

Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers

JUNE 2011 EDITION

TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

Upcoming Events:

- **Thursday, June 2nd**
Master Recycler Gathering and Potluck at the Mosier Grange at 6pm. We will be screening the movie "BagIt!" and discussing the implications and possibilities. Bring your ideas, concerns, events, summer calendars and resources.
- **Thursdays, June 2 to Oct. 6th**
Gorge Grown Farmers' Market
Hood River Middle School
4pm—7pm
- **Saturday, June 4th**
Farmers' Market start in The Dalles in the City Park on Union
- **Saturday Market**
Hood River 9am to 3pm
Hood River News Parking lot
- **Green Drinks**
Thursday, June 9th
6:30pm-8pm
Wet Planet Rafting and Condit Dam Removal update
Location: 860 Highway 141 in White Salmon
- **Thursday, July 7th**
6pm-7:30pm at Water's Edge Health and Wellness Center at Lone Pine Village in The Dalles. Help celebrate the 1yr. Anniversary and the Gold-LEED plaque unveiling.
- **Wednesdays, in July**
6:15pm-7:30pm HRMS Room 101
7/6—What and How Can I Recycle?
7/13— Composting-Nature's Way of Recycling
7/20—Reduce Chemicals at Home and Work
7/27—Save Money and Waste Less
- **Saturday, July 16th**
Fort Dalles Days Parade with possible tabling opportunities
- **September 2011**
Next round of Master Recycler Classes. Start "talking up" the classes and the field trips. Suggest that interested people access our Tri-County Website and access the Master Recycler Tab at the top of our home page. www.tricountyrecycle.com

MASTER RECYCLER GATHERING THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND at THE MOSIER GRANGE AT 6pm

Come join us and see the "BagIt!" movie that will be available for check-out from the Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program. Bring salad or soup for approximately 6 people and network with other master recyclers from our area. If possible, let **Karen** know what you plan on bringing or if you have any questions. Bring your concerns, ideas, events, summer calendars and appetite. See you at the Mosier Grange!



See the "BagIt!" movie with other Master Recyclers

Directions to the Mosier Grange: As you are going through Mosier, (the main drag) turn right on Washington. Go straight up 2 blocks. Take a left on 4th St. The Grange is a large white building with a blue roof.....on 4th and Oregon Street. Call Karen's cell if you get lost: 541-980-6267

Nora Donovan---She will be missed!



Nora Donovan, Fall 2009 Master Recycler

Nora is soon to join her fiancé, Alex, in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he works as a financial analyst for an insurance company. Originally, she came to The Dalles three years ago as an intern in the Rural Assistance to Rural Environments program of the University of Oregon. She mainly worked with economic planning and development with her internship evolving into a part-time job with the City and the Port of The Dalles. She also worked for the American Red Cross, had a leading part in The Theatre Company of The Dalles' "Star Spangled Girl," and she worked on her Masters in Public Administration from Portland State University. We were lucky to capture her attention as she completed the first Master Recycler program in the Fall of 2009!! Her goal has been to complete her 30 hours of payback before she leaves and with her help last month at the Master Gardeners' Spring Fair, she has accomplished one of her goals! Another thing she is very proud about is that she helped secure funding for the last parts of the Riverfront Trail. We are giving her (and Alex, The Great) 5 years and then we expect them to be back living in The Dalles! Thank you, Nora!



Nora, Karen and Liz at the 2011 Spring Fair

Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers are on the web!!! Check it out!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-County-Master-Recyclers/107724469293841>

The Dalles Community Clean-Up Day 2011



Lines were VERY LONG!
Jim Winterbottom of
Waste Connections monitors the line.



Nora Donovan helps with the "Re-Use It" items.

Do you have ideas for our next Master Recycler Newsletter? We need your input and your creativity. Please contact Karen Murray.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Oregon Live is a great place to find the latest news concerning environmental bills in the Oregon Legislature. Here are some links and a quick review:

1. The [BPA-Free Bill](#) has an important vote tomorrow. Find out more.
2. [The Bottle Bill](#) passed but to find out more, click the link. Another article on the [what the bottle bill means](#) is a good one, as well.
3. The "[Ban the Bag](#)" bill does not seem to have enough votes to pass. Check out the latest strategy.

I HOPE YOU FIND THE LINKS USEFUL.

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Not a lot of business at our booth but the Community Clean-Up was an eye-opening experience with very busy stations for dumping old stuff and getting rid of yard debris FREE!!!

Our Master Recycler booth was fairly empty but the Re-Use-It area was quite busy! Long lines wrapped around the block and people waited for over an hour patiently to drop off yard debris, dispose of broken items, drop things off that people might want to reuse AND pick up things they might want to use. All the services for that day were free....the right price. One of our favorites was the yellow sailboat that came in, filled with roofing and left fairly empty to gentleman that was going to fix it up!

Thanks, Nora , Jodi and Rilán.

Short and Sweet

Q. When is the third position going to be filled at TCHWR?

A. We are in the final stages of filling the position and should be able to introduce you to this person in less than a week.

Q. Are there opportunities for master recyclers to log hours on events that have been scheduled this summer?

A. Yes! There are classes on Wednesday nights in July at HRMS where volunteers would be helpful, Fort Dalles Days Parade and master recycler tabling on July 16th and the Farmers Markets start up this weekend. What else?

Q. Can Master Recyclers come at the last minute to the Gathering tomorrow at 6pm, Mosier Grange? A. YES!!!