

# OSU Master Recycler Program In Brief August, 2002



Bridging the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce waste in their homes and workplaces.

## Volunteer Opportunity News

### 1. Oregon City Antique Fair, Main Street

Volunteers are invited to come monitor recycling containers and educate Fair goers (up to 20,000) about recycling. This is a fun event if you like antiques and is their first attempt to offer recycling – come help make it a success.

**When:** August 25. Shifts are from 8:30-12:30 and 12:30-5:30.

**Contact:** Susan Ziolk, Clackamas County, 503-353-4455.

### 2. Hillsdale Farmers' Market

One volunteer is needed to help at this market.

**When:** September 1, 10-2.

**Contact:** Gil Moss, 503-293-7807

### 3. West Hills Chiropractic Health Fair

Volunteers are needed to staff a worm bin/composting table at this Kids Day America Health Fair. The event is at West Hills Chiropractic Office, 1070 NW Murray Blvd., Ste. A. Two volunteers are needed, preferably with access to a worm bin.

**When:** September 21, 12-3

**Contact:** Megan, 503-725-2035

### 4. Farmers' Market Volunteers Still Needed!!

#### Forest Grove Farmers' Market

The market is at 19th and Ash Street in the city parking lot. One volunteer is needed on August 10th from 8-1. Two volunteers are needed on September 7 from 8-1.

#### Cedar Mill Farmers' Market

Two volunteers are needed on August 17, 8:15-1:30. The volunteer will need to pick-up a display, the market provides a table, chairs and canopy.

### Beaverton Farmers' Market

The market meets in the parking lot of the new Beaverton Library, off of SW Hall Blvd., between 3rd and 5th Avenues. Volunteers are needed August 31 and September 21, 8:30-1.

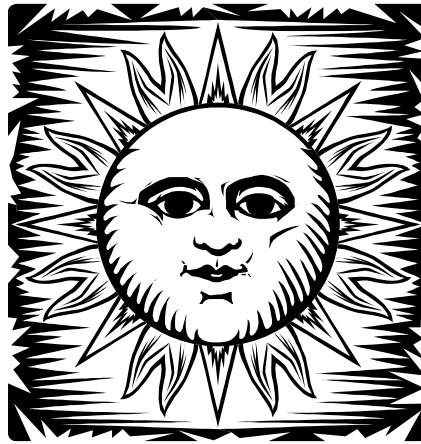
### Gresham Farmers' Market

The market is in downtown Gresham on 3rd between Hood and Kelly. One volunteer is needed on August 17th from 8:30-2.

### Lake Oswego Farmers' Market

The market is in Millennium Plaza Park at the corner of 1st and Evergreen. One volunteer is needed for August 3 from 8-1. Two volunteers are needed for September 7 from 8-1.

**The contact for all of the above markets is Megan, 503-725-2035.**



### 5. Wintering-In Harvest Festival

The Oregon Historical Society is looking for a few environmentally-minded people to assist the general public in recycling during their annual festival, held on Sauvie Island at the Howell Territorial Park. Volunteers will be stationed at recycling/trash centers to educate visitors on how to recycle their glass, plastic, and cans. For more information about the festival, visit the OHS website at [www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org).

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22, shifts are from 10:30-2 and 1:30-5.

**Contact:** Rachael Vorberg-Rugh, 503-306-5226 or by e-mail at [rachaelv@ohs.org](mailto:rachaelv@ohs.org).

**MORE OPPORTUNITIES ON THE NEXT PAGE!**

**Report your hours!!**

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## More Volunteer Opportunities...

### 6. Clackamas County Fair Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4<sup>th</sup>, Canby, Tuesday, August 13- Sunday, August 18

Help Clackamas County staff with the County's Recycling booth. As well as recycling information, there will be displays on Metro's Recycled Paint, Worm Bins, Composting, Household Hazardous Waste, a children's activity and the Quiz Board.

Fair admission, parking and a T-shirt are provided. Call Shira Fogel – 503-353-4458 from Aug 1-Aug 6 or Sherri Dow 503-353-4463 from Aug 7-Aug 9 County to sign up for the shift you want. Call early, this is a popular event.

#### Shifts Available:

##### **Friday, August 16**

11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

##### **Sunday, August 18**

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### 7. Komen Portland Race for the Cure\*

on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15

The Komen Portland Race for the Cure\* is a benefit event for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The Race is a great opportunity to show your support of breast cancer research and awareness while helping the environment at the same time.

Over 40,000 men and women participate in this event generating almost 6 tons of waste in a 5 hour period. In 2001, the Race recycled over 7,535 pounds of material and achieved a 68 percent recycling rate.

Sign up to volunteer by going to the Race's website at <http://www.racefortheure-pdx.org/volunteer/default.htm> or calling 503.553.3680. A form must be filled out to volunteer. Make sure you check the box for "Environmental Management."

Dates: Saturday, September 14  
and Sunday, September 15

Saturday Shift: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm for set up

Sunday Shifts: 6:15 am - 10:00 and 9:30 - 1:00 pm

Where: Waterfront Park (under the Morrison Bridge)

Contact: Robin Hawley, 503.823.7037, rhaw-

ley@ci.portland.or.us Race T-shirts are provided to volunteers.

### Cracked Pots Art Show

McMenamins Edgefield  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Garden Art Show  
August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
Wednesday and Thursday  
1pm until 8pm daily  
free admission  
2126 SW Halsey  
Troutdale Oregon

Cracked Pots is at it once again, showing that recycling can take on a magical form!

This nonprofit arts and environmental group will exhibit and sell the work of 80 artists who create truly surprising art from reused materials. Art ranges from simple to stunning, from inexpensive to costly, from zany to subtle. All the art sends a creative reuse message never to be forgotten.

Gardeners, environmentalists and art enthusiasts are our greatest fans.

Join the fun and save the trash. For further information, art photos or details: Call 503-257-2042.

### Job Announcement

#### School Resource Specialist.

Metro Regional Environmental Management Department. \$39,152.72 - \$52,497.53 annually, Fulltime

**Deadline:** August 15, 2002

Performs a variety of entry-level professional public outreach and planning activities. Provides technical assistance to schools (K-12), in setting up and maintaining waste prevention/recycling programs; performs waste evaluations; coordinates with school staff and haulers; assists with Green School applications; develops and implements waste reduction education activities; performs recycling education puppet shows. Makes presentations; develops newsletters/brochures; attends fairs/conferences to promote waste prevention/recycling. Required application materials available at: Metro Human Resources, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR. Resumes are not accepted.

Please call (503) 797-1570 if you would like application materials mailed to you. Web address: [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org)

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**Please help spread the word about the upcoming class...**

**Do You Want to be an OSU Master Recycler?**

Do you hate to see anything go to waste? Do you love to share knowledge with others? Do you want to make a difference in the world? If so, you may have what it takes to become a Master Recycler.

The popular eight-week course, which includes two field trips, provides 30 hours of instruction in topics such as waste prevention, recycling processes, alternatives to hazardous household products and composting.

Once training is completed, course graduates put their skills to work to help others learn the three Rs: to **reduce** the amount of solid waste generated, **reuse** material for the purpose for which it was intended and **recycle** material that cannot be reused. Master Recyclers volunteer at least 30 hours staffing information booths at community events, making presentations and working on special projects.

The next Master Recycler class begins October 1 at Metro, and will meet Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. The application deadline is September 19. For more information and an application, visit <http://extension.orst.edu/multnomah/recycling/index.html> or call Megan at 503-725-2035.

**Upcoming OSU Master Recycler Class**

**Dates: October 1-November 19**

**Time: Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30 and two Saturday Field Trips**

**Where: Metro, 600 NE Grand, Portland**

**Contact: Megan Cogswell, 503-725-2035**

**Upcoming Follow-up Meeting**

The next follow-up meeting is scheduled for September 10 at Metro, 600 NE Grand, Portland, 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Come and learn all about:

**Product Stewardship Initiatives in Oregon**

***Your article or announcement could be here! Earn payback hours and help educate your fellow MRs.***

Date: July 12, 2002

To: Volunteers with the Multnomah County OSU Extension Service

4-H Youth Development Leaders  
Master Gardeners™  
Master Recyclers  
Master Food Preservers  
Food and Nutrition Educators  
Wildlife Stewards



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Many of you have heard that OSU Extension Service was not included in the Multnomah County budget for fiscal year July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003. The impact of this decision will be immediate for both our main office at 211 SE 80<sup>th</sup> and the 4-H Youth Development Office at 404 SE 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Portland.

Effective July 31, four support staff positions will be eliminated: Patty, receptionist/secretary; Clara, Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) secretary; Doris, Consumer Horticulture and Master Recycler Program secretary; and Susan, as part-time 4-H secretary. We can't begin to express how much we will miss these individuals.

Our remaining four support staff will be trying their best to cope with changing job responsibilities, as well as continuing to meet the needs of the 19 OSU faculty/staff members and 1,400 volunteers who deliver educational programs throughout Multnomah County. It will be impossible for Lee Ila, Carolyn, Joyce, and Carol to "add on" all the responsibilities of those support staff we are losing. Therefore, we are making changes both in our office hours and programming commitments.

Beginning Friday, July 12, public and volunteer access to both offices will be reduced. Office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The offices will be closed on Fridays.

Faculty and staff have been asked to reduce program commitments, but still provide support for Extension volunteers who currently conduct educational programs/activities in many Multnomah County communities. What does that mean to you as one of our valuable volunteers? Here are some examples:

- Master Gardeners™ will respond to consumer horticulture questions during reduced office hours;
- 4-H leader training will be focused on supporting existing clubs, not on recruiting and training new 4-H leaders;

Master Food Preserver (MFP) food safety and preservation classes scheduled for the public at the main office have been canceled. MFP volunteer training will be eliminated in spring, 2003. Experienced MFP volunteers will continue to receive updates and program support throughout the year.

- Master Gardener™ training for new volunteers is canceled for winter, 2003. Experienced MG volunteers will continue to have training opportunities.
- 4-H Wildlife Stewards will be trained to support schools currently enrolled in the program.

We certainly do not want to make these initial program reductions. However, these changes will stretch our existing emergency fund to keep OSU Extension operating in Multnomah County until spring, 2003. At that time, we hope to be restored in the county budget. If that does not happen, OSU Extension could be moved out of Multnomah County.

I am hoping that additional reductions will not be necessary and will keep you informed of any further changes. At this time, all program areas are being reviewed so we can provide the most effective and efficient programs possible. As a staff, we are exploring additional funding sources and program cost-recovery strategies.

Why did Multnomah County Commissioners choose to eliminate OSU Extension funding? The Commissioners made difficult budget decisions. The economic forecast was not good so they chose to support, “...*our critical public safety system, our vital safety net social services, and also the more general community functions, like libraries, that enrich our daily lives*” as quoted in Chair Diane Linn’s speech that can be accessed on the county website, <http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/cc/chair/message.htm>.

The Commissioners are working with us to develop a plan for the future. They do not want OSU Extension resources moved. I will be meeting with various Multnomah County Departments and Commission staff members to develop strategies for the future. Deborah Maddy, OSU Extension Regional Director, and I have met with Chair Linn to begin this process.

What can you do?

- Continue to volunteer for OSU Extension and provide the many excellent educational programs you currently deliver in your communities.
- Keep Extension visible throughout the County. Volunteer and wear your OSU badge.
- Be supportive of remaining faculty/staff as they cope with major changes in work responsibilities.
- And finally, speak out in support of Extension education! Talk about what you do, who you reach, and how the groups/individuals you teach use the information they are learning.

Letters of support are also always needed and appreciated. Let the Commissioners know you understand the difficult budget decisions they have had to make, but at the same time, are disappointed with their decision to eliminate OSU Extension funding from the County budget. Urge the Commissioners to continue working with OSU Extension to resolve these budget issues and establish a permanent funding/budget relationship with OSU Extension.

NOTE: The Master Recycler Program is funded by Metro, the City of Portland, and Clackamas County Solid Waste. Program funding is secure for the upcoming year, though we are feeling the effects of the county budget cuts. Doris Graeger, program secretary, was laid off effective July 31. The Master Recycler Program annual report is available by request. Call or e-mail Megan to request a copy.

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### **Disposing of Computer Cartridges and Cell Phones, from Grist Magazine**

**A CARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE** - Donate your old cartridges and cell phones and help schools.

When your printer runs out of ink, what should you do with the empty cartridge? Turns out, plenty of schools and non-profit organizations are collecting cartridges for recycling, motivated as much by good deals as good citizenship. Companies known as remanufacturers overhaul and refill inkjet and laser cartridges, then sell them at lower rates than the originals. One organization behind the recycling trend, the Funding Factory, says it has signed up 22,000 institutions, most of them schools, to send in empty ink cartridges (and also, more recently, cell phones). The institutions earn points for how many items they supply, and can redeem the points for cash, computers, or other school supplies. Overall, the Funding Factory program has given schools about \$3 million in cash and equipment to date, and expects the number to rise to as much as \$5 million by the end of the year. Other programs use similar setups to donate food to impoverished people.

<http://www.fundingfactory.com/Registration/Organization/SearchOrgs.asp?OrgTy>

You can also donate cell phones to the Donate-a-Phone program.

<http://www.wirelessfoundation.org/12give/index2.cfm>

Susan Ziolk, 503-353-4455, with Clackamas County is coordinating a phone collection program with North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce for local schools. Call her for more information.

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[http://www.gristmagazine.com/ask/email\\_umbra.asp?source=daily](http://www.gristmagazine.com/ask/email_umbra.asp?source=daily)

### **Association of Oregon Recyclers Annual Conference**

The AOR fall conference is September 12, 13 and 14 in Seaside. Scholarships for the conference are available. Go to [www.aorr.org](http://www.aorr.org) for more information.

### **One Voice Can Make a Difference: My Adventure with the Oregon Convention Center**

Eileen Newman, Master Recycler

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, I participated in an event at the Oregon Convention Center (OCC). I was shocked to see the landfill bound disposal of so much fresh, edible food and recyclable products (including up to 1200 recyclable plastic bottles). Recycling facilities were not readily available on site. I was told that the only items that would be recycled from our bag lunches were the easily removable bottles from the top of the dumpsters.

I investigated the issue at OCC. No one seemed to want to take responsibility for the waste of food and inappropriate disposal of recyclables (in a city that has a 53% recyclable goal). Blame was even passed to the outside group holding the event at the OCC. After pushing to find out who was in charge of the OCC, I was referred to Metro.

I found people in Metro who understood the problem and gave me a list of Metro and MERC executives and elected officials with the authority to improve the waste management practices at the OCC. I sent a detailed e-mail to these people. To make a very long story shorter, this e-mail and follow-up correspondence have resulted in enhanced awareness of the issue and the beginning of positive change within the OCC.

I wanted to share this with you because it demonstrates that one person's efforts can improve waste management in our region. For a full report of my activities and detailed information about OCC's recycling percentages and weights, contact me at [eileen14800@yahoo.com](mailto:eileen14800@yahoo.com).

**Master Recycler List on Website  
Resale and rental resources in the Portland area are now posted on the website. Check them out!**

<http://oregonstate.edu/extension/multnomah/recycling/page8.html>