

May News

Congratulations to Nastassja Pace (Class 42)!



Staj is driven by plastics. Her payback included many creative projects devoted to encouraging people to think about consumption of the material. So when she saw the opportunity to enter the [Chaco Waves for Change Art Contest](#) she was inspired to design this beautiful piece. Her project received the most votes and the prize is an opportunity of a lifetime! Staj will travel on one of the final [5 Gyres](#) discovery voyages—10 days sailing aboard the Sea Dragon from Tahiti to the Cook Islands. 5 Gyres conducts research and communicates about the global impact of plastic pollution in the world's oceans. Voyages to personally see these impacts are by invitation only and spots aboard the Sea Dragon are coveted by media, science experts and government officials worldwide. And now Master Recyclers! Keep your eyes out for a future newsletter on Staj's return and a promised presentation of what she saw and learned.

Be Resourceful and Reuse PDX collaboration at the Better Living Show a Success

Thanks to the 12 Master Recyclers who volunteered at the busy Better Living Show in late March. Be Resourceful partnered with [ReUse PDX](#) at the event to feature ways people from all over the region can learn, create, donate and participate in reuse in the community.

There were over 16,000 attendees at the show and BPS staff and volunteers had over 2,000 conversations about creative reuse. There were 70 stories collected from residents about shifting their priorities and finding value in being creative about how they get the things they need.

The stories are on the [Be Resourceful website](#). You can also sign up to get the [RSS feed](#) for all updates to the Be Resourceful site.



KB Mercer (Class 46) collecting Be Resourceful stories.

Master Recyclers were also seen staffing booths for The ReBuilding Center and Metro Healthy Homes. We were everywhere! The Master Recycler Program, City of Portland, Metro and The ReBuilding Center thank you for helping inspire Better Living Show participants from all over the region.

Three New Certified Master Recyclers

Congratulations to **Salvador Del Cid (Class 46)** the first of his class to complete his 30 hour commitment! Sal came to the Master Recycler Program after already volunteering for the Fix-It Fairs. As a Master Recycler he staffed several tradeshow to promote The ReBuilding Center as well as the Green Building Hotline. He also staffed the Be Resourceful booth at the Better Living Show. Sal brings such a contagious enthusiasm that there is no doubt that he offered great inspiration for the 300+ people he talked with at these events.



Sal sharing his excitement at the Better Living Show.



Tammy in deep contemplation with a Fix-It Fair attendee.

Tammy Miller-Rembert (Class 45) took her class knowledge down to her local coffee shop, connecting them to Portland Composts!, offering recycling advice and encouraging durables policies. Tammy also had an innovative Women's Recycling Discussion Night. Walking her talk with local fresh food and durables, she led a group discussion with "her favorite ladies" on recycling and reducing their consumption. Women walked away planning to "recycle the education."

Eben Polk (Class 40) didn't let the fact that he already works all day on sustainability in Clackamas County keep him from enjoying many a Saturday tabling on recycling and greener cleaners at the Oregon City Farmers Market and an Earth Day Celebration in Oak Grove. In fact, from the looks of the pictures, it seems he was having a good time!



Eben and Lori Craig (Class 40) enjoying the Oregon City Farmers Market.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Kenton Neighborhood Cleanup

7654 N Delaware (lot at the corner of N Farragut), Portland
Saturday, April 30th 9 a.m. – noon and 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Share household waste reduction, reuse and recycling information and resources with the public.

Contact: Teri Thomas Petersen, 503-234-0894,
TeriThomasPetersen@yahoo.com

Don't forget
log your volunteer hours
Visit the Members area of
www.masterrecycler.org

Tualatin Hills Green Gardening Fair

Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center, 15655 SW Millikan Way,
Beaverton
Saturday, April 30th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Green Building Hotline staff to promote this resource for people interested in reducing construction and demolition waste.

Contact: Valerie Garrett, 503-823-5431,
valerie.garrett@portlandoregon.gov

ARTSMARTpdx Intro Meeting

Hillsdale Branch Library 1525 SW Sunset Blvd., Portland
Monday, May 2nd 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

KB Mercer (Class 46) is seeking fellow Master Recyclers to help start a non-profit called ARTSMARTpdx. Join an exploratory committee/task force to create a business plan and shepherd this project into reality to establish a space providing low cost materials to the local arts community, keep reusable materials in use, create a materials share pool, and create arts-related green jobs. Meetings will be Monday night and the first will provide an overview of the concept so participants can decide if they want to commit to the larger project.

Contact: KB Mercer, 619-890-5399, kb@travelinglantern.com

Garden Home Library Sustainability Fair

7475 SW Oleson Rd, Portland
Tuesday, May 3rd 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Table with Washington County at this Earth Day event.

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

North Tabor/Mount Tabor Neighborhood Cleanup

Mt. Tabor Middle School, 5800 SE Ash St, Portland
Saturday, May 14th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Assist to train the cleanup volunteers who will help oversee onsite reuse and recovery.

Contact: Zach Michaud, 971-344-3337, chair@northtabor.org

Public Works Weekend

Washington Square, 9585 SW Washington Square Rd, Tigard
Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
(shifts available)

Connect with the public at the well-attended Public Works Weekend public agency fair. Focus on residential contamination – removing inappropriate materials from residential recycling.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651,
michelle_pimentel@co.washington.or.us
Mt Hood Green Scene
Welches Middle School, 24903 E Salmon River Rd, Welches
Saturday, May 14th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join Clackamas County staff to table on residential recycling at this family friendly event.

Contact: Shannon Martin (Class 29), 503-742-4458,
smartin@co.clackamas.or.us

Rose City Neighborhood Cleanup

Archbishop Howard School, 5309 NE Alameda, Portland
Saturday, May 14th 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Help with recycling and reuse questions at this Spring Cleanup.

Contact: Colleen Johnston, 503-215-9564, Colleen.Johnston@providence.org

St. Johns Bizarre and Street Fair

St. Johns Plaza, N Lombard St & Philadelphia Ave, Portland
Saturday, May 14th
Shifts: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
and 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Staff the Be Resourceful table at [this event](#) with local music, performers, a vendors' market, food, kids crafts, and a biergarten. Located in close proximity to all of the wonderful business in the St. Johns town center.



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

Training: Zoo Backyard Makeover

Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd, Portland

May 20th or 21st, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (choose one)

Exhibit is first Fridays, June to September, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Oregon Zoo invites Master Recyclers to inspire Oregon Zoo visitors to recycle and compost at their beautiful, fun and inspiring [Backyard Makeover for Welcoming Wildlife exhibit](#) this summer. Master Recyclers will check out and return the [Portland Recycles! kit](#) from the City of Portland.

Please register by May 18th, and commit to staffing two or three first Friday shifts.

RSVP for training: Carl Grimm, 503-797-1676,
carl.grimm@oregonmetro.gov

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



Sunday Parkways – East Portland

Sunday, May 22nd

Shifts: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Join Be Resourceful in East Portland for the [Sunday Parkways](#) kick off. This year the event connects Lents, Bloomington, Ed Benedict and Gilbert Heights Parks with a 7 mile traffic-free route that includes a long section of the Springwater Trail.

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

Sunday Parkways – Green Clean Live Healthy! Event

Mt Scott Community Center Auditorium,

5530 SE 72nd Ave, Portland

Sunday, May 22nd 12:30 – 3 p.m.

Provide information on making your own green household cleaners, detecting and removing toxins from your home, recycling, composting, and the green lifestyle at this partnership with East Portland Sunday Parkways.

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

Milwaukie Farmers Market

Between Harrison and Jefferson, Milwaukie
Sunday, May 22nd 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Master Recycler Mentor (and Master Gardener) Rob Kappa (Class 37) to staff a recycling table at this bustling farmers market. Rob will be there throughout the summer so check the Volunteer Opportunities calendar for other dates.

Contact: Rob Kappa, 503-653-9575, falkor01@comcast.net

New Columbia Village Market Grand Opening

North Portland
Saturday, May 28th Time TBD

Share the Be Resourceful message and kitchen themed resources with residents at the grand opening event.

[The Village Market](#) is committed to providing its community with quality, fresh, healthy, affordable groceries. The Store will be a convenient, safe and clean environment for everyone, and it will reflect the needs of the community. The Village Market will be community governed and will provide jobs for youth and adults.

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

Conservation News

Portland To Host 2nd National Reuse Conference in 2012

The [Reuse Alliance](#) has chosen Portland as the host city for [ReuseConex2012](#), the Second National Reuse Conference and Expo. The event will take place October 18 - 20, 2012, and will feature experts from the reuse industry and a wide variety of reuse-based exhibitors, a fashion show, art exhibit, film screenings, and open houses at local reuse organizations.

Local reuse centers supporting ReuseConex include Portland Metro Habitat for Humanity ReStores, Community Warehouse and SCRAP.

Master Recycler Gathering

Madison's Grill, 1109 SE Madison St., Portland
Wednesday, May 18th at 7pm

Join fellow Master Recyclers to brainstorm, talk about projects, discuss Master Recycler-related topics and have a few beers! This is an informal way to stay connected after completing your classes and keep the momentum going by sharing ideas and networking. Spouses and friends are welcome.

Contact Mitzi Surgar sweetgreenevents@gmail.com or Kevin McCarter at kkavn@yahoo.com

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can be found in Job Seekers
at the Master Recycler Forum.



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