

OPEN HOUSE THANKS...

It was great to see so many of you at our first Master Recycler Open House on June 1. Thanks to architect Greg Acker, from the City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development, for his presentation on green buildings. Thanks also to Whole Foods Market, New Seasons Market and the Pearl Bakery for the fantastic food; City Flowers and Interiors for the brilliant flowers; and the Celilo Group, Resource Revival and Metro for the great door prizes. We'll meet again at the end of the summer, so please let me know if you have any suggestions for speakers or activities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TO MARKET, TO MARKET

Farmer's Markets are the perfect venue to meet your neighbors and deliver the waste reduction/recycling message in a relaxed and fun setting. It would be great to have a MR table at the markets once a month and focus on different themes. Materials for displays on recycling, precycling, composting, alternatives to pesticides, and alternatives to hazardous household waste are available. Here's where we're at with the various markets:

Hillboro—Denise Diermeier, MR Class 25, is working on dates and collaborating with Washington County to use their materials. This is a Saturday and Sunday market. For more information, call Denise at 503.939.8673.

Hollywood—This market is tight on non-profit space, but Pauline and Dena from Class 26 will be at Hollywood on August 28th, September 25th, October 2nd and 23rd. August 28th is the annual canning jar drive—so if you need jars or have jars to share—bring them to the market.

Beaverton, Gresham and Milwaukie—We have MRs who are working on securing dates. If

you're interested in helping at these three, call Steve at 503.82.7530 or email masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us.

There are other farmer's markets in **Canby, Estacada, Fairview, Lake Oswego, Tigard and Sherwood**. Additionally, Master Recyclers have participated in various **Portland** markets and **Cedar Mill** in the past, so if you'd like to volunteer for any of these, call Steve at 503.82.7530 or email masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us.

NE PORTLAND RECYCLING EDUCATION PROJECT

The City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development (OSD) is currently undergoing a study in NE Portland to increase recycling participation in single family households. OSD needs up to 14 volunteers to canvas 150 households in the Humboldt/Piedmont neighborhoods, discussing recycling how-to with residents. Volunteers will canvas in pairs. A one-hour training will be required (scheduling will be flexible) to review script and project objectives.

Canvassing Shifts:

Monday, July 12th, 10am – 1pm

Tuesday, July 13th, 6pm – 8pm

Wednesday, July 14th, 2pm – 5pm

Thursday, July 15th, 10am – 1pm

Monday, July 19th, 6pm – 8pm

Wednesday, July 21st, 6pm – 8pm

Thursday, July 22nd, 2pm – 5pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to make direct contact with individuals and make a measurable difference in the area's recycling rates. To sign up or for more information, contact: Carolyn Collopy at 503-823-4309 or ccollopy@ci.portland.or.us



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



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SCRAP

From Jess Firestone, SCRAP Education Outreach Coordinator:

Master Recyclers, SCRAP's Education/Outreach Program wants you!!! SCRAP, the School and Community Reuse Action Project, is a non-profit dedicated to keeping clean, reuseable materials out of the landfill, providing them at very low cost to the public, and inspiring creative reuse. Last year we kept over 67,000 pounds of waste out of the landfill and already this year we have reached over 2,500 people through the education program. Lately you may have seen us playing SCRAPPy Twister at the Mississippi Street Fair or Giant Tic Tac Toe at the Children's Museum or making books out of carpet samples and register tape at the Portland Saturday Market. If any of this sounds fun and inspiring to you, come to the next SCRAP's Education/Outreach Orientation on July 6th from 6:30pm- 8:00 pm at 3901A. N. Williams. Orientations are held every first Tuesday of the month, same place, same time. Contact me with questions or to sign up for orientation at education@scrapaction.org or 503-294-0769.

From Keri Handaly, SCRAP Chair:

SCRAP is seeking talented and creative individuals to serve on the Board of Directors.

We have just relocated to a larger retail space at 3901 N. Williams and are taking on exciting new growth challenges. This is an exciting time in SCRAP's history to help make a lasting contribution to the sustainability of a burgeoning community 501c(3) non-profit.

Available Board positions include:

Special Events Director, Arts Director, At Large (2), Education Director and Promotions Director

Board position terms are two years, with monthly meeting attendance required on the second Wednesday of the month, usually at SCRAP's retail space. Board members may also be asked to assist on subcommittees, when necessary, and are expected to assist the Executive Director and Chair of the Board when your technical expertise or abilities are appropriate.

Non-board positions for the following subcommittees are also being sought:

Website, Promotions, Events, Technology, Membership, Grants, and Retail.

Persons interested in contributing to SCRAP who cannot make the commitment to serve on the Board may sit on a subcommittee to assist the Board with various tasks. Subcommittee members may not meet on a regular schedule and many times, may be able to contribute via email, such as grant writing or assisting with press duties.

To learn more about SCRAP visit: www.scrapaction.org Questions, or to submit a letter of interest, contact: Keri M. Handaly, Chair, at 503-618-2657 or email: dhandaly@comcast.net.

BITE OF OREGON

The Bite of Oregon (August 13-15) is looking for a volunteer coordinator for their Zero-Waste Green Team. This event has long-range sustainability goals and needs an energetic person to set-up their waste collection system and containers; train and supervise volunteers; and gather baseline data on waste generated by the event. This is a wonderful opportunity to get in on the ground floor. Check out their website, www.biteoforegon.com and click on the volunteer link for more information. Contact is Peter Samson at 503.248.0600 x 25 or psamson@soor.org.

BLUE LAKE PROJECT

Get your hands dirty! Spend a few sunny hours at Metro's Blue Lake recreation area (East Multnomah County) and give away native plants to local home gardeners on Saturday, July 10, 2004. Metro will show off their mobile native plant garden and newly restored "all natural" lawn area near the beach house. They will also offer visitors a chance to win a compost bin and the opportunity to take home a native plant for their own gardens. Any Master Recycler with interests in gardening and alternatives to pesticides is welcome. Two shifts are available—9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The first and last hour of the day are for set-up and break-down.

Call Lisa Heigh at (503) 797-1611 or email her at heigh@metro.dst.or.us.

WEST LINN'S OLD TIME FAIR

Help staff the joint Clackamas County and West Linn Refuse & Recycling Information booth on July 23, 24, 25 at Willamette Park (at the foot of 12th St. in West Linn). There will be a display on Old Time recycling, West Linn's recycling system and possibly the YES/NO Recycling game.

Call or email Sherri Dow at 503-353-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us by July 9 to sign up for the shift you want. If you aren't familiar with the West Linn recycling program Sherri will get you the info.

Shifts Available:

Friday, July 23 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 24 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.,
2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Sunday, July 25 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.,
2 p.m. – 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Deborah Hofmann** for successfully completing 30 volunteer hours and becoming a certified Master Recycler. Many thanks to her and to all of you who are on your way to certification.

CLOSING THE LOOP

The Master Recycler program makes quarterly reports to our funders. Please make sure to report your hours so we can include them in the report. You can use the web site form at www.masterrecycler.org, email masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us, or call 503.823.7530.

MASTER RECYCLER WEBSITE

There's a new members-only section to the Master Recycler website (www.masterrecycler.org). You'll find it at www.masterrecycler.org/members.html. We are in the process of posting classroom presentations and other information will be added all the time, so keep checking back. Volunteer opportunities, pdf's of newsletters and a handsome photo of Master Recycler Class 27 are posted on the site.