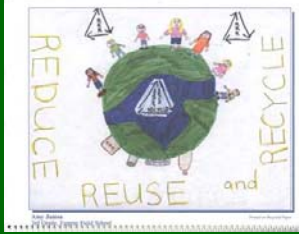


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Trashion Fashion Premiere Hits Salem



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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Master Recycler Newsletter



On Thursday July 19th at 7:00pm the worlds of trash and fashion will collide at Clockworks Café & Cultural Center in Salem with a “Trashion Fashion Premiere.” The highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the winner of a clothing design contest for high school students sponsored by Studio Sub Dio, a local photography business.

The contest’s unique twist is that all the designs must feature reused or repurposed materials.

The event is the brainchild of Sara Patrick, owner of Studio Sub Dio, who told Salem Weekly: “I’m hoping this contest will inspire the creative culture in Salem and, at the same time, build awareness about the impact of consumer waste.”

The evening’s entertainment will feature photos of the contestants in their creations shot in “trashy” locations around Marion County, the announcement of the grand prize winner, and a glitzy trashion show featuring the renowned Junk to Funk Trashion Collective from Portland.

Patrick was able to secure grants, sponsorships and donations to make the gala possible.

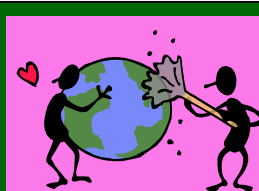
Although admission to the event is free, a donation of used items to the Salem Keizer Education Foundation is requested. See the announcement on p.6 for a details and a list of suggested items to donate.



Junk to Funk

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Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action.

These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.

-- Helen Dyer

Amy Jamsa

One thing all of us at Environmental Services look forward to as we head into summer (along with the beautiful weather) is welcoming our new summer intern and \$2500 ES scholarship winner. This year that person is **Amy Jamsa**, valedictorian from Silverton High School (go Foxes!).

Amy dove right in to her duties here by helping us with some administrative work before tackling the creation of a fabulous display with items made from recycled materials (shown here with Amy).

Amy's favorite classes in high school were her science classes, and she will be starting Gonzaga University in Spokane in the fall with a double major of Biology and Environmental Studies.

Amy also enjoyed participating in band, soccer, track & field, and Connections, a foreign exchange club at Silverton High (Amy's family hosted a student from Japan).

In addition to creating the display Amy has been out in the field checking landfill gas meters, prepped materials for recycling, helped with our battery collection program, made labels for bird-houses, and is collecting & maintaining compost from our office building once a week.

Asked what she is looking forward to most this summer Amy said "working with the whole Environmental Services Division and experiencing a wide range of activities".

And yes, the photo on the front page lead-in to this story is the winning art calendar artwork of Amy as a 3rd grade budding environmental advocate!



Close, But No Mixed Organics

Two Marion County communities, Woodburn and Silverton, have had proposals before their city councils recently to consider adopting "mixed organics" cart service which can include all food scraps in addition to the usual yard debris and fruit and vegetable scraps. This would have been the first new adopters since Salem and Keizer approved service in 2010.

The Silverton proposal went before Council on June 4th, but failed to pass at that time due partly to a lack of positive citizen input (one letter discouraging adoption of the proposal was received by the city manager's office prior to the meeting). Allied Waste was not given time to deliver their full presentation on the benefits of food waste diversion because of other last-minute pressing matters on the agenda that evening. Allied plans to invest more time working on education and outreach in the area and resubmitting

The Woodburn proposal was considered on June 25th and also failed, despite the efforts to educate the Council at a previous meeting on the details and benefits of a food-waste collection program.

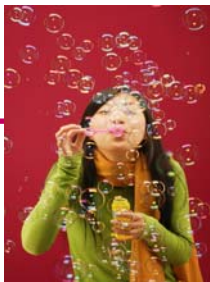
Do you live in either of these communities? Let your council know where you stand!



Graduate Gallery



Congratulations to **Tim Mathiason** on completion of his payback hours!
Tim has continued to be generous with his time and enthusiasm.
Thanks Tim!



Fun Facts

MEDICATION COLLECTION MILESTONES

- **There are now** 46 permanent medication collection boxes at locations across Oregon. Authorized collection locations may be expanding to hospitals and pharmacies in the future thanks to bill passed by Congress in October 2010.
- At the last DEA national take-back event on April 28, 2012, 276 tons of unwanted and unused drugs were collected across the country. In Oregon, 60 participating law enforcement agencies netted 8,117 pounds (4.1 tons) that day.
- All told, the four National Take Back Days held to date have removed over 1.5 million pounds -19 loaded semi truck trailer's worth!- of medication from circulation.





TASTY TIDBITS



Glass Recycling



One major challenge for local governments and haulers has been the high cost of getting curbside glass to a market. Because curbside glass is mixed by color, it must go to an optical sorter for color sorting before going to a glass bottle manufacturer. The closest optical sorters currently are in California and Seattle.

eCullet, a national company, has brought an optical glass sorter to Oregon; this will allow Oregon glass to be processed into bottles in the Portland metro region. The eCullet plant will open in late August.

eCullet has an ongoing relationship with glass bottle manufacture Owens-Illinois, Inc., also located in Portland.

Read about glass recycling on this Oregon DEQ webpage:

www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/recovery/recycled-glass.htm

Food Forests

Forget meadows. A new Seattle park will be filled with edible plants, and everything from pears to herbs will be free for the taking.

The city's vision of an urban food oasis is going forward.

A seven-acre plot of land in the city's Beacon Hill neighborhood will be planted with hundreds of different kinds of edibles: walnut and chestnut trees; blueberry and raspberry bushes; fruit trees, including apples and pears; exotics like pineapple, yuzu citrus, guava, persimmons, honeyberries, and lingonberries; herbs; and more.

All will be available for public plucking to anyone who wanders into the city's first food forest.



Recycling Hearing

A congressional panel recently held a hearing on potential legislation meant to produce better data on how the United States' recycling system is working. The hearing attracted high-level testimony from the E.P.A., the Aluminum Association, the Glass Packaging Institute and many other experts highlighting problems and recommendations relating to material recovery, end-use and the future of recycling.

"Despite all that has been accomplished in the collection of recyclables, there is concern among several recyclers that a considerable amount of quality feedstock materials are not ultimately being processed and reused," said subcommittee chairman Rep. John Shimkus (R – Illinois) during his opening remarks. "Many recyclers believe by asking smarter questions and collecting better data will lead us to solutions to this problem."

Mastering Mustard

Many of our refrigerators are full of condiment containers that we use and then recycle. Master the art of making your own and reuse those containers! Find more ideas at Earth911.com.

Mustard

- 5 tablespoons whole mustard seeds
- ½ cup mustard powder
- ½ cup water
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoons horseradish



How to make it:

1. Grind the seeds in a coffee or spice grinder for a few seconds. Do not fully grind.
2. Pour the seeds into a bowl and add the mustard powder, salt and horseradish and stir.
3. Add the vinegar and water and mix well. Pour mixture into the container of your choice and store in the refrigerator for at least 12 hours before serving. Keep in the fridge for up to 2 months.

GHS Toolkit

The Oregon Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Toolkit (Toolkit) is now available online.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/GHGToolkit.shtml>

The Toolkit is intended primarily to help staff and officials from local jurisdictions to learn about GHG reduction actions and programs which can be implemented at the local level. The Toolkit can be used in conjunction with a scenario planning exercise or on its own to explore the benefits of different actions and programs.

You are invited to submit ideas for additional case studies that demonstrate actions and programs from the Database..

This is a living document and will continue to be updated annually as new information becomes available.

FYI on the DIY

Thanks to Earth 911 for these excellent resources on doing it yourself :

1. instructables.com
2. apartmenttherapy.com
3. makezine.com
4. younghouselove.com
5. thedesigconfidential.com
6. designsponge.com
7. craftzine.com
8. craftingagreenworld.com
9. craftbits.com
10. manmadediy.com



Master Recycler Call to Serve



Saturdays through October

Salem Saturday Market

Downtown Salem

Love the Zero Waste Zone at the Salem Saturday Market? Now, more than half of what used to be trashed is composted or recycled! And the program is even better this year because vendors are using more compostable items. But we need some more love! We are seeking some dedicated volunteers to learn about the Zero Waste Zone, round up volunteers to educate the public at the stations throughout the market season, and train those volunteers. Interested? Just drop a line to zerowaste@friendsofsalemsaturdaymarket.org.

Zero Waste Station volunteers also needed! Volunteers educate shoppers about how to sort their items and keep containers free from contamination. Email zerowaste@friendsofsalemsaturdaymarket.org to sign up.

Thursday, July 12—Sunday, July 15

Marion County Fair

Oregon State Fairgrounds

Come be a part of the coolest county fair in Marion County! Volunteers needed to staff the waste reduction booth. Shifts available 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Contact Alan Pennington at 503 365 3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

Friday, August 3—Sunday, August 5

Fiesta Mexicana

Woodburn

Volunteers needed to help our neighbors in northern Marion County staff the waste reduction booth at the wildly popular Fiesta Mexicana. Shifts available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Contact Alan Pennington at 503 365 3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

Saturday, August 4

Riverfront Family Fest

Riverfront Park, Salem

Two family-friendly volunteers needed to staff the Waste Reduction booth. Contact Alan Pennington at 503 365 3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

Events & Occasions



An Invitation to Participate

You are cordially invited to a live airing of Oregon DEQ's presentation of **Material Management in Oregon: 2050 Vision and Framework for Action**, hosted by **Garten Services**.

When: Thursday, July 19th

9:45 am: Coffee and pastries

10:00 a.m.: Webinar begins

12:00 p.m.: Webinar concludes

12:05 p.m.: Group discussion (sack lunches available through pre-order process)

Where: Garten's new branch office at 500 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Salem, Oregon 97301
(Main desk: 503.581.1984)

Why: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will shortly release a draft version of a new *Vision and Framework for Action* to achieve sustainable material management in Oregon by the year 2050.

The Vision: Oregonians in 2050 produce and use materials responsibly: Conserving Resources; Protecting the Environment; Living Well.

The Framework for Action ("Framework") will offer an expanded consideration of how Oregon conserves resources and manages waste under Oregon law. It marks a significant shift from a focus on end-of-life management of materials (recycling and waste handling) to a life-cycle approach that includes upstream impacts—extraction of raw materials, design, manufacture, transportation, and consumption—in addition to recycling and disposal. This is an exciting transition toward a holistic approach to the use and management of materials in Oregon and promises to present opportunities for new endeavors and partnerships for those in the solid waste/recycling industries and beyond.

At the webinar, DEQ staff will present the draft document, explain the stakeholder process, and discuss how the framework will be utilized to guide the management of materials in the coming decades. DEQ is soliciting public comments on the draft through August. The final document will be presented to the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission for approval in October.

This is your opportunity to learn the details and weigh in on this important development in resource management in Oregon. A facilitated discussion for Garten guests will follow (off-line) on what this might mean for our region and to share thoughts about opportunities for future partnerships. Please share this invitation with your colleagues!

Please RSVP by Friday, July 13th by calling or emailing Meg Rowe at erowe@garten.org or 503.581.4472 x3334.

Sack lunches from Bon Appetit will be available for purchase for \$8.50 each.

Please indicate your lunch preference (ham, turkey, beef or veggie) when you RSVP.

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Recent Facebook post:

“Standing with hot dog nub and plastic cup in hand at Yankee game, I stared at a trash can that didn't accept food and a plastic recycling bin that didn't take cups. As a result I missed all runs scored as I passed out in confusion. Also not helpful that they use blue which typically denotes recycling for trash and green which typically is trash for recycling “

LABELING IS EVERYTHING!!



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