ASK A MASTER RECYCLER

(A monthly column of recycling information provided by Florence Master Recyclers)

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For the Siuslaw News

Q. I ordered some new equipment that came surrounded in Styrofoam packaging. Where can I recycle that?

A. The St. Vincent de Paul thrift store, at 2315 Highway 101, accepts block Styrofoam for recycling. This is the solid, rigid foam only.

The more lightweight, flexible foam, like from meat trays at the grocery store, is not recyclable in our area and must go in the trash. Please consider packaging when making purchases of any kind!

Also, while we're talking about foam products, clean Styrofoam packing peanuts can be dropped off at local shipping stores for reuse.

Q. I heard something about a food recycling movie being shown in town. When is it? And where?

A. Thursday, Sept. 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Port of Siuslaw conference room, at 80 Harbor St.

This is the regular meeting time of the Florence Master Recyclers. Our Lane County Waste Management trainer, Kelly Bell, has arranged to show an eye-opening documentary called "Just Eat It — A Food Waste Story." Kelly will be showing the 50-minute version of the film, with a discussion and light snacks to follow. You can view a short preview at this link: www.vimeo.com/140226873.

We invite the public to attend the event and learn more about the growing problem of food waste and what can be done to address this issue.

Seating capacity in the room is limited so please RSVP by calling the Master Recycler Durable Dishware phone line, 541-590-0506, and leave your name and phone number to reserve your seat. Visit www.facebook.com/FlorenceRecycles for details.

Q. What can I do with half-empty paint cans?

A. The local Habitat ReStore, at 2016 Highway 101, is part of the PaintCare paint-collection program. This free program accepts partial or full cans of architectural paint, stain, primer, sealers, lacquers and varnishes. You can drop off acceptable paint products at the collection bin behind the ReStore, Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Do not bring: Leaking or lidless containers, aerosol paints, paint thinner, mineral spirits, solvents, auto or marine paints, additives, colorants, tints, resins, roof patch and repair, deck cleaners, caulking or glues, epoxies, adhesives, wood preservatives containing pesticides, 2-compound coatings, tar and bitumen-based products, industrial maintenance coating, or original equipment manufacturer paints and finishes.

Reusable paint materials are sold in the ReStore, reducing unnecessary waste and offering quality paint at very low prices.

Paint that is not resellable is transported to a facility for energy recovery, fuel and reuse.

Visit www.paintcare.org for more reduce and reuse tips.

Florence Master Recyclers (MR) are part of the Lane County Master Recycler Program, a service of the county's Public Works Waste Management Division since 2002. The mission of the MR program is to bridge the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce solid waste at home, work and play. This monthly column, written for the Siuslaw News, answers commonly asked recycling questions.

For more recycling information, visit www.ci.florence.or.us/building/recycling or www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD/Recycle or follow Master Recyclers of Florence on Facebook.

Yachats to celebrate 100th, 50th anniversaries

YACHATS — In celebration of the 100th and 50th Anniversaries of Yachats, the Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences will host Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall and author Joanne Kittel to help celebrate the occasion.

Presentations will take place Sunday, July 17, at 2 p.m., at the Yachats Commons.

July 2016 is the 100th anniversary of Oceanview changing its name to Yachats. It is also the 50th anniversary of when Yachats was incorporated as the City of Yachats.

Kittel will speak about the Native Americans who frequented this area for centuries. Living off the abundance of the land, rivers and ocean, the Ya'Xaik peoples, a southern branch of the Alsea Peoples, were able to survive and thrive.

When this area was opened up for homesteading, the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Alsea Peoples were incarcerated at the Alsea Sub-Agency in what became Yachats.

Kittel has been instrumental in bringing truth and reconciliation between Tribal People and the Yachats community, resulting in profound transcendence.

Hall will speak about the changes that took place when homesteaders and settlers started moving into the area, following Yachats history to present day, as Yachats continues to change with new residents and new businesses.

Each speaker will be given 30 minutes for their presentation, with a 15-minute question and answer follow-up.

There is no admission charge for this presentation, although a $5 donation would help cover publicity expenses.

For more information, visit www.YachatsAcademy.com, or www.GoYachats.com or call 541-961-6695.