

BUDDING COMPOSTERS



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Students in Club Chrysallis, an afterschool gardening club learned all about composting recently, top right. Janet Barnes, Nassau Master Gardener volunteer conducts the weekly club meetings and uses lots of hands-on activities to help the students learn good gardening concepts. They learned that “greens” and “browns” must be layered and each layer watered slightly. Ms. Barnes brought in some decayed branches to illustrate one example of “browns” needed in composting, top left. The brisk wind kept required an “indoor” meeting of Club Chrysallis recently. After learning all about composting, they painted these “kitchen composters” for their homes, above right. Several reasons were given for why we should compost. Mainly it makes a great soil amendment that can lower soil pH. The Club Chrysallis members now know how to construct a compost pile without using a pricey bin.