Recycled Gardens

6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road, Hillsboro

SEASONAL CHANGES AT RECYCLED GARDENS!!!

Be sure and check out the new Seasonal Bin in the Paddock at Recycled Gardens on your next visit--it will be brimming with sun-loving plants at their peak that surely will entice you to take them home. These plants WON'T be marked down in price, but they will be your best bet it you're looking to add instant color or foliage interest on the spur of the moment.

Plants that ARE on SALE each month now have their own special placards in front of them, as well as mention on our website, ***www.POPPAinc.org***, which always has the most up-to-date infomation about what's happening at Recycled Gardens and/or POPPA, Inc.

Vegetables, and sometimes even annuals, are not new to RG, but where we put them now is--look for the tall green portable greenhouse frames in the South Paddock. And remember, these plants are always HALF OFF our regular prices.

SUFFERING SEEDLINGS!!!

Though we truly appreciate any and all plant donations, and couldn't exist if it weren't for the bountiful generosity of our donors, we simply do not have the volunteers necessary to keep seedling trees, shrubs and/or perennials alive at Recycled Gardens. So please, if you plan to donate plants you've grown from cuttings or seeds, do not bring them out to RG until they are of a saleable size. This means trees should fit comfortably in a 5-gallon container, shrubs in a 2- or 3-gallon pot, and perennials in at least a 1-gallon can.

By the way, if you are interested in growing perennials for us, you are very welcome to come by the nursery to pick up supplies like potting soil and nursery containers (we have seeds too!)--we're happy to encourage propagating plants by making it as easy and inexpensive as possible!

Recycled Gardens final Open for Business weekdays this year will be Thursday & Friday, September 29th and 30th, from 10am-5pm. After that it's Saturdays ONLY until April 2006!

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
Delphinium (seeds if nothing else!)
Dwarf evergreens/conifers
Fuchsia
Hellebores
Japanese Maples, weeping varieties
Japanese Snowbell (Styrax Japonica)
Lelandi cypress & rocket junipers
Weeping evergreen trees
Witch hazel
Vines of any kind

Plants we're overstocked with and DON'T WANT any more of until they find a home...

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
Echinacia
Emerald Carpet
English Lavender
Geranium, hardy
Grape Hyacinth bulbs
Grapes
Grass, Blue Oak
Grass, Yellow-eyed
Iris of any kind
Iris, Pacific Native
Ivy
Japanese Anenome
Jasmine, Winter
Lamb's Ear
Lily of the Valley
Lychnis coronaria
Miscanthus
Oak Trees
Obedient Plant
Pampas Grass
Rock Cress
Roses
Shasta daisy
Solidago
Tibbon grass
Tulip bulbs
Vinca
Violets
Yarrow
Yucca

Notes from the Board...

This Summer, we welcomed key Recycled Gardens volunteer **Jackie Nelson** to POPPA's Board of Directors. Jackie started off as yet another enthusiastic shopper out at Recycled Gardens. She started lending a hand during her free time, and now we're so pleased to have the tireless assistance of this avid golfer and retired Intel worker with an impish sense of humor. Jackie's no-nonsense, common sense approach to business decisions supplies the board with a fresh perspective.

But, please don't think we rely on her just for high-level decisions; she spends a tremendous amount of time getting tanned and working hard out at Recycled Gardens. In fact, if you've shopped our resale garden center this year, it very well could have been Jackie who helped you decide on a rhododendron vs. a snowball bush, or helped you load up your purchases.

Jackie shares the rest of the board's special gift for not only coming up with good ideas, but also bringing those good ideas to fruition. Already she's helped us streamline our online plant inventory system at www.POPPAinc.org, made entryway improvements at the nursery a reality, and manages our ink cartridge recycle program. And much, much more! Thank you, Jackie, and welcome aboard!

Jackie lives near Recycled Gardens with her husband Doug and their two rescued cats, Blackie and Gregor.

Formal Fundraising--
POPPA's Now in the Wedding Biz!

Yep, It's true, we had our first wedding at Recycled Gardens on August 12th. Seems the lovely couple, Scott Tom and Kelley Johnston, felt our organic setting... orchard, barn, and hay fields out in the country away from the city lights, were just the place for them to tie the knot that evening since they originally met when both volunteered on a community farm during college. And they really did it up in a natural way too! There was lots of candle light and calderons of flame, a vegan menu and even s'more fixings on the tables. Plus, they invited the Vancouver Street Astronomers to attend with their telescopes so all the guests could catch a view of the Perseids Meteor Shower that provided natural fireworks overhead! Such love... both for Mother Earth and each other!

Sooo, now that we've done one, we figure we can do more. And, we've even taken the initiative by having Recycled Gardens Director, Keni Cyr-Rumble get ordained by the Universal Life Church. Please spread the word, as this could be one terrific way for POPPA to earn more funds for our spay/neuter programs!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 24, Saturday, 10-5
Recycled Gardens
End-of-Season....NOT! Plant Sale and Oktoberfest Party

We'll once again be **lowering prices to ONLY $3.00 per gallon** to encourage planting at what is truly THE BEST time of year for gardening. This price is for everything except specially tagged mature trees and shrubs (which always work out to cost LESS than the per gallon price). And, because we're seriously over-stocked, there will be a large **Bargain Bin** stuffed with plants everybody should own, as well as several unidentified ones to add a little mystery.

Speaking of stuffed... because Fall is our favorite time of year, we'll also be celebrating with an **Oktoberfest party** featuring Turtle Island Food's vegan sausages, Widmer Brothers ales and all the other traditional trimmings and games—test your stamina at the **Stein Holding Contest** for a chance to win $50.00! Plus, we'll have some of the fantastic recycled garden art of several Cracked Pots' artists for sale too so you can decorate your garden and keep it looking good all year. So grab your checkbook (NO plastic please) and come on out to join in the FUN at Recycled Gardens, 6995 NW Cornelius Pass Road in Hillsboro. Questions? Check our website at www.POPPAinc.org or call 503-626-4070 ext. 3.

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.

December 2-4, Friday-Sunday, 10-5
Recycled Gardens 5th Annual Winter Solstice Gift Bazaar

This sale will offer POPPA's volunteers' own hand-crafted gift items, bird feeders, pet toys and beds, plus ornaments made from recycled, reused, and/or natural materials, as well as those of several Cracked Pots (www.CrackedPots.org) and Trillium Artisans, plus other local 'green' artisans. We'll also have donated new gift items, fresh greens (and reds), swags, and wreaths too! All proceeds go to pay for the spay/neuter of companion animals. And, we'll have the hot cider and mulled wine warmed up for ya, 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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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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Testimonies from the Trenches

The Feger Felines

Our story with feral cats started back in the year of 1986. My husband Gary and I moved to a place in Sumner to start our life together and raise a family. Never did we imagine dealing with a colony of feral cats.

It must have been Summer because our windows were open. Gary was outside barbecuing and the smell was going through the neighborhood. Before long I heard the loud meow of a cat. I knew it wasn't our inside cat, so after dinner I threw the scraps to the outside cat and Gary said, "You shouldn't do that." Well as time went on I noticed 2 cats. After talking to our neighbors we found out that some other neighbors had moved out and left their animals behind. The cats started having kittens and over time we had upwards of 30 cats.

One day I decided to call the humane society. They said if we could catch the cats they would take them **(note from POPPA to readers: many shelters will 'take' all cats, but the ones who are not 100% tame, such as the ones in this story, are put to sleep).** *So Gary got a big box and decided to catch as many as he could. We put some food down and while they were eating Gary grabbed them by the back of their neck and I would open the lid and he threw them in. After getting a couple in the box, they were going nuts and Gary's arms looked like hamburger. We decided this wasn't working.*

Nobody told us about live traps. More time went on and our kids were growing up. They started naming the cats and it would tear my heart out whenever one would die. We would put them in a shoe box along with a toy and we would have a burial for them. We could not afford the cost of getting them fixed or curing their diseases. So the problem went on and on.

One day at the mall they had a feral cat neuter awareness day [booth]. I called the number they gave me and spoke to a lady by the name of Lisa Wahl. She was kind enough to loan us several traps for a small deposit and worked with us to get as many cats done as possible. We captured 9 cats and had them all fixed. The next day we caught 9 more cats and had them fixed, and were able to adopt out 2 of the kittens. My husband had a shed and called it the kitty hotel. Over the next 2-day period he caught the last 5 cats.

It was with great relief and appreciation for all the volunteers, vets and vet techs who made this happen for us that we opened the trap door for the last, fixed, male cat and released him back into the colony with the rest of the fixed cats. We especially want to thank Lisa Wahl for all her hard work! THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
The Fegers

Announcing the, "Everyone's talking about The Cat Show (Up!)" Campaign

I wish we could tell you that the classic, true story you just read, which mentions the good work of POPPA board member Lisa Wahl, was our first experience with 'accidental encounters of the feline kind.' In reality, we respond to calls daily about cats who 'show up.'

They're either abandoned, tame strays or they've been 'out there' so long that they and their offspring have reverted to non-tame (feral) status. Either way, we can help.

People don't always know what to do when they see a new cat outside. They're reluctant to interfere and take charge of the situation. What if the cat belongs to someone else? What if he's just passing through? What if I let him in and he gets my indoor cats sick? What if the cat scratches when I grab her? What if I can't catch her? What if I catch her and no appointment is open? And besides, they're not really MY cats…

It's easier to just put some food out (or not) and hope the problem takes care of itself. Folks find out about POPPA as they research how to solve problems that have occurred, most often as a result of feeding kitties without taking them to the vet.

We're contacted *after* at least one litter of kittens materializes (a rude awakening that she's an unspayed female)! *After* the males get to be 5-6 months old and are spraying urine, fighting, or yowling. *After* another neighbor is fed up and threatening to dispose of the cats either at a shelter or by 'other means.'

What to do? We're launching an effort to spread the word that Job One is to get an unfamiliar cat to a clinic, before problems develop. Even if that means the kitty needs to be humanely (live) trapped in order to be brought in. We're calling this awareness effort, "Everyone's Talking about **The Cat Show (Up!).**" Why should we pay money to attend a fancy, schmancy, purebred cat show, when the most beautiful (and helpless) kitties are right in our own back yards? They're dying to be the stars of the show!

(continued inside, see Cat Show (Up!))

POPPA, Inc.'s spay/neuter tally as of August 20, 2005 stands at 9,400 animals fixed in a mere four years!

Cat Show (Up!) *continued*

How do we propose to help?

- Make available on our website a list of clinics who will scan for a chip and check spay/neuter status, free of charge and on short notice.
- Provide spay/neuter referrals and/or assistance when people contact us at 503-626-4070 or visit the spay/neuter page at www.POPPAinc.org.
- Make use of low-cost outreach resources, such as fliers, news releases, and informational emails, so the cat-loving public knows where to turn for help.
- Lend out or provide referrals for the use of humane (live) traps for feral cat Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR).
- Provide mentoring, support, advice and advocacy for caring individuals who want to be a responsible friend to cats of indeterminate origin.

How can YOU help, too?

Spread the word! Give out POPPA's website and phone number whenever you hear someone mention a cat who has 'shown up.' Even if they're not low income, we can still provide information so they can get on the right track to a humane solution. If they say, "It's not MY cat," remind them that's just the problem; he or she is not anyone ELSE's cat, either! No innocent animal should ever suffer from abandonment--there's no shame in being a beacon of light for a shipwrecked sailor.

Stay informed! Feral/stray cats are just as healthy as pets: fleas and other parasites, viruses, birth defects, etc. Where they differ is that the majority isn't yet spayed/neutered—but that's easy enough to 'fix!' More info at www.alleycat.org.

Give generously! When the weather turns cold is the perfect time of year to launch a spay/neuter campaign. Kitten season has slowed down, meaning fewer females are in heat, pregnant and/or nursing a litter. The spay surgery easier is on her and less expensive/stressful/complicated for the people involved. POPPA needs your help to raise the funds necessary to make a widespread effort to 'recruit' recipients during this season! Most of our funding comes from the Recycled Gardens resale nursery and garden center, but plant sales start to slow when the rains come. So, right when we can do the most good is when we have the least funding. A donation of as little as $25 completely covers the neuter of a wayfaring wanderer. Please donate securely online, or send checks made out to POPPA to: POPPA, PO Box 5721 Beaverton OR 97006. We'll use it right away, and directly for the animals—no salaries, we're all volunteers! Or, find out more about having a fundraiser in our honor, at www.POPPAinc.org.

Volunteer! Join the POPPA family by filling out an online volunteer form at www.POPPAinc.org. We especially need hands-on help in Gresham, Forest Grove and Hillsboro, and computer-savvy volunteers from anywhere in the state. If you don't have computer access, but want to help out at Recycled Gardens in Hillsboro, email jackietnelson@aol.com or call 503-590-2002.

Teamwork Divides Pay-ment and Doubles Spay-ment

No one charity can do it all…this reality provides opportunities to work together, sharing ideas and resources. POPPA is always thrilled to collaborate with others such as gardening clubs, veterinarians and animal shelters, keepin' that spay/neuter fever goin' 'round.

Now, we're working more closely than ever with fellow animal organizations, to provide a 'full coverage' spay/neuter 'security blanket.' For example, In the Salem and Portland areas, we've all been working as a behind-the-scenes collective to make sure no patient in true need is left behind. This means less duplication and simple, easy programs for underprivileged Oregonians.

Fido Philanthropists Help Solve Doggie Dilemma!

POPPA is currently the only service in NW Oregon to subsidize dog spays/neuters, which at a minimum of $44 are more costly than cat or even rabbit fixes. Cash donations are especially crucial this time of year; Recycled Garden sales have tapered off, grant funders are closed for the year, and the calls for help with dogs surgeries are on the rise (up about 50% this summer).

We're asking all dog lovers with 'a dog who has everything' to consider a donation to throw a lifeline to another canine. When you make a donation to POPPA instead of buying an already-pampered pet a designer accessory or fancy toy, an underprivileged pooch enjoys the life-long benefits of a spay/neuter surgery. Email a digital photo to spay@POPPAinc.org; when you contribute $50 or more in honor of your best canine buddy, we'll post your doggie friend's pic on our **Fido Philanthropists** web page at www.POPPAinc.org!

Streamlined Service

This year the Portland area spay/neuter community has unveiled a unified Spay/Neuter Hotline (503-626-4070). This helps us provide simple, quick and trackable service to our animal-loving neighbors in need.

Who is POPPA's Board of Directors and how can you reach each of them?

President, Keni Cyr-Rumble	**info@POPPAinc.org**
Vice-President, Celeste Crimi	**spay@POPPAinc.org**
Treasurer, Beccy Kirk	**support@POPPAinc.org**
Lisa Wahl	**lisalynn@webenet.net**
Jackie Nelson	**jackietnelson@aol.com**

Note - all directors are volunteers who donate a minimum of 15 hours per month, we have NO paid staff at POPPA, Inc.