



Talk & Tour at Nebraska Innovation Campus

Nebraska Recycling Council is hosting a Talk & Tour at Nebraska Innovation Campus this Friday, November 17th at 8:30 a.m.



Learn how NIC manages their recycling and organics diversion program in this multi-tenant office

building. Enjoy coffee, tea, and cinnamon rolls from The Mill and kick-start your day with some good ideas. NRC will have our new publication, "Materials Management for Offices: A Best Practices Guide to Waste Reduction and Recycling" available free for all attendees.

Attendees will gather at The Mill Coffee & Bistro on Innovation Campus to start. Cost is \$5 for NRC members and \$6 for non-members. Registration is required and closes at 3 pm on Wednesday, November 15th. Park in the paved lot north of Transformation Drive.

For more information and to register, go [HERE](#).

Meet Mary Newcomer *- a 96-year-young recycling phenomenon -*

Meet Mary Newcomer of Beatrice who is 96 years young - truly. This woman has an inspiring amount of enthusiasm for recycling and a ton of creative flare. She has won numerous awards at the Gage County Fair for her artwork made from recycled materials, including a "Trash Cottage" that won the grand prize a couple years ago. To this day, she continues making improvements to the house, which is made up of materials like boxes, straws, beads, chewing gum, floral wire, med supplies, pen parts, and many more. Her attention to detail is remarkable, so much that



many of the original materials she uses are nearly unrecognizable by the time they're in the cottage. It looks like a cozy, well-decorated home.

Instead of watching TV or playing bridge, Mary instead prefers to spend her time doing this type of art. She can't pinpoint when she became interested in it, but it is clear how much her family planted the seed. She has loved dollhouses since she was a little girl, and her aunt built a beautiful dollhouse of her own. Mary has now passed the tradition on to her own family, building dollhouse furniture with her own daughters and cities from boxes and paper bags with her grandson.



"Trash Cottage"

"This is great if you're a babysitter," Mary expressed after a quick demonstration on making a paper bag building. She is also conscious of storage space and explained how she planned her grandson's city to be folded and hung up in the garage so it could be used again and again.

In addition to artistic family influence, living through the Great Depression taught her a lot about how to use what you have. She knew the importance of hanging onto

things for later and has always been a proponent of recycling, even in its earliest stages.

Some of her art has incredibly moving meaning behind it, for example a cabin that is "a tribute to HOMESTEADERS who built homes from what was available," and her piece, "The Hungry Horde," a picture that represents world hunger and recycling, two of Mary's concerns.

When asked if she sells her art, Mary responded with a little chuckle, "I'm not in the business." She is happy to share her art and stories with others, but their home will always remain with her.

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Reminder: Recycle a Cycle for the Holidays

If your business doesn't have plans for America Recycles Day on the 15th, we have just the thing for an 11th hour effort.

Ask your employees to bring their gently used bikes to work on Wednesday (no wrecks, please), then take them to the Lincoln Bike Kitchen between 6 and 9pm that evening. Tally the number of bikes and other donations collected, share the info with NRC, and we will recognize you in a news release and in our newsletter.



As a participating business, if you collect more than 6 bikes, Lincoln Bike Kitchen volunteers will pick them up at your location. OR, if you're the REALLY last-minute type (we're not judging) or your business needs just needs a little more time, LBK is open Mondays 5-9pm and Sundays 12-4pm and will accept bikes for the America Recycles Day event through Sunday, December 10th.

What better way to recycle, help our neighbors, and keep Lincoln on two wheels?!?

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#GivingTuesday is coming November 28!

NRC is working for the day that every community in Nebraska has an easy and convenient recycling program - connected to a cost-effective web of haulers and processors - with access to nearby end markets - that manufacture the (recycled) goods we consume.

On November 28th, we are participating in #GivingTuesday, a world-wide day of giving to organizations that are making a difference in the world. We hope you will support of our cause on this special day by becoming a donor.

Want to donate early? Here's a link to our [DONATION](#) page. Thank you!

Webinars & Events

[Talk & Tour at Super Saver](#)

December 13 | 27th and Pine Lake Rd | Lincoln, NE

[USCC Emerging Composter Challenge](#)

January 23-24, 2018 | Atlanta, GA

[Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show](#)

March 4-7, 2018 | Orlando, FL



Articles of Interest

[Halloween's Over - Compost Your Pumpkin](#)

What do you do with that pumpkin?

[Welcome to the Certified Compost Operations Manager program](#)

USCC expands website to aid in credential renewal and certification.

[In My Opinion: Opportunities amid the uncertainty](#)

China's plans may ultimately lead to a re-thinking around existing collection systems. The result could be redesigning for more efficiency and making the ones that work, work even better.





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