

Summer Events & Waste Reduction

Metro area folks love to gather to listen to music, share information, view art, watch sports and celebrate cultural diversity. An increasing number of event organizers are focusing on reducing the waste their events generate. Events can generate a lot of waste - but it doesn't have to be that way.

Some simple steps can be used to reduce, recycle and in rare instances even compost at community events. A few Master Recyclers used the knowledge they learned in class, along with two key resources, to help community groups get on top of their trash heaps this summer.

Nicole Hillis (Class 33) ordered receptacles for bottles and cans at the National Brain Tumor Foundation run as did **Rebecca Sherman** and **Nick O'Neil** (Class 32) for Klienman Eruption Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. **Lauri Neumann-Grable** (Class 33) got her church to buy and clean durables for their picnics.



Recycling at Klienman Eruption Ultimate Frisbee Tournament by Rebecca Sherman

Elaine Giraud (Class 35) became the Recycling Coordinator for the three day Art in the Pearl! Elaine contacted PSU, the haulers, worked with the site coordinator and the AIP board to ensure that all garbage cans had recycling stations right next to them. Signage was great and she ensured that contamination was kept at a minimum. Elaine was able to recover 16% of their waste from that event. Nice work Elaine!

Julie Gefroh (Class 35) took on the special challenges of waste prevention as well as recycling and compost at the Muddy Boot Festival this year. Julie created a form for all vendors that required they have a plan for waste management. She encouraged food vendors to offer durable containers to their patrons. While food composting is not always appropriate at all events it went very well here. Nine hundred gallons of food scraps were recovered here. Muddy Boot recovered about 600 gallons of recyclables and only threw away 280 gallons of garbage.

Thank you to all of you for your outstanding work in greening our community's events! Event waste reduction is a special art and everyone did a great job.

What were the two key community resources these folks used?

1) Recycling at Events Guide - by Office of Sustainable Development, Recycling Advocates and Metro. The Guide can be found at:
<http://www.portlandonline.com/osd/index.cfm?c=43211&a=158511>.

2) PSU's Community Environmental Services offers technical assistance and recycling receptacles with signage to Portland community events.
<http://www.pdx.edu/ces/>

MASTER RECYCLER NEWS

Fall Master Recycler Open House Global Warming 101

Metro Council Chambers
600 NE Grand
Thursday, October 25,
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Michael Armstrong, Deputy Director for the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development, will illustrate strategies for residents, businesses and local governments to reduce CO2 emissions in ways that create local jobs and benefit the community.

According to a 2005 city progress report, carbon-dioxide emissions in Portland have returned to 1990 levels despite rapid population and economic growth — an achievement likely unequalled in any other major U.S. city. Michael Armstrong will talk about how Portland achieved this, why it's not enough, and new global warming and sustainability strategies for the future.

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have not already, please RSVP *J Lauren Norris*, 503-823-7530,
masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us



New and Improved Master Recycler Manual!

The Master Recycler Manual is an important tool that all 750 Master Recyclers studied since the inception of the program in 1991. The manual was originally gleaned from the Seattle Master Composter Program and edited to fit recycling in the Portland metro area by founders of the Program at Recycling Advocates. The tradition of sharing this Manual with new programs in other cities in Oregon continued and the other six Master Recycler Programs in Oregon based their manuals on the same structure. The Master Recycler Program is pleased to announce a new edition to the Master Recycler Manual!

The manual is also now available online, so as it is updated you have access to the latest version. Thanks to the founders, Recycling Advocates, the Office of Sustainable Development, Metro, Washington and Clackamas Counties and the Department of Environmental Quality for your contributions to this new Manual. Thank you also to **Catha Loomis** (Class 35) for your copy editing efforts.

To find the manual on line go to *www.masterrecycler.org* press the members' button and enter the User name: MasterRecycler Password: master (capitals count!)

Enjoy!

Certified Master Recyclers

Thank you to **Bev Ardueser** (Class 35) who tabled from Portland to Hillsboro to get the word out on recycling and green remodeling!

Kelly Bates (Class 32), nice work talking to residents in Clackamas on just about every topic (I hear you're the expert in worms!).

Julie Gefroh (Class 35) organized recycling, composting and durables for the Muddy Boot Festival.

Elaine Giraud (Class 35) canvassed for the roll cart project, tabled on waste prevention and organized recycling at Art in the Pearl.

Cory Kniefel (Class 34) took on a couple big projects in his South Tabor Neighborhood. He organized recycling at the neighborhood cleanup and contacted apartment managers there to assess the recycling and offer to improve the system and share information with the tenants. What a great project!

Thank you to **Lauri Neumann-Grable** (Class 33) for all your creative efforts at waste prevention education at your church.

Thanks, **Ron Reese** (Class 35), for adopting the new Boring Farmer's Market!

Deborah Stewart (Class 30) certified by conducting presentations at multi-family residences, plastics roundups and assisting Nature Conservancy with their recycling program.

Congratulations to all of you for certifying and thank you for your commitment to our environment!



Bev Ardueser tabling at the OHSU Farmer's Market

MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EPA's 2nd annual "Portland Harbor Field Day"

Cathedral Park North Willamette, Portland

Saturday, Sept 29, 1 p.m. -4 p.m.

Staff a Greener Cleaner table with Teresa Kubo (class 32) to talk to residents about why using greener cleaner also keeps toxics out of our rivers.

Contact: Teresa Kubo, Kubo.Teresa@epamail.epa.gov

Master Recycler Plastics Roundup

It's not too late to volunteer, especially for afternoon shifts! Help residents recover those hard to recycle plastics. With two dates and two new locations we should be able to spread the word about plastics recycling and reuse to even more residents in the region!

Master Recycler Plastics Roundup Shifts:

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
and
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(the second shift will include helping load trucks)

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Floyd Light Middle School, 10800 SE Washington St., Portland
(Looking for afternoon reuse coordinator)

Kaiser Permanente West Interstate, 3325 N Interstate
(off Fremont & Overlook Park)

And/Or

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Westview High School, 4200 NW 185th Ave., North Parking Lot
(also looking for an afternoon reuse coordinator!)

(The PCC Sylvania location has enough volunteers!)

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

**Don't forget to log your
volunteer hours.**

**Visit masterrecycler.org and
click on the Members tab.**

**Username: MasterRecycler
Password: master**

Home & Garden Show

Expo Center Marine Dr. Portland

Thursday, October 4 - Sunday October 7

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Staff a table for the Rebuilding Center to let residents know about this important reuse option when doing home improvement. Many shifts available throughout the week.

Contact: (503)467-4985, volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org

Oregon City Girl St Community

Jackson St HS, Oregon City

Saturday, October 6, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Our display will include the Yes/No of curbside plastics and our Bring Your Own Bag Display, which includes a pledge to use reusable bags. Those who sign the written pledge will receive a reusable bag.

Contact: Susan Ziolko, 503-353-4455, susanz@co.clackamas.or.us

Salmon Festival Recycling

Oxbow Park, Troutdale

October 13 & 14

8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

Help train Salmon festival volunteers how to staff recycling and compost receptacles. Salmon Festival is a fun celebration of the salmon with a feast, music and great exhibits at a beautiful setting. Orient volunteers at 9:00 and check in and monitor for the next hour. Volunteering gets you a free pass to the event.

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Hillsboro Farmer's Market is seeking a Master Recycler to assist in greening their market this winter.

To learn more about this opportunity or get started in greening your own event contact: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us



Always marry garbage with recycling and good signage!

CONSERVATION NEWS

Mercy Corps E-waste Reuse and Recycle Collection

Parking lot NW 10th and Raleigh, Portland
Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Technology Conservation Group and Mercy Corps seek your unwanted computers and monitors to refurbish and send to communities in need. Items not refurbishable will be recycled on behalf of Mercy Corps.

No Fee Items:

- PC's, laptops, computer peripherals, hard drives
- Telephones, cell phones, pagers & PDA's
- Fluorescent bulbs

Fee based items:

- Monitors \$8.00
- Copiers, desktop printers, fax machines, DVD/VCR players, Stereo's \$5.00
- TV's \$10.00 w/ console \$20.00
- Large, stand alone printers \$40.00

Cash or check at this event only, please.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

SCRAP - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

School Community Reuse Action Project (SCRAP), Portland, Oregon
Closes: Friday, October 5, 2007 at 5:00 pm

Starting Date:

On or before January 1, 2008

Salary:

\$40K - \$42K depending on experience and qualifications

Please read the full job description here.

To Apply:

Submit a resume, cover letter, and the names and full contact information of three references to Timo Forsberg, Board Chair at jobs@scrapaction.org no later than October 5, 2007 at 5:00 pm.



Mercy Corps computer training in Lebanon

