

Newsletter Summer 2010



Home ReSource
A Building Materials Re-Use Center



A Thanks to the Community!

Jes Mullette, Events Coordinator

Home ReSource is growing up...thanks to you!

As many know, we have just been through (or are really still in the middle of) one of the most awkward stages a young organization can ever go through: a gigantic move and our first-ever fundraising campaign. Talk about charley-horses and acne! Luckily, this community loves us as much as our mothers do. Without that love, we would not be here at all.

These days, in the chaos of what still feels like a nearly impossible undertaking, I have been drawing strength from noticing how much life is breathed into Home ReSource from the people who have no reason to care other than the fact that they believe in what we do. I am astounded that without this community, we would have been without nearly \$84,000 and incalculable in-kind donations that we needed for our move. In the wake of our fundraising campaign, I am touched by the families who welcomed us into their homes for small house parties and invited all their friends. I am humbled by the guests who came and found inspiration in what we do, some for the first time and some all over again. And, to those who sought us out, responded to a plea, or read somewhere that we needed help and gave what they could, I am most grateful. I am motivated by those who reached into their pockets for whatever they could spare, those who came on their days off to lend a hand, and those who come into our new store on a weekly or daily basis and revel in what we are attempting to do. We have been fed, funded, lavished, and loved by this community more than I could have ever imagined. For that, and for your continued support, we are lucky and incredibly grateful.

Here's to what comes next: Spontaneous Construction on September 18th!



This year, the SponCon tradition holds strong! A killer building contest offering artists, builders, and creative Missoulians 6 hours and free reign of the HR lot to invent the art of their wildest dreams, accompanied by a street party featuring great bands, local food & beer, and fun, family friendly activities. The party is free and open to the public and there are still spots open for contestants! Check out our website, www.homesource.org/sponcon2010. Thanks!

THANK YOU Spontaneous Construction 2010 Sponsors!

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Good Job Team!

Lauren Varney, Co-Director

As you have seen and read, Home Resource has moved, and I would like to give you my version of the proceedings. First of all, WOW! Wow is what I said day in and day out as people continued to stop by and offer their help.

In the early stages as we began to prepare for the move people would ask me how we were going to do it. My usual response was, "I don't know. Somehow". But then people just started showing up with trucks, and trailers, and cars, and bikes... I was truly amazed by all the people who were willing to help us schlep stuff across town. Thank you!

The other big undertaking that was part of this move was the remodeling of the existing structure at Wyoming and Russell. It was an empty shell when we it became ours and we needed an intake/drop-off space, a sale counter space, storage and racking for merchandise, offices, landscaping, additional entry doors, exterior windows for the offices, heating and cooling for the offices, and some semblance of a plan to get this all done. Again I was blown away by all the people who continually showed up to help dust, paint, fix, build, etc. There was so much to do, no way we were going to be able to do it ourselves and nowhere near enough money to pay someone to do it. But, Missoulians showed up and got it done.

We couldn't possibly name all the people who have helped us along the way, there isn't enough room to thank everyone. But, I would like to thank Josh Decker and Matt Hisel for the plan and the organization of controlled chaos. There are also a few key volunteers that showed up day in and day out to help us. People like Steve Nelson, Josh Benjamin, Anne Vander Meer, Mark Vander Meer, Lucas Dupuis, Kevin Dupuy, Damian Mast, Marilyn Marler, David Schmetterling, Blake Nicolazzo, Greg Zugay, Doug Lawrence, Aaland Drywall and Paint, Quality First Drywall, Chris Chitty, Matt Dillon, Joe Jensen, and Billingslea & Moran Construction.

One of the main success points of this endeavor is the fact that store staff was integral in the design, set up and execution of store layout. Simon Detar spent countless hours fabricating the beautiful sales counters and reading area. Dave Hutchins and Steve Nelson set up the intake area. Jim Willett and Jonas Ejudin installed gates, fabricated steel racking, and welded just about everything that needed welding. Abe Coley built beautiful signs. And everyone else worked their tail off for months to put everything else in its proper place. It was a monumental task and it is still under way. Currently Steve Nelson is working with Clem Bower to build the fence structure you see going up along Russell. Dave Hutchins, Josh Decker and Kevin Dupuy are still moving forward on the garden of giving/Entrance. Jessie Crowe and Jack Rowan are framing the wall for the ReVamp shop. And there is still trim to finish in the offices. Somehow we have managed to stay sane and no one is making regular trips to the Chiropractor. We have a new wonderful location that is larger and more centrally located to serve the Missoula community, who have given us so much. Thank you, and Wow!

Realize Your Dreams at ReVAMP!

Matt Hisel, Co-Director

I am pleased to announce the introduction of a major new program at the new Home ReSource: we call it ReVAMP, an acronym for **Repurposed, Value-Added, Marketable Products**. And now, our hope is that Home ReSource will become a significant hub of sustainable activity, with the addition of The ReVAMP Shop. Our ambition is to transform hundreds more tons of reclaimed building materials into value-added products while boosting green economic opportunities for all. Scheduled to be operational September 18th, this new program will make available to the public a shop full of professional woodworking tools, along with workshops and classes to help do-it-yourselfers of all skill levels get their home improvement projects done. The ReVAMP shop offers multiple opportunities for learning, teaching, home improvement, entrepreneurship, and the purchasing of sustainable, locally made products.

- **Learning:** Eleven classes will be offered this fall to the general public, through the Lifelong Learning Center. One of our area's finest woodworking teachers, Andy Chidwick (Chidwickchairs.com) will be teaching "Intro to Shop Tools" and "Beginning Furniture Making with Local Hardwoods." Cookie Hanson will offer four classes on various faux finishing techniques. And there's much more, from solar food dehydrators to tool maintenance! Please see the insert within this newsletter, or check out the centerfold spread in the Lifelong Learning Center fall catalogue. (Continued on page 3)



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- **Teaching:** Do you have skills and experience in woodworking to share? The ReVAMP Shop will need teachers and job coaches for the Winter/Spring 2011 term. If approved by the Lifelong Learning Center, you can earn \$25 per hour of class time for teaching. Job Coaches are volunteers who work with youth, community service workers, and people with disabilities. Interested? Contact our new ReVAMP Program Coordinator Jack Rowan at 541-8300.
- **Home Improvement:** Are you a DIY homeowner in need of the right tools to complete a project? You can become a member of The ReVAMP Shop and rent time on an hourly basis. Check out the multitude of tools available (thanks to stimulus funds coming to us through a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality), and learn how affordable ReVAMP can be by attending a FREE ReVAMP Orientation class.
- **Entrepreneurship:** Are you a professional builder who could cut overhead costs by sharing shop space? Could your business benefit from having occasional access to larger, higher-powered tools? Perhaps you're an out-of-work craftsman with the skills and ingenuity to build furniture to be sold in our ReVAMP Showroom? As a member of the ReVAMP Shop, you can enhance your business or start a new one while learning and working along with other professionals.
- **Locally made products:** The ReVAMP Showroom will be unveiling an exciting array of products this fall – from high-end furniture to affordable Christmas gifts. We'll also offer oft-requested shopper services like glass cutting and door re-hanging. We're happy to fill custom orders of any size! It's all as local and environmentally friendly as you can get. Keep your dollars local and support the Missoula economy while saving our resources!

ReVAMP Fall 2010 Classes

Home ReSource's ReVAMP classes are administered through The Lifelong Learning Center, who can be reached at 549-8765, or <http://thelifelonglearnigncenter.com>. When signing up for any of the classes listed below, please use the reference number specific to each class (ie - F10-###). **NOTE: The free class "Orientation to the ReVAMP Shop" is a prerequisite to all other classes.**

Orientation to the ReVAMP Shop

This FREE one-hour class is a mandatory prerequisite to any other classes or time rental in the ReVAMP Shop.

Learn basic rules for shop safety, personal protection, clean-up and other shop policies. 1 hr

F10-115 Home ReSource

Mondays, Sep 20-Dec 13 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturdays, Sep 18-Dec 18 9:30-10:30 am

Free!

Introduction to Shop Tools

Learn to safely operate all the basic shop tools available in the ReVAMP shop, including industrial table saws, planers, jointers, band saws, sliding compound mitre saws, sanders, standard hand tools and more. Learn how to avoid common mistakes, and how to deal with issues unique to reclaimed lumber. This class is a prerequisite (or instructor approval) for most ReVAMP workshops.

Bring a dust mask, ear protection and safety glasses if you already have them. Prerequisite: Orientation to ReVAMP.

3 hrs

F10-116.1 Home ReSource

Monday, Sep 20 5:30-8:30 pm

Andy Chidwick \$34

F10-116.2 Home ReSource

Monday, Sep 27 5:30-8:30 pm

Andy Chidwick \$34

F10-116.3 Home ReSource

Monday, Nov 8 5:30-8:30 pm

Andy Chidwick \$34

Joining Reclaimed Lumber

Vintage, reclaimed lumber is full of surprises and challenges. Learn to clean and prep it, then join it into short and long assemblies for tables and benches. Add inlays and contrasting edges to define and enhance the finished project using basic power and hand tools. A great introduction to the finer things in woodworking! Prerequisite: Introduction to Shop Tools or instructor approval. Bring gloves and personal safety equipment. 4 hrs

F10-118 Home ReSource

Saturday, Oct 23 noon-4 pm

Merrill Bradshaw \$61

Beginning Hardwood Furniture Making

Gain insight into the nature of various local hardwoods commonly used in making furniture. Learn the proper techniques of wood selection, wood preparation, material layout, cutting and assembly as we build a beautiful side table. You will take home a lovely finished product! Bring a dust mask, ear protection and safety glasses.

Prerequisite: Intro to Shop Tools or instructor approval.

16 hrs

F10-124 Home ReSource

Wednesdays, Sep 22-Oct 13 5:30-9:30 pm

Andy Chidwick \$289

"Marbleous" Countertops

Learn to use low VOC concrete overlays, color mixing, and sealing to cover a countertop with a hard, durable stone-like surface. Gain the knowledge to resurface laminate, wood, tile, tabletops, dressers and more using various techniques and colorings. Plus, you'll go home with your own beautiful & durable resurfaced countertop (up to 36"). Bring: Sack lunch, old clothes, gloves, eye protection & dust mask if you have it. 6 hrs

F10-119 Home ReSource

Saturday, Oct 2 10 am-4 pm

Cookie Hanson \$79

Fauxtastic Cabinets 1

Learn to clean, prime, sand and prepare cabinets for revamping. You'll see demonstrations of paint and glaze layering techniques in contemporary, old world and modern styles, then try your hand on two or three doors from the Home ReSource stock. Go home with your doors, a few gallons of paint and the confidence to redo your kitchen, bathroom or old dresser. Bring gloves, personal safety equipment. Prerequisite: Introduction to Shop Tools or instructor approval. 6 hrs

F10-120 Home ReSource

Thursdays, Oct 7-14 5:30-8:30 pm

Cookie Hanson \$79

Fauxtastic Cabinets 2

This class builds on "Fauxtastic Cabinet 1" and introduces crackle finishes, stencils and plasters to embellish your cabinets. Feel confident to bring your cabinets into the 21st century... or back to the 18th! Bring gloves, personal safety equipment. Prerequisite: Introduction to Shop Tools or instructor approval. 6 hrs

F10-121 Home ReSource

Thursdays, Oct 28-Nov 4 5:30-8:30 pm

Cookie Hanson \$79

In-Played Wood

Learn to take gel stains, stencils and masking patterns to give wood or flooring an inlaid look. Learn basic wood sealing, color mixing, use of design and more. A fun way to tap your creative mind! You'll go home with a finished piece of wood, cork or tabletop. Bring gloves, old clothes, and if desired: project piece (a tabletop or piece of furniture to learn with). Prerequisite: Fauxtastic Cabinet 1 or instructor approval. 6 hrs

F10-122 Home ReSource

Mondays, Nov 1-8 5:30-8:30 pm

Cookie Hanson \$79

Build Your Own Bookshelf

Do your bookshelves have as much character and history as the books they hold? If not, here is your chance to build a shelf with the enduring charm of Gulliver's Travels. In this course you will learn some simple techniques for designing, building, and finishing a rustic reclaimed lumber bookshelf. Bring gloves and personal safety equipment and bring home your custom bookshelf. Prerequisite: Introduction to Shop Tools or instructor approval. 9 hrs

F10-117 Home ReSource

Tuesdays, Oct 5-19 5:30-8:30 pm

Jack Rowan \$167

Build a Passive Solar Food Dryer

Learn how to build a solar dehydrator using re-sourced windows, hardware, and screening! While building your own solar dehydrator you will learn how to test for lead paint; use handtools to assemble windows, screens and hardware; explore solar dehydrators, and sample home-dried produce!" Creative, unique, and aesthetically pleasing solar dehydrator designs encouraged! Includes all supplies, Wear old cloths, bring gloves and a vehicle big enough to take your food dryer home. 4 hrs

F10-123 Home ReSource

Saturday, Sep 25 noon-4 pm

Rachel Loehman \$51

Santa's Workshop Level 1

This class for beginners introduces students to wood qualities and characteristics, sanding, gluing, and finishing. You'll start with pre-cut parts for a wooden toy which you will sand and assemble into a finished product. Then on Dec. 15th you'll be joined by Santa's Level 2 students to learn non-toxic finishing. Prerequisite: Introduction to Shop Tools or instructor approval. 8 hrs

F10-125 Home ReSource

Sat & Wed, Dec 11-15 5:30-9:30 pm

Josh Decker \$71

Santa's Workshop Level 2

Have some basic woodworking experience and a desire to make an awesome toy for a little tyke, but no shop tools to do it with? This class is for you. We'll present a pattern for a basic toy truck with variations and expansions; go as far as your time and abilities allow. You'll start with selecting your wood to maximize the character of reclaimed fir or pine, then cut, square, shape and assemble all parts. Bring gloves, personal safety equipment. Prerequisite: Introduction to Shop Tools or instructor approval. 20 hrs

F10-126 Home ReSource

Wednesdays, Nov 17-Dec 15 5:30-9:30 pm

Josh Decker \$188

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RELOCATION UPDATE

Matt Hisel, Co-Director

To all supporters of our Relocation Campaign: THANK YOU! If you've been to our new home on the corner of Russell and Wyoming, you've seen your dollars translated into a multi-faceted new facility that is better able to serve Missoula and the surrounding valleys. Thanks to your cash donations that got us here, we are already diverting 40% more usable materials from the landfill than last year. That means we're on track to divert more than 1400 tons in 2010! Besides the fact that these tons of materials are now available for everyone at super-affordable prices, that waste diversion conserves enough embodied energy to heat and light about 230 homes! We anticipate that once the ReVAMP Shop is operational, we'll boost that number much higher. Nevertheless, our relocation goals will not be 100% complete until we finish three major construction projects:

1. **The ReVAMP Shop:** Thanks to the hard work of two new employees – ReVAMP Shop Manager Jesse Crowe and ReVAMP Program Director Jack Rowan – a number of big tools have been purchased or donated; a new wall is going up in our southeast warehouse, and electrical, plumbing and finish work will be completed in September, when we'll offer our first classes, producing ReVAMP products, and making rental time available.

2. **The Fençade:** In order to present our most beautiful face to Russell Street and simultaneously meet our ever-growing needs for lumber storage, we are building a somewhat monstrous structure we have lovingly dubbed the "Fençade." It will fence our lumber yard and house our lumber behind an innovative façade that will blend a character-rich barn wood patina with contemporary design. Completion is anticipated this fall, and will depend on YOUR PARTICIPATION in up-coming work parties. Stay tuned to our email newsletters for details.

3. **The Garden of Giving:** To the right of our main entrance, Kevin Depuy is leading the construction of our distinctive structure that will honor the many donors to our Relocation Fund. This "Garden" will soon sprout roots of steel pipe, grass of green-patina copper, leaves of steel, copper, and brass, flowers of brass cymbals and fruit of... get this: bowling balls! All elements of the garden will be etched with donors' names.

And remember it's not too late to give! As these projects continue, we still need your support! We've reached almost 90% of our goal of \$100,000 raised within the community. It has become very clear that our goal was not an over-estimate. That last \$10,000 is still crucial to getting these projects completed this year. More "Roots" are needed just as much as "Flowers" and "Fruit." Please use the enclosed donor envelope to add your name or business to the Garden of Giving!

And in the next few months, please continue to bear with us as we press forward with construction even during business hours. You will soon have a remarkably peaceful, expansive new experience donating materials, shopping, and reusing!

The following individuals, families, and businesses made financial and in-kind donations to our moving fund, and without their help we would not have been able to move to our new location. The names listed below will soon appear on roots, grass, leaves, flowers, fruit, and branches in our Garden of Giving! Thanks!

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Sustainable Landscaping at HR

Marilyn Marler and David Schmetterling

Home ReSource (HR) is committed to sustainability, and we are excited to extend that commitment to the landscaping at the new location. We have donated design and installation of landscaping that is sustainable in that it promotes biodiversity while requiring few resource inputs.

The HR gardens are made entirely of plants native to Missoula (those species that were here prior to European settlement). They are the same plants you find while hiking the hills around town.

Benefits to gardening with native plants are many. For example, they:

- are beautiful,
- celebrate Montana's regional distinctiveness
- are adapted to Montana's climate, soils, and herbivores
- don't need extra water, fertilizer, or protection from hot summers and cold winters
- are not invasive
- provide food and shelter for wildlife, including birds and butterflies



Despite HR's commercial/industrial setting, making this landscape wildlife friendly is one of our design goals. By incorporating elements of sustainable landscaping, and designing the garden with wildlife in mind, the gardens at HR have been certified by the National Wildlife Federation as wildlife habitat - one of the few commercial landscapes in Missoula to receive this status. More importantly, native birds and butterflies are already using the site.

Montana's plants are special, and well-suited for both residential and commercial settings. There are few places in the world with plant communities similar to ours, and we are glad to celebrate Montana's unique beauty with created landscapes. Native plants offer so much interest and so many benefits, and thus we want the HR gardens to be educational as well as beautiful.

Many non-native plants that were introduced for landscaping have become invasive pests that degrade wildlife habitat & decrease biodiversity (Dalmatian toadflax & purple loosestrife, for example). And many species that are still commonly used in Missoula for landscaping cause problems outside of the (intended) garden confines. For example, salt cedars still appear around Missoula homes and businesses, yet they threaten riparian areas in many parts of Montana. European ash and Norway maples, very common street trees throughout the city, also invade natural areas around Missoula.

In contrast, native plants are never invasive. Landscaping with native plants promotes biodiversity instead of homogeneity, and provides a look and feel appropriate in our harsh climate.

Sustainable landscaping begins with appropriate design. The native plants at Home ReSource were specifically selected for conditions at this site: west-facing, hot, & dry!

Trees and shrubs in the landscape include black hawthorn, ponderosa pine (our state tree), snowberry, golden currant, serviceberry, chokecherry, and wood's rose. Grasses include bluebunch wheatgrass (our state grass), prairie Junegrass, and Idaho fescue. Wildflowers including yarrow, blanket flower, asters, penstemons, and alum root will provide color throughout spring, summer, and fall. Examples of every species are labeled, and interpretive signs explain the concepts within the garden. And, appropriate to Home ReSource, we reused and repurposed materials for fences, sign stands, bee boxes, and even a bird bath.

We are using water-efficient drip irrigation for the first year to get the plants established. Once established, they will not require:

- fertilizer, insecticides, or extra water
- protection from our hot summers and cold winters
- annual re-planting (since they are perennials)
- mowing & watering (since there is no lawn)

Big thanks to Marchie's Nursery for donating several blanket flowers and penstemons, and Peters Landscaping helped quite a lot with the drip irrigation system. We think the final product is beautiful and an appropriate complement to HR's mission.

ReVAMP Legacy Tools Donated

Steve Allison-Bunnell

This is the story behind the table saw, shaper, and joiner that belonged to my grandfather, Harold Allison, and which the Allison family is now pleased to donate to Home Resource's ReVAMP shop. There was very little made out of wood that Harold didn't make with these tools. He bought them in the late 1940s when he and my grandmother Lillian bought an acre of land in Eugene, Oregon. (The original suite of tools also included a band saw and a drill press.) Using these tools, they built a two-story Cape Cod style home of my grandfather's design.

It included two attached greenhouses and a special bulb storage room for their dahlia business. As was fashionable at the time, Harold designed lots of built-in cabinets and shelves in the living room and dining room, and put coved ceilings in the living room. The house featured two stairways, which, he liked to joke, meant he could always get away from my grandmother when she was chasing him.

The two of them literally built the house board by board, and they fabricated all of the cabinetry, interior doors, and woodwork themselves on the joiner and shaper.

After the house was finished and the family moved in, Harold turned to building furniture. He made a solid blonde maple Heywood-Wakefield style dining set with curve-backed chairs, a matching bedroom set, and a desk, all in the sleek, modern style that prevailed in the 1950s.

When Harold retired in the 1960s, he took up oil painting. But the shop did not sit idle. He made all of his own canvas stretchers and picture frames. He proudly showed off a walnut frame he had milled from a tree on their place. He boasted that not many artists could say they'd grown their own picture frames.

Growing up, the hum and whine of the table saw, and the smell of fresh sawdust filtering into the house from the shop, are central memories of my visits to Grandpa Allison's house. That saw was always a somewhat fearsome presence: When he turned on its big motor, the lights always dimmed in the house.

In 1994, Lillian died from a fall she suffered as she was carrying firewood into the house; Harold left the home he had built and lived in for over 45 years. Among the things he left behind was a hoard of dimensional old growth cedar planks he'd saved for decades for just the right project.



John Allison



Harold's son John took the tools (and lumber!) and carried on Grandpa's tradition of making anything and everything from wood. Also a lifelong woodworker, Dad was a true believer in repurposing materials and building things of his own design. He loved nothing more than sorting through a bucket of miscellaneous hardware gleaned from a garage sale. Dad was deeply committed to living sustainably, and it showed in his penchant for using every board down to the smallest scraps. One of the last things he crafted with these tools was a Stickley-style headboard and nightstand set for Jodi and me. In the true ReVAMP spirit, it's made of laminated mahogany strips salvaged from folding doors saved from a funeral home remodel by my mother-in-law.

John died in 2002, and the tools have been silent since then. We know he would have loved the idea of them being used here at Home ReSource to make creative, useful new objects from old, otherwise discarded materials. So we are delighted that soon the table saw will again be whining and filling the air of the ReVAMP shop with sawdust.

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