

July News

Master Recyclers Model Less Consumption in Daily Lives

As local governments and the state grapple with how to frame the issue of waste prevention for the general public, it dawns on me that we need only look around us to see incredibly positive role models. Master Recyclers have taken on a leadership role in this movement by simply making the changes in your daily lives and then telling your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors about what you do.

Oregon is hungry for the examples that you offer:

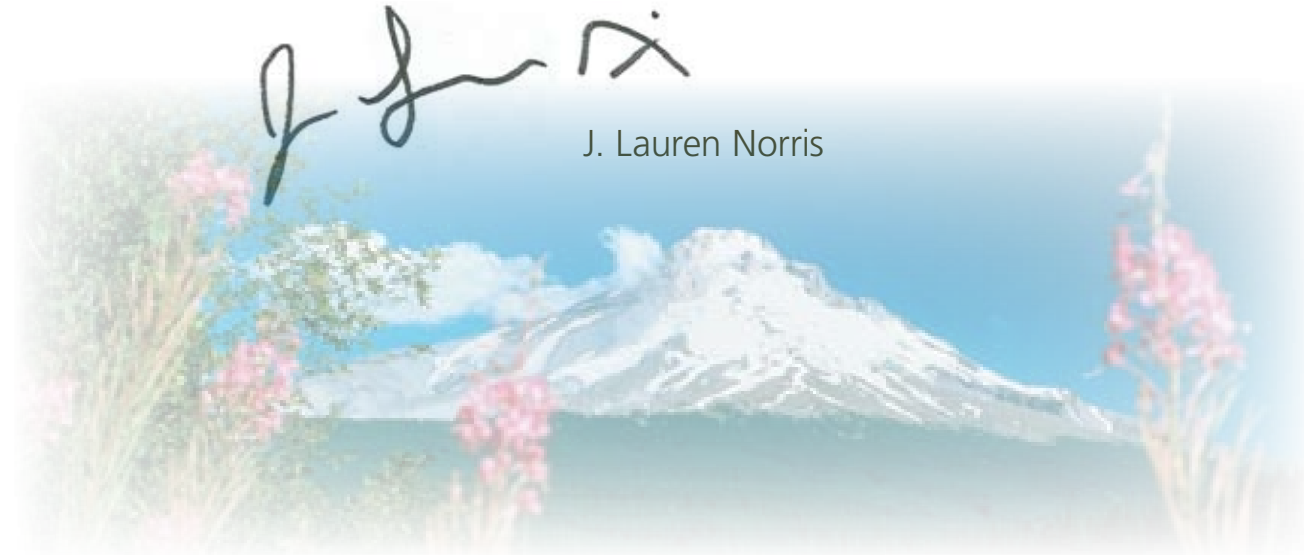
- Ron Reese of Clackamas was featured in the Oregonian for the strides he's made in making beautiful green buildings.
- Ted Fuller in Hillsboro was featured on the front page of the Oregonian for making daily changes at home that will lower his family's footprint.
- Fellow Master Recyclers Lonnie Port, Daniel Steigerwald, Carey Collins, and Bill Steimer created a SE Neighborhood Green Team. Bill discovered that, as a retired lawyer, focusing his impact on the planet has greatly improved his quality of life.
- The EnviroMom.com blog (lead by Heather Hawkins and Renee Limon) has 800 SW Portland moms chatting about how to raise their children in a way that leaves a hopeful future for them.

The thing that strikes me about your stories is that none of you are talking about what you had to give up, but rather the satisfying choices you embraced.

Thank you,



J. Lauren Norris



Starlight Parade



Master Recyclers joined the City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development to march and dance with the new Portland roll carts in front of 250,000 people. The song was, appropriately, "Reduce, Reuse Recycle" by Jack Johnson. Thanks to Ivan Camacho, Molly Chidsey, Yvonne Garcia, Jim Maddry, Harris Orem, Kathy

Schaub, Jaylen Schmitt, Gail Simmons, and Erica Thygesen!

Roll Carts, Business Waste Reduction, Waste Prevention, Plastics and Compost

This month's Certificates demonstrate the depth of Master Recycler involvement throughout the region.

Sue Ceswick (Class 30) promoted creative reuse at several SCRAP tables. Sue is passionate about the Roundups and plans to continue to partake in these events.

A major advisory committee junkie, **Nancy Oberschmidt** (Class 33) spent countless hours helping hash out policy to improve waste reduction in Portland. She also organized Sustainability fairs at OHSU. Nancy has become a mentor in business composting after converting the system at OHSU.

Tristan Whitehead (Class 33) created an innovative compost project. He trained neighbors in his block on composting and brainstormed how the apartment dwellers and properties with more space could share compost piles. He also joined in on the Portland Recycles! roll cart campaign by canvassing and presenting.

Susan Bartlett (Class 35) joined the Portland Recycles! roll cart campaign in Cully Neighborhood. She canvassed, presented and tabled in her diverse neighborhood. Susan also shared her wealth of green building knowledge for the Rebuilding Center and the City of Portland.

Mary Bellafronto (Class 35) designed and implemented a sustainability plan at her Clackamas based business, Bowen Property Management. She also took the lead at two roundups at Lake Oswego.

Joni Taylor (Class 36) talked to low income Portland residents about compost at the Fix-it Fairs and is taking the lead at the fall Lake Oswego Roundup.

Segeni Mungai (Class 36) promoted recycling and waste prevention in a series of spots for Tualatin Valley Community Television. He also tabled at Fix-It Fairs and plans to run the Hillsboro Fall Roundup.

Serena Ross (Class 37) took a lead role organizing Portland Recycles! presentations and volunteers to canvass in outer SE Portland. She also offered a series of workshops on waste prevention at church.

Thank you to all you for your commitment!



Segeni on TVCTV chatting with fellow Master Recycler about recycling.

Volunteer Opportunities

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Project

Summer 2008

Throughout the region

Recycling Advocates invites Master Recyclers to participate in a campaign to encourage rechargeable battery recycling. Visit various retail stores that currently provide rechargeable battery recycling opportunities to observe and evaluate our current system for collecting rechargeable batteries. Retail visits take just a few minutes of observation and include electronic product stores that you may visit anyway.

**Don't forget to log
your volunteer hours**
Visit www.masterrecycler.org
and click on the Members tab.
Username: MasterRecycler
Password: master

The results from these "boots on the ground" store visits will be used in conjunction with other findings to create a local pilot project that will help increase rechargeable collection opportunities.

Contact: Lindsey Newkirk, 503-789-2018, Lindsey@elysiumeventsllc.com

Muddy Boot Organic Festival

16th & SE Division, Portland

Saturday and Sunday, September 6th and 7th

Planning starts now



Make contact now to start as the Recycling and Composting Coordinator and help this SE Portland event put the 2008 recycling & composting plan in place. The Muddy Boot festival was able to recycle & compost 89% of the festival waste in 2007! Visit www.muddyboot.org to learn more.

Contact: Julie Gefroh, director@muddyboot.org

Eco-friendly Home & Garden Club Recycling Presentation

Lucky Lab 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland

Wednesday, June 25th 7 – 7:30 p.m.

This Garden club invites a Master Recycler to offer a presentation on Recycling and the new roll carts.

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Good in the Neighborhood

King School Park, 4815 NE 7th Ave, Portland

Saturday, June 28, noon – 4:15 p.m. and 4 – 9 p.m.

Sunday, June 29, noon – 3:45 p.m. and 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Talk about the new recycling carts at Good-in-the-Neighborhood, a multicultural music and food festival held annually in N/NE Portland. The festival features the best entertainment in the NW, a variety of cultural food vendors, an Information Village, a Kid Space arts and craft area and an ethnic marketplace.

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Ecotrust Farmers' Market

721 SW 9th, Portland

Thursdays, July 3rd – 24th, 3 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Join Mary Ann Pastene (Class 37) to talk to residents about the new recycling system, greener cleaners, green remodeling and composting.

Contact: Mary Ann Pastene, mpastene@blue-monkey.com

Gresham Farmers' Market

Third Street between Miller and Main, Gresham
Saturday, July 12th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Staff an educational table at this event. Talk to Gresham residents about using their roll carts; the importance of keeping glass on the side and keeping plastic bags out, and how they can help make recycling collection as efficient as possible in Gresham.

Contact: Karen Guillén-Chapman, (503) 618-2752
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Mississippi Street Fair

3416 N Mississippi St., Portland
Saturday, July 12th

There are two opportunities at this event.

1. Portland Recycles! Booth
3 – 7 p.m.

Staff a table on residential recycling. Talk about new roll carts and tote bags.

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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: Sam Schongalla, (503)467-4985, volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org

International Day Festival

Roseway Park Blocks at NE 72nd, Portland
Saturday, July 12th 12:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Shifts: 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Participate at this family friendly event in the Roseway neighborhood and help get the Portland Recycles! message out to residents.

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



Pauline Freeman (Class 26), engaging the community at Hollywood Farmers Market.

Barberry Village Resource Conservation Presentation

224 SE 188th Ave., Gresham

Monday, July 14th 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

City of Gresham and Rockwood's Public Utilities District invite Master Recyclers to provide instructions on recycling and family friendly games at this apartment complex.

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West Linn Old Time Fair

Willamette Park 1100 12th Street, West Linn

Friday – Sunday July 18th – 20th

Shifts:

Friday: 6 – 10 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2:30 – 6 p.m., and 6 – 10 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., 2 – 5 p.m., 5 – 8 p.m.

Staff a table on residential recycling with Clackamas County staff at this lovely summer community event.

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

South Tabor Neighborhood Festival

Clinton Park SE 56th and Woodward, Portland

Saturday, July 19th 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Check out the Portland Recycles! kit and Metro's Recycle Wheel of fortune to staff an information booth at this family friendly neighborhood picnic.

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Cracked Pot Art Show

McMenamin's Edgefield Gardens, 2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22nd and 23rd, 12:30 - 7 p.m.

Come be 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 two volunteer opportunities at Cracked Pot. Shifts for all opportunities are 12:30 - 4 p.m. and 3:30 - 7 p.m.

1. Metro Waste Reduction Education

Staff a booth demonstrating innovative products made from recycled materials. Engage the public with an activity where people follow the making of blue jeans.

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



What's In Your Jeans? at Cracked Pot Art Show.

2. Oregon Community

Warehouse

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

Contact: Roz Babener, roz755@aol.com

Washington County Fair

County Fair Grounds, Hillsboro

Thursday, July 24th – Sunday, July 27th

Shifts: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 3 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Family fun rides, multiple stages, animal shows. Join Washington County staff to talk to local residents about residential recycling, using their new beautiful displays.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, (503) 846-3651 michelle_pimentel@co.washington.or.us

Celebrate Hillsboro annual event

Civic Center Plaza (1st and Main), Hillsboro

Saturday, August 2nd 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Sunday August 3rd 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Shift times:

Saturday – August 2:

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (includes booth prep)

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday – August 3:

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (includes booth prep)

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (includes breakdown)

This community event draws thousands of individuals from nearby communities (and some far away) to enjoy music, craft/food/service vendors, set World Records, and great summer fun for the whole family!



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Conservation News

Recycle your old fridge or freezer and get cash

Eliminate an old refrigerator or freezer – such as a secondary and underutilized one – and gain as much as \$100 per year in energy savings. The ENERGY STAR® Products program launched its statewide refrigerator recycling initiative on June 1st. Participants receive a \$30 cash incentive when they recycle their old energy-wasting fridge or freezer. To qualify for the free pickup and cash incentive, the refrigerator or freezer must be 10-30 cubic feet in size, in working condition, plugged in and cleaned out. Schedule a pickup time online or call 1-866-444-8907.



To read more, visit: http://www.energytrust.org/residential/es/products/promotion_refridge_recycle1.html

Community Trees Unveiling and Celebration at The ReBuilding Center of Our United Villages

The ReBuilding Center 3625 N. Mississippi Ave, Portland

Wednesday, July 9th 6 – 6:30 p.m.

The ReBuilding Center of Our United Villages invites you to attend the grand unveiling of a community art sculpture called The Community Trees. Located in the Community Gathering Space on Mississippi Avenue, the three-story sculpture features cob tree trunks topped with branches and leaves crafted from reclaimed metal and household objects donated by community members.

Job Opportunities

Clark County Waste Reduction Specialist

Closes June 27th. Visit www.clark.wa.gov for the complete job announcement and a description of the application process.

Metro Public Affairs Director

Closes July 2nd. Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/jobs for the complete job announcement and a description of the application process.

Free Geek Community Marketing Coordinator

Closes July 7th. Visit <http://www.freegeek.org/jobs> for the complete job announcement and a description of the application process.

Community Cycling Center Program Director

The Program Director manages partnerships for existing and future Community Cycling Center programs for families, youth and adults.

Visit www.CommunityCyclingCenter.org for the complete job announcement and a description of the application process.

Columbia Springs, WA Sustainability Educator

Visit www.columbiasprings.org for more information or download a PDF of the full job description at <http://www.columbiasprings.org/sustainabilityEducator.pdf>

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