

OSU Master Recycler Program In Brief February, 2003



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

Volunteer Opportunity News

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Fix-it Fairs. They were a big success!

Formal volunteer opportunities are slow right now but will start picking up this spring. It is the perfect time to:

- Dig in to those individual projects,
- Plan a Home Ecoparty,
- Help at the MR program office creating new displays,
- Research a waste reduction topic of interest to you,
- Get in touch with local groups in need of volunteers like SCRAP or the Rebuilding Center (counts for payback), or
- Call around to groups (scouts, church groups, clubs) to offer your speaking talents.

If your effort helps educate people about waste prevention and recycling then it counts for payback hours.

Volunteer Opportunities with the ReBuilding Center

The ReBuilding Center needs assistance staffing its information booth at home and garden trade shows, environmental fairs and other events throughout the year (concentrated in February, April and October). Booth staffers share information verbally and hand-out materials about The ReBuilding Center's waste-reduction services-- retail warehouse, used building materials accepted, DeConstruction Services and ReFind Furniture.

Volunteers will be given an orientation prior to staffing shifts of 3 to 6 hours, depending on need

and their availability, and will be provided complimentary passes.

For more information about upcoming volunteer opportunities, please contact: Rita Haberman, Operations Manager, rita@rebuildingcenter.org or 503-517-0953.

Metro Round-up Educators Needed

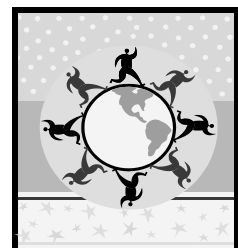
Metro needs your recycling and natural gardening expertise this Round-up season! Metro's neighborhood Round-up events provide an environmentally sound place for community members to dispose of household hazardous materials. And, since many Round-up customers are also avid or aspiring gardeners and dedicated recyclers these events provide the perfect opportunity for customer education about chemical-free gardening, pesticide reduction, and recycling ideas and options.

Round-up events are held in various neighborhoods throughout the Metro area most Fridays and all Saturdays (except holiday weekends) March 8 through November 15th. These events begin at 8:30am and end at 2:30pm; volunteer shifts are usually 3 hours long. If you enjoy being outside and talking to people about recycling and gardening, this is the volunteer opportunity for you! Please contact Lisa Heigh at (503)-797-1611 or e-mail her at Heighl@metro.dst.or.us to schedule a volunteer shift.

See page two of the newsletter for a tentative schedule of upcoming Round-ups.

More opps on next page...

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Volunteers Needed to Help Coordinate the City of Portland Green Fair and Work on Other Cool Projects

There are lots of opportunities available with the City of Portland—call Megan if you are interested in learning more about projects. More information to come in the March newsletter.

www.co.washington.or.us and click on current openings.

Recycled Art Association Up and Running

Join the Recycled Art Association! Annual membership: \$35 for artists, \$65 for associates/groups.

Paid Positions

1. Half-time Conference Coordination Needed

Ancient AOR member is seeking a person with good organizational and computer skills to work half-time from his company's SE Portland office coordinating a new national conference. Multi-tasking a must. Intrigued? Interested? The least bit curious?

Email info@resource-recycling.com. They will respond promptly. Thanks.

2. Washington County is hiring a Solid Waste Management Supervisor. The application posted by date is February 7. To learn more about the position call (503) 846-8606 or go to:

To join or for more info contact: Cliff Martin, Marketing Director, Recycled Art Association, PO Box 1142, Eugene OR 97440, USA. Phone: (541) 345-1411. E-mail: cliffmar@efn.org.

For a sample newsletter please send a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope to the address above.

A few goals of the Association are:

- * To promote and encourage the use of recycled materials in arts, crafts and other creative media.
- * To reduce the amount of material added to landfills and other waste disposal sites.
- * To provide a network with other recycling and art organizations.

Tentative Household Hazardous Material Round-up Schedule for 2003

March 8	Recycle America, 869 NW Eastwind Dr, Troutdale
March 15	Forest Grove Transfer Station, 1525 B St, Forest Grove
March 21 and 22	Sam Barlow High School, 5105 SE 302nd Ave, Gresham
March 28 and 29	Tualatin
April 4	Multnomah Greyhound Park, NE 223rd and Glisan, Gresham
April 5	Beaverton City Hall, 4755 SW Griffith Dr, Beaverton
April 11 and 12	Brookwood Baptist Church, 3440 E Main St, Hillsboro
April 18 and 19	Parkrose K-Mart, 12350 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland
April 26	Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Parkway, Gresham
May 2 and 3	Sherwood
May 9 and 10	Beaverton

**School Receives Metro Grant
Caryn Dennis**

Ridgewood Elementary School in the Beaverton School District is a proud recipient of a Metro Waste Reduction Grant. Ridgewood plans on constructing a large worm bin in the school courtyard. The fifth grade students will collect their organic waste and also collect the cafeteria waste which is leftovers from the salad bar to feed the worms. We will also be utilizing two compost tumblers to reduce the landscaping debris that ends up in the dumpster. We will start this process of waste reduction with a waste audit with help from Metro.

**PRELIMINARY CALL FOR JUDGES
AND VOLUNTEERS for the
20th Anniversary Intel Northwest Science Expo, April 4, 2003 at Portland State University
Neal Cox**

The Intel Northwest Science Expo (NWSE) is the International Science and Engineering Fair-affiliated science research competition for 5th – 12th grade students in Oregon and Southwest Washington. NWSE develops scientific talent and promotes science literacy by providing a venue for presenting high quality student research in technical and social sciences, engineering and math. NWSE is a fun, exciting one-day event. Judges evaluate student displays and interview students to award the best projects in each of 16 technical categories and many special awards.

ALSO in 2003, Regional Expo Judging and Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Oregon Episcopal School, March 7**
- **West Linn/Wilsonville, March 17**
- **Beaverton, March 20.**

The demand for judges and volunteers is great, so we hope many can help for the NWSE in April AND for at least one of the Regional Expos in March. More information about volunteering and judging is available on our website, www.nwse.org or cse.pdx.edu/nwse.

Stopping Junk Faxes

Here are two links that have some info about stopping junk faxes:

<http://www.blocklist.com/>

<http://www.ecofuture.org/jmfax.html>

One More Time....

Most people know that I am feeling the need to be at home with my sons more and am planning on leaving the MR Coordinator position in June. I have reduced my hours from twenty to ten a week and will be in the office every Tuesday.

Jordis Yost, the Master Gardener Program Assistant, began assisting the MR program ten hours a week in January. Jordis brings a wealth of talents to the program, including organizational skills and wonderful artistic abilities.

Together we will coordinate the spring class and maintain the program. Please be patient with us as we work out the details of this new arrangement. I will continue to regularly check my e-mail from home. Jordis can be reached at 503-725-2032.

The Master Recycler Program continues to be a strong program in the Metro region. Classes are planned for spring and fall of 2003 and funding is secure. I will pass on any job opening information as it comes available, for all of you potential coordinators out there.

-Megan Cogswell

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

New Journal Offer

Sustainable Industries Journal (SIJ), a 16-page monthly newsletter covering the Pacific Northwest, makes its debut in February. Brought to you by experienced business writer Brian J. Back and the creators of Chinook Book, SIJ will offer in in-depth reports on developments across seven major sectors -- green building, energy, agriculture and natural resources, government, transportation and tourism, manufacturing and technology, and retail and service -- to keep you and your business on the cutting edge. To get your free trial issue, simply go to www.sijournal.com and sign up.

NAPCOR Issues Requests for Proposals for 2003 Funding Cycle

(Seattle, Washington) The National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR), the trade association for the PET plastic industry in the United States and Canada, has issued requests for proposals for projects that will increase the collection and recycling of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic bottles of all shapes, sizes and colors from locations where the recyclable containers are generated. PET plastic is the type of plastic marked with the #1 resin code on or near the bottom of the container and is commonly used to package products such as soft drinks, water, beer, sports drinks, condiments, salad dressing, sauces, juice, personal products and household cleaners.

Eligible grant recipients are state and local governments and non-profit organizations, including regional waste authorities and state recycling organizations. Private businesses are eligible as partners in projects with local governments and non-profit organizations. For maximum recovery at minimum cost, NAPCOR seeks to fund creative projects that impact the quan-

tity of PET bottles collected for recycling. Projects demonstrating the potential to produce a quantifiable increase in PET bottle collection will have priority for funding.

The proposals, which must be postmarked by March 14, 2003, will be reviewed and approved by NAPCOR's western region director, located in Seattle, Washington. Applicants are encouraged to contact Don Kneass the Western Region Director (email: donkneass@napcor.com, telephone: 206/219-1500) with specific inquiries or to request a complete copy of the requests for proposals, which are also available online at www.napcor.com/rfp.

NAPCOR has distributed nearly \$400,000 in grant funding since 1999.

For more information about NAPCOR, please visit www.napcor.com.

Congrats Newest Certified Master Recycler

Ty Marshall

The next Master Recycler class will begin Tuesday March 11, 2003 and will meet at Sunnybrook Services Center, near Clackamas Town Center. Please spread the word!

Save the Date

The Association of Oregon Recyclers Annual Conference will be June 19 (education), 20 and 21.

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