

Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

Cracked Pots Event Nets \$1120 To Pay Down Purchase Loan of the Oregon Neutermobile

This year's Cracked Pots garden art sale at Edgefield in Troutdale found us staffing a 10x20 booth full of not plants, but crafts. Crafts made from recycled materials too boot! And, since we had the best prices at the show, we quickly made \$1120. (Allow me to clarify... our prices were lower than the other artists because our being a non-profit meant we weren't required to give a percentage of our sales to their steering committee to cover advertising and administrative costs.) Anyway, this money was a bonus--funds we hadn't counted on in our budget, so we decided to 'give' it to the Oregon Neutermobile to help pay down their initial purchase loan of \$7300.

Many thanks are due to the Cracked Pots steering committee for inviting us to participate in their show (big show of faith here in that they believed sight unseen we would have great recycled art to sell!), and a special 'Thank You' to our woodworker, Les Swope, for knocking himself out building a bunch of great benches, cold frames, window boxes, and birdhouses, as well as to myself, Keni Cyr-Rumble and Doris Wilson for painting all the stuff Les built. And, more thanks to Colette Cyr for quickly putting together 15 recycled cat toy wands. I also want to thank Annik Larsen for helping me staff the booth at Edgefield both very hot days. What it all boils down to is the Oregon Neutermobile now owes less than \$2800 on it's initial purchase loan which means we should be On The Road debt free by the end of the year!

BAKERY OPENING RAISES S/N FUNDS

DiPrima Dolci Italian Bakery (1936 N Killingsworth in Portland)--the only traditional Italian Bakery in Oregon, and Ver Meulen Renovation and Remodeling hosted a neighborhood plant sale to benefit POPPA on July 26 that raised \$365.00 to fund spay/neuter surgeries.

Recycled Gardens volunteer Illene Mazura trucked over dozens of plants from Anemone to Zebra Grass and sold them for \$3.50 per gallon. DiPrima Dolci gift certificates were also raffled off, with proceeds benefiting POPPA. Many thanks to the owners of both businesses for caring so much about animals!

PLANTS **WANTED** LIST

If you have any of the following plants you could donate, please call 503-626-4070 3# and let us know as we have customers waiting for them to come into stock.

Thanks!

Blueberries
Blue oat grass
Cala magrestis acutiflora "Karl Foerster"
Cobra lily
Cypress, Swane's golden
Weeping Japanese lace leaf maples
Viburnum plicatum tomatosa
Vines, any kind
Vine maple

DIG CREW BEING RECRUITED NOW!

At long last we're getting a break from the heat and can start digging new stock once again. Already our dig list consists of over 20 houses with plant material we'll be saving from the compost pile (or the dump) and it continues to grow weekly. PLEASE, if you are available during the week, have a strong back and like to play in the mud (we dig no matter the weather), give us a call to sign up as a Dig Crew volunteer. Don't for a moment think you're not qualified as the current crew consists of a half dozen grandmothers with shovels, ANY help is really invaluable, even if it's just loaning us your truck to haul stuff back to Recycled Gardens! *Why should you even consider doing such hard work?* Because Dig Crew volunteers get to tour lots of interesting gardens, meet wonderfully generous gardeners, and often take home loads of great plant material as "compensation" for their labor.

INCOMING STOCK

Don't forget, with Fall/Winter being our dig season, it's also the best time to come shop Recycled Gardens, as it means we're bringing 'home' more great plant material than ever--mature stock even! Just keep in mind that our hours are reduced to 10-5 Saturdays ONLY, October-March so we have time to dig all that great plant material during the week.

Oregon Neutermobile

by Celeste Crimi, Director

Greetings, Humanlings!

It's me again: **Lovely the Cat**, Oregon Neutermobile's treasured mascot. I'm a world traveler now. You'll never guess where I got to go a couple of weeks ago...Wallowa County!

Celeste, ON's chief volunteer and my personal Humanling, said that, *te-e-chnically* Wallowa County's in the far, Northeast corner of Oregon, and NOT another country at the end of the world—but it sure seemed like a long drive to me!

You see, the whole reason POPPA started ON is to bring safe, low cost spay/neuter to rural or economically depressed parts of Oregon—even the parts that are far away from our home base in the Portland area.

So, when a volunteer from Wallowa County Humane Society (WCHS) in Enterprise contacted ON, Celeste sent them information about what's involved in making sure there are enough volunteers, funding and patients waiting when ON arrives in a new community.

They'd heard about how we'd visited Tillamook, Clatsop, Klamath and Coos Counties so far, and were wondering if we'd come out to their County of only 7,000 people, where cats especially are considered disposable surplus. Our information just made them more interested in ON.

Meanwhile, everyone in our family (Celeste, Rich the Humanling, River the Dog, and myself) starting planning a camping trip with out of town relatives.

And it happened to work out, in the way it always seems to work out when the Neutermobile's involved...we decided to camp right smack dab in...Wallowa County, even though none of us had ever been there before!

We pitched our tents just miles from where WCHS holds their monthly Board meeting. And, wonder of wonders, they even had a meeting scheduled that coincided with our trip, AND had space on their agenda to welcome ON as an honored guest from afar.

So, they got specific answers about ON coming to *their* county. And now understand that we really can only address the overpopulation issue if we stay for an adequate block of time, week after week, with our surgeons safely altering a high volume of needy patients, until 70-80% of the animal population is altered. After that, the population growth rate will even out, taking care of the 'so many pets they're not precious' problem. As you know, I'm not only the Oregon Neutermobile spokesperson; I'm also an overpopulation veteran. It's no fun being abandoned and unwanted, especially when you're a single mom with 3 kids! But, that was then, now I'm fixed and happy...back to my story....

Needless to say, the meeting went well and ON hopes to commit to an extended stay late Winter or early Spring.

The best part is, Lisa Wahl, a core ON volunteer, has offered to function as Host Support. That means she'll be 'holding the hand' of new areas in Oregon who need guidance through the sometimes-daunting process of hosting an ON visit for the first time.

But, enough about ON—let's talk about me some more! The camping trip was my first, and quite an adventure. I got to hang out near all the good smells (under the picnic table). And, we stayed next to a big, blue ocean called Wallowa Lake. There were eagle-like birds called osprey that went fishing every day—I got to go to the estuary at the lake and sit in the white sand and feel the breeze. I sure like my harness and leash, so I can go places safely.



Here's a picture of me, escaping the heat of the day in the tent. Having a great time, wish you were here...

With Velveted Paw,
Lovely

P.S.. Oh yeah, almost forgot, Celeste says if you're moved to help cats, dogs or rabbits that are in the situation I once was (struggling to survive, unfixed and unloved), then please put in a special effort this month to make sure ON raises the necessary \$2,672.00 remaining to 'stay in business'. You can read more about that in the enclosed storybook. Some people are asking for donations to ON instead of birthday presents, forwarding the news on to their entire email list, or contacting moneyed friends they know of who might want to help. As soon as the loan is repaid, we can concentrate on putting more dollars into the poor communities that need our help so much. Thank you for being there for the ones who need you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturdays through Sept 27, 9:00-1:00
Cedar Mill Farmers Market
on the corner of SW Murray & Cornell
and
Sherwood Farmers Market
in Veterans Memorial Park at 1st & Main
in Old Town Sherwood

Recycled Gardens' volunteers will be offering our terrific plants for sale at these markets. This gives you early risers an opportunity to buy plants along with your fresh produce and cut flowers first thing in the morning so you can put them in the ground right away.

Sept 13, 9:00am-4:00pm
Recycled Gardens to sell plants at
Marquis Campus Oktoberfest
in Forest Grove

It's a Six Community Safety Awareness Fair and seasonal festival. Look for presentations by: The Worm Lady, chain saw wood & ice carvers, Service Dogs for the Blind, Theatre in the Grove, fly tyers, a puppeteer, pastel and portrait sketch artists, and the Red Hat Society. Besides RG, there will be other vendors selling produce, coffee and lattes. Food is FREE and consists of a BBQ featuring sausage, sauerkraut and apple struddle.



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Sept 13-14, 10:00-3:00
Hardy Plant Society Fall Plant
& Garden Art Sale

WashCo Fairgrounds in Hillsboro

Specialty nurseries (those that don't normally sell to the general public), out-of-the-way growers and Recycled Gardens will offer a wide selection of new, unique and interesting hardy plants for sale.

Sept 27-28, 10:00-5:00

Recycled Gardens
End of Season 'NOT' Plant Sale

Fall is the best time of year to get plants into the ground, especially evergreens and perennials, as the seasonal rains help them put down great roots that result in beautiful foliage (and flowers!) come Spring. So come on out and take advantage of our need to reduce the amount of stock we have to over-winter. Everything will be ONLY \$2.50 a gallon so you can fill all those holes in your garden you noticed this season and still have money leftover for the fast-approaching holidays (which, of course, you'll want to spend at our Winter Solstice Gift Bazaar Dec 5-7 which should feature several of Cracked Pots terrific artists).

Note - We need volunteers to staff all POPPA events. Please call 503-626-4070 to help.

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POPPA Inc., Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates

People working together CAN make animals precious again! Help POPPA wipe out animal abuse and neglect—promote spaying or neutering of ALL pets.



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BIRTHDAY BASH PULLS IN CASH!

FUN was the theme of the day at POPPA's birthday bash on June 28. There was live music all day, games of skill to challenge both kids and adults, tours of the Oregon Neutermobile, raw food to taste, a raffle for \$100 worth of plants, and a delicious BBQ supper followed by birthday cake for everybody! Of course, the big draw of the day was the fact that Recycled Gardens plants were all on sale for only \$2.50 a gallon--which accounted for the fact POPPA had \$4,000 more to spend on spay/neuter surgeries when the party was over.

We owe a GREAT BIG thank you for the donations we received that made this event the big fundraiser it was, specifically:

- + FREE music from the bands Prime Number, The Shivers, Security 0-5, and soloist Scott MacDonald
- + 2 FREE kegs of beer paid for by Rick Sloan of Prime Number
- + 100 Boca Burgers purchased by Beccy Kirk and Ron DeLuca
- + A case of raw dates donated by The Date People of Niland, CA
- + A FREE bamboo windchime (awarded as recognition of volunteer hours worked) from Mirador of Portland

And, a special 'Thank You' to Gail and Ron Murray for doing all the food and supply shopping and beer pickup. Their donation of personal time and the gasoline necessary to drive all over Portland made it possible for the rest of us to spend more hours onsite readying the gardens for the party. Thanks all! We couldn't have done it without you.

HELP US KEEP THE OREGON NEUTERMOBILE ON THE ROAD!

Please run off just 10 copies of the enclosed storeybook flyer to share with your friends. Your help will make it possible for us to pay off the Oregon Neutermobile and keep it on the road to sterilizing all the pets in rural Oregon.

SPAY/NEUTER TALLY

As of August 20, 2003, POPPA, Inc. is directly responsible for the spay/neuter of 1,442 cats, 405 dogs, and 23 rabbits! That's 1,870 fewer breeding animals because we've either paid outright for their sterilization or done the surgery at very low cost on the Oregon Neutermobile.

Please, if you know someone who "owns" an unaltered pet, refer them to us for help with paying for the surgery that saves lives by reducing animal homelessness and abuse. POPPA, Inc. will pay up to \$50 towards the spay/neuter of cats, dogs and rabbits and we can refer folks in need to lots of veterinarians who will do the surgery for even less.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you have a teenager who needs to put in community service hours for school credit? Does your employer give you comp time for volunteering? Are you a Master Gardener with hours to repay? Welllll, POPPA, Inc. IS a registered 501(c)(3) charity which means volunteering for us at Recycled Gardens or on the Oregon Neutermobile can earn you the community service credits you need! Think of it, getting credit for watering plants or weeding, potting up donations, researching and writing plant ID tags, dividing plants in the display gardens, mowing, and a host of other tasks you normally do at home for nothing. Of course, if you're outgoing and like to meet other gardeners, you could also help us sell plants at local farmer's markets and miscellaneous events.

For those of you who'd rather work with animals than plants there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer with the Oregon Neutermobile instead. The only catch is most of the work is done outside of the Portland area in rural Oregon. However, if you have the time and transportation we can make it work. Please give us a call at 503-626-4070, or check out our website at www.POPPAinc.org, to sign up for an orientation.