

LANE COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER RECYCLER NEWS

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FALL 2002 MASTER RECYCLER CLASS GRADUATES

BY LORRAINE BOOSE

Thirty one dedicated and eager students earned their "masters degree" this fall to blaze a trail of reuse, recycling and waste prevention in Lane County. From Cottage Grove to Veneta, our bright and shining volunteers will offer 30 hours of their time and energy over the next year to redirect materials from Short Mt. Landfill. Activities are already underway, and projects range from staffing booths at local fairs and special events to targeted special projects like a hazardous waste round-up for seniors. Some Master Recyclers have implemented recycling programs in their workplaces and are refining already existing recycling efforts. Others have participated in the County's "Less is Best" Holiday Card Collection project, in which over a ton of cards were collected and sent to Saint Jude's Ranch to help support at-risk youth programs. Collectively, they will contribute nearly 1,000 hours of community service work this year.



Master Recyclers: Lara Flores, Jennifer Fogerty-Gibson and Nancy Zimmerman on graduation day, November 13, 2002.

As the Coordinator, I wish to express my appreciation to this dedicated and responsive group of volunteers. They are helping to staff BRING activities, serve as MECCA volunteers, serve on the Lane County Resource & Recovery Advisory Committee and contribute in countless other ways to assist in recycling

community functions. In fact, they put the "fun" in function! Thank you all so much!

WASTE RECOVERY RATE SLIPS FOR LANE COUNTY IN 2001

BY PETE CHISM (EXERPED)

In 2000, Lane County totaled the highest waste recovery rate in the State at 52%. Recently, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality released the 2001 Waste Recovery Report. Unlike the first place finish Lane County earned the year before, we

dropped to the fourth in the state.

All together the State of Oregon recycled 2,004,024 tons of material. Statewide, Oregon jumped from 39% to 47% recovery rate. The material collected for recycling in Ore-

gon consisted of:

- 34% paper
- 22% wood
- 18% yard debris
- 14% metals
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“The good news... we’ve come a long way in recovering material in Lane County”

“In 1992, Lane Co. recorded a 19% recovery rate. In just 10 years that number has increased to 52% “

WASTE RECOVERY RATE, CONTINUED

- 5% glass
- 1% plastic
- 6% other

The savings of energy and resources, as well as the jobs that managing this material has created has benefited the State of Oregon greatly.

On a local level, Lane County diverted 203,500 tons of material from the landfill. In 1992 Lane County recorded a 19% recovery rate. In just 10 years that number has increased to 52%. Here are a few of the materials that were collected in Lane County for recycling and some of the savings:

Paper: In 2001 Lane County recycled 60,295 tons of paper, saving:

- The equivalent of 1,025,018 trees
- 30,147,585 pounds of air pollutants
- 723,542,040 gallons of fresh water
- The energy equivalent to 5,788,336 gallons of gas
- 310,475 cubic yards of landfill space

Aluminum: In 2001, 1517 tons of aluminum was recycled in Lane County. Due to the highly energy intensive process needed to make alu-

minum from virgin materials, recycling this much saved enough energy to power 87,505 computers, eight hours/day for a year!

Steel and Tin: Along a similar but less energy intensive process, 27, 696 tons were recycled. The energy saved in this process could operate 328,811 60-watt light bulbs for eight hours a day for a year.

RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK - OUT

Books, videos and displays are available for one week check out, simply by making a request of your Master Recycler Coordinator, Lorraine Boose.

Here is a list of some of the materials you might use for classroom presentations:

Videos:

- * Exporting Harm: The High-Tech trashing of Asia, Basal Action Network, 2002, 23 minutes
- * The OSU Extension Service has a series of videos for recycling in the workplace...approx 15 minutes each. These are quite good.

Books/Publications:

- * Trashed Cans: the global environmental impacts of Aluminum Can Wasting in America, 2002.
- * 50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth

STOP UNWANTED JUNK MAIL

Take your name off national non-profit and commercial mailing lists by registering your name with the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service. Sending in a postcard with all of the variations of your name and address will place you on a "delete" list that the DMA will send out to companies four times per year. This service is good for five years, then you must send in your name to

the Mail Preference Service again. Here is the address:

**Mail Preference Service
Direct Marketing Association
PO Box 9008**

Farmington, NY 11735-9008
Some mailings include a postage paid business ready envelope. Use it to return the contents & ask to be taken off their lists.

You can stop unsolicited credit card offers by calling (888) 567-8688. They will remove your name from all major consumer credit reporting agencies.

- Finally, you can check out these Internet sites:
[Http://opt-out.cdt.org](http://opt-out.cdt.org)
[Http://www.the-dma.org/index.html](http://www.the-dma.org/index.html)
[Http://www.edfpewalliance.org/catalogs_tips.html](http://www.edfpewalliance.org/catalogs_tips.html)
[Http://www.junkbusters.com/](http://www.junkbusters.com/)

MASTER RECYCLER POTLUCK SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Good food, good company! And this time we'll mix the "old" with the new! An Invitation was sent out to MR classes from previous years to come join in, get inspired, share ideas and successes and get acquainted. Bring a dish to pass, dinner at 6 p.m. in the Goodson training room of Lane County Public Works, off Delta Highway. A video on electronic waste will be previewed entitled "Exporting Harm". Put it on your calendar!



The Fall Class of 2002 Master Recycler graduates: Lft to rt. Front: Cheri, Erika, Lara, Jane, Barbara, Isabelle, Janet, Jennifer, Judy, Nancy, Ward, Linda, Bill Middle: Mark, Laoni, Connie, Sandy, Steve, Carlos, Gary, Todd, Mike, Charlie Back: Janet, Rex, Ernie, Jim, Craig, Steve and Bill. (Not pictured: Jamie and Julie) Instructors: Pete and Lorraine, down in front

Note: Last name A-G brings dessert, H-P appetizer or salad and R-Z main dish.

A CALL TO WRITERS...

Are you interested in publishing a letter, article or printable information in the newsletter? I would like to see this newsletter become a forum for you to communicate with your cohorts.

Just submit your article, poem, rant, letter to Lorraine, ready for print. Articles can vary in length, from 75 to 225

word.. If you would like to help make this newsletter better, I would welcome any input you have. Since many of you are talented writers, artists and creative thinkers, I encourage you to find your voice *here*.



SPRING MASTER RECYCLER CLASS TO BEGIN APRIL 1ST

Interest in recycling and waste prevention is strong; more than 50 people are on the wait list for the next Master Recycler class, set for April 1, 2003. Applications were sent out and will be accepted through the end of February. Some changes were made as a result of feedback received from our fall graduates. One important change is that we've added a week to the training schedule and length-

ened the class slightly to avoid the time crunch that we so often felt. Classes will run from April 1st through May 20th, Tuesday nights. If you

know of interested individuals who didn't get on the wait list, please have them contact Lorraine at 682-2059.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: MORE WAYS TO CONTINUE YOUR INVOLVMENT

Now that the holidays are behind us, many people are asking about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Here is a list of events at which the Master Recycler Program will be represented with a booth in need of volunteers to staff it:

- * Florence Home and Garden Show, Feb 28
- * Earth Day Celebration, April 19, Eugene
- * Rhododendron Festival, May 16-18, Florence
- * Lane County Fair, August 12-17 at the fairgrounds in Eugene

Each of these events will have a sign up for set up and staffing the booth. My goal is to have a couple of displays to choose from that can rotate between events. I am meeting with a group of interested Master Recyclers to develop the displays, beautifully and inexpensively. If you would like to get involved with this, give me a call at 682-2059.

Master Recyclers are also needed to help at the **University of Oregon Street Fair** on April 23-25 and the **Willamette Valley Folk Festival**, held on the lawn of the EMU at the University of Oregon Campus, May 16-18. They are looking for over 100 volunteers to staff the recycling/composting areas. You can contact Jeff at Campus Recycling: jeffzig@oregon.uoregon.edu or call him at



Lorraine's dog, Sadie, just because!

346-0926 for a job description.

Watch your email for on-going volunteer opportunities. As Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful individuals can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has!".