

## April News

### Master Recycler Spring Tour

Monday, May 11th 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

It's that time of year again! Each year Master Recyclers tour exciting places to expand their knowledge of local resources. This year we'll visit four locations in Portland, each of which recovers a different waste material.

**Metro Metals Northwest:** Explore the difference between ferrous and non-ferrous metals, which metals can and can't be mixed, and what and where the metal recycling markets are located.

**Owens-Illinois Glass Factory:** Once glass is sorted it can be an endlessly recycled materials. Owens-Illinois is one of the largest user of container glass in the U.S.

**Oregon Food Bank:** Why compost perfectly edible food when there are families in need? Check out this program which makes it easy for businesses to donate food.

**Sunderland Yard:** See what happens to curbside yard debris and street leaves. See how this City of Portland facility economically recycles materials such as leaves, concrete, asphalt and street-sanding rock.



Tour space is limited to 30 slots to be filled on first come, first served basis. Gas cost is not included in tour. Carpooling will be organized. Please sign up only if you plan to go to all four sites.

RSVP: J Lauren Norris, [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us), 503.823.7530

## Thank you to two newly certified Master Recyclers!

**Susanna Brennan** (Class 31) helped reach new Spanish speaking audiences with her language skills and involvement in the Hispanic community. She also helped kick off recycling at the Zoo's concert series and most recently started a Green Team in the Multnomah County Public Affairs Office.

**Joanna Bakken** (Class 38) offered a series of workshops on recycling, waste prevention, greener cleaners and composting at Birch Community Services, an organization which serves working poor families in Portland, and for the group Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS).

## Colleen Johnston (Class 36) Joins the Century Club!

Ever since Colleen completed her Washington County class in 2007, she steadily stepped up to volunteer – over a hundred hours worth. Colleen helped at Fix-It Fair information tables, hosted an Eco-party, participated in numerous Plastic Roundups and organized plastics recycling at the Rose City Park Neighborhood Cleanup. Additionally, she worked to reduce waste in her communities. She started a Green Team at work, at her child's preschool in Tigard and has been working on waste reduction at church. Colleen also became a Master Recycler Mentor to encourage and inspire other Master Recyclers. Thank you Colleen for your continued commitment to waste reduction!



*Colleen stays cheery at rainy Plastic Roundup.*

## Portland Recycles! offers \$25,000 in small grants for waste prevention and recycling

As Master Recyclers you may belong to other community organizations where your commitment to recycling and waste prevention plays a role. If you have been looking for some additional resources to support or



*Grant money can be used to purchase equipment for community events.*

expand green efforts, your organization may be eligible to receive a grant from the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

The goal is to offer grant money to neighborhood, community and nonprofit organizations for projects or items that will help them overcome barriers to waste prevention and increase recycling while educating the community.

Examples of eligible waste prevention and recycling projects include purchasing durable dishes for offices or events, or buying necessary equipment for a tool library or neighborhood composting area.

Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$2,500. The total amount of funding available is \$25,000. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process.



*Durable dishes for offices or events is an example of how the grant money can be used.*

Proposals must be received by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2009. Find out more here: [www.portlandonline.com/bps/grants](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/grants)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Happy Earth Day 2009!

Now is the time to kick off a season of community involvement! People are actively organizing events all over the region. They're counting on us to get out there and talk to folks about Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. With everything from tabling at farmer's markets to helping at neighborhood cleanups and reuse events, there's plenty of opportunities to join in a new spirit of service.

## **Hillsboro Farmers Market**

Historic District Main Street and 2nd Ave., Hillsboro

First Saturday of every month

Shifts: 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Heidi Lambek (Class 39) tabling on recycling and Greener Cleaner (and worms later in the season). Times include set up and breakdown.

Contact: Heidi Lambek (503)475-5850, oregontreehugger@gmail.com

## **Celebrating Water – Earth Day**

Clackamas Community College, Gregory Forum Bldg. 19600 S Molalla Ave, Oregon City

Wednesday, April 8th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Clackamas County's Office of Sustainability invites Master Recyclers to join with a reuse activity for kids and recycling table. Sponsored by the Clackamas County water providers and other agencies. [www.clackamasriver.org](http://www.clackamasriver.org)

Contact: Sherri Dow  
(503)742-4463,  
[sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us)



*Earth Day 2008 on MLK. Rob Kappa (Class 37), Ellen Galvin (Class 31) Alicia Polacok (Class 22) and Robin Raffety (Class 35).*

## **Zoo Residential Recycling Table**

Oregon Zoo 700 Washington Park, Portland

Saturday, April 11th 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Rob Kappa (Class 37), also a Master Gardener, will table at the Zoo several Saturdays through the end of the summer. He invites a Master Recycler to check out a kit from the City of Portland and join him for one or many of the dates.

Contact: Rob Kappa (503)653-3595, [falkor01@comcast.net](mailto:falkor01@comcast.net)

Contact for kit: Alicia Polacok (503)823-7107, [apolacok@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:apolacok@ci.portland.or.us)

## **Cedaroak Park Earth Day**

4515 South Cedaroak Dr., Westlinn  
Saturday, April 11th 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cedaroak Park Primary School is planning its first annual Earth Month which will have a kick off celebration of work projects, information and crafts. They invite a Master Recycler to staff a recycling table. Check out a kit from Clackamas County and staff a booth at this great community event.

Contact: Anne Marie (503) 675-1773, fullcircleround@yahoo.com  
Contact for kit: Sherri Dow (503)742-4463 sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

## **Neighborhood Cleanup at the New Columbia**

Portsmouth neighborhood, North Portland  
Saturday April 11th and Saturday April 18th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to assist in this Neighborhood Cleanup at the New Columbia Community. Help sort out recyclables and hazardous waste from materials residents will bring to a "Trash Amnesty Day" as a step toward improving overall recycling. Master Recyclers who speak a second language will be especially welcome.

Contact: Bill Steimer (503)775-6740, 60bigtime2005@gmail.com



*Heidi Lambek and Rhonda Leo (Class 39) tabling at Hillsboro Farmer's Market during much colder times than now!*

## **Orengo Farmers Market**

NE Orengo Station Parkway and NE 61st, Hillsboro  
Second Sunday of every month  
Shifts: 9:30 a.m. – noon and 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join Heidi Lambek (Class 39) tabling on recycling and Greener Cleaner (and worms later in the season). Times include set up and breakdown.

Contact: Heidi Lambek  
(503)475-5850,  
orengontreehugger@gmail.com

## **City of Gresham Earth Day Collection Event**

Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Pkwy, Gresham  
Saturday, April 18th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Provide education to residents of Gresham and Wood Village about e-waste, reducing junk mail and Metro's recycling hotline. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Contact: Shaunna Sutcliffe (503)618-2694, shaunna.sutcliffe@ci.gresham.or.us

## **"Celebrating Our Watershed" – North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Earth Day**

North Clackamas Park, Milwaukie Center building, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

April 18th 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., shifts available

Set up and staff Clackamas County's "Alternatives to hazardous household products" display. Pick up materials from the Clackamas County Office of Sustainability, Development Services 150 Beaver Creek Rd., Oregon City.

Contact: Sherri Dow (503)742-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

## **Boise Neighborhood Cleanup**

Unthank Park (corner of N. Failing and N. Haight),  
Portland

April 18th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Assist to educate participants in Reduction, Reuse and Recycling.

Contact: Tara Hieggelke,  
thieggelke@gmail.com



*Lonnie Port (Class 31) preparing volunteers for the Woodstock Neighborhood Cleanup.*

## **Mountain Park New Seasons Store Earth Day**

3 SW Monroe Parkway Lake Oswego

Saturday, April 18th, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join Master recycler Susan Mead (Class 38) at a recycling and waste prevention table. Talk to shoppers about how to bring your own

containers for bulk as well.

Contact: Susan Mead, (503) 685-3725, Susan.Mead@xerox.com

### **Tansbourne Whole Foods Table**

Whole Foods 19440 NW Cornell Rd., Hillsboro  
April 22nd 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join Master Recycler Jon-Michael (Class 39) in staffing a table on Recycling and greener cleaners at Whole Foods.

Contact: Jon-Michael Kowertz,  
medotcom2009@gmail.com

### **Wells Fargo Center Earth Day Fair**

Wells Fargo Center, 21st Floor Conference  
Center, 1300 SW 5th Avenue, Portland  
Wednesday, April 22nd 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Set up and staff an information booth with  
a Portland Recycles! kit and literature at this business center Earth Day  
Fair.

Contact: Randal D. Gill (503)886-2769, randy.gill@grubb-ellis.com  
Contact for Portland Recycles! Kit: Alicia Polacok (503)823-7107,  
apolacok@ci.portland.or.us

### **Trash to Treasure St. Johns Reuse and Recycling Day**

7535 N Chicago Ave, Portland  
Saturday, April 25th 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Master Recyclers are invited to help with this first time community  
event. Roles could include evaluating and sorting reuse items, assisting  
in coordination of recycling depot sorting (plastics, yard debris, metal,  
appliances, etc) and offering information about city and metro programs.

Contact: Andrea Davey (503)544-3996, andreadavey@comcast.net

### **Sellwood Sustainability Festival**

Sellwood MS 8300 SE 15th Ave., Portland  
Saturday, April 25th 9:30A a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Don't forget to log  
your volunteer hours**  
Visit [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)  
and click on the Members tab.

Join Master Recycler Satish Palkishar (Class 36) to staff a booth on recycling at this new community event. Live music, a puppet play and activities for all ages.

Contact: J Lauren Norris (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us  
Contact for kit: Alicia Polacok (503)823-7107, apolacok@ci.portland.or.us

### **Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School Earth Fair**

3445 SE Hillyard Road, Gresham  
April 25th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Check out literature and a fun kid display and literature on recycling from the City of Gresham and staff a table at this family friendly earth day event.

Contact: Lisa Wittenberg, 503-491-7559, lisa.wittenberb@mhcc.edu  
Contact for Gresham kit: Karen Guillen-Chapman (503) 618-2752,  
Karen.Guillen-Chapman@ci.gresham.or.us

### **El Día de los Niños**

Harleman Park, 795 S. Heather St. (10th and Heather), Cornelius  
Saturday, April 25th 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Spanish speaking Master Recyclers are invited to this well-attended event, dedicated to celebrating the value of our community's children. Pick up canopy, Green Cleaner and recycling displays from Washington County.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel (503) 846-3651 michelle\_pimentel@co.washington.or.us

### **Portland Park Blocks Farmer's Market**

PSU SW Harrison and Montgomery, Portland  
Saturdays in May, shifts 8 – 11:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join Master Recycler Audrey Desler (Class 39) on one or several Saturdays in May at an information table. The topics will vary throughout the month.

Contact: Audrey Desler, reuse.it.now@gmail.com

### **King Neighborhood Cleanup**

NE Police Precinct (back lot) 449 NE Precinct, Portland  
Saturday, May 2nd 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Help with education, volunteer training or the reuse area at this new neighborhood cleanup.

Contact: Charles Boardman, [charlesboardman@gmail.com](mailto:charlesboardman@gmail.com)

### **Mt. Tabor Cleanup Day**

Mt. Tabor Middle school parking lot, 5800 SE Ash St., Portland  
Saturday, May 9th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Mt. Tabor Neighborhoods is seeking a Master Recycler to assist in any of the following areas:

- Set up recycling ahead of time.
- Messaging for recycling in your flyers and press releases.
- Training volunteers the day of the event on what materials go where.
- Talking to the public about recycling.

Contact: Deb Scott (503)232-2602, [scottd@pdx.edu](mailto:scottd@pdx.edu)

## Conservation News

### **Urban League Announces “Bridges to Sustainable Jobs”**

April 21st, 2009, held at PGE’s World Trade Center (indoors) located at 121 SW Salmon St., Portland, OR 97204, from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.



**Urban League  
of Portland**

The Urban League’s 17th Annual Career Connections job fair will highlight sustainable jobs this year with presentations by local companies on how businesses can go green, and how to

break into the sustainability industry. Resume workshops and interview skills building workshops offered throughout the day. Exhibit tables and speakers will include Master Recyclers, Energy Efficiency, Professional Development, Diversity at Work, How to get Green Jobs, Women in the Workplace, and Transferable Skills. We expect a high turnout of managerial, professorial and administrative candidates, as well as students, people of color, and skilled workers.

For more information: [http://www.ulpdx.org/news-events\\_index.html](http://www.ulpdx.org/news-events_index.html)

### **Earth Day in Music and Song**

First Unitarian Church, Eliot Chapel, SW 12th and Salmon, Portland.  
Saturday, April 18 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Celebrate with music, singing,

poetry, and quiet reflection. The featured artist is Michael Allan Harrison; program includes flute, cello, and vocal performances, including a choir led by Dr. David York.

Donations requested. For more information, call the Center for Earth Leadership, 503-227-2315.

### **17th Annual BEST Awards Breakfast Event**

Hilton Portland and Executive Towers, Downtown Portland  
April 22nd, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. (Doors open at 7 a.m.)



Enjoy a delicious, local breakfast and celebrate as the 2009 most sustainable businesses are announced! With a keynote from Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times Columnist Nicholas D. Kristof.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.portlandonline.com/bps/BESTAwards](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/BESTAwards)



### **The Chair Affair, a benefit for Community Warehouse**

Staver Locomotive 2537 NW 29th, Portland  
Thursday, April 23rd 6 – 9 p.m.

Over 80 local artists featuring chair-related art that includes jewelry, paintings, pottery, fabric, and of course, dozens of fabulous chairs! "Take a Seat" auction items: Blazer tickets, dinner & theatre seats, a weekend at the beach, and MORE! Have a seat & enjoy dessert during the live auction!

Tickets are \$50 each or buy a dessert table for eight for the price of six tickets. Available online at [communitywarehouse.org](http://communitywarehouse.org) or (503)274-4750 or e-mail [sally@communitywarehouse.org](mailto:sally@communitywarehouse.org).

## Job Opportunities

### **Metro Seasonal Recycling Education Assistant**

Work 5-8 hours per week, April through mid-June and 3-4 days per week mid-June through August, to deliver waste reduction activities to elementary school students at metro-area summer day camps.

To apply, send résumé and cover letter describing your experience leading and/or creating environmental education activities for youth and your knowledge of and commitment to waste reduction to: Freda Sherburne, [freda.sherburne@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:freda.sherburne@oregonmetro.gov). Include the word "Application" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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