



## November News

### Fall Marks the Completion of Three Cool Summer Projects!

#### **Statewide Willamette River Cleanup Adds Recovery to Accomplishments**

On October 2, the Willamette River Keepers had their hugely successful 2nd annual Willamette River Cleanup. Over 500 volunteers spanned 187 miles of river, removing trash by boat, land and bike. The Cleanup covered Springfield, Eugene, Corvallis, Albany and Salem, in addition to ten clean up locations in the greater Portland area.



For the first time thanks to **Kevin McCarter** and **Mitzi Sugar** (both Class 44 ), there were recycling services at six cleanup sites. Kevin and Mitzi were joined by **Miriam Reeber** (Class 40) and **Mark Brown** (Class 45) to help improve the Cleanup at several locations by providing recovery directions for volunteers.

#### **What Would Summer Outreach be Without a Day at the Farmers Market?**

It's about a wrap for the farmers market 2010 season – but not before a huge thanks goes out to the 42 Master Recyclers who staffed information tables all over the region. Master Recyclers spanning classes 19 to 44 contributed almost 500 hours to inspire attendees at eight different markets. These efforts amounted to 3,500 conversations about green cleaners, recycling, thoughtful consumption and compost. A special thanks to those Master Recyclers who “adopted” markets for the season: **Margaret Rodriguez Springer** (Class 42) at Forest Grove, **Heidi Lambek** (Class 39) at Hillsboro and Orenco, the Lake Oswego Trash Team of **Gary Bachofner**, **Amy Monahan**, **Beven Peters** and **Robin Woolman** (all of Class 43), and **Rob Kappa** (Class 37) in Milwaukie.

## Portland Recycles! Small Grants Project

Four Master Recyclers offered technical assistance to 17 diverse community organizations that received funds from the City of Portland through the [Portland Recycles! grant project](#). The goal of the 2-year program is to provide funding to help neighborhood, community and nonprofit organizations overcome barriers to waste prevention and increase recycling while educating the community. Community organizations received money for durable goods, equipment, educational materials, creative reuse items and compost and worm bins.

Master Recyclers played a key role in overcoming barriers, gathering pictures and evaluating the projects' success. Thank you to **Lane' Richards** (Class 39), **Catlin Powell** (Class 42), **Emily Hauth** (Class 43), and **Resa Thomason Schnacky** (Class 44).

## Congratulations and Welcome to Class 45!



With the graduation of Class 45, there are now over 1,000 Portland metro area residents who have completed the Master Recycler course! But that's not the only distinction that can be made about Class 45. They have all sorts of cool plans such as multifamily outreach to Lake Oswego and the Portland Housing Authority, event recovery at a naked pumpkin party (there won't be pictures from this one!), a green team at the Olive Garden, and several youth outreach projects. **Mark Brown** was the first to report hours for Class 45 by volunteering at the Willamette River Keepers Cleanup (see lead story).



## A Whole Bunch of Certified Master Recyclers!

Thank you to the 12 Master Recyclers who completed their 30-hour commitment this month!

**Heather Hawkins** (Class 35), cofounder of [www.enviromom.com](http://www.enviromom.com), focused her payback hours on how to be green at her Southwest Portland home and school. She offered a three Rs training at Reike Elementary School and talked with parents at the local preschool. But she also went big with her ideas about sustainable living, appearing on ABC Nightline, discussing her blog and staging a food scrap media event with Mayor Sam Adams. Heather is moving to the Midwest where she hopes to put her energy to work. We wish you luck, Heather!



*Heather and Mayor Adams*



*Leslie and crew at St. Michael's Styrofoam Collection Day.*

**Leslie Kowash** (Class 37) started her payback with three Master Recyclers Plastic Roundups and completed her hours organizing a Styrofoam roundup as part of her church's participation in the 350 day to raise climate change awareness. That's a lot of recycled plastic!

Event recycling was big part of **Victoria Tino's** (Class 41) payback hours. She helped the Bite of Oregon meet their impressive recovery goals and worked closely with staff at the Native American Youth Association to help them green

their Homebuyers Fair. Along with offering this technical assistance, she tabled from Hillsboro to inner Southeast Portland.

**Koreen Lail** (Class 42) was an important presence promoting waste reduction at the Forest Grove Farmers' Market this summer. She also promoted Community Warehouse and green cleaners at events around Portland.

**Carol McManus** (Class 42) had so much fun helping **Heidi Lambek** table at the Hillsboro Farmers' Market that she has decided that she will "adopt" the Beaverton Farmers' Market next year. She also hosted a Home Eco-Party and staffed Metro's Healthy Home booth at the Yard and Garden Show.



*Carol with Kersten Broms and Bev Ardueser at Washington Square.*

**Michelle Pimentel** (Class 42) organized a Master Recycler Tour of the PCC Vermiculture program at Rock Creek. This tour was a unique opportunity for Master Recyclers to learn about large scale composting systems. She also put her fantastic outreach skills to work tabling all over Hillsboro, Forest Grove and Cornelius.



*Michelle at the Hillsboro Farmers' Market last winter.*

**Audrey Schaab** (Class 42) brought thoughtful consumption to many households in Washington County as a Home Eco-Party presenter through the Center for Earth Leadership. She also helped unveil Portland's new Be Resourceful table display this summer.

Living out in Scappoose did not deter **Seth Winkelhake** (Class 43). He helped organize the first ever neighborhood cleanup on Sauvie's Island. He participated in many other North Portland events such as the Kenton Cleanup, the St. Johns Bizarre and the North American Brewfest.

**Juliadi Two** (Class 42) lives and breaths waste reduction. So in one of her reports on one of the events she tabled, Juliadi stated that she wears her badge proudly wherever she goes.



*The gorgeous outfit Juliadi (right) made from Crown Royal covers.*

**Courtney Cronk** (Class 44) is actively talking about waste reduction in her neighborhood, home church and kids' schools. She helped organize the Eastmoreland Garage Sale, had a Home Eco-Party, trained kids on composting and recycling at the local school, and started a green team at her kid's preschool.



*Courtney at the Rose Festival Milk Jug Race.*



Kevin at the Willamette River Keepers Cleanup.

**Kevin McCarter** (Class 44) has been promoting all things green at Keller Williams Realty where he works, and in his neighborhood through National Night Out and by hosting an Eco-Party.

**Betsy Soifer** (Class 44) was found tabling all over the place this summer from the Lake Oswego and Milwaukie Farmers' Markets, Eastmoreland Garage Sale, the Home and Garden show and Mississippi Street Fair.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Fix It Fair: Healthy Families, Healthy Homes



These fun community events offer money-saving solutions and educational opportunities to low-income households while focusing on healthy, environmentally friendly homes and gardens.

Three dates, five information tables and several shifts:

November 20, 2010 | Ron Russell Middle School | 3955 SE 112th Ave  
January 22, 2011 | Parkrose High School | 12003 NE Shaver St  
February 26, 2011 | Jefferson High School | 5210 N Kerby Ave

Topics:

- Be Resourceful
- Portland Recycles!
- Metro Healthy Homes
- Rebuilding Center
- Remodel It Green

This is one of the most effective tabling opportunities, reaching a diverse audience who come specifically to learn what you have to teach. This is a big effort all master recyclers are invited to join in.



Glasper West (Class 41) talking with resident about greencleaners.

Free food and childcare available for everyone! For more information visit [www.portlandonline.com/bps/fif](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/fif).

Contact: J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530, [masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov)

## Muslim Educational Trust Energy Fair

Muslim Educational Trust School  
10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd. Tigard  
Thursday, November 2nd 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Demonstrate a worm bin at this annual energy fair.

Contact: Courtney Demko, [dimensionstomorrow@yahoo.com](mailto:dimensionstomorrow@yahoo.com)

## Compost Consultation

CROPS Farm (across from Edgefield)  
NE 244th and Halsey, Troutdale  
Friday, November 5th 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Multnomah County CROPS program invites a Master Recycler to offer technical assistance in composting. CROPS is a food farm on two acres of surplus County land where food is grown for the Oregon Food Bank. McMenamins donates their spent hops and waste from wine-making, and a great deal of organic matter is generated on the farm. There are a good number of composting opportunities and they are looking to be as efficient as possible.

Contact: Dan Bravin, 503-421-5708, [dan.bravin@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:dan.bravin@co.multnomah.or.us)

## Spanish Knock and Talk

Chelan Apartments, Tualatin  
And  
Woodland Park Apartments, Hillsboro  
Any Saturday November, 3 – 6 p.m.

Partner with a Community Environmental Services to provide general recycling education and outreach to apartment residents.

Contact: Heather Robinson, 503-846-3660,  
[Heather\\_Robinson@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Heather_Robinson@co.washington.or.us)

**Don't forget to log  
your volunteer hours**  
Visit [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)  
and click on the Members tab.

## Holiday Events

Do you know of winter events such as craft fairs or church bazaars where [Be Resourceful](#) would be a good match?

Share Be Resourceful messages at community events, promote waste-free holidays and gifts of experience, along with the “in the kitchen” theme related to the holidays.

Contact to check out a kit: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107,  
Alicia.Polacok@portlandoregon.gov

## St Johns Winter Festival

St. Johns, Portland

Sunday, December 5th

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Two volunteers needed per shift. More details to come.

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

## Conservation News

### Master Recycler Get Together

Lucky Lab Brew Pub

915 SE Hawthorne, Portland

Wednesday, November 17th 7 p.m.

Join several Master Recyclers at this monthly get together. Brainstorm and discuss projects and Master Recycler-related topics. Meet, drink, and chat in this informal way to stay connected after the classes are finished. Spouses and friends are welcome at this informal gathering.

Contact: Mitzi Sugar (Class 44), iandi.mitzisugar@yahoo.com  
Kevin McCarter (Class 44), kkavn@yahoo.com

### Climate Masters Survey

[Climate Masters](#) is a program that parallels the Master Recycler program with a focus on addressing climate change at the household level. The overall goal of the Climate Master program is not just to reduce local

greenhouse gas emissions, but also to create a model that can be replicated nationally.

You can help by completing this 15-minute survey, and a follow-up survey within the year. You will receive a link to the follow-up survey by email and by newsletter.

The survey will ask about your personal emissions, any actions you have taken to reduce your emissions and some demographic questions. Your information will remain confidential and you may elect for your answers to be anonymous. Find the pre-survey [here](#).

## Job Opportunities

### Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District Accountant

For more information, please visit [www.conservationdistrict.org](http://www.conservationdistrict.org). Closes November 15.

### Washington Co. Habitat for Humanity ReStore Manager and Volunteer Coordinator

More information can be [found online](#). Closes November 6.

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can be found in Job Seekers at



the Master Recycler Forum.  
[www.MasterRecycler.org](http://www.MasterRecycler.org)

