



Museum of Natural History **Weekly Buzzz... (December 11 - 17, 2010)**

Welcome Ethan Tratner! Ethan will be starting an internship with our education department as of January 3. He is a history student at UCSC and will be working with the school tours for the *Bones* and *Art of Nature* exhibits. We are looking forward to having him as a part of our crew.

Nickels for Nonprofits runs through the end of the month at Whole Foods. Bring your own bags when you shop at the Whole Foods Market on Soquel Avenue in Santa Cruz. When they ask if you want five cents back for each bag or if you'd like to donate the money to a nonprofit, tell them to give the money to the Museum of Natural History. We'll use all those nickels to help pay for Super Summer Saturdays next year. Plus, no matter where or when you shop, reusable bags are better for the environment and for wildlife.



Bringing Back the Native Plants Last weekend's planting event was a huge success, with beautiful weather and a group of volunteers who added forty native plants to the site. Stream orchid, seaside daisy, and bush lupine are just a few of the new species that were planted. You can find out more at the project's new website, <http://pilkingtoncreek.org>

Winter Docent Training is coming up on January 3 (Bones tours) and January 10 (Animal Tours). Do you have a desire to learn about the natural world? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? Become a docent! Sign up in advance at:

<http://santacruz museums.org/education/public/winterdocenttraining.htm>



Holiday Schedule The Museum will be open regular hours through December 22, so stop by with those early holiday houseguests for some last minute shopping. We'll be closed December 23 through January 3.