

## HAPPY NEWYEAR

The fiscal year that is. And time to compile the Master Recycler annual report.

For those of you who haven't turned in your volunteer hours, **now is the time**. Remember, you can easily send them in at [http://www.masterrecycler.org/recycle\\_mr\\_form.cfm](http://www.masterrecycler.org/recycle_mr_form.cfm). So, sit down, write'em up, and be counted.

Congratulations to **Barbara Borst** and **Allison Barra** who became the eighth and ninth members of Class 26 to hit the 30 hour mark. And **Gail McCurter** became the first from Class 27 to join the ranks. Congratulations and thanks to our newest certified Master Recyclers.

Good to see all of you who attended the quarterly meeting in June.

Thanks to our presenters: **Sherri Dow**, **Lisa Heigh**, **John Jackson**, **Renee Kimball**, **Alicia Polacok**, and **Sara Petrocine**. And to **Carol Mollet** for making it SCRAPPY and **Candace Clark** for the art.

The intent of the meeting was to provide an opportunity to brush up on our outreach knowledge and techniques.

Feedback was great and it looks like we'll make it an annual topic.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Plastic Roundups

Last summer it was plastic nursery pots. This summer, Master Recyclers will be collecting piles of pesky plastics at four roundups in July and August. We've had excellent citizen and media response to the proposed events and Master Recyclers are needed to help plan and staff the collections. Here's the info:

Master Recyclers will collect plastic material that cannot be recycled at home including buckets, food tubs, plastic bags, lawn furniture, cd and videocassette cases, and nursery pots and trays. Styrofoam, PVC pipe, food-contaminated plastic, straws, and small toys without the recycling triangle symbol will not be accepted. All events are free to the public. Agri-Plas, a recycler located in Brooks, Oregon, will process the collected material for use in new products.

Collections will take place at the following locations and times:

Saturday, July 30, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Tigard**-St. James Episcopal Church, 11511 Bull Mt. Road

**Beaverton**-Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW Cornell Rd

Saturday, August 6, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Portland**-Portland Community College, Cascade Campus, 701 N Killingsworth

**Portland**-Calvary Christian Center, 10505 SE Holgate Blvd.

A core group of MRs volunteered at the quarterly meeting to work on logistics. If you'd like to work with that group, or just want to volunteer on July 30 or August 6 at the collections, contact Steve at 503.823.7530 or [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us). People are very appreciative at these events so they're fun, we'll recycle a lot of plastics, and have the opportunity to educate the public on waste reduction.

### Cracked Pots Garden Art Show

There's a few slots open for this annual event at McMennamins Edgefield Lodge (2126 SW Halsey, Troutdale) on July 19 and 20. More than 40 vendors display and sell their work that is crafted from found and reused materials.

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, July 19th from 12:30 - 4:00 (1 person) and 3:30 - 7:00 (1 person). You'll help staff Metro's activity booth that features samples of products made from recycled materials and a clever game of "What's It Made From?"

Contact Amy Wilson at Metro, 503.797.1521 or [wilsona@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:wilsona@metro.dst.or.us).

Some volunteer slots may be open in Metro's composting booth as well and the contact is Freda Sherburne at 503.797.1522 or [sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us).

### Hillsboro Farmers' Market

Volunteer dates are available on Saturdays (July 16, 23, and 30) and Sundays (July 17 or 31). Curbside recycling and greener cleaners are the topics. Some of the days have solo volunteers who are looking for partners. If interested, call Paula Brewer at 503.475.6697.

### West Linn Old Time Fair

Help staff Clackamas County's and West Linn Refuse & Recycling's recycling info booth on Saturday, July 24, at Willamette Park. The booth will have a recycling display, the famous "doorbell" quiz board, and an activity for kids. Information on West Linn's recycling program will be provided. Volunteers are needed for three shifts on the 24<sup>th</sup>: 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m., and 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Call or email Sherri Dow at Clackamas County, 503.353.4463 or [sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us).

### Multnomah County Fair—MetroPaint Display

Talk MetroPaint at the Multnomah County Fair at Portland Meadows Horse Track (1001 N. Schmeer Road) on:

Friday July 29—10:00 am to 3:00 pm. and 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday July 30—10:00 am to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Sunday July 31—10:00 am to 3:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Volunteers will get a MetroPaint gift certificate for every shift worked. Contact Paulette Rossi at 503.797.1827 or [rossip@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:rossip@metro.dst.or.us).

### Housing Authority of Portland Tenant Presentations

As of July 1, Portland's multifamily units adopted a two-sort recycling system—glass in one cart and all other recyclables in another. The change will standardize the process citywide to make it easier for haulers (whose trucks already are converted to two-sort) and tenants, who will be able to keep just two bags in their apartments.

The City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development has partnered with the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) to bring many of the city's low-income residents a customized recycling education. HAP has 24 tenant meetings to be scheduled throughout the months of July and August.

They have asked that a Master Recycler be present at each meeting to give an explanation of the new two-sort system and assist at a question and answer period. The presentation will run about 15-25 minutes, depending on the number of tenant questions. You'll receive a packet of preparation materials that will give you all the information you need.

Contact Sara Petrocine at 503.823.7581 or [spetrocine@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:spetrocine@ci.portland.or.us) if you are interested in this opportunity or have any questions.

## JOBS

### Metro—Puppeteer/Education Assistant

Help teach elementary school children about waste prevention, recycling and composting by performing in puppet shows at schools and selected community events. No experience in puppeteering is required; training is provided.

Applicants need to be creative, energetic, upbeat, and enjoy working with children; ability/willingness to be dramatic in puppet shows (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.

Deadline: August 8, 2005

Hours: Approximately 2 days/week (8-15 hours/week). Position starts late August/early September and runs through mid-June 2006. Salary: \$12.00/hour for part-time temporary position, no benefits.

Questions? Contact Freda Sherburne: call 503.797.1522 or send email to [sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us).

To Apply: Send resumé and letter of interest to: Freda Sherburne, Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland OR 97232.

### Call to Action On SB740

Oregon's Electronics Product Stewardship bill is in danger of not passing.

The bill, which is supported by both industry and consumers, attaches an advanced recycling fee of up to \$10 to a short list of electronics products (PCs, monitors, printers, laptops, televisions) at the point of original sale, with the collected fee going to support reuse and recycling throughout Oregon.

This infrastructure will create the opportunity for highest and best use of valuable products and will fund environmentally sound management of the recycled commodities.

The Association of Oregon recycler's fact sheet on the legislation, can be found at [www.aorr.org/sb740.pdf](http://www.aorr.org/sb740.pdf). Legislators need to hear from supporters.

If you don't know who to contact, go to <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>.

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