

October News

Master Recyclers Making a Difference

As we gear up for the Fall Plastics Roundup, it is important to take a minute to think about why we are doing this. Yes, we are recycling a whole bunch of plastic (probably another 20 tons). Yes, we are saving energy, resources and reducing the region's carbon foot print. But we are also working to make a sustained change in people's behavior. Local depots have drastically expanded what they take. A couple of thousand residents are making it a habit to recycle beyond curbside. We are letting participants know that they can actually recycle everything we recycle at local depots year round. (Yes, I mean everything: Agri-plas is making regular visits to Portland Recycling Center now and Far West Fibers takes pretty much all the rigid plastic we take).

Our favorite Master Recycler Program Assistant, Wing Grabowski, shared an e-mail with me that sums up the work that Master Recyclers are doing. The writer was preparing for her first roundup next week and she wrote, "I was standing at the sink washing a plastic peanut butter jar and said to myself, laughing 'I can't believe I'm washing garbage.' My 14 year-old son replied 'You're not. You're washing resources.'"

J Lauren Norris



Ken Adams (Class 27) is moving to Memphis. Thank you for contributing 74 hours of enthusiastic community education. We wish you luck!

Welcome Class 39!

The Washington County class started this fall. The new registration process went



Class 39 Listens to Dan Wilson at Waste Management's Hillsboro Landfill.

well. Registration was open over a month. People were selected by a weighted lottery prioritizing who works or lives in Washington County. This was much less stressful for people than the old first-come, first-served approach, resulting in a really great crew. I'm sure you all will welcome them as you start meeting them at local community events.

Certified Master Recyclers



Kristin's cool new recycling system at Montavilla Farmer's Market

Kristin Wildensee (Class 35) certified this month with a wallop. She went from 10 to 65 hours in just one e-mail! Kristin tabled at a number of volunteer opportunities around Portland. She worked with Metro education staff to create a fun interactive presentation on worm bins for the Humane Society Summer Camp. And to top it off, she organized signage and containers, trained volunteers, and implemented recycling at the Montavilla Farmer's Market. Very nice work.

Brad Kuntz (Class 37) also certified last month. Brad helped organize tabling and canvassing in outer SE for the Portland Recycles! Campaign for which OSD is eternally grateful. He also has done fantastic work involving students at Gladstone High School. Each step of the way, Brad has ensured the students are driving the process to become a certified Green School. Great work on building future stewardship, Brad!



Brad poses with Gladstone students and well earned Green School Certification.

Mike Salmond (Class 38) also certified with a big leap forward to 51 hours. Mike worked hard this spring/summer in organizing Portland Recycles! outreach in North Portland. He also recently worked on waste reduction at the Iron Artist event. He coordinated with event organizers, PSU, haulers, recyclers and vendors to set up recycling and even made it so that the beer was served in reusable cups!

Master Recycler Fall Plastics Roundup Sign Up Now!

The **Fall Master Recyclers Plastics Roundup** will take place on two Saturdays and four locations, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Shifts are 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday October 4th – two locations:

- **Lake Oswego:** Co-hosted by Shorenstein Realty Services LP and Autodesk, Inc. 5400 Meadows Rd.
- **North Portland:** Hosted by Kaiser Permanente West Interstate 3325 N Interstate (off Fremont and Overlook Park)

Saturday, October 11th – two locations:

- **Milwaukie:** Hosted by City of Milwaukie 9600 SE Main (old Southgate Theatre site)
- **Hillsboro:** Hosted by Intel Ronler Acres 2501 NW 229th Ave

Sign up for as many locations and shifts as you'd like.

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

Master Recycler Fall Open House

Eco-psychology: The Sustainable Self

Metro Council Chambers 600 NE Grand Blvd., Portland
Monday, November 3rd 7 – 9 p.m.

You are cordially invited to a provocative evening with speaker Dr. Thomas Joseph Doherty, Coordinator of Eco-psychology Studies at the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling and an adjunct faculty at Pacific University's School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Doherty will talk about psychological reasons

that people may resist lifestyle change. Some eco-psychologists embrace anti-consumerism. Doherty's system, which he calls "Sustainable Self," aims for a slow and mindful change. He will talk about how we can sift through all the information to make it personally relevant, and find sustainability on an everyday level for ourselves and the communities Master Recyclers reach out to.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Home Improvement and Remodeling Show

Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Blvd, Portland
Rebuilding Center Information Table

Thursday, Sept 25th 2 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday, Sept 26th 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept 27th 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunday, Sept 28th 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Help spread the word about this great reuse resource in the community.

Contact: Corinna Buchholz,
(503)517-0761, corinna@ourunitedvillages.org

**Don't forget to log
your volunteer hours**
Visit www.masterrecycler.org
and click on the Members tab.

Home Depot Energy and Environment Celebration

14811 NE Airport Way, Portland
Saturday, Sept 27th and Sunday, Sept 28th
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Check out the Portland Recycles! and Take a Bag, Take the Pledge kits to talk to Home Depot customers about residential recycling and waste prevention. Join the fun green energy event with free food and lots of information. Choose the day and shift you like.

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

Cub Scout #415 Presentation & Game

St. Thomas Moore 3521 SW Patton Rd., Portland
Tuesday, September 30th 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

This Cub Scout troop has a fun idea of playing a recycling game where kids play "basketball," taking turns tossing materials into roll carts, yellow bins (carefully tossing

glass) or garbage cans and earning points if they tossed it in the right place. Check out a yes/no kit ahead of time. They just need your expertise to make it work!

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

Portland Fall Home & Garden Show

Portland Expo Center 2060 N Marine Drive, Portland
Thurs – Sat, Oct. 2nd – 4th 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
and Sunday, Oct. 5th 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Help Metro with Compost and Green Cleaners at this exciting show.

Contact: Caran Goodall, 503-797-1693, caran.goodall@oregonmetro.gov

Oregon City Girl Scout Troop 1776 Community Fair

Oregon City High School Gym, Jackson St Campus, 1100 Jackson St, Oregon City
Saturday, October 4th 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
(Volunteer all day or for part of the day. Contact Sherri with the hours you are available.)

Staff a recycling information table at this community event. Please wear non-skid soft soled shoes to protect the floor in the gym.

Contact: Sherri Dow, 503-343-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

Community Action Energy Fair

Aloha High School 18550 SW Kinnaman Rd, Beaverton
Saturday, October 11th 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (includes set-up/break down)

20 vendors representing energy conservation, health and safety, recycling and community resources will talk to 200-400 visitors, many Spanish-speaking, but bilingual ability not required. The event hopes to also have 10-12 workshops for the public at this event.

Check out literature and displays prior to the event at the County office.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503.846.3651, michelle_pimentel@co.washington.or.us

Salmon Festival

Oxbow Regional Park, Troutdale
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11th and 12th
Shifts are from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Metro is looking for folks to play Recycle Roulette with attendees. Enjoy the rest of the festival before or after your shift!

Freda Sherburne, (503)797-1522, freda.sherburne@oregonmetro.gov

Wal-Mart Waste Prevention and Reusable Bag Event

Wal-Mart, 4200 SE 82nd Ave, Portland

Saturday, Oct 18 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(two shifts available, two people per shift; 9:30 – 1:00 or 12:45 – 4:15)

Help spread the word about waste prevention and reusable bags at this educational outreach event at Wal-Mart. Bags will be available to customers and your role will be to talk about waste prevention, including reusable bags and Metro's Junk Mail kit.

Contact: Alicia Polacok, (503)823-7107, apolacok@ci.portland.or.us

Fall Harvest Festival

Portland Community College Rock Creek Campus

17705 N.W. Springville Road, Rock Creek

Saturday, October 25th Shifts are 10 a.m. – noon or noon – 2 p.m.

Help Metro with either of 2 displays – either Compost or Green Cleaners.

Contact: Caran Goodall 503-797-1693, caran.goodall@oregonmetro.gov

Job Opportunities

Marion County Waste Reduction Coordinator

For information or to apply, visit: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/BS/HR/jobopenings.htm>

City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services Sustainable Stormwater Program Coordinator

For full description and to apply, visit <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/08-259/08-259.htm>



MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES
can be found in Job Seekers at
the Master Recycler Forum.
www.MasterRecycler.org

