

Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE...

And our craft-making volunteers have been giving generously of their time and creative talent in the hope that you'll come shop our Winter Solstice Gift Bazaar for presents for your loved ones. Or, if your family doesn't exchange gifts, you can always come to the bazaar to share a cup of hot cider with us while you make a monetary donation in their name and we'll give you a handsome certificate acknowledging it. Either way you'll be helping us pay for more spay/neuter surgeries for companion animals all over Oregon. And, boy, do we have a lot of requests for our limited dollars these days!

POPPA, Inc. now gets an average of 25 calls a week from folks asking for help with spay/neuter surgery fees. Some of those callers are receiving public assistance and can be referred to other organizations for financial aid, but we've been sending out at least \$500 a week for months and now we're really short of funds. Remember, at Recycled Gardens, POPPA's fundraising division, we pay no salaries, and keep our overhead to a minimum (port-o-potty, voice mail system, cell phone, mailbox, bulk rate postage, gasoline, kerosene, bottled beverages for the volunteers, and trash). In fact, we still don't have electricity in the barn, a graveled parking lot, or a finished greenhouse, because we prefer to spend our money on spay/neuter surgeries. That's what it's all about anyway, helping the animals. Actually, we're pretty proud of what we have accomplished at Recycled Gardens with donated materials and very little money. So please, help us continue to reduce the animal over-population problem during the winter months, when plant sales are almost nil, by shopping our bazaar or sending in whatever donation you can. Even \$1.00 will make a difference and *it's tax deductible*.

Volunteer Calendar Now Online

Even though we still have no electricity at the nursery itself, you can now go online to see what Volunteer Opportunities are available at Recycled Gardens. Simply log into our website at www.POPPAinc.org and go to the Volunteer Opportunities page. Click on Calendar and you'll see details of what we're up to at the nursery and where we'll be digging out new plant donations a couple times a week. You can also see if any of your friends will be coming out to help. If you see an opportunity that interests you and fits into your schedule, please Login and sign up. That way we'll know you're coming and can plan accordingly to have enough supplies and tools on hand.

Remember, for every three hours you work, you 'earn' a one-gallon plant! And, it's all GREAT exercise!!!

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

Blueberries
Cala magrestis acutiflora "Karl Foerster"
Cobra lily
Mahonia aka: Oregon grape
Quaking aspen trees
Weeping Japanese lace leaf maples
Viburnum plicatum tomatosa
Vine maple

Plants we **CANNOT** accept because we're already overstocked...

Arborvitae
Daylilies, yellow or orange
Grape hyacinth
Iris of any kind
Lychnis coronaria (rose campion)
Shasta daisy
Yucca

We also cannot take in houseplants because we have no way to keep them warm.

Give RG a Gift--Little Red Wagons

Have you got a little red wagon sitting around your garden somewhere just rusting away to nothing? If so, please consider donating it to Recycled Gardens as our pitiful fleet consists of only two and they are definately the "shopping cart" of choice among our customers. If you don't have a used one, but would still like to help us out, please either keep your eyes peeled while you're out garage-saleing, or watch the ads for toy stores to see if you can get a deal on one. Remember, POPPA, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit and all donations to both our divisions are tax-deductible. So, please, add us to your Gift List this year--you'll be doing the animals a favor by reducing our overhead expenses!

***Recycled Gardens is now on
Winter Hours
Saturdays ONLY, 10:00am-5:00pm,***

TRAVELS (Continued from Page 1)

the freeway and started accelerating, the Neutermobile made awful noises, but nothing fell off, so I just plodded home. It couldn't get over 35 on some of those hills.

I realized there were no dashlights when it got dark. But then it was sort of a relief to not be able to see the speedometer and know how slowly I was going. When one car after another passed me with people yelling at me, I figured it was just abuse. Until one guy signaled me to pull over, and when I did he informed me that I had no taillights, so I drove with flashers on the rest of the way home. But I made it, just before midnight, and without hitting anything or going off the road even once.

While the Neutermobile was in Coos, I put out the word on a radio show that we were looking for a mechanic, with the offer, "You fix our Neutermobile and we'll fix your dog!" Well, they fixed some things, but when he said it would cost \$250 just to take the gas tank off to find out what the problem was with the gas gauge, never mind fixing it, well, this is why I'm so valuable that they want me on the Board of Directors. When an automechanic says \$250 I immediately say, "That's 10 fewer cat spays we could subsidize! No way!"

The second stay in Coos County was for 7 weeks, two of them 4-day clinics. It added another 599 spay/neuters to the total, bringing ON up to 1706. We set a few more records. People came from four counties, as much as 75 miles away. One woman cried when I told her we could do all her pets for only \$5 each. Another wrote that we all had a special crown waiting for us in heaven. And, in spite of those totals (873 for all 10 weeks in Coos) the phone was still ringing off the hook with requests for appointments. Or asking when the Neutermobile would be back.

But then we get to the next adventure — getting the Neutermobile to Crook. This time Celeste drove the Neutermobile while I followed. About 100 miles on our way, the Neutermobile died. Somewhere along the line, we realized that, actually, no one had gotten gas since I had, about 80 miles out from Klamath Falls, but even after a trip to get gas, the Neutermobile wouldn't start. So we went on to Crook to do the orientation without the Neutermobile. Then the mechanic called and said it had only been out of gas after all.

But wait, there's more. On the way back, I somehow got turned around. By the time I realized it, about 100 miles later, my car was almost out of gas and we were many many miles past the last gas station. The only chance we had was to keep going the wrong way.

We made it. Over the weekend, we went over the Santiam Pass 6 times. The last time involving a really scary amount of snow and passing many cars less fortunate than us who had gone off the road. All the time while I was worrying, "Shouldn't we stop and put the chains on?" and Celeste determinedly drove on. And, after all that, she had to get back into her own car and drive another 4 hours back to Portland.

Ah, but the Neutermobile is now safely in Crook County and planning to stay there until February. The folks there are enviably organized and I think they'll beat Coos County records for total spay/neuters and we'll reach our ON goal of 2003 for the year very soon.

And then in February, the coldest month of the year, Celeste and I will be taking the Neutermobile to Umatilla County. Where's my membership card to the martyr's club?

I notice Celeste has put on our needs list money to repair the gas gauge...

Records for the Oregon Neutermobile

Most surgeries in one day: Coos 7/9/03 45

Most surgeries in one clinic: Coos, PVM 7/7/03-7/9/03 110

Most surgeries in one week: Coos, PVM/CCC 7/7-7/13 209
Largest dog: Coos 9/8/03, "Tiny" St. Bernard, 151.8 pounds
Runner up: Coos 9/16/03, "Diesel" Rottweiler 137.2

Highest average weight of dogs: Coos 9/8, "St Bernard Day" 6 dogs 68.2

Runner up: Coos 9/16, "Big Dogs From Out of Town Day" 12 dogs 59.1

Most dogs fixed in a day: Klamath 7/26, "2nd Rottweiler Day" 22

Runner up: Klamath 7/25, "1st Rottweiler Day" 17

SPAY/NEUTER TALLY

As of November 21, 2003, POPPA, Inc. is directly responsible for the spay/neuter of 3,136 cats, 835 dogs, and 27 rabbits! That's 3,998 fewer breeding animals because we've either paid outright for their sterilization or done the surgery at very low cost on our 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 (ferrets too!) and we can refer folks in need to lots of veterinarians who will do the surgery for even less.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5-7, 10:00am-6:00pm Winter Solstice Gift Bazaar at Recycled Gardens

This sale will showcase a wide selection of POPPA's volunteers' own hand-crafted gift items made from recycled, reused, and/or natural materials, as well as those of several Cracked Pots artists (www.CrackedPots.org). All proceeds go to pay for the spay/neuter of companion animals.

Mulled wine, hot cider and Yule-tide snacks to fuel the holiday spirit provided. No charge for admittance.

For more info call 503-626-4070.

December 6, 10:00am-3:00pm Recycled Gardens to participate in Holiday Bazaar Benefit

at Hawthorne Farm Athletic Club in Hillsboro

This fundraiser benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of Hillsboro will feature demonstrations on yoga, healthy cooking, Pilates, exercise ball workouts, TaeKwonDo, and a Stellar Dance Company performance, in addition to the holiday bazaar showcasing over a dozen vendors, including Recycled Gardens. No charge for admittance. Sales of food and drink at the Club's Bistro also benefit charity. 4800 NE Belknap Ct., just off Cornell Rd. at Elam Young Pkwy East.

For more info call Heidi Sivers at 503-223-2680 x114.

December 6, 12:00am-4:00pm 'A Hound Holiday Happening'

to fund Washington County Off Leash Areas

This event offers doggy pictures with Santa, vendors, treats, and a raffle, to raise money to pay off building the Hazeldale Park Off Leash Area in Aloha. All participants will receive a \$1 gift certificate good at Recycled Gardens' Winter Solstice Gift Bazaar.

Join us at Schroeder's Den Day Care located at 2110 NW Aloclek Drive, Suite 620 in the Cornelius Pass Business Park just South of Cornell Road off Cornelius Pass Road.

For more info call 503-614-9899.

December 13, 10:00am-4:00pm 'Mindful Gifts Bazaar'

at Bridgeport United Church of Christ 621 NE 76th Ave. (x-Irving) in Portland

Shop the 2003 Mindful Gifts Bazaar! You'll find meaningful and affordable gifts from more than 50 local non-profits. Purchase unique gift tokens representing services or projects and support the work of great organizations like Recycled Gardens.

Discover really special, mindful gifts and enjoy the community, the musicians, and refreshments!

For more info call Rev. Susan Leo at 503-258-0992.



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**Recycled Gardens'
Winter Solstice Gift Bazaar
is December 5-7
Give a gift that makes a difference!**

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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MY TRAVELS WITH THE OREGON NEUTERMOBILE

By Lisa Wahl

Hello, gentle readers. Let me introduce myself. I am, Lisa Wahl, newest member of POPPA's Board of Directors. I got that honor from serving for about the last year as the Oregon Neutermobile's Director of Marketing, Webmistress, Local Host Support, Keeper of the Records and Statistics, and Holder of Any Other Title That Will Get Her To Do More Work.

And now I have been asked to tell you something about my adventures with the Neutermobile.

The day I had been working towards, ON's arrival in Coos County, happened in June of this year. Celeste drove the Neutermobile in, and, except for having two flat tires on the way, the first local site canceling just before Celeste's arrival, and no confirmed appointments for the first week, it went pretty smoothly. That first week was hosted by a group I'm not involved with, so I heard about this only second hand.

My first hand experience came in scheduling. With only the two 3-day clinics and being just flooded with calls from people wanting appointments, I kind of stretched the limits of how many pets we could do. We set a lot of records for the Neutermobile, which will probably stand because it was really way too much work for vet, vet tech and volunteers; 210 pets in a 7-day period!

But heartwarming work. 40% of our the pets were from people on Public Assistance, paying only \$10 or \$5 per pet. One family, who'd obviously adored their pets and had always known spay/neuter was the right thing to do, brought in 13 dogs and cats, as well as most of the family. It was a hectic check-in, but so nice to see.

Next, ON went to Klamath County, where Friends of Pets of Klamath Basin set some records of their own. They made a special stop to help out a fellow with 40 Rottweillers and trouble with the County. In the longest stay of the Neutermobile to that date, 6 weeks, they added another 430 spay/neuters.

But then, the Neutermobile had to come back to Coos from Klamath. And I offered to drive it... The gas gauge didn't work and the side mirror wouldn't stay adjusted. Flustered with learning to drive the thing, I took a wrong turn a few blocks after we set out, only the first of many. As soon as I

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Take a Country Holiday

Take a peek at our Calendar of Events page and you'll notice that the majority of happenings are on December 6th AND they're all within a few miles of each other. It's the perfect opportunity to spend a family day (with the dog too!) out in the "country", as the fringes of Hillsboro are called. Actually, there are a couple more fun stops you can make along the route too. So try on this sample itinerary:

Hawthorne Farm Athletic Club Holiday Bazaar from 10-12:00. Plenty of time to have a mid-morning snack and coffee, watch a few health-oriented demos, and shop the vendors.

'A Hound Holiday Happening' from 12-1:00 for doggy photos with Santa and other fun activities. Don't forget to ask for your \$1 gift certificate good at Recycled Gardens!

Cracked Pots Recycled Garden Art Show at the Cornelius Pass Roadhouse from 1-2:00. Your first opportunity to find great recycled garden art to give as gifts and you can get lunch too.

The Winter Solstice Gift Bazaar at Recycled Gardens from 2-3:00. Your BEST shopping opportunity as we'll have our own, Trillium Artisans, and several Cracked Pots artists ware's to sell. We've also got cookies and mulled wine!

Finally, stop in just down the road at Helvetia Winery (donors of the wine Recycled Gardens mulled) for more wine and to pick out your holiday tree and wreath!

Doesn't it sound like a truly FUN outing? You'll be getting some fresh air while enjoying the scenery AND you'll have a chance to buy gifts that make a difference, as every dollar spent at the events either goes to charity or keeps recyclable materials out of the landfills.

Be sure to check our Calendar of Events page for addresses and contact numbers if you have any questions or need directions to these events.