

Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

WATERING SEASON CAME EARLY!!!

The unseasonably warm Spring-like weather we've been enjoying this February means the nursery is in dire need of watering! So please, use this as an excuse to make time in your busy schedules to spend an hour or two out in the country on our little "farm" waving a watering wand while you soak up some rays. The plants will LOVE you for it, and remember, for every three hours you volunteer you get to take home a 1-gallon plant of your choice!

NEW Plant of the Month Program

Starting this May we'll be featuring a different Plant of the Month on our website, www.POPPAinc.org, which will be on sale at \$3.00 per gallon for the month it's featured, as both an educational and FUN way to add great flora to your Oregon garden. Of course, our first featured item is a native Oregonian, Mahonia aquifolium, or Oregon Grape... low maintenance, glossy leaves, clusters of yellow flowers, wildlife friendly and native. Does this sound like your dream perennial? Recycled Gardens has lots of Oregon Grape ready to plant in your garden.

This useful evergreen native comes in a variety of sizes from groundcovers up to 10-foot tall. It grows in sun and shade. The leaves often put on a late season show when they turn purplish or fiery red in Winter.

Used in naturescaping and wildlife gardens, the plant provides food and cover for wildlife. The berries ripen in late summer and are eaten by many birds including grouse, pheasants, robins, waxwings, juncos, sparrows, and towhees. Foxes, raccoons, coyotes, and black bears also eat the berries and deer and elk will occasionally browse the leaves and flowers. Orchard mason bees, various small wasps, painted lady butterflies, and other flying pollinators feed on the nectar.

Humans often use the berries too to make jelly. Recipes can be found at the Oregon State Extension website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/fed/foodsp/pdf/50-536.pdf>. And, a literature search shows that Oregon Grape had been touted as an alternative therapy for psoriasis and exzema!

This Oregon native was designated the Oregon State Flower in 1899. It was cultivated across Europe after being introduced by David Douglas, who had collected seeds in 1823.

Recycled Gardens will remain on Winter hours, Saturdays ONLY 10-5, through March. Seasonal hours start AFTER the Spring Sale April 2-3.

PLANTS WANTED AND NOT

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

Bamboo, all clumping varieties
Heavenly bamboo "Plum Passion"
Hellebores
Japanese Snowbell (Styrax Japonica)
Lelandi cypress & rocket junipers
Weeping evergreen trees
Witch hazel
Vines of any kind

Special donation: Thanks to the generous folks who own Metamorphosis Nursery in Sherwood, we've got lots of fancy houseplant orchid cactus and bromiliads in stock--get yours at the Spring Sale April 2-3!!!

Plants we DON'T WANT...

Arborvitae, asters, Campanula sp., daylilies--yellow or orange, Digitalis, daffodil, tulip & grape hyacinth bulbs, tall iris of any kind, Lychnis coronaria (rose campion), red hot poker, ribbon grass, tea roses, Shasta daisy, vinca, violets, and yucca.

Plant-Swapping in the works!

What with plant-swapping being all the rage these days, we at RG thought it a good idea to hop aboard the bandwagon. However, we still need to make it a fundraiser of sorts so we can cover the cost of "fixing" the critters. Soooo, we've decided we can do this by hosting swaps at the nursery on the first Sunday morning of every month April-September, from 10-12am, IF participants are willing to pay a \$15 membership fee per year to defray the cost of our providing breakfast foods.

What your money and two potted plants (minimum size being 1-gallon) from your garden each month gets you is membership in our Breakfast Club, plus the opportunity to take home one 1-gallon plant from amongst those brought in by other members or one 1-gallon plant from regular nursery stock, with all remaining plants being donated to RG. Of course, if you've got some, we'd love it if you'd bring additional plants to donate!

Sound like FUN? Then send in your check for \$15 made out to POPPA Inc. with "Plant Swap" noted in the Memo field and we'll get you a membership card. We're sure you'll enjoy this program as it will give you a chance to socialize with other Hortiholics on Sunday mornings while enjoying good coffee and treats in a rural garden setting!

Helping pets get 'snipped' is a snap!

We've made two important changes to simplify volunteering with POPPA. First, a password is no longer needed to sign up on our events calendar for FUN volunteer opportunities such as the Snowball Fight and Grape Grab! Secondly, a partial list of available volunteer positions is now posted on our website. We've put a lot of thought into the list; please look it over and let us know which positions interest you—then ask your friends to do the same! Both the calendar and the volunteer position list are posted at <http://www.poppainc.org/volunteer.asp>.

Tom & Mom Cat Special Earns National Attention & Support

POPPA is working with Indigo Rescue, Spay Today!, Friends of Shelter Animals, and 41 participating Portland Metro and Salem area veterinary clinics to put on the 4th annual Tom & Mom Cat Special (<http://www.spayoregon.org>) during the month of March, in honor of Spay Day USA. Please see the enclosed Story of Tomm & Momm Katt for details.

POPPA has agreed to take advantage of this opportunity to invest in a manageable kitten season this Summer by stepping in to subsidize veterinary expenses with an additional \$20 per female cat spayed, that's 475 mom cats--a \$9,500 promise! In order to meet this obligation we've been actively soliciting sponsors and donations and have already realized substantial gifts from Pet Cross of Seattle (which puts on the Portland Int'l Beerfest), Portland Music Co., and Best Friends Animal Society, which will be bringing their national No More Homeless Pets Conference to Portland April 22-24 (more information about this life-changing event for animal lovers posted at <http://www.bestfriends.com/nomorehomelesspets/>).

We're now in the midst of a full-on campaign to come up with the remaining \$4,000 we've promised to cover. Please stay posted for developments, and talk up the event to your friends, better yet, host a fundraiser and hand out the Tomm & Momm Katt flyers—this is a real chance to reduce cat overpopulation in 2005!



Check it out, now YOU can help us fix critters by giving us your trash!

Recycled Gardens is happy to announce we are now partnered with an organization willing to give us cash back for turning in used ink jet and laser cartridges. That's right! Empty ink jet and laser cartridges can be recycled and re-used. For each *recyclable* cartridge you bring to RG instead of tossing in the trash, POPPA will receive up to \$4.00, usually \$2.00 for each ink jet and \$1.00 - \$12.00 for each laser. For your convenience, we have set up a recycle bin under the stairs inside the barn at RG. Please bring your empty cartridges with you the next time you come to shop for plants!

Please note: Not all cartridges are recyclable at this time. We can't take ink jet cartridges made by or for Epson or other styles that have no electronic circuitry.

A helpful hint on what we CAN'T use: If the body of the cartridge is clear, gray or white, we can't recycle it. If you have a question regarding this new program, give Jackie Nelson a call at 503-690-2002 or send her an email at Jackietnelson@aol.com.

Food Funds Furry Fixes

Saturday, January 15, a good time was had by all 15 hardy souls who made it to a POPPA **Party for Pets** despite icy roads and weather advisories to 'drive at your own risk.' The guests were asked for donations to POPPA in lieu of hostess gifts. The idea for the event came from our loyal POPPA volunteer Sue Adams, who solicited POPPA donations in lieu of birthday gifts a couple of years ago...thanks, Sue!

With donations made during the event, and mail-in donations from would-be guests who were unable to make it, the proceeds from the evening total \$1,756! See www.POPPAinc.org for ideas on how YOU can re-connect with friends and loved ones by holding a POPPA party, too—and all for a good cause!

POPPA, Inc.'s spay/neuter tally as of February 25, 2005 stands at 7,891 animals fixed! We want to thank all of our volunteers and donors for helping us achieve this in less than four years. It's true--people working together ARE making Oregon's animals precious again!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1, 7-9pm \$3.00 cover p/person
***Fools in the Garden... Creatures,
Characters and Winged Things!***
At The Artfull Garden

140 NE Third in Hillsboro

Catered by Sidney's Cafe

Wine tasting: Orenco Station's

Renaissance Premium Wines & Cigars

Carla Nomaiia whimsically performs poetry-dance and exhibits original fine art... Alisa Looney playfully presents LIVE painting and performance art... And, the singer/songwriter Kona sweetly performs original works in celebration of the Earth.

April 2-3, 10:00am-5:00pm
Recycled Gardens'
"No Foolin" Plant Sale

Recycled Gardens has had a phenomenal donation season, so we're packed with great merchandise and are dropping prices to ONLY \$3.00 per gallon for our season opener. This price is for everything except specially tagged mature trees and shrubs (which usually cost less than the per gallon price). No foolin! So grab your checkbook (NO plastic please) and head on out to Recycled Gardens, 6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road in Hillsboro, 1.2 miles north of Hwy 26 at Exit 62.

April 9-10, 10:00am-3:00pm
Hardy Plant Society Spring Plant Sale
Washington County Fairgrounds
in Hillsboro

Over 70 plant vendors offering exciting plants for your garden, often including rare or very unusual flora covering all spectrums of the garden. Alpines, bog plants, perennials of all types, trees, shrubs, grasses-- everything you could want!

Come and be part of what makes HPSO so great, the plants, the people, and new vistas for your garden.

More info at 503-224-5718 or online via

www.hardyplantsociety.org

May 20-21, 8:00am-2:00pm both days
Westside Garage Sale to Benefit POPPA
5470 SW 149th Avenue in Beaverton

To donate saleables or coordinate a 'sister sale' in another part of town, contact Celeste Crimi at 503-626-4070 ext. 2 or online at spay@POPPAinc.org.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Please make a few copies of the enclosed flyer announcing our \$10 Tom & Mom Cat Special for March and post it or pass it out. Your help will guarantee we "fix" our goal of 1,400 animals!!!



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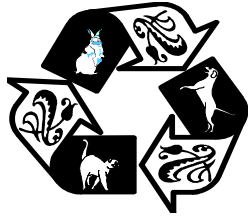
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POPPA Inc., Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates

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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FUNdraising

The success of POPPA's spay/neuter programs, like this year's Tom and Mom Cat Special in honor of Spay Day USA, for which we've promised to pay an additional \$20 per female cat fixed to the tune of over \$7,500, have been making National headlines in animal welfare/rescue publications for a couple years now and this has brought us some well-deserved recognition. However, it has also garnered us the attention of local shelters and rescue groups who have begun referring needy caregivers to us in droves, so many that we currently give away \$1,000 a week in spay/neuter money! Thing is, the sale of plants at Recycled Gardens simply cannot pull in that kind of cash. What this means is we need to find new ways to raise funds to meet demand and YOU can help. How? Welllll, at a recent fundraising meeting we came up with several fun suggestions like:

- ♥ Host a wine-tasting with a cover charge...
- ♥ Hold a gourmet dinner party and ask participants to make a donation (typically \$20 per person without alcohol)... you could even make it a doggy dinner party or picnic...
- ♥ Have a garage sale and advertise it as a POPPA spay/neuter benefit event to solicit donations of stuff and bring in the shoppers...
- ♥ Organize a bowl-a-thon, bike ride, or maybe an animal-inclusive run/walk with an entry fee...
- ♥ Sell Recycled Gardens' plants at local events like street fairs and farmer's markets, any place tables and/or booths are available...
- ♥ Design and make a craft to sell online and in gift shops (i.e., the hand-crafted wine bottle bibs, pet bandanas, dog collars, and bird feeder wreaths we've got for sale on the POPPA website at www.POPPAinc.org)...
- ♥ Buy eScrip via the POPPA website...
- ♥ Put on a bake sale featuring dog and kitty treats or food for birds and squirrels...
- ♥ Write and perform a puppet show about being a responsible animal caregiver...
- ♥ Hold a car, or better yet, dog wash...

Or, if you don't have the time for any of the above, DONATE!

Making it Matter:

Testimonials from the Trenches

"We really appreciate your assistance with our kitties. We had planned on just one kitty, but we just couldn't separate the brother cats. They are a funny, sweet, rowdy little team together and we all are enjoying them, especially our kids. Thanks again for your support and care of animals...and people."

- Jeanne P., Oregon



Just one of the many beloved kitties "fixed" through POPPA as part of this year's Tom & Mom Cat Special.

Getting a Leg Up on Overpopulation Through Legislation

The Oregon Spay/Neuter Task Force continues to 'doggedly' pursue legislation that would require County Animal Controls to take \$3 from each pet license to effectively and proactively fund spay/neuter for animals brought in by underprivileged Oregonians, www.oregonspayneuter.org.