

Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers

OCTOBER 2011 EDITION

TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

Upcoming Events:

- **CAN YOU HELP???**
Master Recyclers are still needed to “table” and help run a children’s recycling game at the Discovery Center’s Gorge Celebration this weekend!!!!
Saturday, Oct. 8th & Sunday Oct. 9th. Saturday afternoon slots and Sunday morning and afternoon slots available. **Call, e-mail or text Karen Murray today.**
- **Wednesdays until Oct.5th (today?)**
Farmers’ Market in The Dalles
Union St. Park
4pm-7pm **(This is the last Wed.TD market for this year!!)**
- **Thursdays until Nov 17th**
Gorge Grown Farmers’ Market
Hood River Middle School
4pm—7pm
- **Saturdays until Oct. 8th**
Farmers’ Market
The Dalles at Union St. City Park, 8am-1pm
- **Green Drinks**
Thursday October 13th, 6pm-7:30pm,
Naked Winery,
102 Second Street in HR
Topic: learn about Naked Winery’s efforts to implement **sustainable business practices** into its operations.
<http://www.cqec.org/>

CLASS 4 IS HAPPENING!!



MASTER RECYCLER

Our fourth class of Master Recyclers is well underway at the Mosier Creek Terrace Community Room this fall. The class started on September 13th and

will continue each Tuesday evening until November 1st. The first field trip to Wasco and Sherman County sites will be Saturday, October 8th. (If there are any Master Recyclers from Class 1-3 that want to get in on any part of the field trip, please get in touch with me today or tomorrow. We will start at The Dalles Disposal at 9am and then go to the DirtHugger Commercial Compost Facility.) The 2nd field trip will be to the Hood River County recycling sites on Saturday, October 29th.



Yvonne Huskey and Louise Johnsten, two of the 10 new Master Recyclers in Class 4, participate in sorting out the potential co-mingled recyclables for the blue bins.

Our 4th class group is a blend of educators, newspaper production managers, retirees, stay-at-home moms, math tutors and we even have a purchasing and sustainability coordinator. We have individuals with experience in law enforcement and business as well as from a wide variety of backgrounds. It is proving to be an outstanding group!!

Heather Alexander is our fearless leader with the Master Recycler class and David and Karen are providing back-up services. The numerous speakers and presenters add a wide spectrum of knowledge to the program.



Cynthia Caudill, Master Recycler Class 1, presents to the new Class 4 Master Recyclers

Thank You For All The Help And Support!!!



Upper right: Cathie Kelter, Jodi TePoel and Peggy Dills Kelter assist at the October 1st Drug Take Back Event held at Water's Edge.

Right: Community partners from Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program including Master Recyclers, YouthThink, DEQ, MCMC, Wasco County Sheriff and City of The Dalles Police joined together to make the Drug Take Back Event successful. (Left to right: David Skakel, Kari Ramsey, Bruce Lumpner, Linda Stahl, Korey Mickels, Mohamed Sallout, Michele Dearing and Jodi TePoel.) **62 households were involved in collecting over 100 pounds of drugs.** (Notice 3 buckets of drugs!) Water's Edge Medical Center was the location of the event and a gracious host site. Jodi TePoel, (far right) sent 3 boxes of containers to [TerraCycle](#) for recycling. This is an ongoing fundraising project for Colonel Wright School.

Way to go, Jodi, Recycler Extraordinaire!!



On a recent visit to Sherman County, Karen Murray witnessed Cindy Brown showing off her Extension Service Office in Moro along with a "super cool" summer project involving youth and food related to outdoor adventures in the Pacific Northwest. Cindy also explained how she was managing her red wigglers and their castings in her home garden, on right. She was also very helpful in updating Karen on an upcoming field trip to the area for the Master Recyclers. Thank you, Cindy!

P.S. Cindy is loving her new job!



CARTON RECYCLING IS EVOLVING!!

Gable-tops, student milk cartons, soy milk aseptic containers, tetrapak.....are they recyclable or not? A carton recycling forum, hosted by the Association of Oregon Recyclers last week, excited many of us. Is there a market for these containers? Can the MRFs (Material Recycling Facilities) separate them out so they can be sent to specific markets? All GOOD questions!!! And, the answers could be changing as we speak....



David, Karen and Heather recently attended a forum on this topic.

Check out the link below and select: "Presentations from AOR's Fall Forum Now Available" to check out the details.



<https://mail.google.com/mail/?shva=1#inbox/132b2259c85166cf>

DVDs available for check-out through Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program

1. **BagIt!**

Bag It has been garnering awards at film festivals across the nation. What started as a documentary about plastic bags evolved into a wholesale investigation into plastics and their effect on our waterways, oceans, and even our bodies. Join the Bag It movement and decide for yourself how plastic your life will be.

2. **The Economics of Happiness**

This film describes a world moving in two opposing directions: governments and big business pushing for growth in the form of increased global trade, people around the world resisting and asking for re-regulation of both trade and finance. It shows how communities are coming together to re-build local and ecological economies.

3. **The Story of Stuff**

From its extraction through sale, use and disposal, all the stuff in our lives affects communities at home and abroad, yet most of this is hidden from view. The Story of Stuff is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever. <http://storyofstuff.org>

4. **Reuse It**

This movie takes a look at the used building materials industry in Oregon and shows why reuse is good for the environment.



Grace Skakel helps "dish out red wigglers" to Lisa Knapp at a recent evening Master Recyclers' class. Thank you, Grace!!!

Thank you for all you do to help change minds and lifestyles in our community! You are reaching out to businesses, individuals, schools, neighbors, and organizations to help them "walk more softly" on the earth. Keep up the good 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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