

OSU Master Recycler Program In Brief May 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

Metro Annual Compost Bin Sale

Thank you to everyone who signed up to work at the compost bin sale. Volunteers will be educating people about composting and natural gardening. Please review materials in your binder before volunteering, especially Metro publications. You will not be asked to lift or sell bins.

We still need a few volunteers for the following:
Saturday May 10, 9-12:30, **Tigard High School**, two people needed

Saturday May 10, 9-12:30, **Mt. Hood Community College**, one person needed

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Sunday May 11, 9-12:30, **PCC Sylvania**, one person needed

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Songbird Festival Environmental Fair

Two volunteers are needed to staff a composting booth at the Songbird Festival. The volunteers will answer

questions about composting and will need to pick-up the compost display at the Master Recycler Program office before the event. This is a fun, well attended event.

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2003 from 10:00am to 2:30 pm. The refuge will be open a 9:00 am to allow time to set-up the exhibits.

Location: Refuge Headquarters Unit, 16507 Roy Rogers Road, Sherwood, OR (Located at the intersection of Roy Rogers Road and Beef Bend Road. Roy Rogers Road runs between 99W and Scholls Ferry Road).

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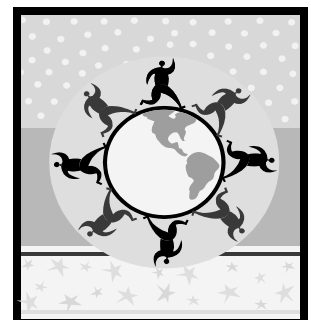
Farmers Markets

We are currently scheduling with Farmers Market coordinators at the Hollywood, Cedar Mills, downtown and Lake Oswego markets. The plan is to have a table at each market one Saturday a month. I will announce exact dates and times when they are available. We will start in June.

Want to work a market not listed? Several volunteers in the past have contacted market coordinators directly and scheduled dates to bring information about master recyclers and waste prevention. You are welcome to borrow materials for markets from Metro, Clackamas County, and the MR program. You may also advertise for volunteers in the newsletter.

If you would like to coordinate a flower pot collection event at a market or other venue call or e-mail Megan.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Important Program News—PLEASE READ

The Multnomah County Extension Service Office is closing at the end of June due to the elimination, by county government, of its operating budget. Programs housed in this office are being moved or eliminated. In order to continue our valuable program, OSU Extension and the Master Recycler advisory board decided the program should be centrally located in an urban setting with a fiscally stable environment. Although the program is outside funded, it requires a match of overhead and some support. Proposals from the City of Portland and Portland State University were reviewed. The board selected the City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development. The program will be moving in mid-June. New program contact information will be released as soon as it is available.

Megan will move to the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development Office in the EcoTrust building on May 27. She will leave the coordinator position at the end of June. The City of Portland has begun the hiring process. Information about the position will be announced as soon as it is available.

Talk and Tour and MORE!

The Waste Reduction Action Network (WRAIN) and the Business Recycling Awards Group (BRAG) are sponsoring a summer talk and tour event on June 5 at the EcoTrust Building. Go find out who the Take the Next Step award winners are, listen to Michelle Cole from the Oregonian speak on environmental reporting, and take a tour of the building. There is a \$15 charge for the breakfast, though you may take the tour only for free. For information about the event (which you MUST RSVP for) visit <http://www.wrain.org/ecotrust.pdf>.

AOR Award Nominations

The Association of Oregon Recycler awards is currently looking for nominations for the following:

Recycler of the Year- Individual
Recycler of the Year- Collector or Processor

Recycler of the Year- Company or Organization
Recycler of the Year- Market or Broker
Recycler of the Year- Government
Education/Promotion Program of the Year
Alice Soderwall Reuse & Waste Prevention Award

Please take a moment to think if you know of anyone deserving of some recognition for their waste prevention and recycling efforts. This is a great way to recognize and promote their efforts/programs. Nominations are open until May 12th. If you have any questions, feel free to call Jason at 503-397-1534. He can also e-mail you the nomination form if you don't have one.

Class 24 Graduated

Twenty-five people completed the Master Recycler Class on April 29. Great job!

Natural Style Home and Garden Expo

This Mother's Day Weekend, May 10th - 11th, you're invited to visit the Natural Style Home & Garden Expo & benefit for the MESD Outdoor School!! For an Expo overview, visit: <http://www.redirectguide.com/naturalstyle>

Big Thank You

Clackamas County sends out a big thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Spring Garden Fair.

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