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## news Briefs



## ECOFAIR UPDATE

An expanded schedule of the bioregional Cascadia EcoFair (see News Briefs last week) is now available online ([suburbanpermaculture.org](http://suburbanpermaculture.org)). The gathering runs Aug. 23-26 at River's Turn Farm, 10 miles north of Eugene.

Dozens of workshops, panel discussions and speakers have been added to the schedule in recent weeks, including a Saturday afternoon panel on "Least Favorite City Ordinances." Property owners in Eugene and elsewhere sometimes clash with local planning departments over unconventional but environmentally friendly design and construction techniques.

Registration for the gathering, including food and camping, is on a sliding scale of \$45 to \$75. For information and last-minute registration, call 345-6822 or email [jflan@efn.org](mailto:jflan@efn.org)

## Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

### ALEX BIBICOFF AND GEO BITGOOD

During the seven years he lived in a shack he had built in the woods near Florence, Alex Bibicoff sometimes came into town after midnight to pull recyclable material from dumpsters. "It was a foolproof way to make myself feel better," he says. Now a resident of the Rainbow Valley community near Lorane, he began work last year with the Saturday Market set-up crew. "It became apparent that no one else liked to recycle," says Bibicoff, who was pleased to take on the chore. He was joined this year by Geo Bitgood, recently arrived from Arkansas. "I used to come out to visit my grandpa in McKenzie Bridge," she notes. On Saturdays, Bibicoff and Bitgood dig through every bag of trash from the market, separating out compost and recyclables. In June, they achieved a 90 percent diversion rate. Nine bags of garbage per day went to the landfill, as compared to two overflowing dumpsters three years ago. In the photo, the two Bs have just finished a seven-hour shift at the Lane County Fair. "I feel drawn to event recycling," says Bibicoff. "It's in line with my ideas of right livelihood."



## Lane Area Herbicide Spray Schedule

- **Near Horton** in the area of Lake, Swartz and Congdon creeks: Weyerhaeuser Co. – So. Valley (744-4600) will spray roadsides with herbicides starting Aug. 23 (#50909).
- **Near the Siuslaw River**, Farman,

Bottle, Doe, Tucker, and Maxwell creeks: Weyerhaeuser Co. – So. Valley (744-4600) will ground spray 412 acres with herbicides starting Aug. 20 (#50896).

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