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Master Composter/Recycler Newsletter

From the MCR Desk

July 2010

“Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language”

-Henry James

Finally, summer is here! I hope you all enjoy the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the wonderful Pacific Northwest summer. It looks like it might be a short and sweet one this year.

One of the fun summer events I look forward to is our volunteer barbecue and picnic. Please put the evening of Thursday, July 15 on your calendar, start thinking about your favorite potluck recipe, and plan to join us at Columbia Springs for our summer social and volunteer appreciation picnic.



Another fun upcoming shindig is the Clark County Fair from August 6-15. This ten-day event is an opportunity to view blue ribbon winning crafts and 4H animals, savor quintessential fair fare like milkshakes and funnel cake, enjoy music and rides, visit with old

friends, and make new ones. Please plan to help us staff our booth at the fair this August (photo above), and make sure to stop by and say hello!

My best,

Jo Anne Dolan

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Volunteer Meeting



Summer Social and Volunteer Picnic

Thursday, July 15, 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

Location: Heron House at Columbia Springs

Join us at the Heron House at Columbia Springs for a picnic dinner and an evening of fellowship and festive fun. In appreciation of the Master Composter/Recyclers we'll fire up the barbecue and celebrate your making a difference in Clark County. Family and/ or significant others are encouraged to attend.

What we provide: Beverages, Northwest ranch grown burgers and veggie-burgers.

What you bring: Your fine self and a potluck edible to share. Please bring your own re-usable tableware, i.e., dish, plate, eating utensil.

Special fun and entertainment will be provided. We look forward to seeing you the evening of July 15th at Columbia Springs, 12602 SE Evergreen Highway, behind the Heron House. Please RSVP with how many people will attend to Jo Anne at 360.882.0936 x 224 or via email at mcr@columbiasprings.org

Volunteers In Action

Congratulations to the 14 Master Composter/Recyclers who helped to foster sustainable choices in Clark County and completed their commitment to volunteer payback hours for 2010!

Ian Alexander (2009) loves to share composting information at the Vancouver Farmer's Market. He staffs the market each second Saturday of the month. He also helped with our Backyard Composting Workshop at the Vancouver Library, and staffed our booth at Northwest National Parks Day at Fort Vancouver Historic Reserve and the Recycled Arts Festival. Ian also did a composting demonstration at the Farmer's Market.

Andrea Collier (2010) is a Farmer's Market heroine too. Besides staffing the Master Composter Recycler booth at the Vancouver Farmer's Market, she helped the Salmon Creek Ecofair with recycling and food composting efforts and helped host a Backyard Composting Workshop at Vancouver Library, Andrea also staffed the MCR booth at the Home and Garden Idea Fair, Northwest National Parks Day, and the Recycled Arts Festival.

Tom Gibson (2009) developed and taught a soils class for our training, demonstrated food scrap composting at Clark College Technical Centers Cooking School Open House, staffed the Home and Garden Idea Fair, and often helps with our audiovisual and technology needs.

Gregg Hayward (2009) shares his talent and enthusiasm for education in several ways. He taught the how to build a wormbin session at our volunteer training, and also instructs at our Family Wormshops.

Mary Hinojosa (2005) was a smiling presence greeting trainees at most of our Master Composter Recycler training sessions. She also developed fun worm education activities and shared them with pre-school students.

Volunteers In Action (Continued)

Shirley Hoffman (2003) loves to share her enthusiasm for composting and recycling with the Clark County community. She helped neighbors, and Washington and Salmon Creek Elementary School students build and care for wormbins. She taught bin building at a MCR Family Wormshop and staffed the Home and Garden Idea Fair. She and her husband Larry also helped with a Block Foam collection event.

Anne Holbert (2007) collects and brings us shredded paper for wormshops, staffs events like the Camas Mother's Day Plant Sale, and shares waste reduction information with community members whenever and wherever she can .

Sharyl MacKay (2009) was another smiling face greeting trainees at our 2010 MCR training. She staffed a booth at the Home and Garden Idea Fair, and is working to implement a recycling program at a local U-pick blueberry farm. She has set up a recycling station at Majestic Blueberry Farms in Brush Prairie. The recycling area is for customers to recycle their waste, and features signs in Spanish, Ukrainian, English, Thai and Russian.

Lynne Lincoln (2010) has been an invaluable assistant in the Master Composter Recycler office. Already she has contributed over 40 hours helping to keep our databases up to date. Lynne also helped the Habitat for Humanity ReStore to recycle block foam, helped with Vancouver block foam recycling events, and assisted with a Family Wormshop.

Mary Olczak (2009) pays back her training by helping to keep Vancouver clean and green. She patrols her neighborhood roadsides weekly—picking up litter and recycling all the recyclables. Mary also helped host several MCR training sessions.

Laura Sauermilch (2005) organizes and hosts Vancouver Greendrinks, a monthly social networking event that connects folks interested in the environment. Laura staffed the Home and Garden Idea Fair, and demonstrates re-use by recycling juice containers by turning them into pocketbooks and wallets.

Joan Veach (2009) otherwise known as the Mud Maven, taught several wormshops this spring. Because of Joan's, and several other dedicated Master Composter Recyclers' efforts, our spring community wormshops taught 113 people how to vermicompost. Joan also taught a Girl Scout troop the finer points of building and caring for a wormbin.

Barbara Welch (2009) developed and presented a Green Cleaning and What to do About Household Hazardous Waste presentation for her church. She also helped with volunteer training, and staffed several events including the Home and Garden Idea Fair and the Recycled Arts Festival.

Sandy Wood (2009) helped make it possible for us to participate in the Camas Mother's Day Plant Fair. She also does weekly litter and recycling patrols of her neighborhood.



Photo: (clockwise) Jo Anne Dolan, Sharyl MacKay, Barbara Welch, and Laura Sauermilch at the Clark County Home and Garden Idea Fair.

Help us recognize your contributions—please track and report your volunteer hours!

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several upcoming opportunities to complete your payback hours. While new volunteers have a year to complete their 30 hours, you are encouraged to take advantage of upcoming events to get some hours in.



Sign up to help at our big event coming up in August—**The Clark County Fair. Dates: August 6-15.** We need everyone's help! We will need folks to staff the Master Composter/Recycler booth the ten days we are there, as well as help setting up, and taking down our display. Volunteers get free parking and free admission to the fair. A list of shift openings is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Vancouver Farmer's Market.

Dates: July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9.

Get your veggie on! We need people to help set up our booth in the morning and to help staff it for either the morning or afternoon shift.

“Hooked” at Columbia Springs: Food Waste Composting Station Green Team

Date: August 19. *Hooked* is a fun fundraiser that supports Columbia Springs' efforts to connect children with nature. The event features dinner, games and wine-tasting. We plan to set up one or two recycling/food waste composting stations and need some volunteers to staff them and show people how to compost their food waste. Volunteers get free dinner and entry to *Hooked*.

Writing: Write an article for our newsletter, or help develop content for the MCR website .

Outdoor and handy work: Composting demo site maintenance help is always appreciated at our two composting demonstration sites. Do you know how to run a chipper? We need you!

Office work: Help with preparing workshop materials, database entry, and miscellaneous projects.

Home worm work: Grow redworms for our classes. Bring us shredded paper for our wormshops. You can get volunteer hours credit for this.

Block Foam Collection events: These occur monthly on first Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and need your help! Contact Elsie at 360.619.4122 or Elsie.Deatherage@ci.vancouver.wa.us to volunteer for a block foam collection event.



The Master Composter/Recycler Program is funded by Clark County Department of Environmental Services and administered by Columbia Springs.



Comments, questions, suggestions, brainstorm, anything at all...mcr@columbiasprings.org (360) 882-0936 x 224. Or stop on by the Heron House at Columbia Springs, 12602 SE Evergreen HWY, Vancouver, WA 98683

MASTER COMPOSTER/RECYCLER VOLUNTEER HOURS LOG SHEET

New Volunteers – 30 hours payback in the first year

Veteran Volunteers – 15 hours per year

VOLUNTEER NAME _____

JAN FEB MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC YEAR 2010

(circle months covered)

DATE	VOLUNTEER PAYBACK HOURS EVENT	MILEAGE (for your records)	TOTAL CONTACTS	TOTAL VOL. HOURS
CONTINUING EDUCATION (Field Trips, Workshops, Conferences, Advanced Training Etc.) 4 Hours Per Year Required				

MC/R MEETINGS – 3rd Thursday of the month
Attendance qualifies as 2 volunteer payback hours.

Return monthly to: Master Composter/Recycler Program
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