



September 2008

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Master Composter Recycler Newsletter

Greetings from the MCR Desk

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September greetings! I hope that you all had a great summer season of farmer's markets, gardening, barbecues, camping, swimming, hanging out - whatever fine, fun summer things you like to do. I've really enjoyed my time this summer getting my feet wet, (we are located at a fish hatchery) and on the ground (it's about compost) with the Master Composter Recycler Program. The best part has been getting to meet and work with all the wonderful MCR (and NBB) volunteers. Oh, and I did get to do some of the other activities above too!

This month's newsletter will be short, like the summer. In it you will find simply a listing of upcoming volunteer activities. For planning future newsletters, I'd like to get your thoughts on format and content. We can keep it simple like this, and just tell you about volunteer opportunities. Or we can use it as a way to share more information, adding articles of interest. We will conduct a volunteer survey later this fall to collect your thoughts on the newsletter, and on many other things related to the MCR program, so stay tuned.

This fall we are planning to hold a plastics recycling event and some volunteer enrichment activities. We'll also offer a Wormshop and a Backyard Composting Workshop each month, September through October. So far, all of our Backyard Composting Workshops are completely full and the Wormshops are filling fast. It is truly exciting to see all the interest in composting in Clark County!

Special thanks to Carlos Rodriguez and Bill Drummond who have volunteered to help with many of the MCR and pretty much all of the BYC workshops this fall. **WOW!** You guys rock. Special thanks this month to Paul Mitchell, who cleaned up the Composting Demo site at the CASEE Center so that it looked great for the Clark County Fall Plant Sale. Phil Kimery, Laura Sauermilch, and Phil Stockman were heroes - each helping to staff several Farmer's Markets. Tiffany Nelson, Kris Alexander and Melanie Schauble were also key players helping the program over the last month. Thanks to all of you MCR peeps for keeping the program happening! See you soon.

Warmly,

Jo Anne

Fun Stuff: Watch a recycling machine shred just about anything, Go to www.ssiworld.com/watch/watch-en.htm

(I recommend the pumpkins!)



Currier and Ives Lithograph
1871 "Autumn"

Volunteer Meeting

September Volunteer Meeting

Garden Harvest Potluck!

Thursday, 9/18

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Columbia Springs

Come on by for an informal harvest potluck at the "Heron House."

"Nature is not a place to visit, it is home."

- Gary Snyder

We'll have a chance to visit with both MCR and NBB volunteers, and have a demonstration of compost tea making. If there is time and interest we will have an optional sunset nature walk on the Columbia Springs trails to learn about native plants.

Please bring your own plate and utensils so we can avoid using disposables! Also, don't forget to bring your hard plastics for recycling. See you there.

Master Composter Recycler Fall workshops



BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Learn the basics of backyard composting.

A free compost bin is provided. Pre-registration is required.

■ Tuesday, September 30, 6 – 8 P.M.

■ Thursday, October 16, 6 – 8 P.M.

■ Saturday, November 8, 10 A.M. – noon

WORMSHOPS (family-friendly)

Participants will learn about the care and feeding of redworms for vermicomposting. Class will build their own worm bin to take home.

The \$25 fee includes worms and bin. Pre-registration is required.

■ Wednesday, September 24, 6 – 8 P.M.

■ Tuesday, October 7, 6 – 8 P.M.

■ Saturday, November 1, 10 A.M. – noon



All classes are held at Columbia Springs, 12208 SE Evergreen Hwy, Vancouver, WA 98683. Web site: www.columbiasprings.org.

Pre-registration is required. To register for a class, call (360) 882-4567 or e-mail MCR@columbiasprings.org.



"Most of all, one discovers that the soil does not stay the same, but, like anything alive, is always changing and telling its own story. Soil is the substance of transformation."

- Carol Williams

Contact me anytime with comments, questions, suggestions, brainstorm, anything at all.

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The Master Composter/Recycler Program is a program of Columbia Springs. It is offered in partnership with Clark County Solid Waste Program and is a cooperative effort of, Battle Ground, Camas, Clark County, Columbia Springs, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, and Yacolt.



MCR Volunteer Opportunities

September through November 2008



Saturday September 27, Farmer's Market

Esther Short Park

I would appreciate at least **two** Volunteers for each shift:

<i>8:30 to Noon includes set up</i>	<i>Noon to 3:30 includes take down</i>
Linda Rectanus	



Wednesday, September 24, Wormshop

6 p.m. to 8 pm.

Columbia Springs

I would appreciate 4 volunteers to help with sign-ins, classroom presentation, bin assembly set-up and break-down. This is a very popular class that always has a big turnout.

<i>Classroom:</i>	<i>Bins:</i>
Kay Mueller (classroom and bin help)	Anne Holbert
Shelly Gillis (set up and registration)	

Tuesday, October 7, Wormshop

6 p.m. to 8 pm.

Columbia Springs

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Sat. November 1, Wormshop

10 a.m. - noon

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<i>Classroom:</i>	<i>Bins:</i>
	Anne Holbert
Tiffany Nelson (set up and registration)	Shelly Gillis
	Bill Drummond



**Tuesday, September 30 Backyard Composting Workshop
6 to 8 p.m.**

Columbia Springs

This is a key fall workshop. I would appreciate 4 volunteers to assist with this workshop.

<i>Classroom Help:</i>	<i>Bins and Systems:</i>
Carlos Rodriquez (powerpoint- Yeah!)	Bill Drummond

Thurs. October 16, Backyard Composting Workshop

6 – 8 p.m.

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Carlos Rodriquez (powerpoint)	

Sat. November 8, Backyard Composting Workshop

10:00 a.m. to noon

Columbia Springs

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<i>Classroom Help:</i>	<i>Bins and Systems:</i>
Carlos Rodriquez (powerpoint)	Bill Drummond
Shelly Gillis (set up and registration)	



November 15, America Recycles Day – Clark County Fix-it Fair

10 a.m - 3 p.m.

Location TBD

I would appreciate at least 2 Volunteers for each shift:

Saturday: set up at 9:30 a.m. to noon.; noon. to 3 p.m. and take down

10-1		
1-4		

Also need 1 volunteer for a 1/2 hour composting lecture.

Time TBD	
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Fall Event Calendar

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