**WffD 2019 EVENT DESCRIPTION**

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The California Institute of Environmental Design & Management (CIEDM) held an evening meetup on the subjects of both World Firefly Day 2019 (July 6-7) and National Moth Week 2019 (July 20-28, a worldwide citizen science project) aiming to raise public awareness of the events With a focus on the needs for an insect friendly night environment through light pollution control, the meetup was registered with the National Moth Week, attended by CIEDM staff & friends, and took place in the early evening on July 12th at Arcadia EcoHome in Arcadia, California, an foothill community of the Angeles National Forest in Southern California.

CIEDM has participated several times in the past in the celebration of the National Moth Week and the International Dark Sky Week which has been spearheaded by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA). The EcoHome, a certified green building, designed with sensitivity in energy, water & materials efficiency and habitat creation & conservation for wildlife and pollinators, encompasses a yard which is a Wildlife Habitat, Pollinator Garden and Bee Friendly Farm certified by different non-profit conservation groups based in the U.S..

The meetup was made of 2 sessions: an indoor meeting and an outdoor tour. After an introduction to the objectives of the two awareness events and involved species, a brief discussion was followed and spread of the event messages were encouraged. Then, Dr. Edward Huang, CIEDM Principal, a FIN’s Scientist, a lighting designer trained & certified by the Lighting Academy of Energy Education Center of Southern California Edison Company and a University of California trained & certified Victory Gardener, guided a walking tour in nightfall at the EcoHome’s yard which is featured with landscape elements of ecological habitation and lighting for various night (and day) species. The landscape design & improvements made through the years, including low-voltage & solar-powered outdoor lighting, at Arcadia EcoHome, have been carried out based on principles in light pollution control for green buildings & sites as well as for dark-sky places. The meetup was then concluded at an parking area with permeable paving in the front yard where dark sky is observed.

The feedback of the tour from the small-group attendants is encouraging, and we’ll do it again in July next year. (This update is Completed in the night of Friday, September 13, the Moon Festival 2019).