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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

# Master Recycler Newsletter

## Redemption Center Coming to Salem



A new beverage container redemption center is slated to open in March on South Commercial Street in Salem, the Statesman Journal reported last month.

The center, funded by the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, would be the third one to open in Oregon. The bottle drop centers provide a location where bottles and cans can be redeemed using machines like the ones currently in grocery stores, in small batches (less than 50) that are counted by staff while you wait, or they can be dropped off in bulk in supplied bags to be counted later.

If you choose to drop off your containers in bulk (up to 200), money will be credited to your account within 24 hours. Those with accounts are given a card that can be used in on-site cash machines or at local participating grocery stores where money can be used for purchases or provided as cash. Anyone can apply for an account.

According to the Statesman, once the center opens large grocery stores within 1.5 miles of the center will not be required to take back containers. Small stores within the same area and large stores within 3 miles will be able to limit returns to 24 containers per day.

The centers will take all containers that are covered in the current bottle bill regardless of brand, which includes water, pop, and beer bottles.

The two centers currently in operation opened in Wood Village and Oregon City in 2011. For more information on how the centers operate visit [www.bottledropcenters.com](http://www.bottledropcenters.com).

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*Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.*  
-- Erma Brombeck

# And the Nominees are...



The **2012 Green Awards** is shaping up to be another don't-miss event! Congratulations to this year's nominees:

## Individual Recycler of the Year

Greg Bowman  
Vicki Berger  
Sally White

## Business Recycler of the Year

City of Salem – Information Technology  
Hillyer's Mid-City Ford  
Compost Oregon  
South Salem Cycleworks

## Green Apple of the Year

Vanda Baughman  
Dottie Knecht  
Sally White

## Green Building of the Year

Allied Video Productions  
Chemeketa Community College  
Health Sciences Complex  
Painter's Hall at Pringle Creek Community  
WaterPlace

## Small Sustainable Business of the Year

Allied Video Productions  
Energy Wise  
Salem Harvest  
Van Natta Public Relations/Spire Management

## Large Sustainable Business of the Year

City of Salem  
Green Acre Landscapes  
Oregon Department of Justice  
Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community  
Willamette ENT & Facial Plastic Surgery

## EarthWISE Business of the Year

Allied Video Productions  
City of Salem  
Green Acre Landscapes  
Van Natta Public Relations/Spire Management  
Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community  
Willamette ENT & Facial Plastic Surgery

## Invitation to 2012 Mid-Valley **Green Awards**

Dinner and Auction

Salem Conference Center  
Saturday, March 3rd, 5:00 pm



Western wild ginger  
*Asarum canadense*

# Graduate Gallery



“Taking the Master Recycler class was a great experience, and I was able to meet people with similar interests. I had the most “wow, I didn’t know that!” moments during the fieldtrips; they were definitely my favorite part. I earned my payback hours by volunteering for Marion County, writing articles on sustainability, and working on a recycling project at work. I absolutely

recommend the Master Recycler class for anyone that wants to learn more about local sustainability.”  
- Jamie Sturn

*Congratulations, Jamie, on your new job with the **Portland Timbers** helping them to meet their recycling & other sustainability goals!*

Master Recyclers Recently Completing  
Payback Hours:

**Elaine Schacher**

**Shelly Campbell**

**Anne Roske**



Congratulations to Master Recyclers Greg Bowman and Sally White for their nominations for the 2012 Green Awards Recycler of the Year! Sally also has the nomination for the Green Apple award, as do Master Recyclers Dottie Knecht and Vanda Baughman.

Good luck to you all!

## Mid-Willamette Valley Home Show

A big “thank-you” to all the volunteers!



Steve Braden

Greg Bowman

Shelly Campbell

Peter Dane

Millie Estrin

Anne Furr

Erma Hoffman

Thomas Hutson

Tim Mathiason

Joyce Micochero

Anne Roske

Katie Sattler

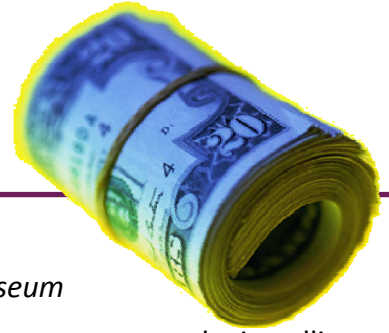
Desta Serrine

Jolie Wiles



Shelly Campbell

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# Fall 2011 Grant Awardees

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## **Gilbert House Children's Museum, \$3,500**

*Project Title: Waste Reduction and Recycling Education at the children's museum*

The Gilbert House Children's Museum is implementing a project to reduce restroom waste by installing energy efficient hand dryers and rolled towel dispensers, and creating a recycling station to separate compostable and recyclable material from the garbage. They will reduce waste generated and educate the public using informational signs. Funds will be used to purchase educational signs and recycling containers.

## **SAIF Corporation, \$1,200**

*Project Title: Replace disposable drink containers with reusable mugs*

Grant funds will be used to purchase reusable mugs for employees to use in the café of their building. Funding will also offset the cost of providing a free beverage to employees as an incentive for using their cup. This will reduce the amount of disposable cups used and is expected to eliminate 638 pounds of waste from the waste stream.

## **Shangri-La, \$1,205**

*Project Title: The LEAP Re-ducation Team (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse)*

Shangri-La will develop a waste reduction and recycling curriculum targeted to meet the learning needs of adults with developmental disabilities. The curriculum will include learning opportunities and hands-on activities over an 8-month period. Funds will be used purchase materials for developing and implementing the educational class.

## **City of Woodburn Community Services Department, \$5,000**

*Project Title: City of Woodburn's Event Waste Diversion Project*

The City of Woodburn is preparing to incorporate event recycling and composting into their community events, beginning with their largest annual event. Funds will be used to purchase waste stations and create signage as well as hire Garten Services to provide zero waste consulting for the 2012 Fiesta Mexicana.

## **Santiam Correctional Institution, \$18,475**

*Project Title: Earth Tub composting system*

Santiam Correctional Institution will use funds to purchase an Earth Tub composting system, which will be used on-site to compost food waste from the food served in the prison. The finished compost will be used on-site in the garden used to grow food for the prisoners' consumption and the Marion Polk Food Share.

**Total Awarded: \$29,380**

## TASTY TIDBITS

### Packaging sent Packing

Nationally published freelance writer Jennifer Margulis recently blogged about her efforts to reduce garbage by specifically attempting to be a disposable-package free consumer.

She's come up with some great basic lessons learned including:

- Bring your own produce bags
- Set up "trades" with other who home-produce foods.
- Making your own butter is fun.

Read them all at:

<http://jennifermargulis.net/blog/>



### Story of Stuff's "Good Stuff"

The Producers of the *Story of Stuff* are now producing a podcast showcasing people and projects fostering positive environmental changes in our communities.

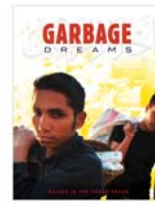
The goal is to refocus a "what can one person do?" mentality to a "this is what's possible!" one focused on solutions.

The first podcast, *Take THAT Plastic Bags!*, is now available for download on [www.storyofstuff.org](http://www.storyofstuff.org).

Podcasts will be updated monthly.



### Movie Pics



Two movies, one recently released and one soon-to-be, both highlight the Zaballeen, a community on the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt whose livelihood comes from recycling garbage from the big city.

*Garbage Dreams* follows three teenage boys born into the trash trade and growing up in the world's largest garbage village, on the outskirts of Cairo. It is home to 60,000 Zaballeen (or Zabaleen), Arabic for "garbage people." Far ahead of any modern "Green" initiatives, the Zaballeen survive by recycling 80% of the garbage they collect.

*Zabaleen: A Documentary*. Currently in production, this independent film looks beneath the surface, creating a platform from which these resilient, industrious and innovative "garbage people" tell their own profound story of ongoing struggles, entrepreneurial and environmental achievement, and their vision for their future livelihood.

### Food Waste goes Big Time

The Food Network recently tackled an issue at the heart of their very livelihood: food waste.

On "The Big Waste", four Food Network chefs prepare a multi-course feast for one hundred people with waste food. Anne Burrell, Bobby Flay, Alex Guarnaschelli, and Michael Symon groan when they hear the challenge. Garbage? Unfortunately, they find it's very easy to produce a large feast from the food that's wasted each day.

Get the whole scoop on <http://eatdrinkbetter.com> and



search for "The Food Network Big Waste."

### Job Openings

**Senior Administrative Specialist**, City of Portland, Solid Waste & Recycling (SW&R) workgroup.

Deadline: Closed after 80 qualified applicants or by 4:30pm on Feb 17.

Salary: \$3,497-\$5,385/month, full time.

Will be responsible for receiving and entering data regarding collection of garbage, recycling, and compostable materials from Portland's haulers on a regular basis. [Portlandonline.com](http://Portlandonline.com)

**Event Greening Coordinator**

Elysium Events, Portland, OR.

Deadline: open until filled

Salary: \$13-\$15/hr, part time

Will be responsible for coordinating all waste minimization logistics and managing efforts on-site for several of our clients.

[elysiumeventsllc.com](http://elysiumeventsllc.com)

**Conference Assistant**

Resource Recycling, Portland, OR

Deadline: open until filled -Salary: negotiable

Half-time, entry-level position available. This individual will assist the company's conference management team in organizing three national recycling conferences and exhibitions. *Send resumes to [jpowell@resource-recycling.com](mailto:jpowell@resource-recycling.com).*

### Composter Winner



Jeffrey Obernole

Before heading to the 2012 Mid-Valley Home Show, Jeffrey and Nadene Obernole, Owners of Croissant and Co. In Salem, had just spoken about their need to finally get a composter. Imagine their surprise when they won the drawing for a one at the Marion County Environmental Services Booth! Congratulations!

# Call to Serve

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## **Needed Soon!**

A Master Recycler is needed to help Sprague Little League set up a basic recycling program. Contact Elise Harper at 503-409-2858 or lc-503@hotmail.com

## **Thursday, February 23rd**

### **6:45 pm**

A Master Recycler is needed to speak to a group of 10 people who are about to become new home owners. The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes and will cover the 3 R's and how to sort the recyclables. The presentation and hands-on sorting activity are both ready to go so you will not need to prepare anything. If you are interested, contact Bailey Payne (bpayne@co.marion.or.us).

## **Friday March 30th & Saturday, March 31st,**

### **Historic Deepwood Estate**

#### **10 am—3 pm**

Master Recycler volunteers needed to staff a table at the Erythonium Native Plant Festival & Sale. Volunteers will answer questions about composting and help kids make recycled newspaper seedling pots to plant native seeds in. Please contact Betty at 503-363-1825 to volunteer for one or more shifts.

## **Saturday April 14**

### **Earth Day at the Lancaster Mall -**

#### **11 am - 3 pm**

Join with Garten Services and other vendors to provide recycling information to the general public in the comfy confines of Lancaster Mall. 2 volunteers needed from 11 to 3. Contact Alan Pennington 503-365-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

## **Saturday April 21**

### **Earth Day 2011 Celebration**

#### **Oregon Garden, Silverton**

Six volunteers needed for each shift:

10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come join in on all the fun at THE environmental event of the year at one of Marion County's most beautiful attractions. Volunteers will staff our display &/or help make customized shopping bags, recycled paper flower pots, and more. Contact Alan Pennington 503-365-3188 or [apennington@co.marion.or.us](mailto:apennington@co.marion.or.us).

## **Saturday, May 5**

### **Truckload Composter Sale**

#### **Locations in Salem, Silverton, Stayton, Keizer and Woodburn**

#### **9 am - 3 pm**

A composter in every yard!! Help us reach that goal!! Staffing needed to help us to provide composting information and sell composters at a ridiculously low price. Full details available in the April issue, but please feel free to let Alan know now if you are interested!

Shifts from 9 to noon and noon to 3. Contact Alan at 503-365-3188 or apenninton@co.marion.or.us.

# Events & Occasions....

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**Wednesday, February 22 thru Wednesday, May 9, 7 pm—9pm**

*Beginning Birding Classes—Salem Audubon Society*

**First United Methodist Church, Salem**

Salem Audubon Society is offering a series of classes on interesting facts about birds in the Willamette Valley. The classes are designed for people with no experience birding and for those with some experience but who want to learn more. Visit rescued hawks, falcons, and owls in first two classes so you can see and interact with these magnificent birds up close. Fee is \$10 per class or \$60 for the series. Please call Salem Audubon at (503) 588-7340 or email [laurie@salemaudubon.org](mailto:laurie@salemaudubon.org)

**Sunday Feb. 19, 1:00 PM**

*Kidical Mass Family Bike Ride*

**Bush Pasture Park, Crooked House Playground, Salem**

Kidical Mass is a monthly group bike ride for kids, their families or anyone else looking for human powered fun. Think of Kidical Mass as monthly celebration of active transportation. Every month will feature a new route in a different area of Salem. When planning rides we look for low traffic streets, paths and parks where riders of all abilities can participate with comfort and confidence. Of course, there is safety in numbers so the more the merrier.

**Saturday March 3, 5 pm**

*2012 Mid-Willamette Valley Green Awards Dinner and Auction*

**Salem Conference Center**

The 2012 Mid-Willamette Green Awards dinner and auction ticket window is open! Come be seen at this gala event to honor leaders in sustainability in our community and benefit the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center's environmental education programs. Call or email or visit the website to learn more about purchasing tickets to our dinner and auction at Salem Conference Center. \$50 per person. 503-391-4145, [fselc@fselc.org](mailto:fselc@fselc.org), [www.midvalleygreenawards.org](http://www.midvalleygreenawards.org).

**March 8, 9, 15, 16 & 23, 8am - 5pm**

*North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Solar PV Entry-Level Instruction and Examination*

**Chemeketa Center for Business & Industry**

This course is for individuals wanting to get into the solar field. This course does not certify individuals to install PV Systems. No charge to participants who meet eligibility requirements. Interested? Contact Diane McLaran 503.316.3229 or [diane.mclaran@chemeketa.edu](mailto:diane.mclaran@chemeketa.edu).

**Monday, March 12, 7:30 am—2 pm**

*Salem Keizer Sustainability Summit—Expanding Business Opportunities in a Growing Green Economy*

**Salem Conference Center**

Network and learn about green innovations and opportunities, sustainable workforce, green buildings, marketing sustainable projects, renewable energy innovations and local food evolution. Keynote presentations by Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown and Dave Stahl of Dave's Killer Bread. Presented by Keizer Chamber of Commerce. Register at [www.sustainabilitysummit.info](http://www.sustainabilitysummit.info)

**Saturday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

*Goin' Green Mini-Conference*

**Salem 50+ Center**

The Goin' Green Mini-Conference is a free community event for all ages! Come for the guest speakers, informational fair, shredding, free light bulbs\*, free kitchen grease kits\*, free St. Patrick's Day treats\* and door prize drawing. Speakers include Beth Myers-Shenai, Marion County with "So you're a great recycler; now what?" and Gerry Munzing, Energy Trust of Oregon with "Home Energy I.Q.: Understanding Energy Use In Your Home" Call 503-588-6303 for more information.

# Events & Occasions....



**Friday March 30th & Saturday, March 31st, 10 am—3 pm**

*Erythronium Native Plant Festival & Sale*

### Historic Deepwood Estate

Celebrate the earth's reawakening and the exquisitely beautiful erythroniums (native lilies) blooming at Historic Deepwood Estate. Purchase a few native plants for your own garden, take a guided nature walk with Linda Boyer and Wilbur Bluhm of the Native Plant Society, or just come to enjoy a day outside and the special exhibits and informational booths. For more information contact Betty at 503-363-1825 or visit [www.HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org](http://www.HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org).

**May 2, 2012**

*2012 Government Confluence*

### Oregon Zoo, Portland

Those in the government sector are invited to the 2012 Government Confluence, a day-long summit designed to inspire peer-to-peer dialogue. This is a unique opportunity for exercising collaboration and creativity about creating sustainable communities with your nearby and not-so-nearby regional neighbors. It's also your one-stop shop to learn about the most cutting-edge topics, replicable case studies, and sustainability planning tools. Registration \$30; includes lunch. For more info and to register visit <http://cascadiagbc.org/living-future/>.

GOIN' GREEN  
GOIN' GREEN



Mini-Conference  
**Saturday, March 17, 2012**  
**9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**



2615 Portland Road NE, Salem, OR 97301  
For more information, call 503-588-6303

**FREE ADMISSION**

- Guest Speakers
  - Informational Fair
  - Shredding
  - Free Light Bulbs\*
  - Free Kitchen Grease Kits\*
  - Free St. Patrick's Day Treats\*
  - Door Prize Drawing
- \*While quantities last  
~ZERO WASTE EVENT~



### *Erythronium Native Plant Festival & Sale at Historic Deepwood Estate*

*Friday March 30th 10 am—3 pm*  
*Saturday, March 31st 10 am—3 pm*

*Guided Nature Trail Walks  
Informational Booths*

*Native Plants for Sale  
Special Displays*

Celebrate the earth's reawakening and the exquisitely beautiful erythroniums (native lilies) blooming at Historic Deepwood Estate. Purchase a few native plants for your own garden, take a guided nature walk with Linda Boyer and Wilbur Bluhm of the Native Plant Society, or just come to enjoy a day outside and the special exhibits and informational booths.

Walks begin in front of the greenhouse and go through the Rita Steiner Nature Trail or the native plant gardens.

Historic Deepwood Estate  
1116 Mission Street SE, Salem, Oregon (12th and Mission)  
Free Parking off Lee Street  
503-363-1825 [www.HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org](http://www.HistoricDeepwoodEstate.org)

Erythronium Festival presented by LifeSource Natural Foods







## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Instructions at [www.hipcycle.com](http://www.hipcycle.com)



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