

February News

Keep Up the Class Spirit!

The Master Recycler Program welcomes new members currently attending the Clackamas County **Class 40**. We know you will Provide great outreach in Clackamas County. When you graduate in February you will be following on the heels of the very ambitious Washington County **Class 39** who has already accumulated 284 hours since October!



Ted Fuller (Class 30)

Which class has accumulated the most hours? Washington County's fall 2005 **Class 30** takes the prize, accumulating 1082 total hours and averaging 36 hours per person. However, Portland's spring 2007 **Class 35** also takes top billing, averaging 38 hours per person and accumulating a total of 1014 hours. Following closely behind is the Clackamas County's spring 2006 **Class 32**, which has accumulated 985 hours, averaging 32 hours per Master Recycler.

Overall, Master Recyclers have had an astounding impact in the Metro region. We are now 876 Master Recyclers strong and you have all spent over 18,000 hours inspiring your communities to reduce their waste. I think you can officially call that a movement!

J Lauren Norris

Certified Master Recyclers

Fully bilingual in Spanish and English, **Gabriela Buamscha** (Class 27) helped reach hundreds of residents who might not have otherwise heard about recycling, plastics and greener cleaners.

Last July **Charlotte Matthews** (Class 38) adopted a table with fellow Master Recycler Mary Ann Pastene (Class 37) at the EcoTrust Farmers' Markets. They rotated topics throughout the month, talking about the new roll carts, greener cleaners, compost and much more. Charlotte also hosted an Eco-party and helped staff a Plastics Roundup.



Gabriela brings Argentinean flare to Plastics Roundup by sipping mate while she works.

Thanks to both of you!

Volunteer Opportunities

Portland International Auto Show

Oregon Convention Center 777 NE MLK Blvd, Portland

Thursday – Sunday, February 5 – 8

10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Thurs. – Sat.) 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Sunday)

Join Master Recycler Matt Nicoll (Class 39) to staff a Portland Recycles! booth. This will be a huge event with thousands of contacts that may not traditionally hear about recycling. Best to come to the show by Max as parking is tricky. Entry badges will be provided to volunteers.

Contact: Matt Nicoll (503)731-7948, mattnicoll@oregoncc.org

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, apolacok@ci.portland.or.us

Fix-It Fair

George Middle School 10000 N Burr Ave. Portland

Saturday, February 7th 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Shifts: 8 a.m. – noon and 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (these include set up and take down assistance)

Help Metro staff with their Greener Homes display at the Fix-It Fair. These fun community events offer money-saving solutions and educational opportunities to low-income households while emphasizing healthy, environmentally friendly homes and gardens. This is one of the most effective tabling opportunities for Master Recyclers. It reaches a diverse audience who come specifically to learn what you have to teach. And there's free lunch and child care!

Contact: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us

Oregon E-Cycles Tabling at Everything Green Oregon Expo

Oregon Convention Center 777 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd, Portland

Saturday, Feb 14th 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 15th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Help spread the word about Oregon E-Cycles, Oregon's new statewide electronics recycling program, at the Everything Green Oregon Expo. DEQ provides a display and materials as well as a brief training before the event. for more information, visit www.oregonecycles.org.

Contact: Kelly Panciera (503)229-5830, panciera.kelly@deq.state.or.us

Portland Home and Garden Show

Portland Expo Center, N Portland

Wednesday through Sunday, February 18-22, 2009

(10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wed – Sat; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun)

Staff Metro's 'Healthy Homes' at this fun event. The booth covers Composting and Green Cleaners.

Contact: Caran Goodall (503)797-1963, caran.goodall@oregonmetro.gov

Log your volunteer hours!

Visit www.masterrecycler.org

and click on the MEMBERS tab.

Yard, Garden and Patio Show

Oregon Convention Center, Portland

Friday through Sunday, February 27th – March 1st

(10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday)

Staff Metro's 'Healthy Homes' at this fun event. The booth covers Composting and Green Cleaners.

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EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It may seem early but event coordinators around the region are looking forward to celebrating Earth Day in April. To help them plan successful events, please contact coordinators as soon as you can.

The 100th Monkey Studio Reduce/Reuse/Recycle: Art for the Earth

110 SE 16th Ave, Portland

Friday, April 3rd 6 – 9 p.m.

The 100th Monkey Studio invites a Master Recycler to table at the Reduce/Reuse/Recycle: Art for the Earth art opening. The studio will celebrate Earth Day all month with various events. Staff a table about waste prevention, reuse and recycling. For more information, visit www.the100thmonkeystudio.com

Contact: Alicia Polacok (503)823-7107, apolacok@ci.portland.or.us

Metro's Earth Day Billboard Contest Unveiling

Metro Regional Headquarters, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland

Saturday, April 5th 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day early by staffing hands-on activities at this annual event for student artists and their families. Metro needs two volunteers per table to staff four tables/rooms: Composting, Greener Cleaners, Recycle Roulette, and Art from Used Stuff. Enjoy cute kids, great art and free food. Help kids and their families learn and see the top 200 designs for the annual art contest.

Contact: Freda Sherburne (503)797-1522, sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us

Celebrating Water – Earth Day: Connecting Water, Land, and People

Clackamas Community College, Gregory Forum Bldg
19600 S Molalla Ave, Oregon City
Wednesday, April 8th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Staff a Clackamas County Office of Sustainability table with a reuse activity for kids and general waste reduction information. for more information, visit www.clackamasriver.org.

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

The 100th Monkey Studio Reduce/Reuse/Recycle: Art for the Earth

110 SE 16th Ave, Portland
Saturday, April 25th 1 – 5 p.m.

The 100th Monkey Studio invites a Master Recycler to lead an interactive workshop for families to end the Earth Day celebration. Present about the three R's and assist with an art project that families can take home to be a reminder about reducing their waste and reusing a variety of materials. Contacts at the studio will work with you on the art making experience.

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Conservation News

17th Annual BEST Awards Now Accepting Applications

Businesses for an Environmentally Sustainable Tomorrow

January 15 – February 13, 2009

Since 1993, the BEST Awards have been presented annually to Portland area companies demonstrating excellence in business practices that promote economic growth and environmental benefits. The mission of the BEST Awards is to inspire the business community by showcasing innovation and commitment to sustainability. For more information, or to apply:

www.portlandonline.com/osd/BESTAwards
(503)823-7222 , osdcommunications@ci.portland.or.us

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SERAP has moved!
 ...just down the street to 2915 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd (at Stanton).

Check out the great new digs with a whole new workshop room!

Assessing Your Ecological Footprint

A six-session class offered by The Center for Earth Leadership. Learn more about your impact on the earth and what you can do about it. Use the Ecological Footprint tool to measure your resource consumption and waste assimilation requirements and learn steps with the greatest reductions. Facilitator Jeanne Roy invites expert speakers on transportation, food, home energy, consumer goods, toxic chemicals, and water.

Thursday evenings, 6:45 to 9:00 pm
 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7
 Fee: \$25
 To register, e-mail Jeanne@earthleaders.org.

Job Opportunities

Metro Sustainability Center Science and Stewardship Manager
 A complete job description and application instructions available at: www.oregonmetro.gov/jobs

