

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS 27

Washington County's first Master Recycler Class completed their course work in November. Their smiling faces can be seen at <http://www.masterrecycler.org/members.html>. One of the graduates has already organized a plastics collection event this Saturday. She could use your help, so read on to the Volunteer Opportunities without further delay.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Plastics Recycling Collection

Cynthia Parker (MR Class 27) is organizing a plastic pick-up with our friends from Agri-Plas. The event is this Saturday, January 15, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m in the Sunset Presbyterian Church parking lot at 14986 NW Cornell Road (Take Highway 26, Exit 65, and go 1/2 mile north).

All plastics that aren't collected curbside are welcome: yogurt, margarine and cottage cheese containers; milk and fast food drink lids; plastic film (dry cleaning bags, store bags, etc.); kiddie pools; buckets; laundry baskets; large plastic toys; lawn chairs; shrink wrap; bubble wrap; doggie igloos; CD cases; plastic tape dispensers; etc.

The following will not be accepted: Styrofoam; PVC pipe; plastic contaminated with food or hazardous materials; and small items without recycle "triangle" (toys, straws, etc).

Cynthia could use a few more volunteers to help and you can contact her at [plastics\\_recycling@hotmail.com](mailto:plastics_recycling@hotmail.com). *The Oregonian's* west suburban section publicized the event and local businesses have posted flyers. Another chance to accept grateful thanks from the public.

### Fix-It Fair

A splendid time was had by all at the Gregory Heights Fair. Thanks to all who participated. We

could still use a few more folks for the next Fair on 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](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us).

Two MR Class 25 alums, Stan Jones and Denise Berkshire, will be back to talk compost and greener cleaners. This is a good opportunity to pair up with them and gain some outreach skills. Plus, you can sign up for a shift and check out the fair and attend some workshops.

### Glencoe Science Fair

Portland's Glencoe Elementary School, 825 SE 51<sup>st</sup>, is hosting an elementary school science fair on Tuesday evening, January 25<sup>th</sup>. A room adjacent to the science projects will be devoted to sustainability exhibits and a Master Recycler is requested to talk with children and adults about Portland's residential and commercial recycling programs. Set-up is at 5 p.m. and the fair runs till 8 p.m.

All materials will be delivered to the site. If you can volunteer, contact Steve at 503.823.7530 or [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org).

## JOB OPENINGS

### Resource Recycling Bookkeeper

Resource Recycling, an environmental publishing company, needs a bookkeeper for 10-15 hrs./wk. Peachtree experience a must. Send resume to:

P.O. Box 42270

Portland, OR 97242-0270

or fax to (503) 233-1356

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## CURRENT AND UPCOMING MASTER RECYCLER SESSIONS

The current Master Recycler course is in session at Metro with a great group of 30 new students. The next class will be offered at Clackamas' Sunnybrook Service Center during April and May. In a few weeks, registration will be open on the web at [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org).

## EVENTS

### Heart of the Earth Environmental Film Series

The second annual Heart of the Earth Environmental Film Series will take place on four consecutive Fridays starting January 21<sup>st</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the First Unitarian Church (corner of SW 12<sup>th</sup> and Salmon). The Church's 7<sup>th</sup> Principle Environmental Committee (including Barbara Ford, MR Class 21 ) is sponsoring the series.

Each night of films will support a theme related to issues vital to the ongoing destruction of the environment and potential solutions. Films include *Monumental: David Brower's Fight to Protect the Wild*; two films, *Baked Alaska* and *Rising Waters*, describe the present day effects of global climate change in both the Arctic and Pacific Island regions; *Thirst* is a powerful examination of water issues and globalization in the third world; and *The Future of Food* looks at trends in genetic modification of food and related environmental and health concerns. There is a suggested \$5 donation at the door. For further information, contact Barbara Ford at (503)282-0740, or find the festival schedule at [www.firstunitarianportland.org](http://www.firstunitarianportland.org).

### SCRAP: The Regime

A benefit for the School & Community Reuse Action Project at Nocturnal (18<sup>th</sup> and NE Burnside) on Thursday, January 20, 2005. Doors open at 7 p.m. There's an all-ages show (some mature lyric content) upstairs and beer and wine in the basement. The show features:

The Trash Mountain Boys (more songs of bike love and loss)

Pheramones (all girl bike mechanic Ramones cover band)

Show Me the Pink (the band that invented dancing)

The Mudbone Orchestra (songs to listen to)

The Sprockettes (precision little-bike dance troupe)

Cover is a sliding scale from \$3-\$2,000 at the door. For more info, [www.scrapaction.org](http://www.scrapaction.org) or [www.nocturnalpdx.com](http://www.nocturnalpdx.com).

## MARK THE DATE WITH A METRO REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE CALENDAR

If you're looking for a place to keep all those important engagements such as film festivals, benefits, and your Master Recycler volunteer dates, you couldn't do better than Metro's free 2005 Reduce-Reuse-Recycle calendar. The calendar is full of recycling, waste prevention and natural gardening tips. Each month, an interesting and useful tip is featured: making your own safe and effective household cleaners; donating leftover prepared food; gardening without chemicals; recycling electronics, and more.

The calendars contain colorful illustrations created by Antonia Manda and also includes a "Recycling Resolution" contest. People who make a commitment to proper recycling practices will be entered into a drawing for great prizes, including a compost bin, tickets to the Oregon Zoo, an insulated Salmon Festival coffee mug, and other items.

You can pick up your very own calendar at the upcoming Fix-It Fair, Metro, or the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development. If your calendar is too booked, call Metro Recycling Information at 234-3000 and they'll send you one in the mail.

## LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

Happy new year to all of you. We're planning another Master Recycler evening at EcoTrust in February and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you again. Topics under consideration are upcoming legislation (bottle bills and e-waste),

packaging, the "why" of recycling, and municipal food waste composting. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for future gatherings.

On the volunteer side, two public education campaigns for keeping glass separate from other recyclables and an outreach to multi-family residences are on the horizon. I'm hoping that Master Recyclers can play a major part. We'll soon start planning for a spring and fall farmers' market plastic flower pot collection event. Add in all our traditional events and personal projects and 2005 promises to be a busy year for Master Recyclers.

Thanks for volunteering and your contributions to the community.

Steve



Stan has the whole world of compost in his hands.



Denise explains the world of "greener cleaning."