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Radiant and Resourceful

Congratulations to Lane' Bigsby, *née* Richards (Class 39), on a super sustainable wedding. There are few places more appropriate than a wedding to pause and reflect on values.

Lane' showed that being resourceful in wedding planning can have stunningly beautiful results, be sustainable and refocus energy where it is important. Each detail (from the dress to the dishes) had a life and purpose before and after the wedding. She gathered gently used materials to repurpose for the celebration and then ensured that there was a plan for each item after the wedding. This approach is nicely symbolic of how two people came together with their own histories for a wedding celebration and then plan to sustain the relationship long after that day.

Lane' also learned that she loved doing it. So much so that it inspired her to create [Something Borrowed {Portland}](#), a bridal and wedding goods library. Something Borrowed {Portland} loans a variety of wedding decor and goods to the community for a small borrowing donation of \$5 to \$20. In addition, gently used wedding goods are welcome donations to the library for future brides-to-be.



Photography by Elisa Lazo de Valdez.

Vintage brooch bouquet by Salty Teacup
www.facebook.com/saltyteacup.



Pinwheels will go in the baby's room.

Here are a few ways that the Bigsby wedding was sustainable:

- Everything was from thrift stores, handmade or borrowed (terrarium centerpieces, bride's hairpiece and bouquet, the groom's boutonniere and suit).
- Her dress was repurposed from a vintage slip and curtain lace remnants.
- Beer and wine was from the Pacific Northwest - she even saved the bottle caps for repurposing.
- She made chalkboard picture frames in place of printed programs.
- Decorations were hand made and will be used in the baby room.
- Jam, from local (organic) berries, was offered as wedding favors.
- Invitees were encouraged to carpool to the location.

- No confetti or balloons!
- All thank-you gifts were hand-made by Lane' (green cleaner kit, necklaces, home made beauty items such as bath salts, and other sundries).
- Everyone had mason jars with a tag so they could decorate and keep reuse during the celebration.



Signage from thrift shop frames and flowers are hand dyed coffee filters.

Master Recycler Open House

Metro, Room 370, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland
Wednesday, November 16th 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Spend the evening with two Portland residents who participated in separate [5 Gyres](#) expeditions, sailing through remote oceanic areas to study plastic pollution. Nastassja Pace (Class 42) will share her experience as a Master Recycler, a “bag-banner” and artist focused on plastic bags. Megan Ponder led the Bag Task Force for the Office of Mayor Sam Adams. She now works for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability on waste reduction policy development and implementation. Both will share their passion for plastics pollution prevention and their amazing adventures seeing the impacts of plastics in our oceans. They will also share the exciting outreach efforts happening world wide to solve this problem.

RSVP to [Master Recycler Program](#).

Appreciations

Two new Master Recycler Centurions to congratulate!

Amy Monahan (Class 43) joined the ranks of yet another member of the Lake Oswego Trash Team who has volunteered more than 100 hours. Offering very creative tabling displays, deep conversations with Lake Oswego Farmer’s Market goers and lots and lots of hours planning and implementing event recovery throughout the area.



Kate McPherron (Class 43) is the tabling queen. She has now spent over 100 hours talking to over 1,000 residents in all three counties about everything from green building, greener cleaners, plastics, composting and thoughtful consumption.

Amy talking green cleaners.



Two newly Certified Master Recyclers have completed their 30 hour commitment

Emily Hauth (Class 43) spent much of her payback hours offering technical assistance. She directly visited homes in the Portland food scrap pilot area to help residents get used to curbside composting. She helped Richmond residents who took a one-garbage-can-a-month challenge meet their commitment by offering waste audits and advise. And she helped four Portland Recycles Small Grant Program organizations successfully use their grant money to reduce waste. Recently she also assisted in the recovery plan for the VegFest.

Sara McFarland (Class 47) has been volunteering at the Tuality Hospital to improve waste recovery – especially to help them identify specialty recycling markets for odd materials. Sara also had a home Eco-party and offered a workshop on natural gardening and seed propagation. She plans to continue to volunteer in these areas –especially in organizing the upcoming Master Recycler Compost Tour.

Volunteer Opportunities



The Holiday Half Marathon, Event Recycling Planning

Adidas North American Headquarters,
5055 N Greeley Ave, Portland
Sunday, December 11th 8 a.m.
(and planning meetings)

Assist with planning and implementing the event recycling for this half marathon / 5K event. Planning starts now.

Contact: [Mitzi Sugar](#)

Basics of Recycling Presentation at Gateway Commons

Gateway Apartments, 181 SE 18th St, Hillsboro

Any afternoon in October, November or early December, from 3 – 4 p.m.

Required to be able to present in Spanish. Talk with a group of 10 to 15 residents interested in recycling on a day of your choosing. Washington County staff can provide PowerPoint slides, projector and laptop, and educational materials. This can be a formal presentation or an informal discussion with PowerPoint and visuals.

Contact: [Heather Robinson](#), 503-846-3660

Brentwood-Darlington Association Open House

7211 SE 62nd Ave, Portland

Thursday, November 3rd 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Join BPS staff at a Be Cart Smart information table at this community event to talk about curbside changes and share curbside composting tips and tricks.

Contact: [Babs Adamski](#), 503-823-8753

Portland Mennonite Church Green Team

1312 SE 35th Ave, Portland

Sunday, November 6th Noon – 1 p.m.



Rick Collett (Class 38) tabling at the Terra Linda Sustainability Fair last month.

This church would like to encourage members to recycle more. Check out the Be Cart Smart Kit and join an informal gathering. Be prepared to do short 15 minute presentations with questions throughout the hour regarding general info about what is recyclable curbside, where to take non-curbside materials, as well as information about the new composting program.

To check out a kit, contact [Master Recycler Program](#).

Harriet Tubman School America Recycles

231 N Flint Ave., Portland

Tuesday, November 15th, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Join BPS staff at a Be Cart Smart information table at this community event to talk about curbside changes and share curbside composting tips and tricks.

Contact: [Babs Adamski](#), 503-823-8753

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, four information tables and several shifts:

Ron Russell Middle School

3955 SE 112th Ave, Portland
Saturday, November 19th, 2011

Rosa Parks Elementary School

8960 N Woolsey Ave, Portland
Saturday, January 21st, 2012

Jefferson High School

5210 N Kerby Ave, Portland
Saturday, February 25th, 2012

- Be Resourceful
- Be Cart Smart
- The ReBuilding Center
- Remodel It Green



Fix-It Fair 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. Free food and childcare available for everyone! For more information visit [Fix-It Fair online](#).

Contact: [Master Recycler Program](#), 503-823-7530. Let us know your preferred the date, shift and topic.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOG
YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS**
Visit www.masterrecycler.org
and click on the Members tab

Conservation News

Home Energy IQ



Easy ways to save energy at home. Free workshops brought to you by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Clackamas County, Energy Trust of Oregon, and Clean Energy Works Oregon.

Pre-register for a workshop and receive an Energy Saver kit for qualifying customers which includes compact fluorescent light bulbs, a high-performance showerhead, faucet aerators and energy-saving tips.

Clackamas County

Clackamas County Bank, 38975 Proctor Blvd, Sandy
November 7th 6 – 8 p.m.

West Linn Fire Station #58, 6050 Failing St, West Linn
November 15th 6 – 8 p.m.

Milwaukie Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St, Milwaukie
November 22nd 6 – 8 p.m.

(Please register with [Clackamas County](#) for these workshops.)

Portland area

The Warehouse / Portland Green Parenting, 3434 SE Milwaukie Ave, Portland
Saturday, October 29th 9 – 11 a.m.

Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave, Portland
Thursday, November 3rd 7 – 9 p.m.

Umpqua Bank, 3606 SW Bond Ave, Portland
Tuesday, November 11th 7 – 9 p.m.

Sylvan Fire Station #16, 120 SW 5th Ave, Portland
Thursday, November 17th 7 – 9 p.m.

Visit [Energy Trust online](#) or call 1-866-368-7878.

Beaverton Eco-School Network Informational Meeting

Ridgewood Elementary School Library, 10100 SW Inglewood St, Portland
Tuesday, November 15th 7 – 8:30 p.m.

The desire for a Beaverton Eco-School Network is emerging. Parents and teachers from Beaverton schools are invited to attend and contribute their thoughts.

RSVP to [Emily Klavins](#), 503-227-2315. If you cannot attend but would like information, please contact Emily.

The Secret Life of Materials

Metro, Council Chambers, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland
Wednesday, November 30th Noon – 1 p.m.

The popular environmental attributes of materials we use don't necessarily correlate with actual reductions in environmental impacts. Life cycle analysis can offer a way of better understanding impacts, but is time-consuming, expensive and potentially controversial. David Allaway's dynamic presentation will help bring these complicated materials concerns into focus.

Contact: [Resa Thomason](#), 503-797-1870, or [Janna Allgood](#), 503-813-7589

Prescription Drug Turn-In

Saturday, October 29th

To celebrate National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, the City of Portland, Clackamas County and Washington County have planned free take-back events. Visit the [DEA online](#) to find the event nearest you.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

can be found in
Job Seekers at the
Master Recycler Forum

www.MasterRecycler.org

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