

ASK A MASTER RECYCLER

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A MONTHLY COLUMN OF RECYCLING
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MASTER RECYCLERS
For the Siuslaw News

of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee to enable residents to safely dispose of these recyclable objects which are not allowed in the landfill.

All items taken at the Black and White Event are also accepted year-round at the Florence Transfer Station for a small fee.

For more information, visit www.ci.florence.or.us.

Q. Can I make my own compost in Florence?

A. We are fortunate to have a mild climate here that facilitates composting. We also have black bears, however, and other animals — be aware of local pests and compost accordingly.

For the least bear attraction, compost only yard trimmings; or use an enclosed bin in a well protected area and manage the pile actively. With a few precautions, it's easy to recycle your organic material, produce a valuable soil amendment and reduce waste going to the landfill — which

saves you money on your trash bill!

Composting is an adaptable activity. If you have lots of time and energy, an active pile can produce finished compost in just 6-12 weeks. If you're limited on time, slow composting can create usable compost in 6-12 months.

For a very simple approach, you can also compost in place and amend your soil one little patch at a time.

What should go in the compost pile? For hot, or active, composting, most materials may be composted, including meat and bread. Pet waste should be avoided.

Hot compost is made in batches, with no new material added (except water) while it is cooking. The recommended mix of ingredients for hot composting is 2:1:1:1/2. That is, 2 parts Nitrogen (kitchen scraps, grains, teabags, eggshells) plus 1 part high-nitrogen (coffee grounds, manure, fresh grass clippings) plus 1 part carbon (dry leaves, paper towels, cardboard, shredded paper) plus 1/2 part structure (wood chips, non-rotted straw).

For hot composting, the materials are mixed well, turned frequently, and begin to break down immediately, usually avoiding pest attraction. The pile size needs to be at

least 3 cubic feet.

For easy, or slow, composting, avoid adding meat, dairy, oils, invasive weeds or diseased plants, as the pile temperature does not get hot enough to quickly break down these materials. Aim for incorporating about half carbon and half nitrogen material to the pile at a time; turning is optional.

If your garden is plagued with bears or other pests, avoid fruit, bread or other attractants.

Cold compost piles can be added to on an ongoing basis, or made in batches.

For spot composting (soil incorporation), food waste is simply buried in a hole. There is no need to maintain a pile; the material decomposes in place. If buried at least 12 inches deep, pests will usually not bother the contents.

Other possible composting methods include worm bins and Bokashi.

For more information, visit www.LaneCounty.org/Compost.

Q. I want to learn more about recycling. How do I become a Master Recycler?

A. You're in luck! Lane County Waste Management Division plans to offer a Master Recycler class here in

Florence, beginning Jan. 13, 2017.

The class will be held at Lane Community College and will run every Friday afternoon, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., through March 10. The course also includes two Saturday field trips.

This fascinating and informative class is offered free in exchange for volunteer service.

Applications are available at both the Florence and Mapleton transfer stations or online at www.LaneCounty.org/MasterRecyclers.

Come join us!

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.

Draper, Smoley featured artists at Backstreet

Time and Tides is the theme of the Backstreet Gallery's August featured artists, Jayne Smoley and Meredith Draper.

A reception in their honor will be held this Saturday during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour on Aug. 13 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Fused glass artist Smoley sails into summer with her new sailboat art. Because of the brilliant glass designs these assemblages blend with light to create a glowing transparency.

Her works spread across a wide range of creations.

Smoley's glamorous pendants, earrings and bracelets offer a fashion-flair. For utility, her nightlights and wall sconces can light up a room.

Add one of her plates or sculptures for pizzazz in any decor.

She and her husband own a landscaping business, so her creations continue in her own garden.

Though mostly self-taught, Smoley comes from a rich background of creative endeavors that started with her mother's encouragement.

She and her mother owned an art store, offering classes and the beginning of Smoley's affair with the kiln.

Her pieces are displayed in private collections in the U.S. and the Philippines. She has shown her work galleries in



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Fused glass art by Jayne Smoley (above) and Meredith Draper's altered timepieces are on display at Backstreet Gallery this weekend for the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

Portland, Bend and Florence where she earned several awards.

Smoley was one of the founders of the "Artful Affair," where the Rotary Club provides art scholarships to local students.

Draper's wit and humor often find their way into her altered timepieces.

"The search is half the fun," said Draper, who finds beautiful antique watches and other exquisitely crafted parts to

combine into one-of-a-kind elegant jewelry.

This is where time stops and beauty begins.

It's only natural that Meredith pursued the arts as her mother was an accomplished watercolorist who taught art.

In her 50-year love affair with art, Draper has dabbled in spinning and weaving, free form sculpture, clay works and painting, but now finds her inspiration in "time" honored



altered art.

If not assembling her time pieces, you might find her, cat-in-lap, reading, in the kitchen cooking something delicious or on the trail Geocaching.

Beside their show of dazzling glass and wonderful time art, there will be an array of hors d'oeuvres with more than 20 local artists' work on display at the reception at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St.

Danny Weaver will perform tunes from the '60s to the present on his electric guitar during the reception.

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Learn to make bubble blowers with recyclers on Friday

Come make bubble blowers with "Ms. Smith" at the Florence Master Recycler booth at WindFest, located at the east end of the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12.

Ms. Smith is a volunteer for the Elementary School Science Program.

Recycled materials will be provided to build the bubble blowers and youth will be able to take their projects home.

Parents are welcome to spend time at the booth to learn ways to recycle, reduce trash, save natural resources and preserve the environment.

Ms. Smith and the Master Recyclers will be back on Aug. 26.

Stay tuned for the next project Ms. Smith brings to WindFest.

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Thursday 8/4	Laura Cooper Conrad Anderson	Florence Florence	Firehouse Restaurant Florence Liquor Agency
Friday 8/5	Joann Fox Cynthia Rolan	Redding, CA Reedsport	Silver Lining Boutique Three Rivers Casino Resort
Saturday 8/6	Spence Roth Richard Kuert	Brownsville Florence	True Value Safeway/Florence
Sunday 8/7	Andy Bush Sandie Arsenault	Florence Florence	Safeway/Florence Abby's Legendary Pizza
Monday 8/8	Sandra Cortezzo Harley McCourt	Florence Stockton, CA	Safeway/Florence Purple Pelican Antiques

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