

# In Brief

May 2004

## THE MASTER RECYCLER OPEN HOUSE

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1

It will be an evening for Master Recyclers to reconnect with classmates and make new friends. Meet the Advisory Board and hear what's planned for the program. Explore the EcoTrust Building and enjoy a Green Building presentation from Greg Acker, an architect with over 25 years experience and a national reputation in green architecture design. Sample desserts from some of the city's finest bakeries on the third floor deck (weather permitting). You'll receive further information, but plan to be at the EcoTrust Building for a great evening on Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### FARMER'S MARKETS

Farmer's Markets are a great way to meet your neighbors and deliver an important message in a relaxed and fun setting. Beaverton, Hillsboro and Hollywood markets have all extended an invitation to the Master Recycler program and I'm sure we would be welcome at other markets as well. 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. In the past Master Recyclers have assisted on canning jar and plastic flower pot collections. If any of you are interested in spending some time among the fresh produce, call Steve at 503.82.7530 or email [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us).

### FIX-IT FAIRS

Fix-It Fairs—free events that provide residents with money and energy-saving resources for the

home and garden—are a great way to spread the word on recycling and waste prevention. There are two scheduled this June, Helensview High School on June 5; and George Middle School on June 19. Master Recyclers are needed to staff a Master Recycler Booth and distribute information and advice. Morning shifts (8:30-11:30) and afternoon shifts (11:30-2:30) are available. To volunteer, contact Steve at 503.823.7530 or [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us).

For more information on the Fairs, check out: [http://www.sustainableportland.org/default.asp?sec=energy&pg=res\\_fix](http://www.sustainableportland.org/default.asp?sec=energy&pg=res_fix)

Metro also needs a Master Recycler at both of the June Fairs to help staff their home composting booth. Shifts are the same. Contact Freda Sherburne at [sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us) or call 503-797-1522.

### NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS

Neighborhood Cleanup events are run by Portland neighborhood associations with support from Metro and the City of Portland. Over 6,000 households brought items for disposal and recycling in 2002 and residents helped 250 senior citizens and people with disabilities dispose of unwanted bulky waste. Many cleanups have a reuse component such as Richmond Neighborhood's "U-Price-It Sale" or an area where better quality reusable items are placed for neighbors to take. This year, Master Recyclers can play an important part in these events by distributing waste reduction information. If you live in one of the following neighborhoods—or even if you don't—these are excellent opportunities for education and an opportunity to make a significant contribution. Contact Steve Cohen for scheduling and more information at [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us) or 503.823.7530

May 15 Roseway, Laurelhurst, Mt. Tabor, SMILE, Alameda, Boise, Brooklyn, Wilkes

May 22 Alameda, Boise, Brooklyn

June 5 Richmond, Center



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



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## CLACKAMAS COUNTY CONSERVATION FAIR

On Saturday, May 22, help staff displays on worm bins, recycled latex paint, composting and natural gardening. The fair is held at Clackamas High School in conjunction with Metro's Home Compost Bin Sale. Shifts are 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call or email Sherri Dow at 503-353-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us by May 17 to sign up for the shift you prefer.

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY COMPUTER RECYCLING

Greet vehicles, gather information and provide educational materials on electronics recycling. May 22, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Clackamas Community College. Call Shira Fogel at 503.353.4458 or email shirafog@co.clackamas.or.us.

## OREGON CITY PIONEER CENTER HEALTH FAIR

Provide alternatives to pesticides and household hazardous materials at an event for senior citizens in Oregon City. May 26, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Susan Ziolo at (503) 353-4455 or susanz@co.clackamas.or.us for additional information and directions.

## METRO HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE ROUNDUPS

Metro needs both your natural gardening expertise and your expertise in the three Rs for this years' Hazardous Household Waste Roundups. Events are held in various neighborhoods throughout the Metro area most Fridays and all Saturdays through November 13th and volunteer shifts are usually 3 hours long (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.). Please contact Lisa Heigh at (503)-797-1611 or heighl@metro.dst.or.us to schedule a volunteer shift. For a complete schedule call the RIC (503-234-3000) or check out the events calendar on the Metro website.

## MR QUESTION OF THE MONTH

### What makes a building green?

Greg Acker, architect and green building expert at Portland's Office of Sustainable Development, says every decision you make while remodeling or building has an impact on your health and the environment. A green building uses the latest design and construction techniques to conserve natural resources while creating a beautifully designed, healthy and durable structure.

The end result saves energy and water; reduces material use; protects the site; uses low-impact materials; maximizes longevity and durability; minimizes waste; makes the building healthier; and recycles existing building materials.

Want to know more about green buildings? See you on June 1 at the MR Open House.

*If you have a question to pass along to the experts, send it to [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us) or call 503.823.7530*

## CONGRATULATIONS

And the first certified Master Recycler of 2004 is... Kelly Garner. Kelly hit the 30 hour mark while standing in a hot parking lot for a Metro Hazardous Household Waste Roundup. Kelly will receive her certificate at the Master Recycler Open House on June 1.

Congratulations to Stan Jones (Class 25) who is the Remediation and Waste Project Manger at the Port of Portland. Stan is now managing the recycling programs at PDX and the three other Port airports. He and his team were the recent recipients of a BEST Award for diverting 1.5 tons of pre-consumer waste per week from area landfills and converting it to compost that can be used in landscaping at PDX.

## 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 website form ([www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)), email [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us), or call 503.823.7530.