

# Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

## DIG SEASON CLOSES

Because the warm weather makes it harder on both the plants and volunteers digging them out, as of the end of May we will have cleared off the 2002 dig list and will only schedule new digs for Fall/Winter of 2003.

It's not that we don't appreciate an opportunity to take in new stock all year long, it's just that our success rate [the number of plants we can keep alive] drops dramatically when they suffer heat stroke on top of transplant shock. So please understand, we're doing this for you. We really want to be able to say we've found your plant donations a good home, not that we had to compost them.

Something else that needs mention here, because we've been receiving a lot of calls from homeowners anxious to have large plants removed from their yards and receive a tax write-off for them, is that there seems to be a common misinterpretation of the term "Dig Crew". Our crew is NOT comprised of a couple of hunky guys, heavy machinery, and large trucks with lift gates, it's actually half a dozen grandmothers with shovels and their own personal pick-up trucks. We simply cannot dig out and lift into our little trucks anything with a trunk we can't put our hands around, or manage to do more than a couple of digs a week because our staff is comprised entirely of volunteers who have to work the digs into their already busy calendars. Also, in the interest of not competing with the many maintenance gardeners and landscapers who donate regularly to us, we ONLY dig for donors willing to assist us in removing plants from their gardens.

### SIGN PAINTER WANTED

*Recycled Garden's current street signage is way too generic, industrial even, and simply doesn't catch the eye of folks traveling rapidly along Cornelius Pass Road north to Hwy 30. The solution, we need a billboard! Can you paint? Murals? If so, please give us a call at 503-626-4070 and we'll get you set up with all the materials you need, even a rough draft of what we think we want, though you'll have carte blanche regarding artistic license.*

## 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  
Huckleberries  
Lavender (assorted)  
Lilac (dark purple)  
Japanese lace leaf maples  
Portugese laurel  
Sedums (assorted, including Hens 'n' chicks)  
Viburnum plicatum tomatosa  
Vines, any kind  
Vine maple  
Violets, scented

## WATERING CREW NEEDED

Finally our warm summer weather has arrived (though it seems to be interspersed with a few more gloomy days than usual)! Thing is, warm days mean more work at Recycled Gardens because all of our nursery stock is in black plastic pots which heat up quite rapidly in the sun. This means we need YOU to help us keep the plants from dying of thirst. PLEASE, if you have even an hour to spare each week, give us a call at 503-626-4070 and sign up to hand water our nursery stock.

Believe me, when you have a total of four to six hours worth of watering to do every day, each hour that can be shared is extremely helpful. *Why don't we spend the bucks to automate things?* We would if we could, but because we're on a well and our current pump that draws the water up from 400 feet underground can't handle the strain. Besides, what better way is there to get a quick tan than by standing in the sun for hours holding a watering wand? Come on, volunteer, it's good for you! It's true, research proves volunteers live longer, check it out for yourself.

# ***Oregon Neutermobile***

***by Celeste Crimi, Director***

## **WE'VE GOT ANOTHER VET ONBOARD!!!**

A BIG welcome goes out to veterinary surgeon Dr. Terry McCoy who will be available to, between his existing relief jobs, work on the ON days that our primary vet, Dr. Henry, can't. He comes very highly recommended as being, like Dr. Henry, a skilled, swift surgeon used to professionally and competently handling a large patient load.

This should be substantial assistance, as he's available three days on, two days off, and will be able to help on many of the weekends that were previously off-limits to us. Finally, Dr. Henry won't have to be the only surgeon for ON! We love having her, so we don't want to burn her out. And, this means we can work in a more concentrated way--volunteers, paid vet tech, and clinic site availability permitting.

Right now we're experiencing a dilemma where lots of counties want us at pretty much the same time--Clatsop, Coos, Klamath, and Linn/Benton. So, being able to go into a community and be open to the public more often than three days a week, half of the weeks (in effect, six days a month) will help us tremendously in servicing the need expressed by County Hosts.

Of course, we still have a need for certified vet techs, per the job description on our website at [www.all4animals.org/neutermobile](http://www.all4animals.org/neutermobile) or call us at 503-626-4070 for more info.

## **WISH LIST EXPANDS**

Actually taking the ON on the road brought to light the fact that there are several supplies we still lack and would appreciate having donated. Things like towels and bedding for recovering animals, spray bottles, beverages in cans and bottles for the volunteers, picnic supplies like plastic utensils, a can opener and paper plates, stamps and copy paper for mailings, even a trash can!

Of course we're still in need of live traps (#24 Tuffy at \$27 each from Aces at 1-800-338-ACES), pet carriers and a laptop computer with portable printer. If you can afford to purchase any of this new and donate it to us, we'll be forever grateful and you'll get a tax write-off.

## **ON MAKES A SERIOUS DENT IN TILLAMOOK CAT POPULATION**

The tally of animals fixed in Tillamook on the Oregon Neutermobile over just nine days was 235! WOW! That's especially good news since when we arrived there were only 8 cats scheduled for the entire 3-day clinic. Our volunteers sprang to action, 'recruiting' patients by talking to their friends feeding strays or living with intact animals and urging them to bring any and all for surgery; the paper came through with a blurb that resulted in people walking in with their animals hoping we could fit them in that day, and Jody Harmon, cat Trapper extraordinaire, drove up from Corvallis to help trap ferals.

Every caretaker Jody worked with seemed to know of three or more feral colonies nearby, so things kind of snowballed. One night, Jody and Celeste managed to trap 18 feral cats! Even the local high school Key Club members came out to volunteer and wound up getting their cats fixed once they understood that pregnant females can be spayed. They pointed us to at least 11 neighborhood ferals and 2 sisters brought in their cat, pregnant for the 2nd time--phew, just in the nick of time. It was great seeing the kids enthusiasm as they began to understand just what 'overpopulation' really means--death to about 50% of animals surrendered in Oregon each year.

Our third week went wonderfully smoothly. Lydia Sorenson, our new Certified Vet Tech, brought us to a greater level of professionalism. As a result, we needed the fewest number of volunteers yet--thanks to the ones we had working efficiently and knowledgeably.

We're finding it very exciting to set dates for our next clinics. As this goes to print, we'll be wrapping up a week in Clatsop County. For June, we hope to pay a visit to Nehalem in Tillamook County and in July we'll be in Coos County. In the meantime, it's imperative that Tillamook County residents continue to make altering local cats and dogs an immediate priority. PLEASE don't backslide in our joint goal of ensuring 70-80% of the pet population is altered in a single breeding cycle! Accomplishing this will cause the population growth rate to plateau, meaning there'll actually be enough homes for the animals. If you know of a tame of house pet that still needs their alteration surgery, please take them to a local veterinarian. If you know of a stray or feral (not tame) cat that isn't yet "fixed", please contact Jaylen Jones, who coordinates the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon's local Certificat voucher program, at 503-842-7710.

Thank you, Tillamook, for catching the 'Spay/Neuter Fever' with us!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 7-Sept 27, 2003**

**Saturdays, 8:00-1:00**

**Cedar Mill Farmers Market**

**on the corner of SW Murray & Cornell**

Recycled Gardens' volunteers will be offering our terrific plants for sale at this market for their entire season. This gives you early risers an opportunity to buy plants along with your fresh produce, cut flowers and crafts first thing in the morning which makes it possible for you to get home and plant your purchases the same day.

**June 21, 8:00am-5:00pm**

**Recycled Gardens Participates with the  
Rabbit Advocates in Eastmoreland  
Garage Sale Weekend at  
7828 SE 35th Avenue, Portland**

We're returning to our roots by providing the "lure" of a plant sale for the Rabbit Advocates bunny adoption efforts during this HUGE garage sale weekend. Don't miss your chance to buy our terrific plants at the regular nursery price of ONLY \$3.50 a gallon while also having an opportunity to learn what great house pets rabbits are and poke through a hundred or more garages full of great treasures for sale.



**POPPA, Inc.**

Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates, Inc.

P.O. Box 5721

Beaverton OR 97006-5721

**Recycled Gardens  
Birthday Bash  
June 28**

**June 28, 10:00-9:00**

**RECYCLED GARDENS  
BIRTHDAY BASH**

**6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro**

We're two years old! And it's time to party!!!

Come on out and you'll find all of our nursery stock on sale for \$2.50 a gallon, live music by Prime Number, The Shivers, Scott ???, and other great performers all day, cake, games (with prizes), tours of our Oregon Neutermobile, individually priced tastes of recipes prepared by members of the Raw Food Movement, and a raffle for \$100 worth of plants.

After we close the nursery at 5:00pm we'll have a real party featuring an appetizer, side salad, and dessert buffet to compliment the BBQ'd burgers, both beef and Garden. Beverages, beer and wine will also be included in the \$10 per person dinner ticket. But the music is FREE, all day and all night! So grab your family and friends, put on your dancing shoes and come join the FUN!

**July 15-17**

**Oregon Neutermobile in Coos County**

If you've been hankering to make a Summer trip to the Oregon Coast, make it a positive experience by volunteering with the Oregon Neutermobile while it's out there conducting a spay/neuter clinic.

Questions? Call 503-626-4070.

**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.



# POPPA, Inc.

Pet Over-Population Prevention Advocates, Inc.  
PO Box 5721, Beaverton OR 97006  
503-626-4070

Summer Edition 2003

## POPPA, INC. & RECYCLED GARDENS TURN TWO

That's right, Recycled Gardens and POPPA, Inc. will be two years old on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and we're having a birthday party to celebrate on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and you'll find all of our nursery stock on sale for ONLY \$2.50 a gallon, live music by Prime Number, The Shivers, Scott MacDonald, and other great performers all day, cake, games (with prizes), tours of our Oregon Neutermobile, individually priced tastes of recipes prepared by members of the Raw Food Movement, and a raffle for \$100 worth of plants.

After we close the nursery at 5:00pm we'll have a real party featuring an appetizer, side salad, and dessert buffet to compliment the BBQ'd burgers, both beef and Garden. Beverages, beer and wine will also be included in the \$10 per person dinner ticket. But the music is FREE, all day and all night! So grab your family and friends, put on your dancing shoes and come on out to Recycled Gardens at 6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road in Hillsboro for a benefit party to celebrate our second year of doing business, a lot of business, enough to pay for the spay/neuter of almost 1,000 companion animals!



### **HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!**

**Please run off just 10 copies of the enclosed flyer announcing our BIRTHDAY PARTY and post it or pass it out. Your help will make this benefit event a BIG success. Remember, all profits allow POPPA to fund the spay/neuter of pets.**

## **SPAY/NEUTER TALLY**

**As of May 31, 2003, POPPA, Inc. has now paid for the spay/neuter of 757 cats, 94 dogs, and 13 rabbits! That's a total of 864 animals, resulting in the prevention of tens of thousands of baby critters who may have gone homeless. This is something to be VERY proud of!**

**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.**

## POT RECYCLING WORKS AS A FUNDRAISER

Yes, you heard right, POPPA's nursery, Recycled Gardens new pot recycling program is working to raise funds for our spay/neuter programs. So if you've got a load of plastic nursery pots sitting in your yard, now is the time to bring them to us as Agri Plas of Keizer will be sending up a truck to collect them for recycling within a month. Remember, we can ONLY accept standard plastic nursery pots, 1-gallon size and larger. NO 4-inch annual pots, NO hanging baskets, NO flimsy plastic house plant pots—these are all garbage to us too and we will have to sort them out and find someone to haul them to the dump, at our expense, if you mix them in with the recyclables. We also accept flats, but ONLY open flats, nothing with divisions or compartments meant to hold 4-inch or round pots. Please do not bring us anything other than 1-gallon and larger standard nursery pots and regular open flats.

All donations of pots, no matter how many or how few, must be accompanied by a \$5 cash donation in order for this program to work as a fundraiser. Pots should be delivered to Recycled Gardens during regular business hours, 10-5, Thursday through Sunday. Please do not disturb the residents of the property by coming out when we are not open. Thank you.