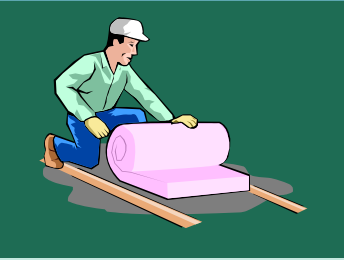


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Master Recycler Newsletter

Creative Reuse for All

Master Recycler Jessica Ramey and her teammate Carlee Wright have big plans to bring a creative reuse center to Salem! It will be a big leap forward in helping to promote the second “R” to help reduce waste in Marion County and could spark a wealth of creativity in our community. To read more about their DIY Studio, the proposed Creative Reuse Center, and how you can help, visit their website at www.diystudio.net. Here is their mission and background to get you started:



Mission

It is the mission of DIY Studio to promote creativity, community, environmental awareness, and self-sufficiency through reuse.

DIYstudio promotes **creativity** by providing students with workshops, low cost supplies and inspiration for creative endeavors.

DIYstudio promotes **community** by empowering students to become engaged and resourceful by forming community connections through workshops, open studio times, events, and art shows.

DIYstudio promotes **environmental awareness** by educating students about implementing alternative approaches to creating and by diverting materials from the solid-waste stream. When materials are donated and sold, DIY studio sorts, weighs, and records the materials to provide a full report of how many tons of materials have been diverted from the solid waste stream.

DIYstudio promotes **self-sufficiency** skills and empowers students to do-it-themselves. We encourage students to reconnect with hands-on activities to better understand the worth of materials and gain confidence in their creative abilities.

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“The path to happiness - and deep down, we all know this -- is created by love, and being kind to oneself, sharing a sense of community with others, becoming a participant instead of a spectator, and being in motion.”

- Michael Moore

Creative Reuse Center Cont.

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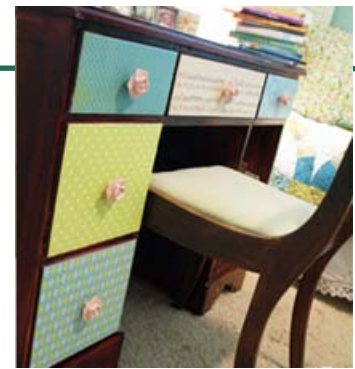
History

In the fall of 2010 Jessica Ramey opened DIY Studio in her Salem, Oregon garage. The purpose of the for-profit business was to teach art and craft classes as well as host events. In the 8 months the studio was open, over 300 attendees enrolled in a DIY Studio class or event.

In 2011, Jessica partnered with Culture Shock Community Project and Clockworks Café & Cultural Center. They offered the space and Jessica offered the supplies and free art instruction at Community Craft Nights. She sought out discarded materials from thrift shops and garage sales to use in the workshops and classes to cut down on costs. DIY Studio also received various donations of supplies from community members.

It was during that time Jessica realized that DIY Studio could better serve the community by becoming a non-profit. Gaining a non-profit status makes it easier to divert waste by offering business and individuals donation incentives as well as allows more materials to be used for creative endeavors. Best of all, the revenue from those sales will be used to fund arts education and self sustainability classes. In 2012 Jessica completed the Master Recycling coursework in Marion County. There she learned more about how she could play a role in reducing waste in the community.

When Jessica met Carlee Wright she knew she'd found a crafting kindred spirit. Carlee is one of those creatives who is good at everything and gets things done. She has founded many non-profits and knows the details of how to make a non-profit succeed. Carlee has been a continued supporter of the creative reuse concept and has been integral to establishing DIY Studio as a non-profit creative reuse center. ~ From *diystudio.net*



Clean Energy Works Oregon Comes to Marion County



Clean Energy Works Oregon, a non-profit that makes it easy and affordable for homeowners to improve their homes' comfort and reduce energy waste, has expanded to serve Marion County residents.

Clean Energy Works offers a one-stop-shop set of energy efficiency remodeling services including:

- Connection to certified local contractors Total Comfort, Valley Insulation, Abacus, Douthit Thermal, Good Energy Retrofit, and Neil Kelly. all of whom are experts in whole home energy efficiency.
- Financing with no upfront costs from partner Umpqua Bank if needed.
- An independent quality review to at the end of the project to ensure all upgrades perform as promised.

Marion County homeowners who apply for the program **can receive Instant Rebates up to \$2,000**, including a free Home Energy Assessment worth \$500. **Apply at www.cewo.org** and with Instant Rebate Code: LGMAR, or call **[\(855\) 870-0049](tel:8558700049)**.



Green Award Nominations Needed

Do you know a person, business or organization that acts, thinks and does green? Then you need to nominate them for the Mid-Valley Green Awards today!

Green Award Categories include:

- Recycler of the Year
- Sustainable Organization of the Year
- EarthWISE Certified Business of the Year
- Green Building of the Year
- Green Apple Education Award
- Green Product/Service of the Year



Nomination forms and category descriptions are available at www.midvalleygreenawards.org or you may call Friends of Straub at 503-391-4145 to request a mailed copy.

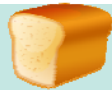
Nominations due by **midnight, January 22nd** to be eligible.



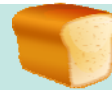
Master Recycler Class Registration Extended!



Registration for the Master Recycler class which is scheduled to begin on Thursday, February 7th has been extended to **Friday, January 11th at 12:00 pm!** If you or any of your friends or family are interested in taking the class, please visit www.mcrecycles.net to download an application. *Don't delay, do it today!*



TASTY TIDBITS



Energy Vampires & Stuff Just the Facts, Please

For a humorous but eye-opening look at some sneaky energy wasters around your home check out "Stuff Happens: The Power of Television" on Planet Green.com.



Bill Nye the Science Guy will lead you on a quest for these "energy vampires."

To find the video choose the "video" tab at the top of the page and go to "video central", then scroll down to the bottom and choose "Stuff Happens" under the "Shows" heading.

After enjoying the video, stay and browse among "Stuff Happens" episodes which explore our relationship to stuff and the impacts it has on the environment.



Tired of printing 2 or 3 pages of a website just to get a couple of paragraphs of information? Try this easy-to-use website that was developed by a couple of web developers in Iowa who were tired of the same thing!

Visit www.printwhatyoulike.com and enter in the website that you want to print information from and use the editing toolbar on the left to customize the page to print.

You can also add a "bookmarklet" to your browser, or a button on a website you manage that will let others print what they need from your site quickly and easily.

2050 Vision Adopted

The Oregon

Environmental Quality Commission voted unanimously Dec. 6 to adopt a plan that will help guide the state's management of materials and waste for decades to come. The document, Materials Management in Oregon: 2050 Vision and Framework for Action, updates Oregon's solid waste management plan, taking a more holistic, sustainable approach to managing materials humans consume, recycle and discard.



State of Oregon
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Environmental
Quality

The full Vision and Framework report is available on the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality website at: www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/materialsmgmtplan.htm.



Plastic Bags, Round II

Plastic grocery bags have been banned in Portland, Eugene, and Corvallis, and now advocates are taking their quest to the Oregon Legislature, renewing a failed 2011 bid for a statewide ban.

As reported in the Oregonian, The bill has returned to the state Senate, albeit currently without a sponsor.

The bill would ban single-use plastic bags at checkout, with minor exceptions, and require retailers to charge 5 cents for a paper bag.



The Kid Can Compost!

Eight year old Carter Schmidt of Traverse City, Michigan has found a niche to both help the planet and his piggy bank!

The budding entrepreneur has started his own business called Carter's Compost. For \$5 a month he will deliver a clean 5-gallon bucket to customers for them to fill with fruit and veggie scraps, exchange it once a week for a clean one, and once every four weeks bring back a bucket of finished compost! His pickup and delivery are all done by bike, to round out his eco-business.



Schmidt also runs his own red worm ranch and raises chickens—all recipients of the food scraps in addition to his composters.



Film: Landfill Harmonic



Cateura, Paraguay is a town essentially built on top of a landfill. Garbage collectors browse

the trash for sellable goods, and children are often at risk of getting involved with drugs and gangs. When orchestra director Szaran and music teacher Favio set up a music program for local kids, they soon had more students than instruments.

That changed when they were brought something they had never seen before: a violin made out of garbage. Today, there's an entire orchestra of assembled instruments, now called The Recycled Orchestra.

This film shows how trash and recycled materials can be transformed into beautiful sounding musical instruments, but more importantly, it brings witness to the transformation of precious human beings.

Learn more at www.landfillharmonicmovie.com

Master Recycler Call to Serve



Friday—Sunday January 18, 19, & 20th.

Mid-Willamette Valley Home Show

Oregon State Fairgrounds

Master Recycler volunteers needed to staff table at the Mid-Willamette Valley Home Show as we focus on publicizing ways to reduce hazardous waste on the job and at home.

Contact Alan Pennington at apennington@co.marion.or.us or 503-365-3188 to sign up.

The following shifts are available:

Friday

Noon - 5pm

4pm-7pm

Saturday

10am-1pm

1pm- 4pm

4pm-7pm

Sunday

10am-1:30pm

1:30pm- 5pm

March 6, 7, or 8th at 1:00 pm

Salem Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station and the Earth Walk.

A Master Recycler is needed to lead a tour of the Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station and the Earth Walk.

There will be approximately 20 students ages 6-8 and their parents. If you would like to lead this tour, please contact

Andrea Dolan (dolanal@hotmail.com). Once you have confirmed the tour date, please let Bailey

(bpayne@co.marion.or.us) know so that he can notify the transfer station and give you tips on how to lead the tour.

Events & Occasions



Thursday, Jan 10, 2013 • Doors open at 6:15 pm, film at 7 pm

Salem Progressive Film Series: *Chasing Ice*

Grand Theater, Salem

Chasing Ice is the story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering undeniable evidence of our changing planet. Within months a trip to Iceland,

the James Balog conceived the boldest expedition of his life: The Extreme Ice Survey. With a band of adventurers in tow, Balog began deploying revolutionary time-lapse cameras across the Arctic to capture a multi-year record of the world's changing glaciers. Speakers to follow. Admission: Adults \$4, Students \$3 www.salemprogressivefilms.net

Starts Monday, January 21st, 2013

Oregon Master Naturalist Online

The next offering of the Oregon Master Naturalist Online course is available for enrollment now. This represents the first coursework for those wishing to work toward their full Oregon Master Naturalist title, and for those who simply want to learn more about the natural history of Oregon. Visit <https://pne.oregonstate.edu/catalog/oregon-master-naturalist-online> to learn more and register.

Tuesday, January 29th, 2013 • 6 pm - 8 pm

DIY Studios Creative Reuse Craft Night

Salem Public Library

Join in at the kick off our first Creative Reuse Craft Night at the Salem Public Library. With Valentine's Day right around the corner, you can learn how to make your own recycled paper for those notes to your sweetheart.

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Seven Things to Do With a Plastic Cereal Bag:



1. Make necklace beads.



2. Make a notebook cover.



3. Make a bikini.



4. Make a bag dispenser.



5. Make a terrarium.



6. Make a placemat.



7. Make a pocket clutch.



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