

A PROFUSION OF PLASTIC POTS

Master Recyclers picked a plethora of plastic pots at four farmers' markets on October 23. Not knowing what to expect and due to the limited carrying capacity of our vehicles, we purposely limited our outreach and publicity. The result was 2,750 plentiful pounds of plastic pots and flats diverted from the landfill. A pleasant surprise was an additional 25-50% more pots that were gathered up by nurseries, non-profits and individuals for reuse.

Congratulations to the fifteen Master Recyclers who made this event possible. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive they reported that they felt their work had made a difference. The public and farmers' market management were very pleased with the roundup and invited us back for next season.

Agri-Plas, the company that recycles the plastic, is willing to provide on-site pickups for our next event. So, Master Recyclers will be back with more publicity, cover more markets and provide an even greater service. Look for Act II of this successful event next spring and, in the meantime, check out the pictures at www.masterrecycler.org. Click on the Master Recycler outreach button.



Pauline and Pots!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

RETURN OF THE FIX-IT FAIRS

The first **Fix-It Fair** of the season (two others will follow in January and one in March) will be held at **Floyd Light Middle School at 10800**

SE Washington Street in southeast Portland from **8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday November 20**. The popular fair is in its eighteenth season and offers free information through workshops and exhibits that are designed to help area residents save money, stay healthy and improve their homes.

Exhibitors from non-profits and government agencies will be present. Eighteen workshops on yard and garden, housing and finance, home health and safety, and energy and water topics will be held hourly. There's free childcare, a chance to win a home insulation package and the first 300 attendees receive a free compact fluorescent light bulb.

And, there's three opportunities for Master Recyclers to get involved. The first is at the Master Recycler booth that will focus on curbside recycling. We'll distribute brochures, yard-debris stickers, magnets and information on appropriate care and feeding of Portland's yellow bins. You can volunteer for the entire day or a shift (8-11 or 11-2:30). Contact Steve at 503.823.7530 or e-mail masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us.

Same times, same place, but a different station is available at the "Cleaner Greener" Metro display. You'll be talking about alternatives to household products. Contact Steve for this opportunity as well.

And Metro needs one person for an a.m. (8:30-11:30) shift and one for a p.m. (11:30-2:30) shift to help staff a table with composting information. Metro staff member will be there too (except when they're conducting a composting workshop). Contact Freda Sherburne at 503.797.1522 or sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUPS

The last household hazardous waste event will be held on November 13 in Troutdale. It's your last chance in 2004 to see what people really store in their garage. Contact Lisa Heigh at heighl@metro.dst.or.us or 503.797.1611 to volunteer.



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



JOB OPENINGS

Program Director-From the Ground Up

From the Ground Up, a new program from Bend's resource, will promote environmentally responsible gardening and landscaping practices in Central Oregon through community education and outreach, trainings, events and publications.

Compensation is \$26,000 to \$32,000 per year, DOE, for this full-time, salaried, exempt position. Individual medical insurance, flexible spending account, generous holiday and vacation package, and a flexible work schedule. Application deadline is November 8 and the position will start on December 1, 2004. For a complete job description and application instructions, e-mail Mike Riley, Executive Director, at mriley@resourceoregon.org.

PSU Sustainability Coordinator

Portland State University is looking for a Sustainability Coordinator. Full details at: <http://www.hrc.pdx.edu/openings/unclassified/FAP002.htm>

BHCD Housing Program Specialist

The City of Portland's Bureau of Housing and Community Development is recruiting for a Housing Program Specialist. Posting at: <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/04-188/04-188.htm>

Advice to applicants: Don't apply on-line. Submit hard copies so that you control the formatting. And make sure to address the five "To Qualify" bullets either in the resume and/or your cover letter.

Assistant to the Editor, CLEARING magazine

CLEARING is an established regional publication dedicated to providing environmental and natural resources education information, resources, and activities to classroom teachers and educators. CLEARING is searching for a part-time assistant editor to assist in planning, developing and producing quarterly issues; coordinate advertisement sales; manage and update website; implement a subscription renewal system; and create, manage and update

the CLEARING subscriber list. Approximately 10-15 per week, schedule negotiable. Office is located at the Bonneville Power Administration offices near Lloyd Center. Contact Larry Beutler, Editor, Clearing Magazine, (503) 238-8571 or editor@clearingmagazine.org

GET HOOKED. BUY A CHINOOK BOOK

The new Chinook Book, the Coupon Book for Healthy Living, has hit the streets and once again, Master Recyclers can land one for \$12. That's a 40% discount off the \$20 retail price.

Chinook Book's fifth edition is chock full of coupons for dining, arts and entertainment, lawn and garden care, fitness, home improvement, recreation and transportation. The coupons are valid through December 2005 and are redeemable at more than 150 local retailers including:

- Portland Nursery, Buffalo Gardens, Garden Fever, Dennis Seven Dees
- Ben & Jerry's, Wild Oats, Whole Foods, Zupan's and New Seasons Markets
- Peet's Coffee, K&F Coffee, Stumptown Coffee, Grand Central Bakery, Great Harvest
- GI Joe's, Oregon Mountain Community, Bike Gallery, Next Adventure, Portland Yoga Arts
- OMSI, Northwest Children's Theater, Tears of Joy Theater, Oregon Ballet, Japanese and Classical Chinese Gardens, Laurelhurst Theater, Lloyd Center Ice Rink, and many more!

For more information check out the website at www.chinookbook.net. To purchase a book at the Master Recycler discounted price, send an email to masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us and arrange a time to reel one in at the OSD office at 721 NW 9th, Portland.

PINE FILM FESTIVAL

The PINE (Portland International Nature and Environmental) Film Festival is an awareness project of the emerging nonprofit organization Livable Place. Twenty-four features films that demonstrate the creative genius, enthusiastic spirit and compassionate hearts of filmmakers from around the world will be shown at PSU's 5th Avenue Cinema and the Hollywood Theatre. Full schedule at <http://www.livableplace.org/pine.htm>.

VOLUNTEER HOURS UP

Master Recycler volunteer hours for 2004-2005's first quarter (July-September) were up 80% over the same period last year. Congratulations to all of you for your good work. If you have any outstanding hours that haven't been reported, it's not too late. You can submit a form at www.masterrecycler.org.

NEW MASTER RECYCLERS CERTIFIED

Two Master Recyclers from Class 23, Josy Wright and Lynn Cook, have hit the 30-hour mark and attained certified Master Recycler status. Thanks to both of them for following through on their commitment.

UPCOMING MASTER RECYCLER SESSIONS

The next Master Recycler course will be offered at Metro during January and February. This session will most likely be offered on Wednesday nights and application materials will be on the MR web site next week. A Clackamas County training will be held in April and May.



Be very afraid!