

Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose

Hello Garden Club Members:

I recently sent an email/letter to every Garden Club President that reported on their Presidents Report that they have had a Recycle, Reuse, or Repurpose program in the last year. My response has been somewhat sparse, but I am thrilled to report that two clubs have Recycling Centers that take household "film". www.trex.com

"At a club meeting we reviewed the Trek program and explained what needed to be saved for submission. Our local recycle center has a drop-off box and groups are taking on the project. We discussed how each of us can assist with our own household "film". Greenbrier Gardeners

Washington Lands Garden Club reported that Moundsville Recycling Center takes "plastic film". So, there is another opportunity for a Garden Club to work on the Trek – Garden Bench program.

High Country Garden Club recently visited Beckley Landfill and found it very informative. Hill and Hollow Garden Club did not go to the recycling center they had the recycling people come to them. They spent nearly an hour telling all the members in attendance about the center and what they can take and cannot take. Hill and Hollow also had a Rain Barrell project a couple years ago. Some one located food quality barrels for the project – free. Participants paid for the spout and stopper to go in the barrels, and everyone had a rain barrel to take home almost free.

Washington Lands Garden Club reported that most all their members do recycle. They also reported that a recycling center near Shadyside, OH takes plastic jugs and Styrofoam. That is the first place that I have heard of that takes Styrofoam. As far as I am concerned Styrofoam is a blight on this earth. The Tiffany Dlesk Spay-Neuter Clinic and Marshall County Animal Shelter "recycles everything they use".

Lubeck Acres Garden Club does activities with their Youth Conservation Club. They discuss ways to reuse items such as water and soda bottles. They also suggested if a club is interested in obtaining youth projects that Oriental Trading and Teachers Pay Teachers are good sources.

Let me reiterate the two awards that are available to WV Garden Clubs that fall in this realm. It's like the lottery you can't win if you don't submit.....

6. **The Loretta Lively Community Improvement Award** \$100 cash award is presented annually to a garden club for the most outstanding project in litter cleanup and beautification in the community. Submit proof of project, giving locations and details of the project. (NGC CE-6) (SAR6,17)

17. **Saving the Environment** \$100 cash award is presented annually to the individual garden club member with the most unique project that uses some type of recyclable material. Acceptable uses are recycled items to decorate your garden, planting in recycled products or making recycled items useful in your gardens (SAR 17)

Don't forget to submit before and after pictures. I hope to encourage several clubs to apply for these awards and others.

Lets show our unity in recycling, reusing and repurposing – because

We are Better Together!

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