

MASTER RECYCLER NEWS

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A WARM WELCOME TO 25 MORE MASTER RECYCLERS



Please join me in welcoming the following new friends dedicated to bridging the gap between awareness and action in our community—clockwise from upper left: Jeff LeGaard, Kurt Jensen, Craig Philip, Lupe Soto (below Craig), Jake Soto, Ron Peterson, Kelly Briggs, Marybeth Bonte, David Thor Johnson, Janet Dahlgren, Harold Peterson, Joan Lambe, Sandy Otto, Eve King, Arne Traceski, Corolene Corriea (below Arne), Kit Kirkpatrick, Christina Friberg, Diane Warnock, and Holly Brooks. (missing in action: Ruby Collette (aka Ruby the Resourceress) Pat Mahoney, Julie Rogers, Phil Owensby, Crystal Dodd)

Many thanks to all of you for adding your creativity and passion to this important community issue.

New Master Recycler Coordinator

Nina Whiney was hired this month as the new Master Recycler Coordinator. She comes to us through a lateral transfer from Lane County's Women Infants and Children (WIC) program. Nina has been with the County for the last three years providing counseling, client services and teaching nutrition classes. Before that, she worked in Parks and Open Spaces and the environmental efforts of the Northwest Youth Conservation Corps. In her personal life, Nina is a singer/songwriter and jewelry maker (I can hardly wait to teach her to make bottlecap jewelry!) Just like most of us, she loves to hike and camp with her family (3 dogs and a sweetheart) in all of Oregon's beautiful great outdoors.

Please join me in welcoming Nina at our next Master Recycler Potluck, Thursday June 29th, 6-9 pm Goodson Training room. Nina can be reached at 682-2059 or email nina.whitney@co.lane.or.us.

I am moving on—but not far! I have been hired for the position Pete vacated last January and will oversee county recycling programs from just across the hall. My new phone number is 682-4339 and my email is the same (sarah.grimm@co.lane.or.us). My door, phone, email and ear remains open to all Master Recyclers.

Outreach Campaign Corner

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

Here we will feature easy action items that Master Recyclers can join in on: (feel free to suggest a campaign so your ideas and efforts can be redoubled by fellow Master Recyclers.)

This Summer we'll feature two materials that usually come out in droves with the fair weather.



The first is home **construction and demolition materials**. It is estimated that 25-30% of the material currently landfilled at Short Mountain is a mixture of wood, metal, cardboard, and drywall or plaster. There are many ways to save money and resources by recycling.

Both of the two MRF facilities (EcoSort, and McKenzie Recycling) that accept mixed loads of construction materials are operating under capacity. Taking mixed construction loads to these facilities cost no more than taking the material to "the dump" yet it ensures at least 25% will be recycled. And by going a step further –sorting it out on site, higher rates of recycling as well as money savings can be realized. Lane County has a tidy little Brochure that spells it out.

Action Item:

We'll bring brochures to the quarterly meeting in June, Master Recyclers can take a few each, so that when the neighbor says they are finally remodeling the kitchen, or when a you notice a new building



breaking ground down the street, all you have to do is stop by with a brochure and let them know that saving money and saving the earth actually do go hand in hand.

Bike Shops are bustling

Resource Revival is asking Master Recyclers to help increase the amount of bike parts that are reused into the fabulous furnishings produced by their staff of artists.

While all bike shops no doubt recycle their metal parts, we are baffled that more of them are not interested in this easy system of moving up the waste management hierarchy into REUSE over recycling.

Their easy 1-2-3 system makes it as easy as pie.

- 1) Toss greasy chain and freewheels in a box (NO RUST, please)
- 2) Call or email when box is full to let them know the weight of the box
- 3) Resource Revival will send UPS to pick up the box(es) at not cost to the bike shop.



I met Graham in the early '90s when he was just out of college and full of passion for recycling. Back then, it was Bike tubes—he turned them into belts, dog collars, and tie-downs. Today, Graham's small business has grown to employ over 20 artists creating high-end home furnishings out of bike parts. He is another of the MANY examples of how waste prevention builds lives, livelihoods, and healthy communities.

Action Item:

At the next quarterly Potluck, pick up a few of Resource Revival's postcards describing the program. Take one to your favorite bike shop and suggest that they participate in this reuse program or , **go one better** –offer to stop by their shop periodically and do the sorting and calling for them.



Master Recyclers Make it Happen !

Poetry by Kelly Briggs

One, two, four and five
Numbers on the bottom side
Or reuse that sucker far and wide.

Take your bags to the store
Use them over,
It won't be a bore.

Do the cool thing
Don't throw stuff away
Reuse it again
Or take it to BRING.

All the Places we went
All that we've learned
Time to gear up
and spread the good word.

We drove to Short Mountain
with a cool guy named Dan
We all got together
and packed in two vans.

We call it a landfill
'cause that's what we do.
We bought up the farmland
and make Leche` Goo.

Look around, what do you see,
Black covered Hills
With a Methane Breeze.

Tell your friend all you've learned
100 acres packed with plastic,
Shouldn't we be concerned?

So this is what I say to you,
Take it on
You've got the key.

Teach people proudly that a
Master Recycler is the way to be!

Mark your calendars now! with these local festivals and events. You'll surely want to attend them, and while you are at it.... sign up to help out!



June 22 Thursday, 6:30 – 9pm,

Association of Oregon Recycler's Education Soiree

Territorial Wine Cellars, 3rd and Adams.

It's a party you don't want to miss. Mingle with statewide recycling experts and Master Recyclers gathered in Eugene for an annual conference. This family friendly evening fundraiser for the Association's education efforts will feature knee slappin' foot stompin' fun music, a recycled treasure display and sale, and last but not least, Ruby's recycled treasure chest for the kids.

\$10. Invitations to this private party are extended to all conference goers, Master Recyclers, Master Composters, and Sustainable Business Initiative members. We will be initiating an E-invite soon. Those without email, consider your self invited here. **Volunteers needed:** We are looking for folks to help with donation request calling, set up, and clean up of the event, call Sarah at 682-4339.

Consider attending the conference itself (check it out at www.aorr.org) As a 10 year veteran of the event, I can personally attest to its educational and entertainment value. Education Conference is Thursday, (Non-members - \$105 Students - \$45) Annual Conference is Friday and Saturday (Non-members - \$315 Students - \$275) **Volunteers needed:** Helpers for the Junk Art Challenge on Friday afternoon, and the Scrabble Scramble on Saturday afternoon. Contact Sarah at 682-4339

June 29 Thursday, 6-9 pm at the Goodson Training Room

Master Recycler Potluck

BRING your news, announcements, things to share, and of course your own eating utensils. This will be valuable pay back hours too, because we'll also be helping BRING with their newsletter mailing. It's FUN!!

June 30- July 4th - Art and The Vineyard

- ◆ They will have 5 recycling stations that need staffing. They ask that volunteers perform at least 3 shifts throughout the 5 days of the event. In return, volunteers will receive free entry to the event for the days of their shifts, and an event t-shirt.
- ◆ 65 3-hour shifts need to be filled for the five days. 11:30am-2:30pm, 2:30pm-5:30pm, 5:30pm-9pm
- ◆ Also coming up:
- ◆ **July 13th - 16th - Bohemia Mining Days** in Cottage Grove —similar needs as above
- ◆ **August 4th - 6th - The Filbert festival** in Springfield's Island Park
- ◆ To volunteer for these, contact William Breninghouse at willywray@yahoo.com or 746-2975.

August 15th – 20th - Lane County Fair, Fairgrounds,

Master Recyclers will again partner with the Master Gardener Compost Specialists to create a stunning recycle and compost education booth for the thousands of fair-goers.

This is where we really show our stuff!

We'll need to keep the booth staffed with 2 people at all hours which totals more than 40 shifts. As always, volunteers are given free entry tickets, so volunteer early and volunteer often.



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

Who is doing good?

Master Recyclers are invited to submit nominations for the Lane County Trashbuster Awards. Forms are available from Lane County's website, www.lanecounty.org/PW_WMD_Recycle/ or Call 682-4339

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Those Odd Items

A short reminder list of recyclable items not commonly known as recyclable.

Plastics: Weyerhaeuser Recycling accepts the following at their recycle station

Located next door to the County's Central Receiving Station.
3425 E. 17th open Mon. – Fri., 9 -5 only

- Grocery/retail, dry cleaner bags
- VCR, CD and Cassette tapes & cases
- Buckets and barrels (only non haz.storage)
- Rubbermaid and Tupperware
- Greenhouse and garden plastic
- patio furniture, Toys & play structures
- Tarps (metal eyelets ok)
- Pallets and other heavy or thick plastic items
- woven and other bags for seed, pellets, mulch, potting soil, etc. (need to be turned inside out & shaken before recycling)

Not accepted:

- Blister packing
- Plastic marked with # 6
- anything that held corrosive or other hazardous materials

Other:

Carpet Padding (dry, not stinking): St. Vincent de Paul -- (705 Seneca, Eug, or 21st and Olympic, S) 687-5820
Books & Magazine (all): St. Vincent de Paul -- any store

Bed Pillows: St. Vincent de Paul -- any store

Couch Cushions: St. Vincent de Paul -- any store

Stuffed Toys (all) : St. Vincent de Paul -- any store

Mixed loads of construction or demolition:

McKenzie Recycling, 1762 W 2nd Ave,
Eugene 868-4843

EcoSort, 3425 East 17th (right next door to Lane County's Glenwood disposal site)
726-7552

ALL Computer Miscellaneous from manuals, cords, packing, etc.: Computer Reuse and Recycling Center (CRRC), 686-2366

Block foam: CRRC, 686-2366—\$1.00 per cubic foot , \$90.00 per van load. Or call 503-234-3000 for Portland Location.