

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FIX-IT FAIRS

It's December. Relax. Take it easy. Chill. But it's never too early to think about 2005 and the **FIX-IT FAIRS**. The next two will be held on January 8 at Gregory Heights Middle School (NE Portland) and January 22 at **Ockley Green** in (North Portland) from **8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The popular fair is in its eighteenth season and offers free information through workshops and exhibits that are designed to help area residents save money, stay healthy and improve their homes.

Master Recyclers will have three different opportunities to get involved. The Master Recycler booth will focus on curbside recycling or you can staff Metro's "Greener Cleaner" display or help at Metro's composting booth. Volunteer for the entire day or a shift (8-11 or 11-2:30). Contact Steve at 503.823.7530 or e-mail masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us.

JOB OPENINGS

Sherwood Saturday Market

The Sherwood Saturday Market, a small but growing community-based farmer's market in Sherwood, OR, is seeking a paid onsite manager for market days, approximately 6-7 hours on Saturdays in May through September. Responsibilities would include set-up and break-down of the market, checking in vendors, collecting fees, signage, and other site duties. Possible job-share. For more information and/or to submit a resume email to haltson@teleport.com or call Halli Altson at 503-675-2357.

METRO Recycling Information Specialist

A great opportunity to put your Master Recycler knowledge to good use (especialmente en español) — answering all those questions on the recycling hotline.

Position Summary:

This position performs a variety of heavy customer

information and referral service, technical, administrative and clerical functions in support of the Metro Recycling Information Center (RIC). Primary duties include answering phone calls and inquiries from the public, businesses and other government agencies; making referrals to Metro programs, private sector companies and non-profit organizations; updating and writing computer database files; responding to email requests from the public; and completing related records and reports. This position involves extensive public contact work over the telephone, as the Recycling Information Center is responsible for handling more than 100,000 calls per year. Work is performed utilizing a geographical information database.

Your completed application materials, including your responses to the required supplemental questions, must be received by 5:00 p.m., December 21, 2004.

For detailed application: <http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=12133>

Administrative Assistant for Oregon Green Schools Association

The Oregon Green Schools Association announces a unique opportunity to provide administrative support to further its mission and vision. The mission of the Oregon Green Schools Association is to assist Oregon schools in setting up, maintaining and recognizing effective, permanent waste reduction and resource efficiency programs that improve the school environment and community. Our vision is to instill a resource conservation ethic within the culture of every Oregon school and community.

JOB TITLE: Administrative Assistant

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled

WORK SCHEDULE: Year around, approximately 20 hours per month

LOCATION: Home office, Portland metropolitan area preferred

SALARY: \$20.00 per hour, contracted, no benefits

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



As a member of our growing team, the Administrative Assistant for Oregon Green Schools will work closely with the Board

President to support the work of Oregon Green Schools statewide. This new position will require flexibility, enthusiasm and commitment to help Oregon Green Schools promote sustainable practices in our Oregon schools. The ideal candidate will be motivated, organized and a skillful communicator who can help shape the position to effectively support the work of the Oregon Green Schools Association.

If anyone is interested in applying for the Green School position send me an email to Freda Sherburne (sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us) and she'll forward additional application information.

CHINOOK BOOKS GOING SWIMMINGLY

Chinook Book, the Coupon Book for Healthy Living, are still available at the for \$12. That's a 40% discount off the \$20 retail price.

Chinook Book's fifth edition is chock full of coupons for dining, arts and entertainment, lawn and garden care, fitness, home improvement, recreation and transportation. The coupons are valid through December 2005 and are redeemable at more than 150 local retailers.

For more information check out the website at www.chinookbook.net. To purchase a book at the Master Recycler discounted price, send an email to masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us or give me a call at 503.823.7530 and arrange a time to reel one in at the OSD office at 721 NW 9th, Portland.

NEW MASTER RECYCLERS CERTIFIED

Two Master Recyclers from Class 26, Dena Turner and Pauline Freeman, have both attained the mythical 30-hour stratum and certified Master Recycler status. Dena and Pauline finished their course work in May and were always an up-beat presence at a variety of outreach events, as well as being regulars at the Hollywood Farmers' Market. Congratulations to both of you for your contribution.

UPCOMING MASTER RECYCLER SESSIONS

The next Master Recycler course will be offered at Metro during January and February on Wednesday nights. The class is filling up fast, so if you know anyone who is interested, send them to www.masterrecycler.org to register. A Clackamas County training will be held in April and May.

HOW DO YOU SAY "REUSE" IN GERMAN?

If your holiday travels take you through PDX, you might like to know what's going on behind the scenes at our local airport. Stan Jones (MR Class 25) reports that the PDX food waste diversion program will be expanded in 2005. In addition to the 100 tons annually of pre-consumer material (vegetative waste, pastry, coffee, and non-protein foods) that are currently being composted, an expected additional 100 tons of post-consumer waste (meats, fatty foods, and plate scrapings) will be added in the new year. Over 20 food and beverage concessionaires at PDX will be included.

Stan's not stopping at food waste. He regularly pulled Lufthansa-discarded, German-language magazines from recycling dumpsters as his whole family speaks German. Stan quickly realized that foreign language periodicals that were being recycled by the airlines could be offered to schools and other programs. The Periodicals Reuse for Education Programs (PREP) was born.

The Lufthansa periodicals are distributed to German language teachers at high schools, colleges and universities throughout the region. The material is re-used prior to recycling which is a higher, better end use of resources and it provides schools with current, foreign language magazines and newspapers at no cost to them.

Stan says that the program is simple and overall program costs are low. Participating schools are very supportive of the program as the materials are current and would otherwise be inaccessible to them.

"It could easily be—and should be—adopted as a model at other international airports throughout the country," Stan says. "It benefits the students and the airlines and airports by showcasing them as community leaders."

For Information about the Periodicals Reuse for Education Program, contact:

Stan Jones

Port of Portland, Aviation Environmental, Box 3529, Portland, OR 97208

E-mail joness@portptld.com

Telephone: 503/460-4679

LAST MINUTE GIFT?

Brendan Fitzpatrick (MR Class 22) has crafted beautiful cutting boards made from 100% post-consumer, dumpster-gleaned wood. He's entering a new line of work, but still has some on hand. There are two sizes and they're \$20 each. Contact Brendan at brenjfitz@hotmail.com or 503.750.0795.

EVENTS

SCRAP Holiday Bazaar ...

features vendors selling items made from a minimum of 75% recycled materials. For more info, call 503.294.0769 or visit www.scrapaction.org.

And SCRAP says: "We have holiday cards galore...new and used. New with envelope...15 cents...no envelope...10 cents...used cards just a penny. Take advantage of our workshop room and create your own unique holiday cards using old ones. We've got the cards, glue and scissors. All you need to bring is your imagination...well, and some money, but just a little.

at SCRAP, 3901 A Williams (at Failing), December 11th (11am - 6pm).

AS WE RECYCLE 2004....

I've received a number of links to websites that address the concept of living light during the holidays. One of the better ones is from the Snohomish County (WA) Solid Waste Division website:

<http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us/publicwk/solidwaste/information/swasteinfo.htm>. Check out the checklist.

Thanks so much to all of you for making a difference over the past year. Your hard work has brought the Master Recycler program to a new level over the last twelve months and our outreach will grow even stronger in the future. I look forward to working with you in 2005.

All the best for the holidays and the new year.

Steve