremont Boulevard Complete Streets network.

For more information on Bike to Wherever Day and for a complete list of the upcoming bike activities during Bike Month, visit our [website](#).

Family Friendly Bike Rides

On May 11 there was a Family Friendly bike ride through Fremont and our own Liz Ames, BART Commissioner and Vice President of TCEC was there to announce partnerships of BART with Alameda Transportation Plan programs. Stay tuned as Fremont may qualify for a Bike Lending program supported by Alameda County!



FREMONT BIKE TOUR & RIBBON CUTTING



Join Bike East Bay & the City of Fremont for a grand opening celebration of the Walnut/Liberty protected intersection & an 8-mile bike tour ending at Sliver Pizzeria!



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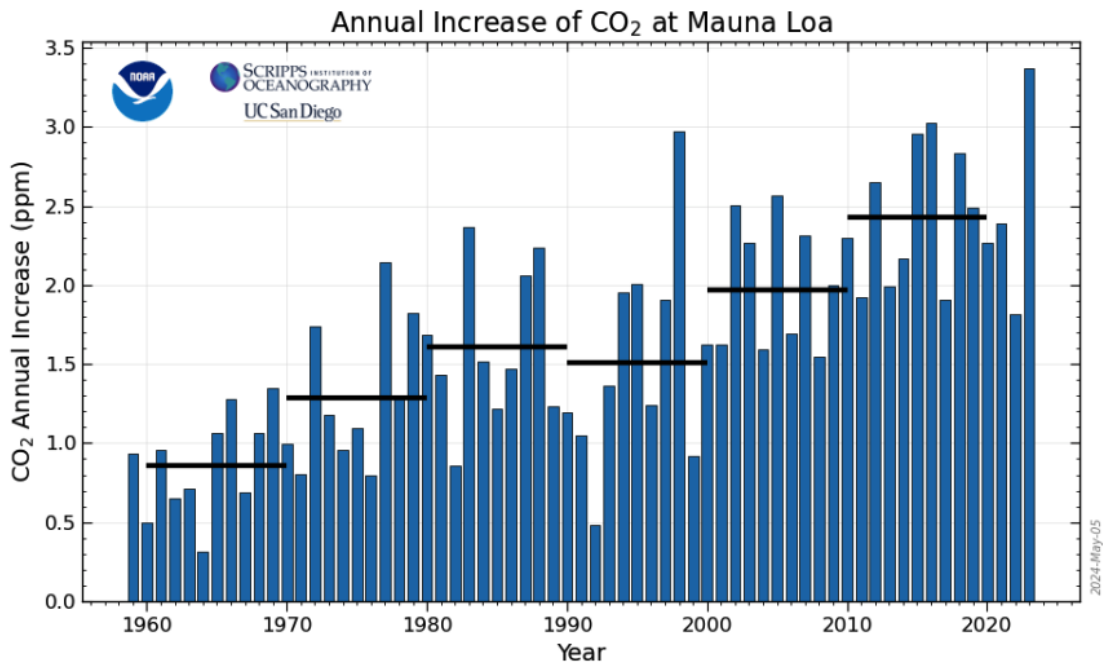
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MEET AT FREMONT BART

The Third Act Returns

The last and most recent word from Bill McKibben – if you haven't heard Bill McKibben's passionate video on "Bringing Generations Together" on BBS, consider going to the website of the Third Act - <https://thirdact.org>. When you become part of this organization you will get the latest on Climate Change and actions we can make a difference with.

Do we need to be concerned? Here's the most recent graph on CO2 measurements on Mauna Loa.



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If you want to become a member please click [HERE](#) to fill out this form and mail a check to 3375 Country Drive, Fremont, CA 94536. To know more about TCEC please visit our website at <http://www.tricityecology.org> Board meets on the first Thursday of each month on Zoom due to Covid-1. Please call to verify. If you wish to speak on a subject, please call 510.793.6222 or 510.790.1685. If you have any suggestions or want to contact us, please fill out [THIS](#) form.

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