

## Master Recycler Program wins Excellence in Outreach and Involvement Award

The Association of Oregon Recyclers awarded the Master Recycler Program the Excellence in Outreach and Involvement Award this year! The Award was announced at the Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) Annual Conference in Redmond, Ore., on June 23.

AOR chose the Master Recycler Program for its innovations in diversity outreach, strides in plastics recycling education and overall growth in public education in the Portland Metro region. In the last quarter, Master Recyclers set a record by volunteering over 1,100 hours!



*Alicia Polacok (Class 22) Receives Award from Susan Ziolko and Rick Winterhalter from Clackamas County*

Master Recycler Mentor Alicia Polacok (Class 22) received the award on behalf of the program. In her acceptance speech, she shared why she felt committed enough to waste reduction outreach to have completed over 100 payback hours.

All Master Recyclers should feel proud of the creative and effective impact you have in the Metro region. This award goes to all of you for your commitment. I am very pleased that AOR recognized you for your efforts!

Thank you,

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

J Lauren Norris

## MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM NEWS

### Washington County Meet and Greet

Tuesday, July 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

155 N First Ave, Rooms 115 and 125, Hillsboro

Master Recyclers in Washington County are invited to a fun evening to meet the new Washington County Solid Waste and Recycling team, find out about volunteer opportunities in Washington County and learn about the new roll cart system soon to be introduced in Hillsboro.

Refreshments will be provided.

R.S.V.P. to Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651, [michelle\\_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us](mailto:michelle_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us)

### June Certifications

Congratulations to three Master Recyclers who certified this month. **Dana Gantz** (Class 31) tabled at a variety of community events, worked at Master Recycler Plastics Roundups and

started a green team at her SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) office. **Brian Ludlow** (Class 33) devoted his payback to spreading the word about The ReBuilding Center through tradeshow and events. **Inge Robertson** (Class 27) volunteered at the Sherwood plastics roundup, tabled several times at the Sherwood Farmers' Market and talked to her neighbors and church members about recycling. Thank you to all three of you!

### **New green remodeling kit available for Master Recyclers to use**

According to DEQ, construction and demolition waste is the fastest growing component of Oregon's waste. Now, thanks to a partnership with the Green Building Program at the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development, there is a great kit that Master Recyclers can check out that will help you do outreach on this topic.

The Green Remodel Kit is geared toward residents who are considering remodeling. It has 10 key messages about how to build in a way that saves energy, manages storm water, and reduces waste. Literature and sample alternative materials will be available when you check out the kit. The display can be used by Master Recyclers throughout the region. You may want to consider checking it out for your next table at your local farmer's market, street fair or other community event!

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



*The green remodel kit emphasizes key green building messages.*

### **Fall Master Recycler Class Registration Opens August 1**

Washington County will host the September/October Master Recycler Class, which will be held on Wednesdays. Many thanks to the Master Recyclers from the Washington County Unitarian Universalist Church who arranged for using their facilities to host the class.

Let your friends, family and co-workers know what a great experience it is to be a Master Recycler. Online registration will open on August 1 at [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org) and is expected to fill quickly. People can also register over the phone by calling 503-823-7530.

WHERE: Washington County Unitarian Universalist Church, 2275 NW Birch, Hillsboro (5 minute walk from Orenco Station on MAX)

WHEN: 7-9:30 p.m. on eight Wednesdays in September and October (9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24). One evening field trip on Tuesday, September 11, and two half-day Saturday field trips on September 22 and October 13. Please do not sign up if you do not plan to make all eleven dates. There will be no way to make up classes.

COST: \$50, by credit card online or check made out to Master Recycler Program.

### Organize a Master Recycler Tour

Master Recyclers love tours and there are so many really cool places to visit, like MetroPaint recycling plant, Agri-plas, paper mills, glass recyclers, yard debris composters and more. Even though current classes go on tours and there is a large tour during the Spring Quarterly Open Houses in the, it would be ideal to offer a tour every other month for ongoing training and education.

For this reason, the Master Recycler Program announces a new Tour Project where Master Recyclers make contacts, organize and plan logistics of a tour as a payback project. While attending a tour does not count as payback, organizing a tour would. All tours must be approved by the Master Recycler Program Coordinator.



*Agri-plas Vice President Allen Jongsma talks about twine recycling at a tour in 2005*

To sign up to be a tour organizer contact J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530, [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us)

## MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### OHSU Portland Farmers' Market

3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Portland  
Tuesday, July 10, 3 - 7 p.m.

Join Master Recycler, Alex Ho (Class 35) to table about residential recycling.

Contact: Alex Ho, [alextsunghinho@gmail.com](mailto:alextsunghinho@gmail.com)

### East Bank Portland Farmers' Market

SE 20th and Salmon, Portland  
Thursday, August 2, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Master Recycler, Alex Ho (Class 35) to table about residential recycling.

Contact: Alex Ho, [alextsunghinho@gmail.com](mailto:alextsunghinho@gmail.com)

### People's Co-op Farmers' Market

3029 SE 21st Ave., Portland  
Wednesday, July 11, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join Catha Loomis (Class 35) for tabling on choosing durables instead of disposable products.

Don't forget to log your  
volunteer hours.

Visit [masterrecycler.org](http://masterrecycler.org) and  
click on the Members tab.

Username: MasterRecycler  
Password: master

Pick a shift or join for the duration.

Contact: Catha Loomis, [clwriter@easystreet.com](mailto:clwriter@easystreet.com)

### **Hillsboro Farmers' Market**

Main & East 2nd, Hillsboro

Saturday, July 14, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24, 5 - 8:30 p.m.

Join Washington County staff and talk to residents about the upcoming move to roll carts in Hillsboro.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651, [Michelle\\_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Michelle_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us)

### **Mississippi Street Fair**

3416 N Mississippi St., Portland

Saturday, July 14

There are two opportunities at this event.

#### **1. Portland Recycles! Booth**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Staff a table on residential recycling. Talk about glass on the side, plastic recycling and more.

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

#### **2. The ReBuilding Center Booth**

Shifts: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 3 - 7 p.m.

Talk to North Portland Residents about The ReBuilding Center at this fun and popular neighborhood event.

Contact: Megan McCoy, 503-467-4985, [volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org](mailto:volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org)

### **Beaverton Farmer's Market Plastic Pot Day**

Pick a Saturday

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Last year, a Master Recycler organized a plastic pot recycling day at the Beaverton Farmer's Market. It was a big success for recycling, but the great surprise was that many of the Market's plant vendors used it as a reuse opportunity and gleaned many pots for future plantings! Sadly, the Master Recycler who did it last year moved, and the plant vendors would like to invite a Master Recycler to organize another plastic pot day in his absence!

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

### **Eco-Fair 2007 (in conjunction with Sandy Mountain Festival)**

18090 SE Langensand Rd, Sandy

Saturday, July 14

Shifts: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or 2 - 6 p.m.

St. Michael's Parish hosts this unique Eco-fair of hands-on demonstrations and information. Staff a table on residential recycling. Let people know that plastics tubs can be recycled curbside in Clackamas County. The Eco-fair is held in conjunction with the Sandy Mountain Days, which attracts 50,000 visitors to this small town at the foot of Mt. Hood.

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



*Christine Charneski (Class 35) talking about worms at Hollywood Farmer's Market. Picture by Craig Clark (Class 31)*

## **Portland Recycles! Door-to-Door Outreach**

Lents & Arbor Lodge Neighborhoods, Portland  
July 18-19 and 24-25 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

It's not too late to help with the Portland Recycles! outreach project. In early July, the City of Portland will test the roll cart recycling system, outreach methods and public response on a small scale. Master Recyclers are still needed to visit households to help residents learn about their new system.

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

## **West Linn Old Time Fair**

Willamette Park, West Linn  
Saturday, July 21, 6 - 10 p.m.  
Sunday, July 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Staff a table on residential recycling with Clackamas County staff at this fun community event. Help get the word out about recycling plastic tubs in Clackamas.

Contact: *Sherri Dow, 503-353-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us*

## **Cracked Pot Art Show**

McMenamin's Edgefield Gardens, 2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale  
Tuesday and Wednesday, July 24 and 25, 12:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Come be a part of a fun, wildly popular recycled art show! Thousands of people attend this show where the emphasis is not just on art, but on creating beauty from recycled and reused materials. Don't miss this fun chance to reach a large audience in a beautiful setting.

There are three volunteer opportunities. Shifts for all opportunities are 12:30 - 4 p.m. and 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

### **1. Metro Waste Reduction Education**

Staff a booth demonstrating innovative products made from recycled materials. Engage the public with a short activity where people match products with the materials they are made from.

Contact: *Amy Wilson, 503-797-1521, wilsona@metro.dst.or.us*

### **2. Oregon Community Warehouse**

Staff a table about this non-profit that gets used household goods to families in need.

Contact: *Sally Oakes, 503-274-4750, Sally@CommunityWarehouse.org*

### **3. Staff the "dump pile"**

Attendees glean items reclaimed from the landfill and give them new life. Much like our reuse areas at the Plastics Roundups, this job involves engaging potential gleaners. On Tuesday, this job would entail showing up a bit early (11 a.m.) to set up items attractively.

Contact: *Mary Lou, 503-289-1381, mlulu56@msn.com*

## **Damascus Day in the Park**

Hwy 212 and Foster, Boring  
Saturday, July 28,  
Shifts: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.

Table about residential recycling in Clackamas County and let folks know about the new plastics that can be recycled at the curb. The event will include a safety fair, a quilt show, raffle, arts and

crafts show and sale, wine tasting, BBQ and beer garden, and more!

Contact: Sherri Dow, 503-353-4463, [sherri Dow@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:sherri Dow@co.clackamas.or.us)

### **Hillsboro Celebration**

Main & E 2nd, Hillsboro

Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5

Shifts: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 3 - 7 p.m.

Join Washington County staff to talk to residents about residential recycling and the new roll cart system.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651, [Michelle\\_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Michelle_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us)

### **The Bite of Oregon**

Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland

Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

The Bite of Oregon, a fundraiser for the Special Olympics, is one of the biggest food and entertainment events in Portland. The Bite is trying to improve its recycling efforts and to further green the event. They are coordinating staffed recycling stations and two test composting stations at the event. The Bite invites a few Master Recyclers to assist with training for the volunteers, and then to be on site to work with volunteers at the stations, be available as a resource for questions, roam between stations providing morale, and teaching volunteers about doing diversion at the stations. All volunteers will receive free entrance to the event, a Bite of Oregon T-shirt, and voucher for free ice cream!

Contact: Lindsey Newkirk, 503-789-2018, [lindseynewkirk@hotmail.com](mailto:lindseynewkirk@hotmail.com)

### **Blue Lake Park Recycling Outreach**

SE 223rd Ave. and Marine Drive, Fairview

Any weekend day this summer

Annie West (Class 34) is a Park Ranger at Metro's Blue Lake. She has been busy overhauling their waste management system. The park went from having about 150 garbage cans and 30-40 randomly placed recycling cans to an equal number of each that are strategically placed together with new pictorial signs. Waste will be managed at a central location with storm water soakage trenches.



*Encourage recycling at beautiful Blue Lake Park*

Help Metro get out the word to park attendees. Spend a delightful day (or days) wandering through this beautiful park on a bike (furnished by the park) or on foot or sit at an information table explaining why recycling is important and how to use the system. Pick any weekend day. You'll be handing out stickers, pencils and magnets and making recycling easy and fun! Spanish and Russian skills are especially useful, but not necessary.

Contact: Annie West [westa@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:westa@metro.dst.or.us), or call J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530

## **Peninsula Children's Center**

4720 N Maryland Ave, Portland

A Wednesday or Thursday in July, between 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

The Peninsula Children's Center serves primarily low-income, working families in North Portland. Portland BlueWorks is helping the Center develop a comprehensive waste reduction plan. They would like to include the children in the plan by inviting a Master Recycler to walk around to classrooms to give short presentations and get students enthusiastic about recycling. The children are between 0 and 5 years old.

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

## **Recycling Specialist at Nature Conservancy**

821 SE 14th Ave, Portland

Ongoing opportunity

Make a considerable difference for nature (and our work environment) by coordinating and completing office-wide recycling of paper, plastic, aluminum and other items while ensuring we recycle as many materials as possible. This is a very flexible position, with a minimum commitment of one to two hours weekly for six months to a year (or longer).

*Contact: Molly Dougherty, 503-802-8100, mdougherty@tnc.org*

## **St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church Plastics Presentation**

17435 NW West Union Rd, Bethany/Rock Creek Community

Choose a Sunday in July

9-9:45 a.m.

A participant of the Rock Creek plastics roundups invites a Master Recycler to present on residential recycling in her church. She would like some explanation of how to sort the plastics roundup materials so she *can organize a drop box for plastic recycling that she will then bring to the roundups.*

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

## **Presentation at the Waypost Cafe**

3120 N Williams, Portland

Anytime, though the best time is Saturday afternoon or Thursday night

The Waypost Café offers community members the opportunity to share their knowledge about various topics. They have invited Master Recyclers to offer a presentation of your choice. You could check out a kit to supplement your presentation. To see more about the café, visit [www.thewaypost.com](http://www.thewaypost.com).

*Contact: Carrie Rondo, 971-227-2610, carrie@thewaypost.com*

## **JOBS**

Additional open jobs are listed in the Master Recycler Forum in the Members' section of the website.

## **City of Portland Business Recycling Specialist**

Closes: Monday, July 2

The Business Recycling Specialist for the Office of Sustainable Development is responsible for providing technical assistance to businesses to improve recycling, waste prevention and

sustainable purchasing practices. Duties include conducting site visits to help businesses better understand recycling processes, coordinating services provided by recycling collectors and identifying markets for hard to recycle items. Additional duties will include assisting with various solid waste-related committees and developing marketing information and reports on program goals and objectives. The Business Recycling Specialist is expected to function as a member of a team as well as carry out individual responsibilities with initiative; independence and creativity while exercising sound problem-solving skills and professional judgment.

More Information: <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/07-170/07-170.htm>

### **Oregon DEQ, Solid Waste Information Assistant**

Closes: Tuesday, July 3

This position will support the DEQ's efforts to properly handle solid waste in the state of Oregon. It will be responsible for issuing waste tire permits; supporting solid waste education programs; and providing administrative support to the Solid Waste Policy and Program Development section.

More Information: [www.deq.state.or.us/msd/hr/jobs.asp](http://www.deq.state.or.us/msd/hr/jobs.asp)

### **City of Portland OSD, Communications Manager**

Closes: Thursday, July 5

The Communications Manager for the Office of Sustainable Development (OSD) is responsible for overseeing the communications and public relations efforts of the bureau including: strategic communications planning; media relations; internal and external communications; creation of public information materials for programs and projects; and supervising a small staff. The position also provides guidance to OSD's economic development work, including working with the Portland Development Commission and private partners and participating in high-level development of strategies for sustainable economic development. The position serves on the OSD management team and frequently represents the Office in the development of partnerships with other bureaus, public agencies and private partners. This position requires a skilled communicator with demonstrated ability to build partnerships, analyze complex issues, develop effective communications strategies that tie to overall bureau and City objectives, and provide guidance to other managers and bureau staff in maintaining direction of overall strategic communications.

More Information: <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/07-173/07-173.htm>

### **City of Gresham, Recycling Coordinator**

Closes: Friday, July 6

The position is critical to the success of the City's waste prevention and recycling programs. The Recycling Coordinator will be responsible for: oversight of the residential recycling program, including coordinating the implementation of a new cart-based system in Fall 2007; planning, implementing and coordinating recycling and waste prevention programs at multifamily properties; coordinating the publication of the Program's outreach and educational materials; coordinating the City government's internal waste reduction program and Green Team; providing customer service; helping plan and implement public events; and assist the Program Manager in strategic planning for the Recycling & Solid Waste program, and other duties as assigned. Occasional evening and weekend work is required.

More Information: [www.ci.gresham.or.us](http://www.ci.gresham.or.us)

## **Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Field Organizer**

Closes: Sunday, July 8

Field organizers are responsible for organizing two or three of OLCV's eight County Chapters. OLCV's county chapter program was established with the goal of increasing the grassroots capacity of the environmental community working on elections and to bring a local focus to OLCV's work. The county chapter program is the heart of OLCV's political program at the local level. OLCV field organizers lead these county chapter efforts to identify and elect pro-environment candidates for city, county and other local governments, as well as executing campaigns for legislative offices within the county. Visit the Master Recycler website for more details. Send resume and cover letter to: OLCV Job Opening - Field Organizer, 320 SW Stark #530, Portland, OR 97204, Fax to (503) 224-1548, or via email to [katy@olcv.org](mailto:katy@olcv.org)

## **Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling, Program Coordinator**

Closes: Monday, July 9

This is a rewarding opportunity to provide regulatory oversight of the Washington County solid waste system that includes disposal facilities and collection services. In addition to business compliance duties, this position is also a liaison to other state and local agencies and service providers.

More Information: <https://hrapps.co.washington.or.us/applicationsonline/index.cfm?page=jobdesc&id=366>

## **Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling, Recycling Project Specialist**

Closes: Monday, July 9

Rewarding opportunity to analyze, design and implement waste reduction and recycling programs for Washington County. Additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to: serving as a technical resource on recycling issues to county departments, private businesses and the general public, developing work programs in response to grant agreements, preparing grant application materials, and representing the county on regional work groups and technical committees.

More Information: <https://hrapps.co.washington.or.us/applicationsonline/index.cfm?page=jobdesc&id=367>

## **City of Portland, BEST Business Center Program Coordinator**

Closes: Monday, July 16

The Position is responsible for overseeing a program that will provide resource conservation assistance to small businesses throughout Portland. Specifically, the position will have extensive operational, technical, and resource knowledge to assist small businesses in developing customized resource conservation plans that might include ways to: improve energy and water efficiency; increase recycling and reduce waste; purchase renewable energy; and, increase access to financial assistance. Duties include daily work with individual businesses, industry partners, and other resource conservation participants; developing referral processes; assisting with database development and implementation; compiling data, evaluating and reporting on all contacts, referrals, and business outcomes; and providing follow-up to small businesses, OSD leadership and staff and partners; staffing an OSD Advisory Committee; participating in committees established by funding partners; and preparing materials and reports for OSD and industry partners. This position may require weekend and evening work.

More Information: <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/07-189/07-189.htm>

## **Portland Farmer's Market, Executive Director**

Closes: Monday, July 16

The Executive Director's job scope is broad, demanding, and seasonally intense. During high season, we must execute four weekly markets as flawlessly as possible while managing the complex administrative business in the office, and maintaining a public presence with our sponsors, vendors and the larger community. During the off season, there is time for longer range planning and getting prepared for the next season.

More Information: [www.portlandfarmersmarket.org](http://www.portlandfarmersmarket.org)

## **CONSERVATION NEWS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS**

### **Assessing Your Ecological Footprint**

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

September 18, 25 and October 2, 16, 23, 30

\$25 fee

The Ecological Footprint is an internationally respected tool for measuring the resource consumption and waste assimilation requirements of a given population or individual. This class is for those who would like to take the footprint quiz and then learn which steps can bring about the greatest reductions. Each session--food, transportation, home energy, consumer goods, toxic chemicals, and water--will include a presentation by a local expert and small-group discussion.

Facilitator: Jeanne Roy, former teacher and founder of Recycling Advocates, the local Master Recycler program, and the Home Eco-Party program. She is the author of Ten Stresses on the Planet, "Home Eco-Tips," and the former weekly newspaper column "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

### **How to Be an Agent of Change in Your Circle of Influence**

Wednesdays, September 19 to October 17 with a follow-up session on November 14 (7:00 to 8:45 p.m.)

Thursdays, October 18 to November 8 with a follow-up session on December 6 (7:00 to 8:45 p.m.)

Each of us is a member of numerous circles of influence, such as a workplace, neighborhood, club or organization. This class covers the theory, practice, and tools of a change agent working within a chosen circle of influence. Each participant will select one circle of influence, develop a strategy and plan for change, and take steps of early implementation, in consultation with other members in the class.

This class is intended for motivated individuals who wish to help create a sustainable future and who are ready to prepare and implement a project to reduce human impact on the earth.

Presenters: Jeanne and/or Dick Roy, co-founders of the Northwest Earth Institute, the Oregon Natural Step Network, and the Center for Earth Leadership.

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