

Sensible Alternative to Valuable Excess

Quarterly Newsletter for **Recycling for RI Education:**
A Non-Profit Organization Providing Material Resources for Teachers and Other Educators

UPS Routes Funds to RRIE

RRIE is grateful to be a recipient of a \$25,000 grant award from UPS. This funding will be used as seed funding to develop a sustainable Conflict Resolution Training Program, and a hands-on activity kit for teachers to use in facilitating team-building skills. As an adjunct to this program, remaining funds will be used to construct a portable ramp to facilitate handicapped accessibility to the center. Founded in 1907 as a messenger company in the United States, UPS has grown into a \$30 billion corporation by clearly focusing on the goal of enabling commerce around the globe. UPS has become the world's largest package delivery company and a leading global provider of specialized transportation and logistics services. Every day, in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide, the flow of goods, funds, and information is managed.

Pictured left to right, Kathleen Fresher-Samways, Priscilla Miller, Rich Welton, Senator Jack Reed, Dr. Robert DeRobbio, & Chip Barnes.



RIRRC Continues Support of RRIE

Since 1998 the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) has provided much needed operational funding to Recycling for Rhode Island Education. These funds are also used to support memberships to the Recycle Center for Johnston Public Schools.

The RIRRC is the state environmental agency dedicated to providing the public with environmentally sound programs and facilities to manage solid waste. The agency funds and manages the state's recycling program, and owns and operates the Central Landfill and Materials Recycling Facility in Johnston. Although not a department of the state government, RIRRC is a public corporation and a component of the State of Rhode Island for financial reporting purposes. The agency earns revenue through the sale of recyclable products, methane gas royalties and fees for its services. RRIE wishes to thank the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation for its continued financial support and collaboration in helping to **S.A.V.E.** our environment!



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OUR VISION: To encourage self-discovery by active participation in teaching and learning through creative experiences.

OUR MISSION: To encourage preservation of the environment by diverting clean, non-toxic, reusable excess inventory from the business community to educators and community organizations.

Holiday Greeting Cards Are Recyclable: The youth of St. Jude's Children's Hospital refurbish greeting cards by adding new backs and then selling them to help support their program. Send just the fronts of the cards to: St. Jude's Card Recycling, 100 St. Jude St., P.O. Box 60100 Boulder City, NV 89006.

OPEN DAYS

Wednesdays noon-4:30
Fridays 9am-1pm
Saturdays 9am-1pm

DAYS CLOSED

Friday, April 9
Saturday, April 10
Saturday, May 29
Saturday, July 3
Saturday, September 4
Wednesday, November 4
Friday, November 26

Closed Friday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 4, 2005

PARKING AVAILABLE IN SPOONER ST. LOT

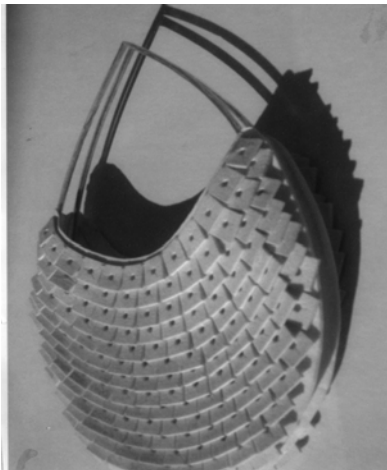
**LOADING DOCK AREA FOR PICK UP ONLY
NO PARKING AT
LOADING DOCK!!!**

KOREAN CONNECTION

Materials from RRIE found their way to Korea and the runway. Professor Chung-hie Lee, who has been coming to Providence from Korea to teach at the Rhode Island School of Design for six years, provided the silk waste for her textile design students, and the finished products were modeled in Korea. She has frequented the Center and values RRIE for her students and faculty. She recently stated, "Transforming the material (found at the Center) into art is like the process of discoveries". Closer to home, many RISD students in textile/industrial design and art education frequently visit the Recycle Center for materials. Jeong A. Lee designs handbags using found materials. Some of her designs give a homespun appeal to industrial waste while others are strikingly unique. Pennant material, yarn scrap and one-inch square manufacturing fall-offs, are just a few of the materials from the Recycle Center used in her beautiful creations. One of the favorites is the 1" felt squares which can be fashioned into jewelry, clothing or other creative uses. On the elementary level, these very popular 1" white felt squares can be incorporated into math classes as manipulatives. Another favorite are the jewelry findings. A variety of metal or plastic materials in many colors, sizes, and shapes lend themselves to creating standards based lessons for many subject areas. Stop in to see displays for ideas in chemistry, math, social studies, and art to name a few.



Shawl made from RRIE silk waste.



A handbag designed by Jeong A. Lee made from 1" white felt squares, a by-product from industrial waste found at the Recycle Center.

Gala Celebration –April 28th

Please join Honorary Chairperson Congressman Patrick Kennedy for a *Gala Celebration and Recognition Ceremony* which will take place on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at the Veazie Street School Cafetorium from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. Food, beverages, and music are part of the fun! The event will recognize businesses, charter members, and organizations who have supported the Recycle Center throughout its twelve years. Samples of student work utilizing the products available at the Recycle Center will be on display. Tickets are available for a \$15 donation and can be applied towards a Recycle Center membership. Purchase tickets at the Recycle Center or mail in the registration form below or visit www.rrie.org.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Number of tickets _____ X \$15 donation = _____ Amount enclosed

RRIE "Rising Above the Rest"

The Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce chose Recycling for Rhode Island Education as the recipient of its 2003 "Rising Above the Rest" Award in the Non-Profit Small Business of the Year category. The awards were recently presented to businesses and community members at the Potowomut Club in Warwick. The Recycle Center employs one full-time and five part-time positions and nine workers who are supported in their employment. One hundred twenty-six volunteers from various Community Service Learning Programs; such as Central Falls High School and Johnson & Wales University, the American Association of Retired Persons, Good Will Industries and members of RRIE logged over 5000 volunteer hours in 2003!



Pictured above right are Kathleen Fresher-Samways holding award, Dr. Robert DeRobbio, and Priscilla Miller.

ATTEND A WORKSHOP

GROUP WORKSHOPS - The following series of workshops are offered to your group or organization at your location or at the Recycle Center. Scheduling is required four weeks in advance.

1. **THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY**
This offering clears out the "adult imposed" obstacles in creativity, and brings the participant back to the materials as an opportunity, not as a means to an end. This is a one-hour workshop that prepares the conference attendee for an experience of learning that is cerebrally clutter-free.
2. **MAKE AND TAKE STORYTIME**
This is a "Make It & Take It" workshop that explores materials in relation to literacy standards. The creative exchange in the group allows the participant to leave the workshop with not only an original lesson, but also the ideas from all the other participants. A real brainstorm!
3. **SIMPLE MATH WITH REUSABLES**
Explore the basics of math with reuse materials. Create lessons from "found stuff" and learn how to turn an empty cup-board into a full house. This workshop can be geared toward any grade level. Just let us know in advance what grade level will meet your audience's needs.
4. **SIMPLE SCIENCE WITH REUSABLES**
Explore the basics of science using reuse materials. Simple machines, properties of gas, molecular structure – all embedded in reuse materials. This workshop can be geared toward any grade level. Just let us know what your audience interest is.
5. **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GREEN PRACTICES**
This workshop is a "train the trainer" offering. It prepares the teacher to expand on the implementation of reuse materials in lessons to include the environmental, social, and sustainability issues relevant to consumerism and world citizenship.
6. **NORMAL SENSORY-MOTOR DEVELOPMENT**
Learn how children develop and integrate perceptual-motor skills and how these skills lead them to become competent people and productive workers. Workshop will link competence to self-esteem and overall healthy social development.

INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOPS—Are offered **April 22, 2004, May 6, 2004, June 3, 2004** at the Recycle Center from 3:15-5:15.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTERS presented by Annette Mendonca. Create meaningful self-directed activities that reinforce student-learning objectives for elementary level in areas of Social Studies and Science. Registration is on a per person basis, allowing interested parties who are not part of a group to attend. For further info, see www.rrie.org. The registration fee is \$20 per person, attendance is limited to 15. **EARN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS!**
Please contact Janet Cannon at the Recycle Center at 401-781-1521 for reservations.

"CONFLICT MANAGEMENT THEORY & PRACTICE USING EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING" **Session 1- April 3, 2004 9AM—Noon at the Recycle Center**

This half-day workshop combines hands-on fun with professional expertise in a relaxed atmosphere. Please join us to: **1. Learn the key principles of conflict management, 2. Share observations, insights and concerns about conflict in your classroom, school and community, 3. Brainstorm creative lessons, 4. Practice prepared conflict management lessons, and...5. Explore the Recycle Center for your own ideas!**

Pass it on: Motivated graduates of this workshop can apply to become an on-site volunteer workshop facilitator for their school and earn Professional Development Credits! Middle or High School Student participants will be assisted in earning service learning credits.

SPACE IS LIMITED to 25 participants to ensure a high quality experience. (Multiple dates will be offered to accommodate as many as possible.) **TO REGISTER: Call Janet Cannon at 401-781-1521**



This series is partially underwritten by a grant from United Parcel Service, allowing us to offer the series for only \$10 per session.

HELP WANTED

Educational/ Events Coordinator

Position: Part time - Compensation commensurate with experience and qualifications

Reports to: Directors and Board of Directors of the organization

Date available: Immediate Duration: Grant funded for one year, extension possible

Job Purpose and Functions:

RRIE is seeking an educational/events coordinator. Will be responsible to the directors for details and follow-up of administrative goals and objectives as they relate to ongoing and new initiatives in educational offerings. This will include the capacity to be drawn into direct service delivery as the situation and funding dictates.

Educational Requirements:

This individual should have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in education, communication or a related field.

For a fuller job description please visit www.rrie.org. **To express interest please mail a resume and cover letter to: Kathleen Fresher-Samways, Director of Administration, RRIE, P.O. Box 6264, Prov., RI 02940.**

No phone calls please.

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RECYCLING IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!!

The Southern New England Materials Exchange Program (SNEME) is a free service provided by the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation. It assists business, government entities and non-profit organizations by:

1. Reducing recurring disposal costs
2. Locating reusable items and feedstock materials at little to no cost
3. Mitigating storage and staff expenses
4. Assisting businesses with environmental stewardship
5. Achieving corporate and community environmental goals

The end result is that your expenses go down, your image is enhanced, and the amount of discards entering the landfill is reduced thereby minimizing environmental impact.

There is no fee to access the SNEME database and it is designed to be user friendly. If your time is valuable, we encourage you to become a member of the Materials Exchange Program. By filling out a simple registration form, you have the option of receiving e-mail notifications of new listings in targeted product categories that you select. Check out this **FREE** program at www.sneme.net.



Paper Frog Puppet

A simple-to-make frog puppet made from supplies at the Recycle Center. This puppet's mouth moves!

SUPPLIES: A piece of paper (use oversized dividers from the Recycle Center!), a green crayon, a small strip of paper, a red crayon (or red paper found at the Recycle Center!), glue, scissors, markers or crayons, beads for eyes.

1. Using the green crayon, color the piece of paper green. Remember to color in circles for bumps on his back! Fold the paper in thirds, forming a long rectangle.
2. Fold the long rectangle into fourths, making a "W" shape.
3. This "W" shape will be the frog.
4. Draw eyes on the frog (or glue on bead eyes).
5. Cut out a long tongue from the small strip of paper. Color it red and glue the end of it in the frog's mouth.
6. Put your thumb in the frog's lower jaw, and put your other fingers in the upper jaw. You now have a frog puppet that has a VERY big mouth!

