

## Master Recyclers Conduct Very Successful Plastics Roundup!!

Last month about 70 Master Recyclers conducted the most successful Master Recycler Plastics Roundup yet. The event received great media coverage, which spread key reduce, reuse and recycle messages.

Collecting materials for reuse was in full swing – the Rock Creek site diverted about 1,500 pounds of plastic for reuse. 1,300 participants brought a total of 13 tons of plastic to be recycled! Recycling that much plastic saves the greenhouse gas emission equivalent of removing 3,900 cars from the region's roads for a day! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a success.



Reuse area at PCC Sylvania (photo by Dick McCollum)

Also, I want to give a big thank you and congratulations to the fantastic coordinators, Mary Leverette, Sharon Leary, Sarah Brockmeier, Dick McCollum, Carol Grindlay, Sharon Miller and Ted Fuller. Despite the huge increase in participants, all sites were well-organized and everyone seemed to be having a great time. In fact, Rock Creek even had an RV with hot chili, warm sofas and friendly encouragement from Sandi Carner's husband, Larry, who was an honorary Master Recycler for the day.

Thank you also to Sara Walker for your ongoing work maintaining the Plastic Roundup email notification list. It wouldn't happen without you!

## MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM NEWS

### Six Newly-Certified Master Recyclers

Congratulations to six Master Recyclers who completed their 30 hours of payback! Kim Gibson (Class 26), Molly Chidsey (Class 28), Anna Anderson (Class 30), Sandi Carner (Class 30), Jennifer Steger (Class 32) and Suzanne Smith (Class 33) are all now certified Master Recyclers. They completed a diversity of projects including the Master Recycler Plastics Roundups; street, county, Fix-it and neighborhood fairs; green office projects; eco-parties; compost presentations at community gardens; SCRAP; and directly talking to neighbors.

Thank you for sticking to your commitment to preserve our region's resources!

### News from Clackamas County

Its official: Clackamas County residents can now include clean plastic tubs and lids in their curbside recycling. Until now, Beaverton residents were alone in the Metro region in their ability to recycle food tubs at the curb, but now Clackamas is stepping up to include even more materials: food tubs (such as yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, salsa), plastic nursery pots, and "bucket-style" tubs used for cat litter and laundry detergent. If you live in un-incorporated Clackamas County or cities in Clackamas County (except Estacada), you can place these items with the rest of your commingled materials. Glass should still be set out separately in a rigid container.

Rick Winterhalter, Clackamas County Waste Reduction Coordinator said, "We will not require our local franchised collection companies to take materials that don't have a long-term market. We are happy this kind of plastic is now in demand for making new products."

### **News from Washington County**

Washington County's first Sustainability Summit was pulled together by Vision Action Network (VAN), a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and support community-based problem solving through relationship building, planning and implementation processes. The 2007 Summit's attendee list was like a "Who's Who" in professional circles. Hosted by Washington County and sponsored by Intel, the Summit's keynote address was delivered by Alan Durning, Executive Director of Sightline Institute (formerly Northwest Environment Watch).

While many attendees had their own interpretation of the definition of sustainability, this diverse group of professionals helped capture best practices to guide future steps in the areas of land stewardship, water quality/quantity, green spaces, transportation, agriculture/food, forestry, and green development. The results are a shared vision and community agenda for sustainability in Washington County.

The VAN is forming several action teams to move the summit recommendations forward. If interested, contact the VAN at 503-846-5792.

### **MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Zoo Green Fair**

Oregon Zoo, Portland

Thursday, March 15, 12:00 - 2:30 pm

Help staff a Greener Cleaner or residential recycling table.

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

#### **Coordinate & Staff Richmond Neighborhood Cleanup Plastics Recycling**

Richmond Neighborhood, SE Portland

Saturday, June 2 (contact now for planning)

The Richmond Neighborhood cleanup has steadily increased its diversion rate over the past five years, reaching an estimated 72% diversion rate in 2006. They need a Master Recycler to help us increase their plastics recycling! Assistance needed with areas such as planning, outreach and organizing incoming plastics at the event.

Contact: Sarah F. Moore, 503-232-8942, sfmoore@speakeasy.org

Don't forget to log your  
volunteer hours.

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

Username: MasterRecycler  
Password: master

### **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 if you would like to participate.

#### **Metro's Earth Day Billboard Contest Unveiling**

Metro Regional Headquarters, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 - 2:00 p.m

Metro needs two volunteers per table to staff three tables: Composting, Greener Cleaners and Art from Used Stuff. Enjoy cute kids, great art and free food at the annual Art Show and

Unveiling Celebration. Help kids and their families learn more about waste reduction and recycling and see the top 200 designs for our annual art contest.

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

### **Washington County Employee Earth Day Celebration**

155 N First, Hillsboro

Tuesday-Thursday, April 17-19, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. each day

Join Washington County Solid Waste and Recycling staff to talk about recycling.

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

### **VA Hospital's Employee Earth Day Celebration**

3710 SW Us Veterans Hospital Rd, Portland

Wednesday, April 18, shifts: 9:00 - 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Join Metro staff to talk about compost or Greener Cleaner and Household Hazardous Waste.

Contact: Judie Miller, 503-797-1503, millerja@metro.dst.or.us

### **City Repair's Woodlawn Park Celebration**

NE 13th & Dekum, Portland

Saturday, April 21

There are multiple opportunities at this event

#### **1. Master Recycler Table**

Two volunteers needed for two shifts: 12-5pm, 5-10pm

Talk to attendees about residential recycling, plastics recycling and keeping glass on the side.

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

#### **2. Recycling Advocates Table**

Let people know about this great organization. Help them build a membership base so they can advocate for product stewardship, an expanded bottle bill and better battery recycling.

Contact: Kelly Caldwell, 503-493-0293, k3llycaldw3ll@gmail.com

#### **3. Event Waste Reduction**

Help Recycling Advocates and City Repair coordinate waste reduction for the Earth Day celebration. Their goal: zero waste! Help prove it's possible to have a large community event and not produce large quantities of waste. Success will require planning before the event, so contact Kelly soon.

Contact: Kelly Caldwell, 503-493-0293, k3llycaldw3ll@gmail.com,

### **Clackamas County Table at Clackamas Community College**

Clackamas Community College, 19600 South Molalla, Clackamas

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 -11:00 a.m., 11:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Join Clackamas County Solid Waste & Recycling staff to table on recycling at this event celebrating water.

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

### **Gresham Earth Day Celebration**

Gresham City Hall, 133 NW Eastman Pkwy, Gresham

Saturday, April 21, 9:00. – 2:00 p.m.

Staff a table on residential recycling for Gresham's Solid Waste and Recycling program.

Contact: Leslie Johnson, 503-618-2752, [leslie.johnson@ci.gresham.or.us](mailto:leslie.johnson@ci.gresham.or.us)

## **JOBS**

Additional open jobs are listed in the Master Recycler Forum in the Members section of the website. At the site, you can sign up to receive an email notification whenever a new job is posted.

### **Journalist, Resource Recycling**

Environmental business magazine seeking half-time journalist to produce three email newsletters and maintain firm's Web sites. Full-medical benefits.

Fax resume to 503-233-1356

### **Early Childhood Educator, OMSI**

The Educator for Early Childhood Education facilitates the visitors' learning experience with exhibits, lab activities, and special events in the early childhood area of the museum. This is a Special Project position running from June 1 until October 7, 2007.

More Information: [www.oms.edu/info/employment/jobs.cfm](http://www.oms.edu/info/employment/jobs.cfm)

### **Outreach Assistant, SOLV**

The Outreach Assistant is an integral part of the Outreach & Member Services Dept., providing support for SOLV's individual donor fundraising initiatives and volunteer events.

More Information: [www.solv.org/about/jobs.asp](http://www.solv.org/about/jobs.asp)

### **Customer Service Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

The ReStore of Portland is looking for a Customer Service Coordinator. Responsibilities include running the register, building a core group of volunteer cashiers, organizing permanent displays in the store and organizing our displays and volunteer involvement in trade shows and events.

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

### **Development Director, Schoolhouse Supplies**

Schoolhouse Supplies operates a volunteer-run free store for teachers. The Development Director cultivates quality relationships with Schoolhouse Supplies' partners: foundations, corporations, and individuals.

More information: [www.schoolhousesupplies.org/about/Hiring/Employment%20Opportunities.htm](http://www.schoolhousesupplies.org/about/Hiring/Employment%20Opportunities.htm)

### **Volunteer Coordinator, Oregon Food Bank**

The Oregon Food Bank seeks an outgoing and energetic individual to coordinate volunteer activities in their Fresh Alliance program and Volunteer Action Center. The position requires knowledge and experience in food safety and volunteer coordination. Work Tuesday evenings and Saturdays as well as other weekdays, lots of physical work and ability to lift 50 pounds required.

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

## CONSERVATION NEWS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

### **Oregon Community Warehouse announces Greater Goods, a new estate sale store**

Greater Goods, the Oregon Community Warehouse store, will be open every Saturday from 10:00. to 4:00 p.m.. The store is located at 2267 N Interstate (the N Interstate and N Albina intersection).

As usual, a wide variety of antique, vintage and retro house wares and collectibles will be available for sale. Pieces immediately offered include: vintage oak vanities; dining tables and chairs, including Danish Modern chairs and teak tables; Danish Modern dresser and tables; several upholstered chairs, sofas and overstuffed chairs; numerous end, side and coffee tables; vintage buffets; small china cabinets; glass topped tables; silver; and glassware. Since we will be open every Saturday the stock will be continually changing, every Saturday will have new and interesting items offered.

100% of proceeds from the Greater Goods shop benefit Community Warehouse, a non-profit organization that provides furniture and household items to families in need.

### **Recycling Advocates Invitation to Participate**

Recycling Advocates is an Oregon non-profit organization dedicated to grassroots efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. Recycling Advocates was instrumental in establishing the Master Recycler Program, and the organization has many volunteer opportunities that count toward payback hours (see the Earth Day listing above).

This spring, Recycling Advocates is championing electronic waste recycling legislation and an expanded Bottle Bill. In addition, the organization will begin planning a campaign to increase recycling of rechargeable batteries. Their goal is to increase Metro area rechargeable battery recycling rates from about 5% to 50%.

Volunteering or becoming a contributing member are important ways to support the work of Recycling Advocates. If you are interested, please sign up for the newsletter and join in on these important sustainability initiatives.

Contact: 503-777-0909, [info@recyclingadvocates.org](mailto:info@recyclingadvocates.org), <http://www.recyclingadvocates.org>

### **A Presentation of The Climate Project**

Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County, [www.uuccwc.org](http://www.uuccwc.org)  
22785 N.W. Birch Street Hillsboro  
Wednesday April 4, 7 - 9 pm

Jill Sughrue, trained through The Climate Project in Nashville, TN and Northwest Earth Institute's Global Warming: Changing CO<sub>2</sub>URSE, offers a presentation of the slideshow that is changing America's mind about global warming (based on the Academy Award-nominated documentary film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Al Gore). Jill's presentation at UUCCWC (the church of 5 Master Recyclers) is free of charge and will include a question-and-answer period.

\*For more information about The Climate Project, see [www.theclimateproject.org](http://www.theclimateproject.org).

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