

# OSU Master Recycler Program In Brief March, 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

### 1. Gresham Community Earth Day Celebration

Two volunteers are needed to staff a booth for Master Recyclers at the Earth Day Celebration at Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway. Volunteers will answer questions about recycling and waste prevention. One of the volunteers will need to pick-up the display before the event.

When: April 26, 2003 from 10-3.

Contact: Jordis Yost, 503-725-2032

### 2. Green Fair Planning Committee

The City of Portland's Green Team is attempting to reorganize its annual Green Fair. It would involve a much larger number of organizations in planning and organizing the fair. One of the tasks necessary for the Green Fair is involving volunteers, including setting up guidelines for their involvement. The Downtown Green Fair – 2004 Steering Committee will begin meeting in March 2004. The Committee will meet at least once a month with research and planning roles split between the steering committee members. This will be an ongoing activity for approximately one year. This project could involve from 1 – 4 volunteers who could help the committee work on various aspects of the planning and implementation of the Green Fair.

The Master Recyclers would assist the Committee identify the purpose of the fair, the objectives, develop a framework for organizing the fair including raising money, gaining sponsors, obtaining volunteers, getting tents, finding a location for the fair, hiring a fair. One of the roles the Master Recyclers might play is helping plan for volunteer involvement and training volunteers for the event.

Contact: Wayne Potter, 503-823-6110

### 3. Surplus Researchers Needed

The City of Portland is looking for one or two volunteers to work with the Green Team's Surplus Web Site Committee to increase advertising and research that will facilitate getting city agencies to post information on the web site and help move surplus materials to a useful home.

This project is ongoing. Activity will begin as soon as individuals have signed up.

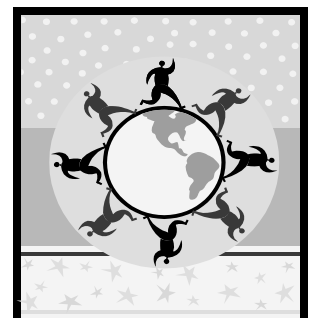
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### 4. Metro Round-up Educators Needed

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Heighl@metro.dst.or.us) to schedule a volunteer shift.

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**Cool Colors and Paint Tips  
Follow-up Meeting  
April 22, 2003, 7 pm  
Metro, Room 274**

The Metro recycled paint program is introducing six new colors. Experience how a dozen recycled latex paint colors can make a small room seem bigger or a large room appear smaller. See how colors can lower or raise a ceiling. Learn about paint ingredients and discover why recycled latex paint is good for the environment today and tomorrow. This follow-up class is based on the proverb, "waste not, want not."

Anyone considering a painting project will benefit from the hand-outs on color selection in the home and the discussion on selecting the right paint and primer for the project.

**Carpet Recovery Grants Available**  
**Carpet America Recovery Effort<sup>sm</sup> (CARE)** is a voluntary initiative of the carpet industry and government to prevent carpet from burdening landfills. CARE focuses on developing carpet reclamation and recycling methods. For more information visit: <http://www.carpetrecovery.org/>

**Seeking Citizen Representatives**  
Take a role in Metro discussions on solid waste issues. Metro Council's 27-member Solid Waste Advisory Committee has openings for four new members: one citizen member to represent

Washington County and three citizen/business representatives from anywhere in the region. The perspectives of citizen ratepayers are very important to SWAC's work, and Metro hopes to have these positions filled by the March 17 meeting. If you are interested and willing to devote about three hours per month on regional solid waste matters, please contact Janet Matthews, ([matthewsj@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:matthewsj@metro.dst.or.us)), or call her at (503) 797-1826 no later than Monday, March 10.

**Fun Article on Computer Recycling**  
<http://www.wired.com/news/culture/0,1284,52669,00.html>

**Congratulations to the Newest Certified MR**  
*Brendan Fitzpatrick*

**Greenhouse for Sale**  
Donna Lomnicki has a 30x100ft. commercial greenhouse for sale. It is galvanized steel. She will take the best offer including help removing it from its current location. She is in Milwaukie off Johnson Ck. Blvd. The number is 503-652-2492 or email [donnalomnicki@yahoo.com](mailto:donnalomnicki@yahoo.com).

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