

CLASS UPDATE

Class 30 is underway at Catlin Gabel school. Registration for the January/February class at Metro is available online at <http://www.masterrecycler.org/>. Twenty-five applications have already been received for the thirty available spaces.

MASTER RECYCLER MILESTONES

Congratulations to Ed Han (Class 24), Cheryl Petersen (Class 25), Paula Brewer (Class 27), and Katy Daily (Class 28) who have all volunteered 30 hours to the Master Recycler program. Thanks so much for your commitment to the program.

And further congratulations to Katy Daily who recently joined the board of Recycling Advocates, "Oregon's only citizen-based, grassroots group dedicated to creating a sustainable future through local efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle."

Katy hopes to leverage her lobbying and organizing skills to help advance RA's two main priorities for the coming year, which include enhancements to Oregon's 36-year-old Bottle Bill, and passage of electronic waste legislation during the 2007 Oregon Legislative session. You can visit Recycling Advocates at <http://www.recyclingadvocates.org/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Garden Fair

Trillium Charter School will host a Community Garden Fair on Sunday, October 23, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in their school garden at the corner of NE Thompson and N Williams in Portland. Trillium's goal is to educate the public about the benefits of school garden programs and provide a family and arts centered event that builds community in their North Portland neighborhoods. Festivities will include: a local visiting chef preparing healthy foods with their garden produce, a visiting metal sculptor creating garden art with found objects, live music, cider pressing, earth oven baking, cob building and ecoroof demonstrations, urban chicken, compost and vermiculture information and displays, and kids crafts. The Trillium Charter School has requested a Master Recycler to lead a short informal talk about urban composting and recycling at the beginning of the fair. If you are interested, please call Abbie at 802.318.7232 or email abharris_10@hotmail.com

Fix-It Fairs

The Fix-It Fairs are back for their 19th season, offering free information through workshops and exhibits that are designed to help area residents save money, stay healthy and improve their homes. Seventeen workshops are planned, many new exhibitors will be in attendance, and Burgerville is providing a free lunch. The first fair will be held at **Self-Enhancement, Inc. at 3920 N. Kerby Ave., Portland, on Saturday, November 20th, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

The fairs have been very popular with the public and Master Recyclers. It's a great venue to share your knowledge with community members who are eager to learn. Volunteer for the entire day or a shift (8-11 or 11-2:30) at the Master Recycler booth that will focus on curbside recycling. Or, talk toxics at Metro's "Greener Cleaner" display and help fair goers mix up their own greener cleaner to take home in a spray bottle. Contact Steve at 503.823.7530 or e-mail masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us to volunteer for either opportunity.

Waste Sort

Here's your chance to really see what's in the recyclable stream at a MRF. Metro's Steve Apotheker is looking for volunteers to help at an upcoming waste sort. Contact him at apothekers@metro.dst.or.us

Franklin High School Sustainability Club

Franklin High School's Sustainability Club is looking for volunteer(s) with web design skills to help develop a website. They meet at the school (near SE 52nd & SE Division Streets, Portland) on Tuesdays during lunchtime for updates and after school on Tuesday for work/event planning sessions. For more information contact Marianne Steiner (Class 26) at 503.548.8100 or email Michael Duchow-Pressly, FHS advisor at mduchow@pps.k12.or.us. Marianne is also looking for anyone who has contacts with Sunnyside Environmental School and could help develop some collaborative events. She also can give you further information on a free music performance on the afternoon of Tuesday Oct. 25th at Franklin. Kyle Vincent, a "singer/songwriter with a sustainable/environmental bent" will do a free, eclectic folk-rock concert.

JOBS

Business Recycling Specialist--City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development

A great opportunity to work with Portland businesses to improve their recycling, waste prevention and sustainable purchasing practices. The deadline to apply is October 24. Go to: <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/05-187/05-187.htm> for more information.

Fundraising Manager--Celilo Group Media, Inc

Celilo is the publisher of The Chinook Book and Sustainable Industries Journal. This opening is in their Portland office. A small office setting provides involvement in all aspects of running a business, from participating in marketing strategy to managing accounts receivable. For more information, check out: <http://www.celilo.net/about.asp#jobs>

EVENTS

Fall 2005 Naturescaping Workshops

Naturescaping is landscaping with native plants adapted to our climate and using environmentally-friendly gardening practices. There are three levels of Naturescaping for Clean Rivers workshops: Basic, Site Planning I, and Site Planning II. The Basic workshop is required for the Site Planning workshops. The four-hour workshop is free and includes before and after Naturescaping examples, advice on landscape design and native gardening, networking with neighbors, identifying native plants, and a short outdoor field trip to a nearby home or community project to see naturescaping in action. Get ideas for your garden, a guide book, and a native plant to get you started. **Pre-registration is required** at 503.797.1842 or email naturescaping@yahoo.com.

Fall 2005 Naturescaping workshop schedule:

Saturday, October 15, Basic, 9:00am-1:00pm in Mt. Tabor

Saturday, October 29, Basic, 9:00am-1:00-pm in Gresham

Saturday, November 5, Basic, 9:00am-1:00-pm in Fairview

Saturday, November 19, Basic, 9:00am-1:00pm in Clackamas

Saturday, December 3, Basic, 9:00am-1:00pm in SW Portland

AOR Fall Forum

Recycling's Perils and Potentials in Recognition of New Energy

Speakers will explore sustainability, energy, and recycling. The agenda includes presentations on peak oil, energy's impact on recycling strategies and the hauling industry, as well as the impact on markets. The forum will be in Salem on November 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.aorr.org/>

CHINOOK BOOK

It's fall and time to hook the 2006 Chinook Book, the "Coupon Book for Healthy Living." . The sixth edition has more than 300 coupons for dining, arts and entertainment, lawn and garden care, fitness, home improvement, recreation and transportation. Most coupons are valid through December 2006 and are redeemable at more than 250 local retailers including:

- New Seasons Markets, Wild Oats, Market of Choice, Whole Foods, Zupan's and local food coops
- Portland Nursery, Buffalo Gardens, Garden Fever, Dennis Seven Dees
- K&F Coffee, Urban Grind, Papaccinos, Café LN, Grand Central Bakery, Saucebox
- REI, GI Joe's, Play It Again Sports, Oregon Mountain Community, River City Bicycles, Paul's Bicycle Way of Life, Bike Gallery, Next Adventure, Alder Creek Kayak
- OMSI, Oaks Park Amusement, Northwest Children's Theater, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art Tears of Joy Theater, Oregon Ballet, Japanese and Classical Chinese Gardens, McMenamins, Lloyd Center Ice Rink, Tamarack Wellness Center and many more!

This year's version has an expanded pull-out dining guide called Dine Local Eat Local, your map to eateries that feature locally—and sustainably—sourced ingredients.

Chinook Books retail for \$20, but Master Recyclers can land one for \$12. That's a 40% discount off the \$20 retail price. To purchase a book at the Master Recycler discounted price, send an email to masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us and tell me how many you want. Books will be available for pick-up at OSD (721 NW Ninth, Portland) after November 4. I'll send an email when they're here and arrange a time for you to reel yours in.

For more information on the Chinook Book, check out the website at www.chinookbook.net.

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


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