

## April News

### Show Your Class Spirit!

Master Recyclers have had an astounding presence in the Metro region. We are now 962 Master Recyclers strong and contributed over 22,000 hours inspiring our communities to reduce their waste. I think you can officially call that a movement!

So, the big question is which of all the 43 classes is the best class?

- Class 1 started this whole thing. So we definitely have to recognize these early starters as an important class.
- The Washington County Fall 2007 Class 36 has the most hours completed to date (1293 hours). This class has some really active Master Recyclers including **Tracey Gamely** with 115 hours, **Segeni Mungai** with 150 hours, **Coleen Johnston** with 169 hours and **Christy Kuziinsky** with 193 hours.
- The Portland Spring 2007 Class 35 highest average hours completed per capita averaging 46 hours.
- My class, Portland Spring 2006 Class 31, has the highest number of Certified Master Recyclers with 20 members of the class reaching their commitment goals.



*Colleen Johnston weathers the elements.*



*Segeni Mungai, training other Master Recyclers at a 2008 Plastics Roundup.*

It's safe to say that Master Recyclers can all feel great about their work and know that you are building stewardship throughout the region.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Lauren Norris".

J Lauren Norris

## Master Recycler Vermicomposting Spring Tour

PCC Rock Creek Campus

17705 NW Springville Rd. Portland

Saturday, May 1st 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Space is limited to Master Recyclers only. Maximum Attendees: 30

Tour the PCC Rock Creek Campus vermicomposting program which closes the loop! From cafeteria to the worms to the organic garden and back again to the plates of hungry students, this program shows how simple steps to add vermicomposting to their campus has reduced their waste, provided learning opportunities for students, and helps to nourish visitors organically.

RSVP to Michelle Pimentel at [michellepimentel@comcast.net](mailto:michellepimentel@comcast.net).

## Clackamas County Winter Class 43 Graduates

Congratulations to the newest crew of Master Recyclers! An outstanding group just completed the eight week course last month and hit the ground running with their payback. A quarter of the class has already logged some hours. Welcome to the 27 people committed to promoting recycling and waste prevention. We are pleased you have decided to join in!

Portland's Spring Course starts next week on April 7th and will take place for the first time at the Brentwood Darlington Community Center.



## Thank You Master Recyclers Who Certified this Month!

**Pritha Golden (Class 38)** has moved out of the area, but not before completing her 30 hour commitment. She helped the Art Institute of Portland assess their waste program and identify resources in the community to improve it. Good luck in your new home, Pritha!

**Elysia Lindfield (Class 39)** certified by talking to a huge variety of people. She offered a recycling presentation to an English as a Second Language class to newcomers from all over the world. Elysia talked to



*Dominique Roberts at montavilla Farmers Market.*

kids at Metro’s Earth Day Billboard event, tabled at Fix-it Fairs and garden shows and even participated in a St. John’s Trash to Treasure event.

**Dominique Roberts (Class 41)** participated in several model projects to reduce waste in event settings including Junk to Funk, Base to Butte race, and the innovative durables pilot project at Montavilla Farmer’s Market.

**Grant Humphries (Class 42)** is the first of Class 42 to certify! Grant found many ways to volunteer. He gave a presentation at church, helped assess the effectiveness for neighborhood cleanups to shift to waste prevention, and promoted green remodeling at the ReBuilding Center at tabling events.

Thanks to all four of you!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Portland Recycles! Small Grants Program Evaluation Project

April – August, 2010

Time commitment varies.

The Portland Recycles! Small Grants Program offers grant money to neighborhood, community and nonprofit organizations for projects or items that will help overcome barriers to waste prevention, increase recycling and educate the community.



*Holy Redemer School using durable dishes purchased with a small grant last year.*

Provide technical assistance around waste prevention and recycling during the evaluation of projects and verify the necessary community education component of the organizations that were granted funds.

Contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107, [alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov)

## Portland Farmers' Market PSU Evergreen Campaign

PSU Park Blocks, Portland

Saturdays, March 20th – December 18th (pick your dates)

Shifts: 8:00am - 11:15pm and 10:45am - 2:00 pm

Portland Farmers' Market seeks EverGreen Educators to table at any Saturday market during the season to distribute EverGreen materials and answer questions.

EverGreen, Portland Farmers Market's new green initiative, is aimed to increase recycling and decrease waste at the markets and will promote the virtues of low impact, local living.

Contact: Ryan McLaughlin, EverGreen Coordinator,  
ryan@portlandfarmersmarket.org

## SE Clackamas County Outreach

Master Recycler Warren Jones (Class 43) is working on a project to offer presentations on recycling in the rural Hamlets, Villages, and CPO's of SE Clackamas County who are OUTSIDE of the Metro boundaries. His goal is to start with presentations and then possibly move toward more organize green team concepts.

The communities involved are the areas around the three rural cities of Canby, Estacada, and Molalla. Presentations will be midweek evenings, about one per month, and may include a County CPO Chair's gathering scheduled for late May.

Contact: Warren Jones, 503-829-6424 , wlj1943@molalla.net

## Portland Neighborhood Cleanups

Neighborhood Cleanup season is upon us! Get involved with cleanups in your neighborhood and find creative ways to increase reuse by organizing on-site recovery. Inform and educate neighbors about waste prevention, recycling, and Oregon E-Cycles.

Contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107, alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov

## Earth Stewardship Class Presentation

Murray Hills Christian Church, 15050 Southwest Weir Road, Beaverton  
Any Wednesday evening in April

Present on a topic of your choice. Classes are fairly small in number and are held after a fellowship dinner from 6:30-7:30.

Contact: Kristy Brady, 503-349-4632, [kristy\\_brady@beavton.k12.or.us](mailto:kristy_brady@beavton.k12.or.us)

## Annual Tigard Fred Meyer Fuchsia Plant Event

11565 Southwest Pacific Highway, Tigard  
Saturday April 10th 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

You are invited by Maggiie White (Class 42) to strut your stuff at the store where she works in Tigard! Maggiie suggested to the Store Manager that the event would be a good opportunity to educate customers and guess what? She was put in charge of the project!



*Kate McPherson (Class 43) Remodel it Green table at the Ecoroof Fair*

Contact: Maggiie White,  
[maggiiew@juno.com](mailto:maggiiew@juno.com)

## Spring Cleaning and Recycling Event

Oregon Whole Foods Markets  
Saturday, April 10th 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Shifts available.)

Whole Foods would like Master Recyclers available at each of location to educate customers and team members. Check out a kit from the corresponding local jurisdiction and contact the store location of your choice. Volunteers will receive a free lunch. Participating locations:

Bridgeport, 7380 SW Bridgeport Road, Tigard  
Hollywood, 4301 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland  
Portland, 1210 NW Couch Street, Portland  
Fremont, 3535 NE 15th Avenue, Portland  
Laurelhurst, 2825 East Burnside Road, Portland  
Tanasbourne, 19440 NW Cornell Road, Hillsboro  
Regional Office, 3535 NE 15th Avenue, Portland

Contact: Michael Sipser, 503-645-9200 ext.# 702,  
[Michael.Sipser@wholefoods.com](mailto:Michael.Sipser@wholefoods.com)

## Latino Cultural Festival

Civic Center, 150 E Main St, Hillsboro

Sunday, April 11th Shifts: 11:30 – 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy using your Spanish-language skills to interact with the Latino population at the annual Hillsboro Chamber's Latino Cultural Festival. There are two opportunities for this event.

### **Metro Recycling Information Center Booth**

Join Metro staff at the display they bring to let Spanish speaking residents know about the great Metro recycling and hazardous waste resources available to them.

Contact: Judie Miller, 503-797-1503, judie.miller@oregonmetro.gov

### **Washington County Recycling Booth**

Topics range from basic recycling 101, to green cleaners, waste prevention, and more! Pick up displays and materials at the County's Solid Waste and Recycling office the week before/after the event.

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



*Russell Hollenbeck??!! (Class 35) Looking great at the Rebuilding Center Table of the Home and Garden Show.*

## Veteran's Admin Medical Center Earth Day Celebration

3710 SW US Veterans  
Hospital Road, Portland  
Tuesday, April 20th or  
Thursday, April 22nd  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Check out a greener  
cleaner kit and staff a  
booth at this Earth Day  
Celebration.

Contact for the kit: J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530,  
masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov

Contact to volunteer Tamara Olcott, 503-273-5026, annetam2@gmail.com

## Intel Earth Day

Jones Farm Campus, 5200 NE Elam Young Parkway, Hillsboro  
and Ronler Acres Campus, 2501 Northwest 229th Ave, Hillsboro  
April 21st and April 22nd 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Table at Intel's Earth Day events, with a focus on Greener Cleaners at Ronler Acres and a topic of your choice at Jones Farm.

Contact: Alea Konovalova, [alea.m.konovalova@intel.com](mailto:alea.m.konovalova@intel.com)

## Jefferson High School Carbon Footprint Fair

Jefferson High School, 5210 North Kerby Ave, Portland  
Thursday, April 22nd 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
(the event may end at 1:30 p.m.)

Table the Metro Jeans Display. Pick up and return the display to the Metro Regional Center. The display consists of approximately 4 medium to large boxes. Instructions on how to set up the display and an interpretive plan/talking points are available.



*Joe and Robin using Metro Jeans display.*

Contact: Sara Kirby, 503-797-1521,  
[sara.kirby@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:sara.kirby@oregonmetro.gov)

## Lincoln Center Earth Day Event

Lincoln Center, 10220 SW Greenburg Road, Tigard  
Thursday, April 22nd 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Washington County Recycle at Work staff and Master Recycler to talk about greener cleaner and business waste prevention for this Shoreinstein property management earth day event.

Contact: Kersten Broms (Class 30), 503-998-9148, [kbroms@msn.com](mailto:kbroms@msn.com)

## Portland Community College Earth Day Celebration

Cascade Campus, 705 North Killingsworth Street, Portland  
Thursday, April 22nd (half hour between 11 a.m.- noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Come speak at this Earth Day gathering.

Contact: Traci Parker, 503-978-5193, [traci.parker@pcc.edu](mailto:traci.parker@pcc.edu)

## City of Gresham Earth Day Collection Event and Environmental Fair

City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway, Gresham  
Saturday, April 24th 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



*Master Recyclers and Gresham staff at the 2009 Earth Day Event.*

The City of Gresham will be collecting rigid plastics, fluorescence, cell phones, Styrofoam (excluding spongy and peanuts), and will have paper shredding, and would love to have Master Recyclers volunteer at the event.

Contact: Aubrey Lindstrom, 503-618-2206,  
[Aubrey.Lindstrom@greshamoregon.gov](mailto:Aubrey.Lindstrom@greshamoregon.gov)

## City Repair Earth Day 2010: Re-Seeding Our World!

Washington High School, SE 12th Ave. & Stark St, Portland  
Saturday, April 24th 9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Shifts available)

Promote Free Geek, answer questions and sign people up for a Free Geek newsletter. Free Geek will provide a brief training a few weeks before the event.

Contact: Ali Briggs, [ali@freegeek.org](mailto:ali@freegeek.org)

## Earth Day Birthday Celebration

Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County  
22785 NW Birch St, Hillsboro  
Saturday, April 24th  
11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Table for compost/worm bin and recycling booths at this Earth Day Birthday Celebration, hosted as part of Green Faith in Action campaign.

Contact: Lily Todd, 503-516-1314,  
[lilodd@gmail.com](mailto:lilodd@gmail.com)

**Log your  
volunteer hours !**  
Visit  
[www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)  
and click on the  
Members tab.

## Children's Clean Water Festival

PCC Sylvania, 1626 Southeast Water Ave, Portland  
Tuesday, April 27th 7 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### Shifts:

7 – 10:30 a.m. (Includes check-in, set-up display and begin working with students.)

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Work with students and break-down display.)

Staff the Washington County Recycling and cup-a-day display, along with Kid Stuff activity books. This is a well-attended event, very popular with the schools. Pick up materials and displays prior to the event.

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

## Richmond One-Can-A-Month Recycle Challenge

Weekends of May 1st – 2nd, May 8nd – 9th, and/or May 15th – 16th

Richmond One-Can-A-Month Recycle Challenge seeks volunteers to assist families with in-home waste audits, and recycling and composting instruction. The One-Can Challenge involves ten families (with two kids or more) switching from weekly to monthly garbage service from May through October 2010. The Richmond Neighborhood Association is providing worm bins, cash reimbursement, and expert recycling and composting instruction to help the families make the switch. Visit <http://richmondpdx.org/> to learn more about the project.

Contact Allen Field, 503-236-3657, allen\_field@yahoo.com

## Conservation News

### Community Warehouse 4th Annual Chair Affair+

1625 NE Sandy, Portland  
Thursday, April 8th 5:30 – 9 p.m.

This fundraiser for Community Warehouse will feature a live auction of vacations and experiences, silent art and chair auction, and food, drink, and fun.



For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit <http://communitywarehouse.org/chairaffair>.

## Earth Day Evening of Music and Song

First Unitarian Church., SW 12th and Salmon St., Portland  
Friday, April 23rd 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with an evening of music and song. For more information, call the Center for Earth Leadership, 503-227-2315.

## Recycling & Sustainability Fair

Welches Middle School, Welches, OR  
Saturday, April 24th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Mt. Hood Green Scene is a recycling event and sustainability fair sponsored by the Sustainable Hoodland Network, the Villages at Mt Hood, and the Clackamas County Office of Sustainability. It was funded by a grant from Portland Recycling Team. music, food, student displays, kid's activities, local green businesses and groups, and information for living sustainably.

For more information, visit <http://mthood-greenscene.net>.

## The Practice of Hope

Location in Downtown Portland  
May 22nd 9 a.m. – Noon

Jeanne and Dick Roy, co-founders of the Center for Earth Leadership, the Northwest Earth Institute, and the Natural Step Network present.

Living in a society where “bad news” seems so prevalent, is authentic hope possible? Topics covered in this interactive workshop include the meaning of hope, its interface with optimism and pessimism, the practice of hope as an intentional act, guiding principles for the practice, specific daily practices, and alignment.

This event is free, but advance registration is required.  
Contact: Emily Klavins, 503-227-2315, [info@earthleaders.org](mailto:info@earthleaders.org).

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