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Through our Electrical Tool Lending program, workers will be officially certified by the American Green Zone Alliance to operate eco-friendly equipment.



THANK YOU MARN YEE!

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Marn Yee!

VOLUNTEER AREAS:

Have you heard about our Green Tool Library? With the implementation of legislation banning gas-powered tools in California starting January 1st, 2024, the Center has been working on introducing our Electrical Tool Lending program. Workers will be able to check out tools when going out to a job. Marn Yee has played a central role in helping start the program! She has been advising the Center on electrifying our landscaping toolset. Her roles include being a sustainability adviser, liasing with the various community stakeholders, and a cheerleader to get the project successfully executed. She shares: "What is exciting about this project is not only the decarbonization aspect, but also the opportunity to up skill DWC workers for the clean economy. I would love to help more community groups understand and take action to mitigate and prepare for climate change."

WHY DID YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CENTER?

I have volunteered in many capacities throughout the years. Volunteering at the Center feels different because of the outsized impact I can create. I have been very lucky in my life, to meet many people who have been helpful to me, as I navigated family turmoils growing up, and then moved to the USA by myself as a college student on financial aid. Without people who helped me along the way, I would not be where I am today. Since my passion is sustainability and climate change mitigation/adaptation, I feel very lucky to intersect with the Center and be able to make a difference this way.

WHAT HAS VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER MEANT TO YOU?

The staff is really nice and friendly to work with, even though my Spanish is very minimal. I always feel welcome there.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES YOU HAVE?

I really enjoy working with the staff! They are so passionate about their work and so professional. It is nice to work with like-minded people who want to make our wonderful Mountain View community better for all. In addition, our project involved partnership with the city, AGZA (American Green Zone Alliance), Rotary, and Leadership Mountain View. It is amazing how many groups came together to make this happen.