

Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW REAL FRIENDLY PLANT LOVERS

Recycled Gardens has been getting a lot of good publicity lately and it should result in more shoppers than ever at the nursery. This means we could really use some additional volunteers willing to be trained as sales staff, so nobody will have to man the place solo any of the four days of the week we're open for business. Thing is, it's actually more FUN than work when you volunteer to do sales, because you spend most of your time helping eager gardeners select plants for their yards. And, you learn a lot too, because you're constantly looking up the particulars on our nursery stock in all the reference books.

PLEASE give it a try... maybe just job-shadowing for one afternoon at first. We're willing to bet you'll see how much FUN it is and want to do more!

WATERING SEASON IS ALREADY UPON US

The experts are predicting unseasonably warm Spring-like weather to begin in 2006 as early as March. This means the nursery will be 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!

SEEDS, SEEDS, SEEDS!!!

As a direct result of our director, Keni Cyr-Rumble, doing an interview published in Gardening How-To magazine, Recycled Gardens realized several donations of seeds from across the country! Many thanks to all the magazine's readers who contributed. And, another BIG thank you to the two volunteers, Linda Dlugokecki and Natalie Cohen (with lots of help from her mother, Zori) who each spent several days sorting, bagging, and labeling all those seeds so we can sell them to YOU just in time for Spring planting! So be sure to check out the seed collection when you come to the No Foolin Plant Sale on April 1-2.

Recycled Gardens will remain on Winter hours, Saturdays ONLY 10-5, through March. Seasonal hours start AFTER the Spring Sale April 1-2.

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
Corydalis
Daphne
Fuchsia
Japanese Maples (weeping types)
Weeping evergreen trees
Witch hazel
Vines of any kind, especially clematis

Plants we DON'T WANT...

Ajuga, Arborvitae, Asters, Bamboo - runner types, Black-eyed Susan, Calla Lily, Campanula sp., Cardoon, Catnip, Cherry Trees, Chives, Coneflower - purple, Crocosmia - red-orange, Crocus bulbs, Culinary Oregano, Daffodil bulbs, Dahlia, Daisy - Fleabane, Daylilies (yellow or orange), Digitalis, Echinacea, Emerald Carpet, English Lavender, Geranium (hardy), Grape Hyacinth bulbs, Grapes, Grass, Blue Oak Grass, Yellow-eyed grass, Iris of any kind, Iris (Pacific Native), Ivy, Japanese Anemone, Jasmine (Winter), Miscanthus, Oak Trees, Obedient Plant, Lamb's Ear, Lily of the Valley, Lychnis coronaria, Pampas Grass, Rock Cress, Roses, Shasta daisy, Solidago, Ribbon grass, Tulip bulbs, Vinca, Violets, Yarrow, Yucca

And, PLEASE, no houseplants until after the Spring Plant Sale 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. We'll even trade you some clay pots you can use for annuals instead!

Unprecedented Interest in \$10 Springtime Spay/Neuter!

Tom & Mom Cat Special (www.spayoregon.org) volunteers found out quickly this year that most barriers to spay/neuter are financial rather than philosophical.

The 5th annual TMCS event was targeted to help low income households with the cost of having 1000+ cats spayed/neutered in honor of Spay Day USA. This year was the busiest ever, and slots at Portland and Salem area vets filled up quickly.

Volunteers from 4 other coordinating nonprofits joined POPPA in responding to over 800 requests for help spaying/neutering over 1500 cats. Yowza! The 'extra' cats were referred to other low cost options so nobody went 'unfixed'.

Oregon owes a BIG thank you to the following participating TMCS clinics:

Animal Medical Clinic
Arbor Pet Clinic
Ash Creek Animal Clinic
Barclay Hills Animal Clinic
Best Friends Veterinary Medical Center
Bethany Family Pet Clinic
Broadway Veterinary Clinic
Capitol Veterinary Clinic
Cat Adoption Team
Chehalem Animal Clinic
Clackamas County Vet Clinic - West Linn
Clackamas County Veterinary Clinic
Companion Pet Clinic - Gresham
Companion Pet Clinic - Keizer
Companion Pet Clinic - N Salem
Companion Pet Clinic - Tigard
Companion Pet Clinic - Woodburn
Cornell Center Animal Hospital
Crossroads Veterinary Hospital
Eagle Fern Veterinary
Family Pet Clinic
Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon
Forest Heights Veterinary Clinic
Hawthorne Veterinary Clinic
Lombard Animal Hospital
Moreland Veterinary Hospital
Mountain View Veterinary Clinic
Neighborhood Animal Hospital
Newberg Veterinary Hospital

North Plains Veterinary Clinic
North Portland Veterinary Hospital
Pacific Avenue Veterinary Clinic
Pacific Veterinary Hospital
Sherwood Family Pet Clinic
Stark Street Animal Clinic
Tigard Animal Hospital
Town & Country Animal Hospital
Valley Veterinary Hospital
Vista Pet Hospital
Walnut Street Veterinary Clinic
Willowbrook Veterinary Hospital
Woodburn Pet Hospital

Sponsors for TMCS 2006 were:

Portland Music Company
Pet Cross
Doris Day Animal Foundation

And, co-coordinators included volunteers with:

Indigo Rescue
Spay Today!
Salem Friends of Felines
Friends of Shelter Animals
POPPA

Testimonials from the Trenches

"Thank you so much for taking the time to do such great research, and thanks to POPPA for enabling me to take proper care of my bunnies. I greatly appreciate your help."
~ R.W.

"Because of you we were able to keep the sweet, female cat who showed up on our porch. With the cost of spaying, shots, etc., we were probably going to have to take her to the humane society or find a home for her somewhere. Now, our other cats are getting to know her and we are happy to have her here and will take good care of her. Thank you." ~ S.S.

"I can't thank you enough. I am between jobs right now and it's really hard and I have been so worried. I can't tell you how grateful I am." ~ S.E.

"Wow, you made it all so easy, I really appreciate all your work! I can't thank you enough, this is wonderful!" ~ D.T.

"I am just so glad I am no longer alone in all this." ~ A.F.

We really go out of our way to provide excellent customer service to everyone whom we come in contact with. And when we receive positive feedback, it helps us know we're helping not just pets and the planet, but people, too. What a good feeling. Please join us by filling out the volunteer application at <http://www.poppainc.org/volunteer.asp>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1-2, 10:00am-5:00pm Recycled Gardens' "No Foolin" Plant Sale

Recycled Gardens is once again bursting at the seams with donated plant material looking for a permanent home in YOUR garden, so we're 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 generally work out to 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, just 1.2 miles north of Hwy 26 at Exit 62B.

April 8-9, 10:00am-3:00pm Hardy Plant Society of Oregon's Spring Plant Sale Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro

If you didn't find what you were looking for at RG's No Foolin Plant Sale, you're sure to locate that special plant amongst the 70 vendors at this event, as they'll be offering rare or very unusual flora covering all spectrums of the garden, in addition to all the plants everybody knows and loves.

More info at 503-224-5718 or online via
www.hardyplantsociety.org



Newman & Lynx--a pair of POPPA recipients.



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April 1-2**

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Watch POPPA Grow!

Check out these exciting facts about POPPA's growth in 2005.

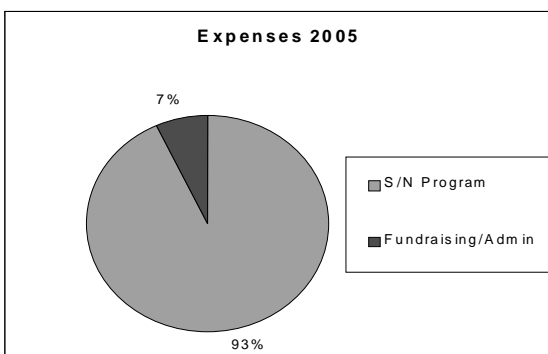
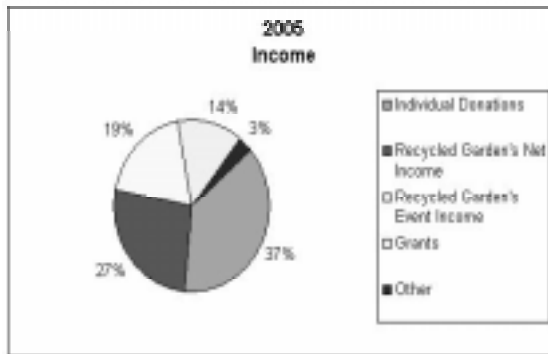
POPPA's Spay/Neuter Assistance Program spayed or neutered a total of 2746 animals (an increase of 57% over 2004)

Total Cats: 2349
Total Dogs: 385 (up by 96% over 2004)
Total Rabbits: 12

Income from Recycled Garden's events and net sales net grew by 66% over 2004.

Income from individual donations and grants grew by 200% over 2004.

Below is a summary of our income and expenses for 2005.



Be part of our continued growth--
Help us Get Them Fixed in 2006!

“Snipped in the Bud”: Matching Campaign for Springtime Spay/Neuter

Have you been enjoying the first signs of spring? This is a wonderful time of year for gardeners, especially. How thrilling to notice the first spring bulbs shooting up pointy leaves!

For unfixed animals, there is a dark side to these sunnier times. If it's warm enough for new green in the yard, it's warm enough for mating season. We're already getting calls right and left about females in heat—let's get overpopulation “Snipped in the Bud!”.

This isn't supposed to be happening yet, but the warm flush we had early in 2006 jumpstarted animals' dormant reproductive systems. Scientists predict this will be the warmest year in history. Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work for the furies!

Since the #1 way to save lives later on in the year is to spay/neuter every critter we can right now, two very special donors have teamed up to offer POPPA supporters a \$5000 matching campaign. One of the “Snipped in the Bud!” matching sponsors is Roth Built, at www.rothbuilthomes.com. Thank you, Melodie and Tim!

How does a matching campaign work? You contribute to POPPA between now and May 31. The matching donors promise to also give, matching your gift dollar for dollar, until they've kicked in \$5000 and individual donors have kicked in \$5000—for a total of \$10,000 to help the critters get “Fixed in '06.” We know that's a lot of money; together we can do it!

We're really excited about this opportunity to actually enjoy gardening season without worrying about unwanted or sick litters of newborns. Since POPPA's average level of assistance is about \$30, a matching donation means that every \$15 gives an at-risk pet the lifesaving gift of spay/neuter, just when they need it most. Matching doubles the Payment... and the Spay-ment!

How many \$15 lifesavers can you throw to 'budding' critters this spring? Please help us take advantage of this opportunity by sending a donation today to POPPA Inc, PO Box 5721 Beaverton OR 97006, or by donating securely online at www.POPPAinc.org.