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**MAKING RECYCLING HAPPEN!**

- SOME 2007 CONFERENCE SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS -


## Speaking From Experience



This year's conference provides attendees the unique opportunity to not only hear from Keynote Speaker Robert Watson (Founder: Ecotech International, American Indotech & Sinotech) on "*The Bottom Line of Green is Black*", but also from both Editors of the top two industry magazines – *Resource Recycling* and *Biocycle*.

*Resource Recycling*, founded in 1981, is the preferred journal of recycling professionals. Each month it provides the latest information about post-consumer waste recovery efforts including collection

system assessments, processing developments and market analyses. Jerry Powell (seen here), *Resource Recycling*'s Editor, will share his extensive knowledge at two conference workshops – "Seven BIG Issues in Plastic Recycling" and "Eight BIG Trends in Curbside Collection".

Published since 1960, *Biocycle* is the foremost magazine on composting and organics recycling in the nation. Each issue of *Biocycle* introduces readers to the management teams behind state-of-the-art composting facilities. Nora Goldstein, *Biocycle*'s Executive Editor, will provide a national update of composting in her workshop "The State of Organics Recycling in America". 

- ASSISTING SPECIAL EVENT RECYCLING FOR FREE -

## Reserve the RecycleMobile Now!

Summer is almost here and most towns are planning a "special event" so remember to reserve the RecycleMobile early.

The RecycleMobile (a towable trailer) consists of a fiberglass "box" with six collection holes (three per side). The "box" is attached to a 4' x 6' trailer and houses six 32 gallon barrels. Collection signs are attached by two pieces of Velcro above the collection holes and can be changed depending on which materials are being collected.

The RecycleMobile is available to loan to Members for FREE!!!

Visit our Web Site at [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net) to print out the reservation form and reserve it today! 





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*As a member of the Co-op,  
you are entitled to all of the  
services we provide. If you need  
assistance locating a market for  
your product, comparing prices  
or starting a new recycling program,  
we can help you!*

**Member Services**

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- Antifreeze
- Asphalt Shingles
- Batteries
- Cell Phones
- Commingled Containers
- Construction & Demo Waste
- Electronics
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Glass
- Marine Shrinkwrap
- Mixed Glass
- Paper
- Plastics
- Propane Tanks
- Scrap Metal
- Steel Cans
- Tires
- Ink jet Cartridges

**Cooperative Purchasing**


- Backyard Compost Bins
- Baling Wire
- Equipment Maintenance
- Gripples
- "On the Ground" Storage Containers
- Plastic Gaylords
- Recycling Containers
- Storage Trailers
- Work Gloves

- MICROWAVE RECYCLING -

**Out of the Metal and Into the  
Electronics Waste Stream. Please.**

The Co-op's scrap metal vendors are cracking down on the NO-microwave policy due to the potential contamination to the scrap metal pile. Microwaves contain oil-filled capacitors which may contain PCB's and so if they are found with scrap metal, fines may be levied by the vendor.



The good news is that the Co-op's electronics vendors can take these items. Communities should consider charging a \$5 or \$10 per microwave disposal fee to help cover the cost of recycling in a proper and environmentally sound manner. 

- FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE FOR LIZ BEDARD -

**A Chance to Say Good Bye & Good Luck**

Please join us on May 23rd, from 2-4pm at the Co-op offices to wish Liz Bedard, the outgoing Executive Director, the best of luck in her next endeavor. In her 30th year of recycling/waste management, Liz doesn't require much luck though, as her expertise and boundless energy will easily take her on to further successes.




With consistent growth at the Co-op while under her reign, the staff are sorry to see her go, but understand her need to step forward in her career. "Its been a very busy time at the Co-op, since Liz came on board." said Paula Dow the Co-op's long time Finance Manager. "She has had us "hopping" as many new programs were started, our new database was launched, new staff were brought on board AND we purchased a building we can still grow into...its been a very busy and exciting time."

Everyone who knows Liz Bedard identifies her as epitomizing recycling. From her initial foray into the field as a student in Resource Economics who helped to start the first recycling program at UNH in 1975, to the national recognition that she now enjoys as a "cutting-edge" leader, Liz has brought her commitment and vision to a career that brings people and ideas together to make recycling happen.

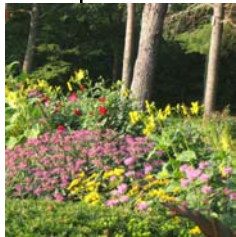
Liz' experience in business and regional oversight of planning for solid waste issues brought her to the Governor's Council on Energy in 1979 where she focused on recycling and proper waste management. As the Resource Recovery Program Manager, she worked with towns to incorporate recycling into their programs at the onset of RSA 149M. Her networking and education included the production of the first "how to" guide on starting a municipal recycling program, and led to the startup of the New Hampshire Resource Recovery Association in June 1981, which is now the NRRA!

After years as a Selectman in her hometown of Gilmanton, Liz was a natural choice to implement a new statewide initiative, the NH Governor's Recycling Program. Liz guided the development of this unique agency in a focused agenda that provided needed funding for equipment to facilitate recycling the local level, as well as professional assistance to legislators, inspiration to student recyclers, and a wealth of resources to communities.

The NRRA was very fortunate to acquire Liz' leadership 4-1/2 years ago as the Executive Director. She has elevated the organization to new heights in services provided to members, volumes of recycling and has given renewed meaning to our "cooperative" model of marketing materials. Liz will be missed at the NRRA office but her innovation, dedication and personality assure an enduring legacy with the organization. With fond memories, respect and gratitude, we wish Liz well in her next endeavor. The NRRA Staff and the Board of Trustees hope to see you all here on Wednesday, May 23rd at 2pm! 

- PETERBOROUGH FACILITY RECEIVES NH ARBORIST AWARD -

## Recycling With a Beautiful View




Scott Bradford, Peterborough's Transfer Station Manager, takes great pride in providing a professional and clean atmosphere at his facility. He also wants residents to recycle in a welcoming environment, particularly from Spring until Fall when flowers flourish.

And now it's official – it isn't just Peterborough residents who appreciate Scott's green thumb. The New Hampshire Arborist Association recently notified the Town, that Peterborough is the **FIRST** recycling facility in the State to win a "Community Beautification Award"!

Through the NH the Beautiful's "Litter Free New Hampshire" bonus incentive program, over 2,000 daffodils bulbs bloom each spring at the recycling center. Over the last seven years, Scott's enthusiasm for beautifying the facility is beginning to spread; oftentimes residents donate plants, as their own beautification contribution.

"Having a neat and landscaped facility results in better recycling quality control" said Scott Bradford, "I find that I don't have as many contaminants in the bins and certainly have more support from the public since I've put in the gardens."

Scott goes on to say "Even though there's tons of activity on Saturdays, people still stop and sit on the garden benches to chat, view the flowers and do a little people watching too." Congratulations to Scott, on a job well done! You are an inspiration. 




- THE SCHOOL RECYCLING CLUB NEWS -

## The CLUB Goes to University



The School Recycling CLUB has **two new exciting projects** in the works in cooperation with UNH. **The first one** is getting speakers for our schools. The CLUB and Dr. Jenna R. Jambeck, who is heading the program are working together to create a presentation about recycling and saving our resources that can be offered to the schools. When a school requests someone to speak at an assembly, one or two UNH graduate students will go. There will only be a slight fee for travel/fuel. We are currently in the process of producing the presentation and over the summer we will continue to refine it. September 2007 is our intended launch date for this program. We are very excited about this cooperation because there are usually several requests from schools during the school year and we haven't been able to accommodate those requests before.

**The second project** in the works is a research project. The CLUB in cooperation with Dr. Jambeck, UNH Civil/Environmental Engineering Professor is researching the levels of waste a school recycles and how much a school can save by taking recyclables out of their waste. We are starting off with about 5-10 schools who are willing to keep monthly records of how much material (paper, cardboard etc) they recycle. This information will be sent through the CLUB website to a database where Dr Jambeck will gather and review the data. Once we accumulate a few months of data we will post results on the CLUB's website for all CLUB members to see. Dr. Jambeck also plans to use the compiled data by offering NH's found facts as reference point for other states nationwide. She may also publish an article/book about how recycling can benefit all schools.

The CLUB's goal with these two projects is to prove to schools how much good they CAN do by recycling...from both a resource and a financial savings standpoint. The CLUB's hope is that more schools will start recycling once they see this data. 




**Want to donate something?  
THERE IS STILL TIME!**

As the 26th Annual Conference draws closer, we would like to remind everyone to consider donating an item.

This is a very important fundraiser for the NRRA as it helps support our many outreach programs and especially our school recycling program "The Club". It's also an extremely fun event for conference attendees and exhibitors. Many a bidding war has occurred over some of the valuable items donated... **all items are acceptable!**

If you have a donation you'd like to discuss please contact Adam Clark at 1-800-223-0150.


*Thank you in advance for your generous donation!* 

- NEW HAMPSHIRE -  
THE BEAUTIFUL

## Deadline For Equipment Grants

Grant applications for the next NH tB Trustee meeting are **due June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. New Hampshire communities are eligible to apply for funding to assist with up to half the purchase price of recycling equipment. Grants are paid as a reimbursement to communities after they have purchased the equipment.



Visit [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org) to download a NHtB grant application or call for more information toll free at 1-888-784-4442 

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## Calendar of Events & Announcements

**May 9<sup>th</sup>:** NRRA Marketing Meeting\* at 9:30 am at the NRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Rd, Epsom, NH

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** DES Workshop - Hazardous Waste Coordinator Training - 8am - 4pm at the NHDES Conference Rooms, 29 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH; *An advanced module discussing the hazardous waste determination process.*  
Contact Person: Tim Prospert (603) 271-7837

**May 31<sup>th</sup>:** DES Workshop - Basic Hazardous Waste Certification - 8 am - 4:30 pm at the NHDES, 29 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH; *The Basic Training class required of all first-time HWC applicants.* Contact Person: Tim Prospert (603) 271-7837  
Web Page Link: [www.des.nh.gov/hwcs/hwccert](http://www.des.nh.gov/hwcs/hwccert)

**June 2007:** No Marketing Meeting

**June 4&5<sup>th</sup>:** 26th Annual NRRA Recycling Conference & Expo; Nashua, NH

**June 13<sup>th</sup>:** DES Workshop - MSW-Landfill...It's Not Just a Hole in the Ground 8am-4pm at NCES, 581 Trudeau Rd. Bethlehem, NH; Limited space: 1st 30 registrations only. Sponsored by North Country Environmental Services (NCES) Call NHDES at 271-3713 to register.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>:** NRRA Marketing Meeting\* at 9:30 am and the Trustee Meeting at 1:00pm at the NRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Rd, Epsom, NH

\*These meetings are open to all Co-op members. Please join us for great discussions, networking and troubleshooting!

- BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE -

### 2007 Sale A Success!

The Co-op's Annual Compost Bin Sale was once again a resounding success! In the coming year, over 900,000 pounds of food and yard waste will now be diverted from landfills and incinerators and turned, instead, into nature's recycled product...a rich soil amendment.

If you missed out on this year's sale, please plan now for the 2008 sale which will kick off next January.

There are a few Compost Bins still available for sale at \$35.00 a piece. Please call the NRRA soon if you'd like to purchase one. 

