

## November News

### New Region-wide Resource Every Master Recycler Should Know!

### New Green Building Hotline

**For questions about  
green building  
strategies,  
materials and  
financial incentives,  
call 503-823-5431.**

COMMERCIAL | RESIDENTIAL | NEW CONSTRUCTION | REMODELING  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY | STORMWATER MANAGEMENT | SITE DEVELOPMENT  
HEALTHY MATERIALS | FINANCIAL INCENTIVES | SALVAGE, REUSE & RECYCLING

The Green Building Hotline is presented in partnership with Metro, City of Portland  
Office of Sustainable Development and Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties.



## Join in at Fix-it Fair

There's a topic for every Master Recycler at the upcoming Fix-it Fairs. These fun community events offer money-saving solutions and educational opportunities to low-income households while emphasizing healthy, environmentally friendly homes and gardens. This is one of the most effective tabling opportunities for Master Recyclers. It reaches a diverse audience who come specifically to learn what you have to teach. Fix-it Fairs are sponsored by the Office of Sustainable Development.



*Sarh Dyreson (Class 33) teaching a Fix-It Fair participant to read labels*

This is a big effort so everyone is invited to join in!

## Three dates, five information tables and several shifts:



*Yvonne Garcia and Erica Thygesen (Class 33) sharing info on compost.*

### **November 17, 2007**

Self Enhancement Inc, 3920 N Kerby Ave.

### **January 12, 2008**

Lent School, 5105 SE 97th Ave.

### **February 2, 2008**

Roosevelt High School, 6941 N Central Ave

All table shifts are 8am-12pm and 11:30am-2:30pm (these include set up and take down assistance)

### Topics:

- Portland Recycles!
- Greener Cleaner
- Remodel it Green
- Metro's Compost/wormbin (with Metro staff)
- The Rebuilding Center

There's even free Burgerville for everyone!

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



## **Class 36 Graduates!**

Welcome and congratulations to the 31 Master Recyclers who just completed the Fall Class 36 hosted by Washington County. This talented new bunch has some fantastic personal projects planned. They're also ready to jump into many of the upcoming Master Recycler events! With about two thirds of the class coming from Washington County and an increase of diversity in the class, it will be great to see what great impacts you all have on the waste stream in the community.

Thank you to Washington County for hosting the class and to the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County for the great meeting space. A special thanks to **Missy Martin** (Class 33) for all your help in using the great space at the church.



*Class 36 at Hillsboro landfill tour.*

Class 37 in Clackamas County is coming right up. Classes are Wednesdays in January and February and registration is November 14th 8 a.m. Now is the time to tell your Clackamas friends and co-workers.

## **Plastics roundup**

Participants, Master recyclers, and Agri-Plas Inc. all agree that each event gets more organized. The number of participants and amount of plastic keeps getting better and better, as well. 1700 cars participated in the roundup and 16 tons of plastic was recycled this fall (that's compared to the record high of 1300 cars and 13 tons last February).

This fall Master Recyclers split the roundups into two dates with Eastside and Westside locations because the last two roundups overwhelmed Agri-Plas, requiring three days to pick up all collected plastics.



*Kelly (Class 35) assisting a North Portland resident on sorting plastics.*

Master Recyclers also added a new North Portland location. The change was clearly a good one. The single Eastside locations in the past attracted about 500 cars. This Eastside roundup, with the two locations, attracted 850 cars. Seventy-five percent of participants in the new North Portland location said this was their first time participating in a roundup.

Of course, the credit for this success goes to the outstanding site coordinators and volunteers who run these Master Recycler signature events. Almost 80 Master Recyclers rallied to the cause, contributing almost 380 hours. And eight site coordinators put many hours into organizing the four sites:



*Clean-up crew in SE Portland surrounded by plastic.*

North Portland: **Ted Fuller** (Class 30) and **Dana Gantz** (Class 31),  
Outer SE Portland: **Dion Glisan** (Class 31) and **Vanessa Herald**  
(Class 31), SW Portland: **Bel and Otto Audirsch** (Class 34 & 35),  
Rock Creek: **Amy Steve** (Class 24) and **Heather Stanley** (Class  
33). Thank you.

**Next Master Recycler Plastics Roundups are scheduled:**

**January 26th at Floyd Light Middle School & Kaiser West Interstate**

**February 9th at Westview High School and a new location in Lake Oswego soon to be announced.**



## October Certificates

Eight Master Recyclers earned their certification in October.

**MariAnne Steiner** (Class 26) was a big help letting residents know about how the Rebuilding Center captures the legacy of building material in our region. She also recovered waste at her Buckman Neighborhood Cleanup.

**Vanessa Herald** (Class 31) focused her vibrant energy in waste reduction in outer SE Portland, teaching kids at Lane MS how to build a worm bin and co-coordinating the latest SE Roundup site.

**Heather Stanley** (Class 33) used her thoughtful approach to spread the word about waste reduction at fix-it fairs and co-coordinate the Rock Creek Roundup.

**Teresa Kubo** (Class 34) offered her Spanish skills in Hillsboro, tabled at the Milwaukie Farmer's Market, and presented and tabled on waste reduction at work at several businesses including her own work at the EPA Harbor Superfund Field Day.

**Pat Murphy** (Class 34) is most concerned with toxins in our lives, but she also tabled on recycling and green building as well as 3 neighborhood cleanups.

**Gretchen Kilby** (Class 35) proved to be multi-talented: able to table on any topic from green building, recycling, worms/compost and plastics. She also wrote a great article for the SE Examiner on business compost and recently joined Portland Recycle at Work Master Recyclers.

**Catha Loomis** (class 35) took on many continuing projects. She adopted the People's Coop Farmer's Market for the summer and is offering waste reduction technical assistance at SE PCC Campus.

**Tom Richards** (Class 35) has to be the most energetic Bucket Brigadier ever, but he leaves enough energy to talk to neighbors and coworkers about plastics recycling as well.

Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your commitment. The work that you contributed will have long lasting impacts!

**Thank you  
Master Recyclers!**

**You spent more than 1,000 hours  
in the last quarter talking about  
waste reduction!**

## Master Recycler Program Coordinator Goes South. (a message from Lauren)

As many of you know, I volunteer in Guatemala each year. I will be away November 22- December 13. But that does not mean that you can't continue to do the great work that you all do as Master Recyclers.

- Master Recycler kits and banners will still be available, contact: Susanna Bee susanna.bee@ci.portland.or.us, 503-823-7037
- You can go to the Mentor Page or the Forum at [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org) to ask questions. You can always call the Recycle Information Center about recycling questions. (503)234-3000
- Don't wait to report your hours – they will still be recorded if you report while I am away!
- There will be no December Newsletter.

Thanks for your patience while I pursue my other passion!



## Volunteer Opportunities

### OHSU Sustainability Fair

3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd, Portland  
November 16,  
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join Master Recycler, Nancy Oberschmidt (class 33) in talking to OHSU staff and students about residential recycling and waste prevention at this fun sustainability fair. You could even try out the new tram on the way!

Contact:

Nancy Oberschmidt  
(503)494-3756, [oberschm@ohsu.edu](mailto:oberschm@ohsu.edu)

Don't forget to log your  
volunteer hours.

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

Username: MasterRecycler  
Password: master

## **Washington County Roll Cart Program**

Washington County will launch a recycling roll cart program in the urban unincorporated area – 50,000+ residents – by March 2008. Planning is underway to develop opportunities for Master Recyclers to interface with Washington County residents and get the word out!

Join the fun and help educate the public about preparation of recyclables, what plastics are accepted in roll carts, how to recycle those that are not and answer other questions about waste prevention! More details about outreach activities will be provided in a future MR newsletter.

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

## **Cable Access Video Shorts**

Eileen Newman (Class 22) is developing some cable access short videos called "Recycling Tips" (working title). Eileen invites a handful of Master Recyclers who like being on camera to sit down in the studio for an hour or so interview giving tips.

Contact: Eileen Newman, 503-670-7096, eileen14800@yahoo.com

## **Job Opportunities**

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.

## **Sustainability Coordinator - Facilities and Planning**

\$45,000 – \$52,000

Benefits package including fully paid healthcare, reduced tuition rates, and a generous retirement and vacation package.

### **Job description**

To advance Portland State University's efforts as a sustainability leader in higher education by working with senior officers, other administrators, faculty, staff, students, and PSU's Academic Sustainability program staff to provide the knowledge skills and motivation to integrate sustainability values and practices into the University's strategic planning processes; the management

of its resources and operations; facilities planning and design; its research activities; the curriculum; and the extra-curricular life of the University. The Sustainability Coordinator is the chief contact with the external community about issues and advances in sustainable practices on PSU's campus, providing the connection between campus and regional efforts.

To apply, visit the job link:

<http://www.hrc.pdx.edu/openings/unclassified/FAP-006.htm>

## **Climate Trust**

### Senior Program Manager

The Climate Trust, a growing non-profit located in Portland, OR, is a national leader in the development and promotion of high-quality greenhouse gas offset projects ([www.climatetrust.org](http://www.climatetrust.org)). The Climate Trust provides offsets to power plants, regulators, businesses and entities of all sizes, as well as individuals. Our practical experience with offsets has proven valuable to stakeholders, and we are actively engaged around the country in offset policy development.

### The Position

The Climate Trust is seeking a highly motivated individual to play a lead role in creating and implementing several key Climate Trust programs in the voluntary and regulatory offset markets. The individual selected will play an important role in expanding our programs nationally. This is an exciting opportunity to work on highly innovative climate change solutions in an energetic, collaborative, and congenial atmosphere.

The Senior Program Manager will lead overall management of several key Climate Trust programs.

Please email a resume and cover letter to [jobs@climatetrust.org](mailto:jobs@climatetrust.org). Please include "Senior Program Manager" in the subject line.

You can also mail a hard copy of your application to: Attn: Senior Program Manager  
The Climate Trust  
65 SW Yamhill St., Suite 400  
Portland, OR 97204

## Free Geek Education Coordinator position

\$11.55 hr. 35 per week + benefits

Do you have what it takes to be Free Geek's Education Coordinator? Do you enjoy walking chaos around on a leash? Do you love teaching in a hands-on environment? Do you thirst to help bridge the digital divide?

Free Geek is a 501(c)(3) not for profit community organization that recycles used technology to provide computers, education, internet access and job skills training to those in need in exchange for community service. We're looking for a passionate and motivated individual to update and expand the educational curricula available to Free Geek volunteers. If you think you have what it takes, please visit our website for details, including instructions on how to apply:

<http://www.freegeek.org/jobs>



*North Portland's new location at Kaiser Interstate.*

