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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Master Recycler Newsletter

DIY Studio Opens Its Doors!



DIY Studio, the first non-profit creative reuse "Do It Yourself" organization in Marion County, celebrated its grand opening on Saturday, June 8th. DIY Studio now occupies a 3,300 sq ft space next to Made in Oregon in the Salem Center Mall. "We are thrilled that the mall has extended this opportunity to DIY Studio. Now we can showcase the benefits of reuse and hope-

fully inspire others to look at their trash differently," says co-founder Jessica Ramey.

DIY Studio offers reclaimed materials for purchase, adult and children's classes that promote self-sufficiency and upcycling, and a gallery showcasing upcycled artwork. If an artist is looking for found objects for a collage, or a seamstress is looking for fabric, DIY Studio will be the place to shop. DIY Studio gives a second life to creative materials and



offers supplies at approximately one fourth the cost of retail.

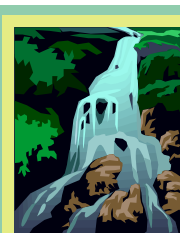


DIY Studio also sports upcycled fixtures made from pallets, donated book shelves and old desks as well as recycled paint from Marion County. "It was important to us to not buy anything new for the space so we could promote how good reuse can look," says Ramey.

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"Do the best you can until you know better, then when you know better, do better."

~Maya Angelou

DIY Grand Opening....

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DIY Studio was founded in 2012 by Carlee Wright and Jessica Ramey. Carlee Wright has a diploma in New Media Arts. She has worked at three different fabric and craft stores, taught needlework at a children's cultural camp, and quilting at a homeschool co-op. Jessica has a Fine Arts Degree from the University of Oregon and experience working as a designer. She also became a Marion County Master Recycler in 2012.

Both Carlee and Jessica are avid volunteers in the community and enjoy volunteering for DIY Studio. "At DIY Studio we are all volunteers, however in the future we hope to create green collar jobs. Because the mall offered this opportunity, we can start working toward that goal now," said Ramey.

DIY Studio will continue offering creative reuse nights at the Salem Public Library as well as Free Art Friday, an art scavenger hunt in Salem.

There are two other creative reuse centers in Oregon. SCRAP is located in Portland and to the south in Eugene there is MECCA. Each of these centers have been open for over 12 years. Creative reuse and creative reuse centers are not new concepts, but now Salem residents will have its own home for inspiration and a source for reclaimed arts and crafts supplies!



Upcoming Classes

Father's Day Backrub T-shirt Class

Saturday, June 15th, 1-2pm, DIY Studio

Come with a white shirt sized right for Dad, and we'll supply the markers and inspiration.

\$8 /family (member), \$10/family (non-member) **All ages**

Patch It and Sew It

Saturday, June 22, 1-3pm, DIY Studio

Bring your worn out garments, and we'll whip up some fabulous fixes. If you have a sewing machine to bring, please do so. We'll have a couple to use on hand as well.

\$8 member, \$10 non-member **-Ages 14+ (under 14 ok with adult)**

Creative Reuse Craft Night: Upcycled Bookmarks

June 25, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Anderson Rooms, Salem Public Library

Come craft up bookmark art from materials you'd find around the house. This event is a free, all-ages event; donations are greatly appreciated. Instruction starts at 6:00pm and 7:00pm. RSVP by Facebook or email info@diystudio.net so we can provide enough supplies.

ArtBots, Kid and Parent Team Class

Saturday, June 29th, 1-3pm, DIY Studio

Created by using upcycled junk, you'll learn how to make an ArtBot buddy of your own. It's up to you what you create. We'll use the tools in the studio and cost includes all the parts for one ArtBot per kid/parent team.

\$25 member, \$30 non-member **Ages 5+**

Maker Thursday for Free Art Friday

Thursday, July 11, 6-8pm, DIY Studio

Come play with reclaimed materials to create works of art to distribute on the streets of Salem. We'll provide open studio time, inspiration, and supplies for one project.

Free for members, \$2 non members

RSVP by Facebook or email info@diystudio.net so we can provide enough supplies.

Storytelling Through Assemblage Collage

Saturday, July 13, 1-3pm, DIY Studio

You don't have to be an artist or expert at drawing to collage, but you will need to have a sense of adventure. We'll supply the instruction, materials, and inspiration. You'll leave with a completed collage as well as a booklet with inspirational tidbits, tips, and tricks.

\$25 member, \$30 non-member **Ages 12+**

Green Fence Follow Up

Here is an update to last month's cover story and an important call to action to round it out...

As many of you are aware, Garten Services has been a major source of recycling in our area for over 30 years and, in the past year or so, expanded their operations to include commercial and residential sorting of recycled materials. They also accept an extensive array of unusual not-your-normal-curbside items because they have found recycling opportunities for them. However, like Agri-Plas, they have run into problems with finding homes for all these materials because of the economic realities that have been created with the new Chinese policy.

So...here's a list of some things that Garten needs to politely decline at this time. They are:

- No colored film plastic
- No nursery pots, trays or crates
- No agricultural plastics (seed/feed bags, twine)
- No plastic pipe
- No type of PVC
- No hoses or tubing
- No Styrofoam
- No medical plastics
- No clam shell containers



A very important note to the list above: There is **NO LONGER ANY COLLECTION OF FILM PLASTICS AT THE SALEM-KEIZER TRANSFER STATION.** Until markets stabilize, film plastics will not be collected at that site.

So, which plastics **CAN** you recycle?

At Agri-Plas:

- Nursery pots, trays and crates
- Pesticide/herbicide drums and jugs, triple rinsed, lids off
- Drums
- Totes
- Clean clear film (shrinkwrap)
- PET strapping and PP strapping - must be separated from film
- Clean buckets
- Baling twine

More info?

Contact: 503 390-2381

At Garten Services:

- Clean clear film (shrinkwrap)
- Rigid plastics
- Buckets - triple rinsed
- Drums and barrels - triple rinsed
- VHS and cassette tapes
- CD's and jewel cases

More info?

Contact: 503 581-4472

At Brown's Island Demo. Landfill:

- PVC pipe*
- PVC lawn furniture*
- PVC bottles (look for the #3)*
- Plastic, flexible toys*

*PVC items are currently being landfilled, not recycled, at Brown's Island.

PVC creates problematic gases during incineration so landfilling is preferable to incineration at the waste-to-energy facility in Brooks.

More info?

Contact: 503 588-5169

CALL TO ACTION!!

The havoc wreaked by operation green fence is a great reminder of the U.S.'s over-reliance on plastic both coming from and going to China (and other parts of the world). Even when the system is working, plastic is energy intensive to recycle and virgin plastic is depletive to non-renewable resources, especially when it made into the many products that are designed to be disposable.

This is a great opportunity to take stock of our own habits and work more of the Reduce, Reuse part of our mantra into our lifestyles. Use your positions as Master Recyclers in the community to spread the word about the importance of reducing the need for disposables, shopping secondhand or "upcycled" whenever possible and when buying new look for durable, locally made products.

Graduate Gallery



Congratulations to **Pauline Ford, Cindy O'Neal, and Chad Merritt** on completion of their payback hours!

See Cindy's testimonial below...



"I took the Master Recycling class several years ago and took a couple of years to complete my pay back hours, which I mostly did by attending booths at various different functions like Earth day at the Oregon Garden, the Home Show, Ag Fest, household hazardous waste disposal days, and others. I met a lot of really nice people and learned and was inspired even more by talking to them. I don't consider that my education in that class was stand-alone, but rather it was the beginning of my environmental education. Since that time, I have read several books and articles, and watched several documentaries on the environment. I have even attended my first ever political protest rally (on anti-coal export). I would never consider myself an expert on environmental issues, but I have gained a reputation among family and friends for being the go to person when people need to know how to recycle or re-purpose an item. If I don't know the answer, they know I will find it for them. I am always looking for more ways to reduce the amount waste I'm producing to start with, reuse or re-purpose whatever possible after that, and when those fail, to find a way to recycle. I have even heard people say in a stage whisper when I am near 'don't throw that away, Cindy might see you'."

~Cindy O'Neal

TASTY TIDBITS

A Brave New Car World? Be Patient!

Cars that drive themselves seemed like science fiction just a few years ago, but recent demonstration projects have shown that the technology is already here. Self-driving car technology, pioneered by [Google](#), has advanced so quickly that its ubiquitous presence on city streets is now simply a matter of time. Boosters say



that mass-market autonomous cars are only 3 to 5 years away; others estimate at least 10 years. No one doubts they are coming.

Read more about how this could reduce cars on the road and watch a video demonstration at <http://daily.sightline.org/2013/06/04/a-self-driving-future/>

[Republic Services](#) has had a lot of call from subscribers about cart pick-up and they'd like help in spreading this message:

"Even if carts are usually collected at the same time each day, traffic, construction, and substitute drivers all mean collection time may vary. If carts haven't been emptied by 4:30 p.m., please call us at 503-363-8890."

This likely goes for other haulers as well!



Zero Waste Pops Up



Celebrity chef and health aficionado Jamie Oliver has just opened a new restaurant in London that has an environmentally friendly zero-waste policy. Known as Jamie Oliver's Diner, the pop-up restaurant will serve American-style meals and either compost, recycle, or upcycle every piece of waste that is not used or consumed.

Taking it a step even further, the diner will also use quality leftover ingredients from other restaurants and shops to craft the American diner-inspired menu, and combine it with as many locally sourced ingredients as possible.

~from www.the9billion.com

LeanPath to Less Waste Online Cooperation



LeanPath claims to be the industry's first and only automated

food waste tracking system for hospitals, colleges and universities, restaurants and other food service operations. It's designed to cut food waste by as much as 50% and run greener, more sustainable operations.

Pairing a scale with a computer database of all foods used in the kitchen it allows staff to weigh, categorize and photograph all outgoing food waste to allow for better purchasing choices.

Visit www.leanpath.com/videos/ For more information.

The mission of new website [Coop.org](#) is to provide any person, organization and business the ability to achieve positive growth through cooperation by maintaining and sharing an openly transparent, publicly available website that will help forward economies and societies.

Currently, [Coop.org](#) offers three main services areas: Collaborative News, Collaborative Events and *Cooperation in Action* Crowd Funding. All of these features allow for the general public to get involved on various levels.

Based in Portland, Oregon, [Coop.org](#) has connections and contributors from over 35 countries and continues to grow. Their team is seeking to talk and collaborate with interesting people regarding ideas and thoughts on how to make this site and the world better through cooperation.



Job Openings:

GLP Ambassador

The Green Living Project is seeking a hard working, charismatic, science-savvy, education-driven and success-motivated individual to deliver our School Assembly Program.

For more information visit www.greenlivingproject.com/wpcontent/uploads/2009/04/GLPPositionAmbassadorProgramJobDescrip_REVISED.pdf

Sustainability Institute Director

Willamette University announces an open position for a Sustainability Institute Director. Under the supervision of Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Director will have primary responsibility for coordinating administrative, academic and communications efforts related to Zena Forest and Farm and the university's other ongoing commitments to sustainability.

<https://jobs.willamette.edu/postings/790>

Master Recycler Call to Serve



Thursday, July 11—Sunday, July 14

Marion County Fair—Oregon State Fairgrounds

Come be a part of the coolest county fair in Marion County! We're having a waste-reduction family focus and need volunteers who are crafty, artistic, and those who wish they wuz to staff a new offering (to us) in the Kid's Discovery Village portion of the Fair. We plan on offering reusable bag making, recycled bookmarks from sign vinyl, and heaven knows what-all. Interested? Contact Alan Pennington at 503-365-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us

Slots open:

Thursday and Friday: 1 to 5 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. to 2pm; 2 pm to 6 pm

Monday, August 12th

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 7-9 and their parents. They would like to do the tour for approximately an hour between 10:00 - 12:00. If you would like to lead this tour, please contact Bailey (bpayne@co.marion.or.us -or- 503-588-5169 x5991) so that he can let the school know, notify the transfer station and give you tips on how to lead the tour.

Monday, August 12th

A Master Recycler is needed to teach approximately 20 children ages 7-9 the basics of how to recycle using our recycling sorting game at a school in south Salem between 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. If you would like to help out with this, please contact Bailey (bpayne@co.marion.or.us -or- 503-588-5169 x5991).



Master Recycler Molly Schreiner engages event –goers

June 24 - August 9th (choose a day in this range)

The City of Donald has a popular free lunch program that they offer to children from 12:00 - 12:30 at their town park. They would like a Master Recycler to come do a simple activity, such as the sorting game, to teach the children why it's important that they recycle & not litter. The date is flexible, but they would prefer someone to come closer to June 24th if possible. If you can help with this activity, please contact Bailey (bpayne@co.marion.or.us -or- 503-588-5169 x5991).

Flexible Date

Community Action Head Start (4611 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem) would like someone to come teach 20 young children about recycling. Ideally, they would like someone to come sometime Monday - Thursday sometime before noon. One possible activity is to briefly talk about what composting is and read them a story about worm composting that is geared for their age (Bailey has a book). Another idea is to do a simplified waste sort activity (we have the kit here at our office). If you would like to help out with this, please contact Jennine Osorio (lunaleo27@yahoo.com -or- 503-991-3381) and then let Bailey (bpayne@co.marion.or.us) know so that he can arrange to give you the materials.

Saturdays through October

Salem Saturday Market

Downtown Salem

Zero Waste Station volunteers needed! Volunteers educate shoppers about how to sort their items and keep containers free from contamination. Hours are 9 am to 3 pm. Volunteers will receive a market gift card usable at any Salem Farmers Market. Email info@salemsaturdaymarket.org to sign up.

Another Payback Idea!

Ever thought of hosting a clothing swap? Here is a great video tutorial on getting one started. Feel free to check in with Alan, Bailey & Griselda if you have questions on using a project like this for payback hours.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv09ZTzIvc0

Events & Occasions



DIY Studio classes and workshops - see page 2.

Thursday, June 13, 7 pm

**Salem Progressive Film Series - *American Winter*
Grand Theater, 191 High St., Salem**

Years after the recession began, millions of families are struggling to meet their basic needs, and many formerly middle class families are finding themselves in financial crisis, and needing assistance for the first time in their lives. Meanwhile, the social safety net that was created to help people in difficult times has been weakened by massive budget cuts, creating a perfect storm of greater need and fewer resources to help families in trouble. Doors open 6:15; admission \$4 adults, \$3 students. Contact 503-881-5305 for more info.

Saturday, June 15 AND Saturday, July 13; 1 pm - 4 pm

**The Willamette Valley Mosaic Workshops - Artist Lynn Takata
Straub Environmental Learning Center**

Learn about native riparian plants and create artwork for the Willamette Valley Mosaic. Join us in an upcoming mosaic workshop at Straub Environmental Learning Center and contribute to a Salem legacy! You may recognize Lynn's work from the Salem Peace Mosaic she created with the community on the corner of Court St. and Cottage St. downtown. The workshops are FREE and open to the public. Registration required (ages 10 to adult). Call 503-391-4145 or email michelle@fselc.org to register.

Saturday, June 29 9 am-5 pm

Sunday, June 30 10 am - 4 pm

Recycled Arts Festival

Esther Short Park, Vancouver WA

The 2013 Recycled Arts Festival is going to be bigger, better and funner than ever! With over 120 artists, great on-stage entertainment, stilt walkers, jugglers and clowns, there is sure to be something for everyone! The Recycled Arts Festival started 8 years ago, as a way to educate and get the community excited about waste reduction, reuse, and recycling in Clark County. It has grown into a huge family event, with more and more artists participating every year. Come on out and peruse the artists' wares, help your kids make their own handiwork, relax and listen to music, and get all sorts of info on what you can do to improve the environment!



Saturday, July 13 9-11 am (Birding)

Saturday, July 20 8-10 am (Birding)

Saturday, August 3 6-8 pm (Hiking)

Willamette Mission State Park

Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center presents these learning-the-basics birding and hiking opportunities co-sponsored by Oregon State Parks and led by a park ranger. Participants to meet at the park. To register and get carpooling instructions, call John Savage at 503-399-8615. All hikes are free and open to the public.

Sept. 9 to Nov. 29, 2013 - Registration open now

Jan. 20 to April 13, 2014 - Registration open now

Oregon Master Naturalist Online

Designed for those interested in Oregon's natural history and how our state's natural resources are sustainably managed. You will learn natural history of plants, animals, habitats and geology; history and processes of landscape change and relevant topics in present-day sustainable natural resource management. Option 1 (Required to become an Oregon Master Naturalist, with Eco-region Specialization taught separately) online and onsite. Option 2: Online. Option 1: \$225; Option 2: \$325

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Looking for a way to upcycle some old 2-liter pop bottles? Check out these adorable rocket boosters and make your favorite child(ren)'s day. It will inspire endless hours of "zooming!"

Visit this link for the do-it-yourself guide: <http://bit.ly/QoeNXK>



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