

HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME

During the recent heat wave, a committed cadre of Master Recyclers could be found in North Portland canvassing for a City of Portland low-participation recycling study. Amazingly, everybody said they enjoyed getting out and talking to 119 households about curbside recycling. Thanks to all of you who participated.

One of the volunteers thought canvassing in his own backyard would make a good payback project. Talking to your neighbors is one of the most effective ways to make a difference. Take a walk around your neighborhood on recycling day and note which homes can really use some friendly guidance. We can provide information on curbside recycling for any location, as well as Recycling Information magnets and any other brochures you might need.

PIZZA & PLASTICS

Mark your calendar for six-thirty on Tuesday evening, September 14. It's the date for our next Master Recycler quarterly event at the EcoTrust building. Allen Jongsma from Agri-Plas will give a sort presentation and answer any question you've ever had about plastics and recycling markets. Hot Lips Pizza will answer your pizza questions. More information to follow.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Go Native

For those Master Recyclers who are also gardener types and want to work on the "waste prevention" aspect of waste reduction this is the volunteer opportunity for you! On two Saturdays, August 14th and September 11th at

Blue Lake, volunteers will talk to park goers about pesticide-free gardening, sign them up to win a compost bin and offer free native plants for their garden. There will be a variety of natural gardening brochures on-site. The volunteer day is six hours (three hour commitment required). For more information call Lisa Heigh @ 503.797.1611.

Hazardous Household Waste Roundups

There's four weekend Metro HHW Roundups during the month of August in Tigard, Beaverton, Fairview and Hillsboro. A great opportunity to learn about hazardous waste and assist at a fun event. Call Lisa @ 503.797.1611.

SCRAP

SCRAP's next Education/Outreach Orientation is August 3rd from 6:30pm-8:00 pm. at 3901A N.Williams (The orientation counts towards your MR hours). SCRAP is orienting volunteers to educate about reuse and facilitate exciting hands-on fun with reused materials at the following upcoming events:

- Boise Neighborhood Night Out Tuesday, August 3rd 6:30-8:30. Looking for 2 volunteers from 6:00-9:00. (Games)
- Hacienda Back to School Fiesta Saturday, August 21st 1:00-5:00. Looking for two volunteers from 12:30- 3:00 and two volunteers from 2:30-5:30. (Hands-on project: Notebook making, Binder decorating)
- Williams Street Festival Saturday, August 28th 11:00-7:00. Looking for two volunteers from 10:30-2:30 and two volunteers from 2:30-7:00. (Games)

Contact Jess Firestone, Education Outreach Coordinator (education@scrapaction.org or 503-294-0769), for specific events and to sign up for orientation.

The School and Community Reuse Action



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



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Project, is a non-profit dedicated to keeping clean, reusable materials out of the landfill, providing them at very low cost to the public, and inspiring creative reuse. Education/ Outreach Orientation is held every first Tuesday of the month 6:30pm-8:00pm at.

Cracked Pots

This year's Cracked Pots Garden Art Show will be held at McMenamin's Edgefield on August 10 and 11. Upwards of 60 visiting artists display their truly surprising garden art made from recycled and reused materials, including furniture, trellises, stepping stones, birdbaths, lanterns, mosaic work, metal sculpture and more. The free event benefits Cracked Pots, a nonprofit organization devoted to the creation of garden art with recycled materials.

Paulette Rossi needs Master Recycler volunteers to staff the MetroPaint interactive display table. On Tuesday, August 10, the show runs from 1-7 p.m. and shifts could run the whole day or three hours. Wednesday, August 11 shifts will run from 1-5. All volunteers will receive a certificate for a free five-gallon pail of MetroPaint (any color except white or cream) per shift. Paulette will provide a FAQ fact sheet. Contact her at 503.797.1827 to sign up for this fun event.

Metro's Amy Wilson is seeking Master Recyclers to staff a booth among the artists on the Edgefield grounds. She'll have an interactive game for visitors to match products with their original materials. There will also be samples of made-from-recycled products. Last year's volunteers had a great time at this event. Amy would like two Master Recyclers for each session so you can spell each other and walk around. If you can volunteer for any of the following shifts, give Amy a call: 503.797.1521

Tues, Aug 10

12:30 - 4:00 (2 vols)

3:30 - 7:00 (2 vols)

Wed, Aug 11

12:30 - 4:00 (2 vols)

3:30 - 7:00 (2 vols)

JOB OPENINGS

Metro Puppeteer/educator

This is a great position for someone who wants to use hands-on or dramatic techniques to help teach elementary school children about waste prevention, recycling and composting. Working with Metro staff, the education assistant will perform in two lively and popular puppet shows: "Compost City" and "Mother Nature's Garden." (No experience in puppeteering is required; training is provided.) Working independently, the education assistant will also give classroom presentations to children in schools and may provide outreach to the public at selected community events such as Fix-it Fairs and Salmon Festival. Opportunities exist to help develop new presentations and educational materials.

Preferred qualifications

- creative, energetic, outgoing person who enjoys working with youth
- ability/willingness to be dramatic in puppet shows (some singing desired)
- good public speaking skills
- organized and able to work independently
- cooperative manner and able to work well as part of a team
- knowledge of and commitment to waste reduction
- able to lift and carry program materials up to 40 pounds
- have valid driver's license and good driving record
- appropriate appearance and demeanor for a school setting

—Hours: September 2004 – June 2005; approximately 2 days/week (8-15 hours/week) between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm.

—Deadline to apply: August 6, 2004

—Position start date: September 7, 2004 (some flexibility in start date)

—Salary: \$10.00/hour

To apply, send resume and letter of interest to:

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City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development

Senior Conservation Program Coordinator

The City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development is recruiting a Senior Conservation Program Coordinator position to lead its work with other City bureaus and internal City operations and facilities. The deadline for applying is August 16, 2004.

Details are available at <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/04-113/04-113.htm>.

ARTIST'S CORNER

The Multnomah County Fair (September 29-October 3) awards cash prizes in craft and needlecraft categories for items that contain recycled items. For needlecraft, the exhibitor's handbook says, "Items may be mixed media but must be at least 50% needlecraft material and NO PART (except sewing thread of course) can be new." Entry dates are Sunday, Sep 26 from 1-8 p.m. and Monday, Sep 27 10 a.m.-8 p.m. For more information, contact Renee Kimball at 503.238.6973.

Metro's latex paint recycling program reblends 65-75 percent of the unwanted latex paint it collects. The remaining amount is solidified and disposed of in a landfill. MetroPaint is now offering the waste liquid latex paint to artisans to use the paint in garden art projects. The paint is free from heavy metal contamination and can be added to a regular concrete mix to add color, durability during freeze and thaw cycles and increased resistance to chlorides. It comes in gray, but can be tinted to darker colors for everything from birdbaths to stepping-stones. And it's free in 5-gallon buckets when you contact Paulette Rossi at 503.797.1827 or rossip@metro.dst.or.us.