

Grants bring environmental education to Clayton

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When Friends of Mt. Diablo Creek (FoMDC) recently received two grants through the The Watershed Project, it set the wheels in motion for a collaborative effort between FoMDC, Clayton Community Library and Diablo View Middle School

and Lisa Anich came together to foster environmental education programs in Clayton.

The first grant for \$1,500 is a TAG (Teacher Action Grant) and provides for a science-based curriculum that fulfills the California State Standards required by the school district. Monies enabled Chatagnier to bring 150 of her science students on a field study

DVMS Special Education teacher, Kim Lewis, also brought 20 of her students to the creek to view creatures through a magnifying glass, something they had never done before.

FoMDC's Anich taught one of the chemistry sessions and library volunteer and retired plant biologist, Ted Holmsen with help from library volunteers Rosemary Harwood and Christine Grant guided students through chemistry lessons.

The students had fun exploring the creek while at the same time learning chemistry and science. When they returned to their classroom, Chatagnier had them relay their experience through poetry and art, some of which is currently on display in the Clayton Library.

Several students helped name locations along the creek near their homes where a specific 6-inch fish has been sighted that FoMDC was trying to identify. Student Tristan McHugh also found a pottery shard that was later identified to be from circa 1940 and will be turned over to the Clayton Museum.

The second grant, a RPAS

(Regional Project Assistance Service) is for technical assistance and will help to establish a California native plant demonstration garden in the Interpretive Area of the library's habitat. A few years ago, the library successfully used the habitat area to teach 160 nature programs to 1,200 preschoolers through a previous grant received through Contra Costa's FIRST

FIVE Children & Family Commission.

This recent grant for the California native plant demonstration garden will include over 100 different varieties of local native plants and will be used to teach additional environmental science programs to the entire community. The native plants, which are currently being cared for by Clayton Valley Garden

Club member, Elaine Billeter, will be planted this fall. If you are interested in volunteering in any aspect of this program call Lisa Anich at (925) 689-2642 or Arlene Nielsen at (925) 673-0659. FoMDC and the library would like to hear from any local teachers or other individuals that might also be interested in field studies at the library habitat.

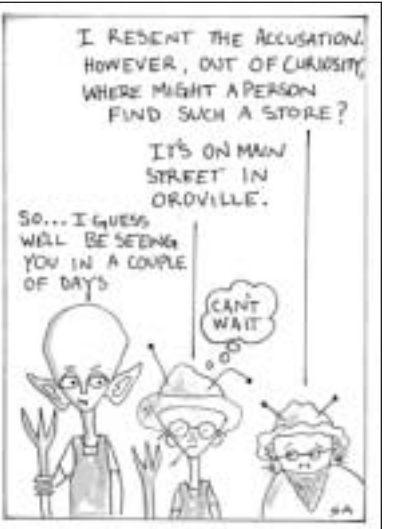


FoMDC founder Lisa Anich teaches the chemistry and velocity of water to DVMS science students.

(DVMS). Library Community Events Coordinator, Arlene Kikkawa-Nielsen, DVMS Science teacher Sylvia Chatagnier, and FoMDC founders Mary Maiko

to the creek at the library to study the chemistry and velocity of the water. Students collected and identified small organisms called "benthic macroinvertebrates".

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<p>5185 Keller Ridge Drive Clayton \$975,000</p> <p>3 Bedrooms plus loft, 3 Baths, approx 2894 sq.ft. Large private lot, Gourmet kitchen w/upgraded tile counters and marble floor & newly painted in/out. Spacious living and family room each with it's own custom fireplace & professionally landscaped yards with covered patio in back. A must see to believe!</p>	<p>26 Mt. Wilson Way Clayton \$549,950</p> <p>3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, approx 1378 sq.ft. Separate 2 story unit with updated kitchen & baths! New water heater, dual pane windows throughout, freshly painted & new carpet in most rooms. Large finished garage w/workbench, storage & sports bar, large deck for entertaining & private, quiet, park like setting! Close to shopping & downtown.</p>	<p>3101 Coyote Circle Clayton \$530,000</p> <p>3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, approx 1595 sq.ft. Beautiful and unique with designer touches throughout! Large eat-in kitchen with maple cabinets, custom built in china cabinet, spacious family room with 2 sided fireplace, formal living & dining room & master suite w/private bathroom.</p>	<p>1830 Yolanda Circle Clayton \$784,950</p> <p>3 Bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, approx 2,133 sq.ft. of living space. Spectacular home ready for any family! Entertainers delight backyard with gorgeous pool! Fully landscaped front and backyard with flagstone. Updated kitchen and baths, spacious living room, family room & dining room. An absolute must see to believe!</p>
<p>30 Fleming Ct. Clayton \$785,000</p> <p>4 bedrooms, plus den, 2.5 baths, approx 2368 sq.ft. hardwood flrs, marble entry, gorgeous kitchen w/granite tile counters & gas stove & large master suite w/walkin closet & marble bathroom. Spectacular tropical backyard with pool/spa & waterfall, extending BBQ island w/slate counter, sink, eating area and tile patio. This home is an absolute must see to believe! An entertainers Dream!</p>	<p>25 Atchinson Stage Rd. Clayton \$699,000</p> <p>Awake to Views of Mt. Diablo! 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Approx 2,549 sq. ft., Custom additions w/permits, new roof, pergio flrs, spacious family room w/brick fireplace & formal living & dining room w/bay windows, 3 sets of French doors, private landscaped backyard w/deck & RV parking too! Light & bright throughout!</p>	<p>5830 Del Trigo Lane Clayton \$565,000</p> <p>3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, approx 1,659 sq.ft. Large .26 acre lot! Original hardwood flrs throughout, formal living rm w/fireplace, light & bright family rm & eat-in kitchen w/double oven. Central heat, vaulted ceilings, shutters/blinds throughout & large backyard with sparkling pool</p>	<p>5418 Paso Del Rio Ct. Concord \$612,000</p> <p>4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, approx 2135 sq.ft. Spacious formal living & dining room, large family room w/brick fireplace, wiltonart hardwood flrs, ceiling fan, wet bar & Anderson slider! Updated eat-in kitchen w/tile counters, oak cabinets, built in microwave/convection oven, dishwasher, garden window & built in desk. Tile entry, central heat/air, gorgeous landscaped backyard w/redwood deck.</p>
<p>522 Mt. Davidson Court Clayton \$685,000</p> <p>4 Large bedrooms, 2 updated baths, approx 2325 sq.ft. Spacious formal living & dining room w/vaulted ceilings, family room w/wet bar, hardwood floor entry, updated eat-in kitchen w/tile counters & central heat/air. Spacious master suite, tile roof, new exterior paint & meticulously maintained yards!</p>	<p>182 Mt. Wilson Way Clayton \$751,000</p> <p>5 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, approx 2,692 sq.ft. Lovely kitchen with new stainless steel appliances, gas stove, tile counters and garden window! Gas fireplace in family room, oak hardwood flr in entry, kitchen & eating area, wet bar & large laundry room with storage. Master Bedroom features views & private deck, lovely backyard with spa & gorgeous views!</p>	<p>1816 Yolanda Circle Clayton \$610,000</p> <p>3 Large Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, approx 1,780 sq.ft. Gorgeous home inside & out! Spacious family room w/woodburning fireplace, dining room w/wood floors, new heat/air & new roof. Master Bedroom with French doors to private Trex patio deck, fruit trees & generous side & backyard with RV parking. Great Clayton Neighborhood!</p>	<p>102 Forest Hill Drive Clayton \$45,600!</p> <p>5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Gorgeous kitchen with granite counters, maple cabinets & island. Formal living w. fireplace & dining room, spacious family room w/fireplace. Open & bright throughout, inside laundry, 3 car garage, landscaped yards & Large master suite w/jacuzzi tub!</p>