

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

There's still time to RSVP for the next Master Recycler gathering, Plastics and Pizza, on Tuesday evening, September 14 at 7 p.m. in the EcoTrust building's second floor conference room (721 NW Ninth). We'll be talking plastics with Allen Jongsma from Agri-Plas in Keizer and eating pizza from Hot Lips. You'll learn all about plastics recycling, new products and what's happening locally and internationally in the plastics market. Send me an e-mail at masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us or call 503.823.7530 by Monday, September 13 and I'll reserve some slices.

Thanks for sending in your volunteer hours. We've been a very active group over the summer. I'm still planning a plastic flower pot roundup at farmers markets in early October. If you have volunteered at a market this summer, give me a call and we can talk about the program.

Hope to see you Tuesday.
Steve

CERTIFIED MASTER RECYCLERS

Congratulations to Amy Steve (MR Class #24) and Leslie Johnson (first from MR Class #26) who have volunteered 30 hours and attained Certified Master Recycler status. Amy and Leslie will be picking up their certificates at our meeting next Tuesday.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Build It Green Tour of Homes Information Fair

The Office of Sustainable Development's Build It Green Tour ends with a festive information fair featuring music, food and informational booths at the Environmental Building Supply store at 819 SE Taylor from 5-8 p.m. on September 18.

Metro is looking for a volunteer to staff their mobile garden which has supporting materials including a 3-ring, full-color booklet that identifies all the plants and their habitats. They'll be materials and plants to give-away. Contact Lisa Heigh at 503.797.1611 or heighl@metro.dst.or.us.

Sauvie Island Harvest Fair

There's information about the fair in the Events section of this newsletter. Get involved by staffing the Metro native plant mobile garden on Sept 11 and 12. Volunteers will be taking pledges to abandon chemicals and giving away free native plants (with a chance to win a compost bin too). A great opportunity to talk about natural gardening. The fair runs from 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on both days and volunteer slots are flexible. Call Paul Sanford at 503-797-1673 or email sanfordp@metro.dst.or.us

Hazardous Household Waste Roundups

There's weekend Metro HHW Roundups through the end of November in Forest Grove, Milwaukie, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Troutdale, Portland, and Gresham. A great opportunity to learn about hazardous waste and assist at a fun event. For dates and places, check out <http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=760> and call Lisa @ 503.797.1611 to sign up.

SCRAP

SCRAP's next Education/ Outreach Orientation is on Tuesday, September 7 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 3901A N.Williams (The orientation counts towards your MR hours.).

SCRAP will train volunteers to educate about reuse and facilitate exciting hands-on fun with reused materials at the following upcoming



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



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events:

—Back to SCRAP— Saturday, September 18th, 11a.m.-6p.m. at SCRAP. Help out at this annual event for educators and students. Free workshops for teachers, make-your-own-school supplies for kids, and a Back to SCRAP fashion show.

—Girls Initiative Network Kick-Off— Tuesday, September 28th 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Talk about reuse and make journals out of AOL CD's with kids.

Contact Jess Firestone, Education Outreach Coordinator with interest in specific events and to sign up for orientation. education@scrapaction.org or 503-294-0769.

EMPLOYMENT

Marketing Coordinator

Trexler Climate + Energy Services, an environmental consulting firm dealing exclusively with global climate change and renewable energy issues, is looking for a marketing coordinator. Look under 'Careers' at <http://www.climateservices.com/>.

City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development Assistant Program Specialist

The City of Portland has posted a job opening for an Assistant Program Specialist in the Office of Sustainable Development. The position will promote recycling and energy efficiency to tenants, property managers and owners of multifamily housing. The deadline for applications is Monday, September 13. More information is available at <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/04-146/04-146.htm>.

Recycling Education Coordinator Newberg Garbage Service

Full-time position:

*Recycling education for customers and community

*Maintain and improve existing recycling programs;

*Collect data and prepare DEQ reports;

Requires excellent verbal and writing skills including public speaking.

Must know MS Office 2000 (Word, Excel, Publisher, Powerpoint)

Submit resume and cover letter to:

Newberg Garbage Service, Inc.
ATTN: Human Resources
PO Box 1000
Newberg OR 97132

EVENTS

Oregon Community Warehouse Estate Sale

Oregon Community Warehouse is having an Estate Sale Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 2189 NW Wilson. Entry numbers will be available at 9AM and there will be freshly brewed coffee provided by Starbucks. Items include china and dish sets, collector's plates, pottery, glassware, silver, linens, mirrors, prints, collectibles, funky lamps, retro housewares, and antique, retro and classic furniture

Proceeds from the sale will benefit Oregon Community Warehouse, a non-profit organization that provides furniture and household items to those in need.

Sauvie Island Harvest Fair

Celebrate the harvest at Metro's Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12. The fair features local artists and traditional crafts makers, and hands-on activities for all ages, including candle making, cider pressing and pumpkin painting. Enjoy a tasting of Oregon wines and a picnic lunch while watching live musical performances. Check out the pioneer orchard, farm animals, Oregon Historical Society photo sale, and a guided tour through the nearby wildlife refuge. Take home fresh farm produce, homemade pies, honey from local bees and some fun family memories. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 5-12. Pets are not permitted. For more information, call (503) 621-3489 or www.krugersfarm.com.

Don't miss the free Wastrument(TM) Workshop and jam session by Enuf! from **10:30am - 1:30pm Saturday and Sunday**. You can build and decorate your own percussion instrument and play along with the band during the performance.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Liz Braman (Master Recycler Class 26) spent her summer working for Clackamas County Community Environment Division on event recycling. She recently volunteered at the Clackamas County Fair where she and her co-workers set up 59 ClearStream recycling units in hopes of diverting plastic bottles and aluminum cans at the six day event.

The ClearStream units are very portable, lightweight metal frames that hold a clear 45-gallon bag. The frames close down like a laundry hamper and 10-12 can be easily carried in the trunk of a car. They are great for transporting and can be set up very easily.

Liz's volunteer hours involved working with students from Clackamas County Juvenile Department who needed to complete community service hours. She supervised a different student each day, teaching them about the ClearStream units and showed them how they are used. Together they tracked the volume of plastic in the units, checked for contamination in the ClearStreams, picked up plastic in the area and emptied the recyclable material when needed. She was able to talk to the kids about why the units were there, where the plastic was going and how it was being diverted from the landfill.

Liz says the experience was a very positive one for everybody involved. The students learned a lot about recycling and were able to do some valuable "hands-on" community service work. Over 2,600 gallons of plastic bottles and aluminum cans were recycled at the Clackamas County Fair this year.