

## Master Recycler Open House

WHERE: Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

WHEN: Thursday, October 26th, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

WHO: All Master Recyclers

WHAT: Light refreshments and a panel discussion on upcoming waste reduction legislation

January marks the beginning of a new Oregon Legislative Session and waste reduction advocates have been gearing up for some exciting new initiatives. Come hear from a panel of recycling and waste prevention advocates about new legislation that could affect the future of Oregon's waste. From electronics product stewardship and removing barriers to commercial compost facilities, to expanding the Bottle Bill, we will learn what is in store and how we can show our support.

Speakers include:

- **Wayne Rifer:** Wayne has been an environmental professional for 30 years, working in government, industry and consulting. His work has addressed integrated waste management, product stewardship, and industrial ecology.
- **Katy Daly:** A Master Recycler and board member of Recycling Advocates, Katy can speak to the grassroots support necessary for these initiatives.
- **Rob Gutteridge:** Rob was the President of Recycling Advocates for seven years and presently works with Solid Waste & Recycling at Clark County. As a person who has been actively involved in waste reduction in Oregon and Washington, he has a unique perspective of the Product Stewardship law that the State of Washington passed last year and how it compares to what may be proposed in Oregon.

To RSVP, contact J Lauren Norris 503.823.7530, [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us).

I hope you will join us for this exciting evening!



J Lauren Norris

## MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM NEWS

### E-Waste Solutions Electronics and Plastics Recycling Event

E-Waste Solutions, a Clackamas-based computer and electronics recycling company, will sponsor a special electronics and plastics recycling event on Friday, October 20, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the back of the main parking lot between the Clackamas Aquatic Park and the Oregon Institute of Technology, located at 7740 SE Harmony Road in Milwaukie, Oregon.

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce, McFarlane's Bark and Compost, AgriPlas Recycling, R.S. Davis Recycling, the Clackamas County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling, and Master Recyclers will be there to provide assistance and/or informational materials regarding the many different forms of recycling available to Clackamas County residents and business owners.

For more information contact Michael Bouchard at 503-722-0010 or [mbouchard@ewastesolutions.biz](mailto:mbouchard@ewastesolutions.biz).

## New Master Recycler Certifications

A record-high eight Master Recyclers certified last month by completing 30 hours of outreach. A big thank you and congratulations to: Liza Maness from Class 29; Judy Bloodworth, Tina Frasnelly, Ted Fuller and Debbie Peerenboom from Class 30; Mary Leverette and Sharon Leary from Class 31; and Carol Grindlay from Class 32. This group's volunteer hours included tabling at events all over the region, coordinating and perfecting the reuse section of Master Recycler Plastics Roundups, creating a "glass on the side" bucket project, auditing and creating a plan for recycling in large apartment towers in Portland, setting up agricultural business plastics (like bale twine and tree containers) pick ups at a Washington county business and nonprofit, and the recycling and reuse of 100 pounds of batteries from the Leukemia Light the Night event.

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours.

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

Username: MasterRecycler  
Password: master

## Master Recyclers Pull Off Another Great Event

On September 16th over 40 Master Recyclers helped recycle about 7 tons of plastic at the fourth Master Recycler Plastics Roundup! The event went extremely smoothly. An extra thanks to coordinators Craig Clark, Carol Grindlay, Elizabeth Johnson, Sara Brockmeier, and Debbie Peerenboom. Ted Fuller also headed the outstanding reuse area in the Rock Creek Campus. The next roundups will be February 3rd. The SE location will be headed up by Mary Leverette, Sharon Leary and Tina Frasnelly.

Sara Brockmeier and Dick McCollom plan to lead the Sylvania Sight and Carol Grindlay is still looking for her partner for Rock Creek. If you are interested in helping co-lead at Rock Creek or run a reuse area at a location, contact J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530, [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us)



*One person's garbage is a Master Recycler's Message – Master Recyclers distribute plastic buckets, collected at roundups, when they talk to residents about keeping glass on the side*

## Master Recycler Mentor Program

A Master Recycler Mentor Program is almost ready to get started. Many of the Mentors came to a meeting this summer to help brainstorm ways that seasoned members can help new Master Recyclers. Ideas were generated by that brainstorm as well as a table that Mentors staffed at the last open house:

- **Mentor Web Page/Handout:** List Mentors and their specialties and interests. Soon this list will be available on the web.
- **Program Coordinator Matching:** During class, the Program Coordinator may identify some obvious matches for Mentors and Mentees and make the connection.
- **Mentors' Welcome:** Each term, the Program Coordinator solicits three Mentors to call 10 of the new students to welcome them to the team, share some of their positive experiences and ask if they have questions.
- **Rotate Mentors into the Curriculum:** One mentor is integrated into an evening, speaking or leading a discussion on a subject ranging from a specific topic (like worm bins) to a skill (like presentations). The Program Coordinator will work with the Mentors to ensure that they feel prepared with resources or information on the topic they choose to cover.

- **Specific Mentor/Mentee Events:** Students sign up in class for specific opportunities to table or do a presentation where a Mentor is already scheduled.
- **Supporting Program Coordinator:** There are times when the Coordinator would like to get a Master Recycler's perspective.

## MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### ReBuilding Center Table at the Home Improvement & Remodeling Show

Oregon Convention Center, Portland

Thursday, September 28 to Sunday, October 1

Volunteers will inform participants about the ReBuilding Center, Our United Villages, and its services including ReFind Furniture and DeConstruction Services. All volunteers will get free access to the trade show. Event starts today; call soon if you're interested.

Contact: Bob Potter, [bpotter@ourunitedvillages.org](mailto:bpotter@ourunitedvillages.org)

### E-waste Solutions Recycling Fair

Oregon Institute of Technology on SW Harmon Drive in SE Portland, Clackamas

Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21

Michael Bouchard and Meredith Gilbert, owners of E-Waste Solutions and graduates of Class 32, are organizing an e-waste recycling, plastics and hazardous material waste event in partnership with local and regional recycling companies, waste haulers, governmental agencies, and possible elected officials. Volunteers needed to staff a table and help sort incoming materials.

Contact: Michael Bouchard or Meredith Gilbert, 503-722-0010, [recycle@ewastesolutions.biz](mailto:recycle@ewastesolutions.biz)

### SCRAP Back to School

3901A N Williams, Portland

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am to 6:30 pm.

Lead a workshop, help kids find school supplies they need, assist with the reuse fashion show. Shifts 10am-1pm, 12:30-3:30, 3-6:30.

Contact: 503-294-0769, [volunteer@scrapaction.org](mailto:volunteer@scrapaction.org)

### The Sustainable Living Day

Oregon Health and Science University,

Hatfield Research Building Atrium (9th floor just off Sam Jackson Park Road)

Friday, October 20, 10:30 to 2:00

Talk with OHSU employees about residential recycling with the Portland Recycles kit. You will share your table with fellow Master Recycler Nancy Oberschmidt who will be talking about how she started commercial composting at OHSU.

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

### Salmon Festival Recycling

Oxbow Park, Troutdale

Sunday, October 15

Help train Salmon festival volunteers how to staff recycling centers. Salmon Festival is a fun celebration of the salmon with a salmon feast, music and great exhibits. The festival coordinators this year have decided to include recycling and compost at the event.

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## Join SCRAP's Reuse Education Team at:

**Outreach to Community Events** - Talk up your reuse abilities and ecological awareness of all things Scrappy. Facilitate creative reuse projects to the children of the community, young and old.

**Tours of SCRAP** - There's more than meets the eye to this little reclaimed-materials-sort-land. Lead discussions about Reducing, Reusing and Recycling to inspire proactive sustainable behavior and tell the history of SCRAP.

**Presentations at Schools** - Teachers have the power to inform, inspire and inundate their pupils with knowledge; let's make it creative and eco-friendly. A SCRAP presentation in the classroom is an excellent opportunity to gain teaching experience, it is also for the good of humanity.

**Teacher Trainings** - Practice your public speaking skills while informing the informers (teachers) of the opportunity for Reuse in the classroom. Trainings are held at SCRAP and at education conferences.

*If you are interested in joining SCRAP's education team, call or email Carol, 503.294.0769, carol@scrapaction.org, to set up an orientation.*

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Northwest Solar Expo 2006

September 29 - October 1

Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR

\$8 admission includes access to all workshops and classes

The first Northwest Solar Expo will show you how to put clean energy solutions to work, whether you're a homeowner, business owner, or industry professional. Attendees will leave the Expo with practical knowledge and tips you can use NOW to support clean energy usage within your budget. Come to the Expo to learn about solar water heating, solar electric systems, efficient lighting solutions, residential wind energy programs, and much more! Visit [www.nwsolarexpo.com](http://www.nwsolarexpo.com) for more information.

### Agri-plas Celebrates Expansion

Developing new markets for recycled plastics has been good business for Agri-Plas, poised to nearly double its production, improve the purity of their finished plastics and hire as many as a dozen new employees.

Agri-Plas, the company that hauls and processes the plastics from the Master Recycler Plastics Roundups, celebrated a grand opening of their 32,000-square-foot expansion on September 21st. Founder, Dari Jongsma announced their next endeavor was to purchase a machine that she has personally seen return plastic to petroleum! It was especially fun for Master Recyclers as we could see the processed plastic that had been collected just days before at the roundup on September 16th.

Congratulations, Allen and Dari Jongsma and their whole team, on expanding an already fantastic operation! We wish you luck!

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