

Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

October thru March is Dig Season for Recycled Gardens

Weekdays during these Fall & Winter months we dig plants out of homeowner's gardens and development sites to restock our resale nursery. This is hard physical work, but it has some terrific benefits in that you get to see lots of great gardens and take home some of the plants as "pay" for volunteering. Please check our online Calendar of Events at www.POPPAinc.org to sign-up for digs you can help with.

The flip side of the coin regarding this topic is, If you're a homeowner looking to make a plant donation, but unable to dig them up yourself, please give us a call to arrange a "dig" at 503-626-4070 ext 3. We'll book a crew to assist you if you're physically able to help, OR for the small donation of \$50, dig up the plants and haul them away ourselves.

"Growing" Recycled Gardens

Thanks to the diligent urging and organizational abilities of Master Gardener Carolyn Adams and the generosity of a compassionate animal lover in Washington State, RG was recently gifted with the donation of a used greenhouse. Unfortunately, we simply do not have the volunteers necessary to start a propagation program ourselves. Fortunately, however, we do know several terrific plant propagators and have made arrangements for them to practice their art in this new space at RG. This means we will soon have a steady supply of plants we used to have difficulty getting donated, things like delphiniums, hardy fuschias, and even some interesting tropical flora! So don't write us off as merely a place to buy rhodies, azaleas, big trees, and common perennials, because we're growing in a very positive way.

Recycled Gardens will switch from Seasonal Hours, Thursday-Sunday 10-5, to Winter Hours, Saturdays ONLY 10-5, immediately following our Fall Plant Sale on September 30--we will NOT be open for business on Sunday, October 1st.

PLANTS **WANTED** AND **NOT**

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

Bamboo, all clumping varieties, Choisia (Mexican Orange), Corydalis, Daphne, Fuchsia, Japanese Maples (weeping types), Vines of any kind, especially clematis

Plants we DON'T WANT...

Abies balsamea, phanerollepis (Canaan fir), Ajuga, Arabis (Rock Cress), Arborvitae, Balamcanda chinensis (Blackberry lily), Rudbeckia hirta (Black-eyed Susan), Brunnera, Buxus (boxwood), Canna, Pie Cherry Trees, Convallaria majalis (Lily of the valley), Crocosmia, Crocus bulbs, Daffodil bulbs, Daylilies—yellow or orange, Fescue glauca (Blue fescue), Grape Hyacinth bulbs, Grapes, Iris of any kind, Iris, Pacific Native, Ivy, Nepata (Catnip), Origanum (culinary oregano), Phalaris arundinacea picta (Ribbon grass), Physostegia virginiana (obedient plant), Pinus contorta (Shore pine), Prunus laurocerasus "schipka" (Laurel), Rubus pentalobus (Emerald Carpet), Schizostylis coccinea, Sisyrinchium californicum (Yellow-eyed grass), Solidago, Stachys byzantina (Lamb's ear), Tulip bulbs, Vinca, Violets, Virburnum Davidii, Zantedeschia aetiopica (Calla Lily- white)

And, PLEASE, no more houseplants until next Spring when the barn warms up!

EXTRA LARGE POTS WANTED

Thanks to the HUGE success of Cracked Pots' and Metro's Re-Pot Recycling Program last year, they have now made it a permanent part of the Portland area's 3R's—reduce, reuse, recycle environment. This means Recycled Gardens no longer accepts 5-gallon and smaller pots at the nursery. For locations where you can drop these off, check with Metro at 503-797-1700, or log onto the Cracked Pots website at www.crackedpots.org (basically, it's all Far West Fiber and Portland Recycling locations). Anyway, what Recycled Gardens WILL accept, and desperately needs, are plastic nursery pots larger than 5-gallons, because it makes it easier for us to 'package' the mature plants we dig out of homeowner's gardens and development sites. So, if you have extra large pots stuffed into your sheds and garages, please bring them by RG as soon as you can!

CAT TRAPPER LOG

July 11, 2006

Countryside Vet Clinic--5 males; 1 female
~1 male; 1 female from Corvallis.
~2 males rescued from a man about to throw them in the river, by a low income Philomath woman
~1 feral male, trapped near Camp Boondoggle and may be one of the Boondoggle cats
~1 tame male from Boondoggle, the Albany homeless camp. Quite funny because when I crawled over the trains to go down into the camps to get him, I saw a cop van and news van, but nobody around them. I went on in and got the male and when I came out of the camps with him, the vans were gone. That night, I watched the ongoing news reports on Camp Boondoggle's eviction of its residents and they said all that was left of the camps was rubble and a few stray cats. Featured as "the stray cat" was this male. They must have filmed him, went on up the trails and I was right behind them, scooped him up. Funny in a way, but they could have saved him. He was no "stray". He was a crying desperate abandoned kitty trying to live in the rubble of his former home that the city of Albany bulldozed.
Also today, at Companion Pet Clinic, three female kittens. One is another Camp Boondoggle cat.



Ping, the little girl kitten from Camp Boondoggle fixed July 11th at CPC.

KVAL news is supposed to meet me at the front of the camps Monday at 10:30, when I return for a black mother, hopefully find her kittens, and try to trap the two black adult males left out there. I have no idea where I'll foster them all. I've already taken 26 cats out of there, all tame, however, but flea infested, in some cases lice infested. I went back in today, to feed the ones left.

Editors note--POPPA regularly funds this cat trapper's efforts because she's a single woman living on disability checks in a tiny 375 sq ft home in Corvallis and never fails to put the needs of any cat before her own. YOU can help too by making a donation to POPPA today!

Living Proof that Fixing a Tom Cat CAN Turn Them Into A Pussycat

Let me tell ya a little story... I have a huge long-haired gray tabby-like male cat, Phantom, that it took me two years to finally trap and get neutered—he would simply pee on the cage and ignore the food inside. This 'feral' Tom cat used to hide in the bushes around my house and attack my kitties when they would go outside. And I mean he would beat the snot out of them! Though I did one time see a shaved patch on Phantom where it looked like an abscess had been treated, I was pretty sure he had been abandoned because he looked matted and dirty and wouldn't let me touch him unless he was busy with a dish of canned food.

When I finally caught him and had him fixed they said he had the biggest stud cheeks they'd ever seen on a male cat and he was so feral they had to dope him up good, so much dope that he wasn't coming out of it even at Midnight the day of his surgery and I wound up calling the Emergency Vet Clinic of Tualatin for advice. After I gave him fluids and some rough handling as stimulation, he came around enough to open his eyes and growl at me. So, in the morning I fed him—slipping the bowl into the trap he was housed in overnight, but he refused to eat, and I felt so bad I released him that afternoon even though he appeared to still be groggy. He gave me one very nasty look and then disappeared for close to six months! I thought for sure I had killed him by letting him go while still under the influence of drugs... did being doped get him run over? chomped by a dog? what? I didn't know and felt terrible about it.

After six months or so I happened to be outside filling the dry cat food dish I keep out there for all the critters in the neighborhood and who should come running across the street straight up to me, meowing his fool head off, but Phantom! He was twitching and kind of hopping around like a rabbit, but he wanted to be touched. This blew me away. When I pet him I discovered he had scabs along his back that told me he was suffering from a pretty bad flea allergy, so I got myself a towel for protection and went to pick him up. Turns out I didn't need the towel because he was anxious to be held. Even the vet was amazed at the change in his temperament.

Phantom has now been living in my garage for going on two years and greets me at the door by head-butting me so he can get some petting each morning when I go out there to feed him and my other three bad boys that mark things if allowed in the house. BTW, those boys have a complete living room setup in the garage to lounge on—a couch, two overstuffed chairs, a rug, houseplants, and numerous cat beds made from old wine crates all arranged attractively in front of a big window. And, there is a kitty door to the outside so they can come and go all day—it gets flipped to 'incoming only' about 5pm every evening to keep them from going outside and messing with wild critters after dark. Thing is, Phantom very seldom goes outside anymore, preferring instead to lounge away each day on the couch. So you see, once those pesky Tom cat hormones get out of their system, boy cats DO become pussy cats.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 30, Saturday, 10-5
Recycled Gardens**

End-of-Season....NOT! Plant Sale

It's time once again to **lower our prices to ONLY \$3.00 per gallon** in order to encourage planting at what is truly THE BEST time of year for gardening in Oregon. This price is for everything except specially tagged mature trees and shrubs. And, we're gonna have a section where ALL the trees, both fruiting and ornamental, are a mere \$10 regardless of pot size just so they can find good homes. Plus, you can U-pick(up) hazelnuts for ONLY \$1.00 per pound!!! So grab your checkbook (NO plastic please) and come on out to Recycled Gardens at 6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road in Hillsboro. Questions? Check our website at www.POPPAinc.org or call 503-626-4070 ext. 3.

**December 2, Saturday, 11-5
Recycled Gardens Annual
Winter Solstice Gift Bazaar**

This sale showcases POPPA's volunteers' own hand-crafted gift items, games, garden art, bird feeders, pet toys, beds and cat chairs, plus unique ornaments all made from recycled, reused, and/or natural materials, as well as lots of interesting items for the home and garden created by local artists. We'll also have new gift items, and wreaths! All proceeds go to pay for the spay/neuter of companion animals. And, we'll have hot cider and mulled wine warmed, plus platters of cookies too! For more info check out our website, www.POPPAinc.org, or give us a call at 503-626-4070 ext 3.



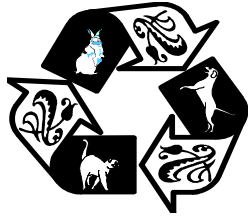
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**It's time for Recycled Gardens'
"End-of-Season (NOT)" Plant Sale
September 30**

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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POPPA Facts January-August 2006

Cumulative Spay Neuter Total for POPPA - 11821
For this year we've already subsidized 1,429
spays and neuters!!!

Fundraising and Administration is less than 4% of
our expenses. All other funds go directly to spay/
neuter.

Income Breakdown

28% Donations
2% Grants
40% RG Income
27% Events
3% Other Recycled Gardens & Events

Income is up 20% from last year !!!

You can be part of our continued growth--help us
GET THEM FIXED IN 2006 by making a donation
today!



Phantom (see Living Proof on Page 2)

Spay/Neuter Program Changes

POPPA is pleased to announce a new collaborative effort
with other spay/neuter resource groups throughout Oregon.

In just five years of hard work and networking POPPA has
earned an unprecedented level of respect amongst the
animal welfare community, and as a result, we are now
enjoying being able to fund spay/neuter surgeries without
having to take the calls for help directly. Instead we are now
distributing funds that we raise to other established groups
for spay/neuter administration.

This means we now refer people in the Portland area who
need assistance with the cost of the spay or neuter for a
dog or cat to the Oregon Humane Society at 503-285-7722
and tell them to ask about the SNAP coupons for tame cats
or their Spay/Neuter loan program. Or, for feral (untame)
cats we suggest they contact the Feral Cat Coalition of
Oregon at 503-797-2606. And, if the caller doesn't qualify
for those programs, we give them the contact info for the
following groups who may also be able to provide
assistance in the Portland area:

Cherish the Animals at 503-968-5998
Animal Aid at 503-292-6628

Animal caregivers in Marian or Polk counties who need
assistance with the spay or neuter of their cats are asked to
contact Salem Friends of Felines at 503-581-9444.

If none of these options work for people, POPPA can still
help by having a volunteer call them back within a week with
information regarding which organization in their area can
best assist them. Or, if every other avenue turns out to be a
dead end, we will ultimately fund the surgery directly--
nobody gets turned away empty handed.

The point here is, we finally realized POPPA was
duplicating efforts by trying to handle all the calls for spay/
neuter assistance throughout Oregon. And, that we were
better at fundraising than anything else anyway. Soooo,
our Board of Directors decided it would be more efficient to
utilize our limited number of volunteers by letting them focus
on caring for and selling plants at Recycled Gardens,
soliciting donations, and grant writing--tasks our volunteers
enjoy, and a happy volunteer is a loyal volunteer!