

Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers

NOVEMBER 2011 EDITION

TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

Upcoming Events:

- **Sense of Place Lectures**
Wed. Nov. 2nd at 6:30pm
Springhouse Cellars
Cheryl Mack presents "This Land Was Their Land—The Life of Ellen Chenoweth Underwood and the Early History of the Columbia River Gorge"
- **Help Canvas TD Businesses**
Join Heather Alexander on **Wed. Nov. 2nd, 3pm-5pm** or **Thurs. Nov. 3rd, 10:30-1pm** to remind downtown businesses about the upcoming Hazardous Waste Collection on November 10th
- **Green Drinks**
Tues. Nov. 8th--6pm-7:30
Full Sail Brewery, HR
Irene Firmat, Founder and CEO will present information about this employee-owned business' sustainability effort
- **"Bag It!" film**
Tuesday, Nov. 15th 7pm
White Salmon Library
presented by the Gorge Rebuild-it Community Project
(Is your life too plastic?)
- **Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6pm**
Master Recycler Potluck
Gathering at the Mosier Grange
Master Recycler, Peggy Dills Kelter will teach us about mosaic artwork. Please e-mail **Karen** whether you can make it and what you might like to bring...like soup or salad. (See article p.3)

MORE MASTER RECYCLERS SERVE AS PRESENTERS AT OUR FOURTH MASTER RECYCLER CLASS SERIES

There has been quite a few Master Recyclers from our Class 1, 2 and 3 series that have stepped up as presenters at this Fall's Class 4. In September, **Cynthia Caudill** presented ideas that she has used to involve the schools in recycling, her committee work on Hood River's Relay for Life with recycling and her materials recycling in her ReThink Crafts cottage business.

Heidi Logosz spoke in early October on sustainability practices that she manages at Mt. Hood Meadows. **Ruth Olin** was a mid-October speaker on re-use with her "Down to Earth Design" business and the building of her own straw bale house in White Salmon.



Phaedra Booth spoke in late October

on citizen advocacy on environmental issues with our state legislature. **Cathie Kelter** and **Peggy Dills Kelter** are due to speak this next

Tuesday on their own stories of involvement with recycling.



Can't wait!! Thanks to all of you; it is invigorating to hear you speak so passionately!

FIELD TRIP MEMORIES FROM OCTOBER 8TH



MASTER RECYCLERS HELP THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE SCENIC ACT CELEBRATE 25TH BIRTHDAY

A “good time was had by all” at the 25th Anniversary of the Columbia Gorge Scenic Act Celebration at The Discovery Center on October 8th and 9th.



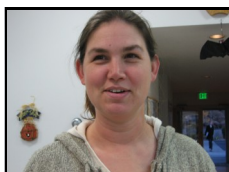
Phaedra Booth was involved with the planning and managing of the Gorge Celebration. Great job!!



Between Tri-County’s Clearstreams and DirtHugger’s composting, the event was more sustainable. Amazing, there wasn’t as much garbage!

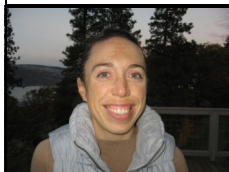


Carissa Alexander,(left) helps her mom, Heather Alexander,(center) run the Recycling Fishing Game outside at the Discovery Center Oct. 9th.



Jodi TePoel helped at the Fishing Game on Sunday.

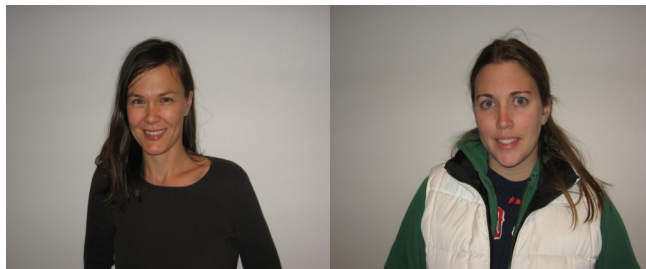
THANK YOU!!!!



Jeanette Montour pitched in and helped with taking pictures.



Smokey The Bear & Karen Murray hanging out near our Master Recycler booth on Sunday.



A BIG “**THANK YOU**” goes out to Heidi Logosz and Tia Mousseau for manning the Master Recycler Table on Saturday, Oct. 8th. You are appreciated!

CLIMATE CHANGE OR GLOBAL WARMING? HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

Climate change. Why? “Climate change” is actually a better term because it means “climate disruption” and it conveys the multitude of impacts that climate change represents: increased drought, increased number of extreme precipitation events, rising sea level and ocean acidification.

How many greenhouse gases (GHGs) are there? There are 6 major GHGs that are most important in warming the atmosphere: carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride. All have different “warming potentials” with carbon dioxide having the least effect. But, 85% of US’s GHGs emissions are carbon dioxide emissions from electricity generation and transportation!! The remaining GHG sources include: 1 and 2) enteric (intestinal) fermentation and landfills, (methane), 3) agriculture soil management, (nitrous oxide), 4) substitution of ozone-depleting substances in refrigeration, (hexafluorocarbons), 5 and 6) semi-conducture manufacturing and aluminum production, (perfluorocarbons), and 7) electrical transmission and distribution, (sulfur hexafluoride.) How does recycling fit in? Stay tuned....

How TerraCycle Works

TerraCycle's goal is to help eliminate the idea of waste. They do this by creating collection and solution programs for all kinds of typically non-recyclable waste. In essence turning the non-recyclable recyclable. They do this by creating waste collection programs, "brigades," and turning the collected waste into new products, ranging from recycled park benches to upcycled backpacks. TerraCycle operates all around the world.



According to my calculations, our own Master Recycler, Jodi TePoel, has recycled or "upcycled" over 5,811 pieces of packaging back to TerraCycle, saving them from the landfill. She has collected drink pouches, chip bags, pill bottles, lunch kits, cookie packaging, taco/tortilla bags, personal care/beauty tubes and gum packaging. She would love to do a "round-up" with other Master Recyclers. Check out the TerraCycle website through the link provided and get in contact with Jodi for more ideas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday night, November 29th, at 6pm, we will be having a Master Recycler Gathering at the **Mosier Grange**. Peggy Dills Kelter has agreed to lead us in a "hands-on" activity with mosaic artwork after we treat ourselves to soup and salad, bread and dessert. **What would you like to bring?** I will be sending out a separate e-mail but be thinking what could work for you!! Come meet some of our new Class 4 Master Recyclers and have fun working with your own mosaic! E-mail Karen.

SHORT AND SWEET

Did you know that Multnomah County recently voted unanimously to ban the toxic chemical bisphenol-A(BPA) in baby bottles, sippy cups, and reusable containers sold within the county. The State of Oregon tried twice to pass this and now Multnomah County is leading the way. For more information, link to BPA vote.

Party Buckets of 20 place settings are still available for free to check out through our office.

We have Clearstream Set-ups where you can have your own sign now, if you are recycling something other than the returnable bottles/cans. They are free to check-out through Laurie through our office. Her phone number is 541-506-2619. (See example on page 2, center.)

Nine individuals will be graduating as Master Recyclers tonight!! Congratulations to them! More information in our next newsletter.



Don't forget to "log" your hours and add few descriptive details of what you did!! If you are not sure how much time, just estimate and don't sweat it. It helps our program to know the hours your are putting in out there. Of course, if you need help, please let me know!! I would be happy to assist in any way I can. Really!!

Don't you just love the fall colors?

We are REALLY working on getting our Master Recycler Newsletter linked to our website: www.tricountyrecycle.com SOON.

*Thank you for all you do to make positive impacts in our community!
You are reaching out to businesses, individuals, schools, neighbors, and organizations.
Keep up the good and important work!*

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

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