

MASTER RECYCLER NEWS

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21 NEW MASTER RECYCLERS GRADUATE THIS FALL

Please join me in welcoming the following new friends dedicated to bridging the gap between awareness and action: (clockwise from upper left) Erika Willis, Keith Woelbing, Aaron Laskey, Jo Rodgers, Carol Stineman, Chris Walklin, Chris Horton, Glenna McWhorter, Matt Coen, Bonnie Ullman (returning), Diana Gardener, Forest, Paul Kuck, Alex Kelly, Joan Malmud, Brooke Millett, Barbara "BJ" Hurwicz, Grace Schubert, Brook Young and Deborah Martin (next to me). Thanks to all of you for being so patient and generous as I learned the ropes of facilitating.



RING IN THE HOLIDAYS WITH *LESS IS BEST*



Celebrating the holidays in America is one of the more wasteful events of the year. In fact, 25% more garbage is generated between Thanksgiving Day and New Years Eve than any other time of year. That's 5 million extra tons sent to landfills in the U.S.! To turn the tide on all that waste while still enjoying the season's finest traditions, try some of the following ideas, and share them with your friends and neighbors. **The Master Recycler program has a handy half-page handout. Feel free to share them at a meeting or group gathering of any kind.**

Gifts that Give to the Future

- Buy gifts that save: rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, reusable lunch kits.
- Give a membership: environmental, arts or hobby organizations are good choices.
- Rather than purchase an item that may not be used or needed, give gift certificates.
- Give an experience: tickets to an event, lessons, or an excursion.
- Homemade gifts including sweets, crafts, and skills or services such as gardening, and cleaning.
- Shop local. Support your local stores and crafters and companies that donate profits to charity or environmental concerns.

Wrap it up!

- Don't use wrapping paper. Add bows to holiday shopping bags or gift boxes.
- Give gifts in baskets, tins, jars; or wrapped in fabrics, maps or posters.
- If you do buy gift-wrap, be sure it is recycled paper with the highest post-consumer content you can find. **ASK FOR IT!**

Greeting Cards

- Buy greeting cards with the most post-consumer content you can find, **ASK FOR IT!** Or make your own from last year's cards.
- Use postcard greetings to save postage, envelopes and excess paper.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

You won't want to miss these great events!

They are all are fueled by volunteers so contact Sarah to help out, **682-2059 sarah.grimm@co.lane.or.us**



HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

December 10th & 11th, 2005

We will need 5-8 volunteers for each shift to staff craft or informational tables and facilitate other aspects of the event as well. Shifts will be 9:30 – 12:30 and 12:30 – 3:30 both days.

LESS IS BEST HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday Dec. 10th 10am - 3pm

Sunday Dec. 11th 10am - 3pm

43 West Broadway

This holiday show, sale and educational event is for the whole family. Craft tables offer instruction on holiday trash-to-treasures gifts and decorations. Educational tables provide ideas and resources on how to simplify the holidays; keeping the traditions we love, yet avoiding the waste and empty consumerism. Find tips on how to entertain, shop and give gifts without waste. The Reuse Boutique features great gifts for sale and the MECCA materials exchange store will be open. Brought to you by the Lane County Master Recycler Program as a Benefit for BRING and MECCA's education efforts. Event is Free.

MASTER RECYCLER QUARTERLY POTLUCK /BRING MAILING PARTY

January 3rd, 2006, 6:00pm,
Goodson Training Rm (where Master Recycler class is held). Casual conversation, sharing stories and ideas and maybe even an interesting movie.

Second annual

ZACHARY ZAKON STYROFOAM ROUND-UP

January 7, 2006 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Glenwood Hazardous Waste Facility
Only clean, dry block Styrofoam will be accepted. Material will be accepted until 3:00 pm or when the trucks are full. Because of the inspiring dedication, persistence and achievements of Zachary Zakon--Master Recycler extraordinaire who passed away last winter, I'm pleased to announce that Lane County Waste Management has officially named the annual Styrofoam collection event in his honor.

Master Recycler volunteers will be needed throughout the day.

The first annual
GOOD EARTH HOME AND GARDEN SHOW



Saturday, January 28th, 10 am — 8pm

Sunday, January 29th, 10 am – 6pm

Catching the wave toward a sustainable future, Lane County's Home and Garden Show coordinators are bringing together everything needed to start out the new year with greener habits. Lane County Waste Management's Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste programs will be at the event to promote environmentally friendly disposal options along with alternatives. They will depend on Master Recyclers to staff the booth with a schedule of expert appearances from the Haz Hut guys.

ONGOING PAYBACK POSSIBILITIES

Surveys, petitions and questionnaires are a great way to educate. The act of engaging someone in signing a petition or filling out a quick survey is a great conversation starter. Giving background information and rationale for the questionnaire is a natural and easily assimilated communication of resource, waste reduction or recycling issues—or even just an easy reminder to the citizen that the issues are important.

BOTTLE BILL SURVEY

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) is currently seeking strategies to bring a better bottle bill to Oregon. As many of you know, Oregon's Bottle bill is over 30 years old. The law was written to be a litter reduction tool, when the primary litter was beer and soda beverages. This is the reason why carbonated beverage containers carry a 5 cent deposit. This imposes little or no control over the litter or the trashing of majority of beverage containers used today, such as noncarbonated beverages including wine coolers, juice, tea and water.

While the AOR works with the Oregon Consensus Program to find common goals and strategies and an acceptable policies with industry stakeholders, they are also seeking the opinion of citizens and public stakeholders. Survey Forms are available through the Master Recycler program with fact sheets and talking points. Take surveys to a meeting, club or association, to a church or school function, or even door to door in your neighborhood. Explain the situation and gather filled out survey forms. This qualifies for education volunteer hours.

POSTCARD PROJECT

Empowering ourselves to be conscientious and responsible consumers involves responding to products and packages that are counter productive to the "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" habits of a sustainable future.

5 Easy Steps

- 1) Identify a wasteful package or product you would like to target,
- 2) Research alternative choices and packaging options
- 3) Craft sample messages that will encourage the desired change.
- 4) Get postcards from the Master Recycler Program and take them (with the results of step 1-3) to a favorite gathering of friends, neighbors, church, school or even family members.
- 5) Return filled out postcards to the Master Recycler Program for postage and sending (our program budget can handle 100 per quarter to start with). This qualifies for education volunteer hours.

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Master Recyclers are invited to submit Trashbuster nominations at any time to Pete Chism. Forms are available from Lane County's website, www.lanecounty.org/PW_WMD_Recycle/ or Call 682-2059

Master Recyclers bridge the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce solid waste in homes and workplaces.

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2005 TRASH BUSTER AWARD WINNERS

Cindy Wise and the OSU Lane County Extension Service Compost Specialist Program was awarded government Trashbuster of the year. They educate over 15,000 Lane County citizens about composting, vermicomposting and compost tea annually. Their "Coffee Grounds to Compost" program has diverted 89,000 pounds of coffee grounds from the garbage of 15 coffee houses to gardens and landscapes across Lane County.

Computer Reuse and Recycling Center (CRRC) received the non-profit Trashbuster for placing over 1500 computers back into use in our community through their thrift stores and scholarship programs. They've recycled 12 tons of processor boards, 48 tons of nonferrous metal, 48 tons of monitors, 7 tons of lead, 83 tons of steel, 1 ton of cardboard, 7 tons of plastic, and 5 tons of paper.

Solarc Architecture and Engineering received the business category. Solarc utilizes a photovoltaic power system that is connected directly to the building's electrical system. Solarc reuses single sided paper and files, purchases paper products with recycled content and recycles glass, paper, batteries, fluorescent lights, and printing cartridges. Lunchroom facilities have permanent dishes and silverware and a worm bin. They also provide financial rewards for employees that use alternative transportation.

Individual Trashbuster recipient, **Elvira Muniz**, recycles over 75% of her household discards. She reuses bread bags, glass jars and more. She influences co-workers at the McKenzie School District; educates local students about recycling opportunities through field trips and

presentations; manages a worm composting unit at work and home and removes materials from the school garbage to be used for art projects; she even reuses pieces of broken coffee mugs as tile. Elvira uses alternative transportation and participates in local river clean-ups.

Product Manufacturer, **Sierra Pine Ltd., Springfield Division**, reuses baghouse filters, chemical drums, and furniture.

They rebuild and refurbish equipment on-site, and they purchase various paper products with recycled content. Thousands of tons of wood waste are diverted from the landfill and into particleboard through the manufacturing process at SierraPine. Their operations recycle scrap metal, wood, oil, electronic waste, batteries, fluorescent lights, and co-mingled material.

Greetings!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and warm as the winter months settle in. Keeping in touch is not always easy, so I'm enclosing this easy, fold-and-send form that allows you to just jot down what you've been up to and send it off. No time like the present, don't even let it reach your "to do" list. Even if you haven't done any official "payback" volunteer hours or projects, I'd love to hear what kinds of things you are looking to do or things you are thinking of doing. Perhaps I can be of help.

And as always, comments and suggestions for the program are always welcome too.

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.....Just a Little More News

In partnership with City of Eugene Parks & Recreation Services, MECCA will be offering several workshops at our downtown location starting in January. Sign up using the City's online registration system at: www.ci.eugene.or.us/rec Or call (541) 682-5373

Printmaking, Wed. 6:30-8:30pm,
Jan 18-Feb 8
Monoprint and intaglio techniques explored using a wide variety of recycled materials. Course# 67253

Journal/Book Making,
Wed. 6:30-8:30pm, Feb 15-Mar 8
Book/ journal binding and artist stamp making with recycled papers, fabrics and art supplies. Course #67254

Recycled Art, Thurs. 6:30-8:30pm,
Feb. 2 - Feb 23
Transform ordinary discards into extraordinary works of art! Intricate collage, papier-mache, sculptures, doll making and more!
Course #67529

Altered Clothing, Sat. Feb 18, 1-4pm
Bring old or torn clothes, sheets and tablecloths to remake with flair. Only basic sewing machine skills required. Course #67530

Junk Art Salon,
Fri. March 31, 2-6pm
Build a wood and wire sculpture, adding cloth, leather scraps and string. Make binoculars from old toilet paper tubes, a sock puppet and more in this inventive workshop downtown during Spring Break.
course #67257

Have questions?
Call Nancy at 343-9979.

Lane County Master Recycler Program Volunteer Hours

Quarterly Log Sheet Phone: (541) 682-2059

NAME: _____ phone or email: _____

Class: _____(example: fall 2004)

Circle ONE:

Qtr. 1 (Jan. thru Mar.) due March 31

Qtr. 3 (July thru Sept.) due September 30

Qtr. 2 (Apr. thru June) due June 30

Qtr. 4 (Oct. thru Dec.) due December 31

Date	Hours	Activity/Subject	Name and phone of supervisor	#of people contacted	Education, creation or hands-on?
11/1/02	4	Taught workshop/composting for Westside Neighborhood (sample)	Anne Donahue 682-5542 (sample)	15 (sample)	education (sample)

