



Winter 2012

Newsletter

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Give the gift of ArtsJunktion!

Please consider celebrating the holidays by making a donation to ArtsJunktion on someone else's behalf. All donations are eligible for a Charitable Tax Receipt and all "recipients" of your ArtsJunktion donation will receive a beautiful handmade paper card.

You can make a donation on-line at www.artsjunktion.mb.ca. Help us keep ArtsJunktion free for all!

Beautiful ArtsJunktion journals are available at \$12.00 each or 2 for \$20.00.

ArtsJunktion is looking to increase its membership! Invite your friends to become a member today!

It's free and easy online at www.artsjunktion.mb.ca.

Coming soon ... group membership! Invite your entire organization, company or association to join and enjoy the benefits of being an artsjunktion member! Membership keeps you in touch with our ongoing events and workshops, and is vital to artsjunktion. Your membership keeps us going strong!

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About Us...

ArtsJunktion mb is a non-profit organization committed to distributing recyclable materials to all. ArtsJunktion mb offers FREE membership and FREE materials to any community member. In order to fund what we do (from paying the phone bill to paying artists for workshops) we rely on the proceeds of two fundraisers each year and other donations. It is critical to the ongoing operation of ArtsJunktion that community members consider how they can contribute financially, whether it be through attending our fundraising events or making monetary donations. We are grateful for all the support we receive.

Winter/Fall Hours

Monday 12-5 pm
Wednesday 1-5 pm
Thursday 1-5 pm
Saturday 10-2 pm.
Closed on Statutory Holidays.



Bison Herd—Artsjunktion supplies
Wellington School

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!

If you have a van or a half ton we need your help for occasional pick-ups of donated materials. Pick-ups usually happen during business hours and materials are dropped off at the depot when it is open. Please contact Chloe at the depot at 942-5865 if you can help.

Creative Re-use Centres Around the World

Report from Di Harms, ArtsJunktion mb board member, who spent six months on the road last winter



There are creative reuse centres much like ArtsJunktion mb around the world. I visited reuse centres in Portland, Oregon - SCRAP (The School and Community Reuse Action Project), San Francisco – scrap (scroungers center for reusable art parts) and Christchurch – Creative Junk. Teachers started these centres; San Francisco's as early as 1976. Like most reuse centers they are nonprofit organizations devoted to transforming waste materials of all kinds into creative and imaginative happenings and promoting environmental awareness.

You'll notice from the photos how similar these centres are to ArtsJunktion mb in how their materials are displayed. SCRAP in Portland also had an impressive art gallery in which they displayed group shows of themed creations.

Each of the centres I visited offered workshops to educators, parents and artists. They also offered community outreach by providing free materials at community events.

Discussion with board members and staff revealed that they have similar financial challenges as ArtsJunktion mb and rely on funding from various sources such as local Departments of Environment, School Districts, donations from community members and membership fees. Other sources of income were user fees; nominal fees for the materials, established in part to promote the idea that you take only what you need thus reducing hoarding, and a published price list per child for classroom field trips and birthday party packages.

I did also go to Urban Source in Vancouver which is quite different from AJ in that it is a for profit business providing a combination of manufacturing waste and new art materials for purchase operated out of a tiny storefront.

While Christchurch's Creative Junk was the only reuse centre I found in New Zealand every small town had an Op Shop at the entrance to the town dump so that before discarding materials in the landfill reusable items could be rescued.

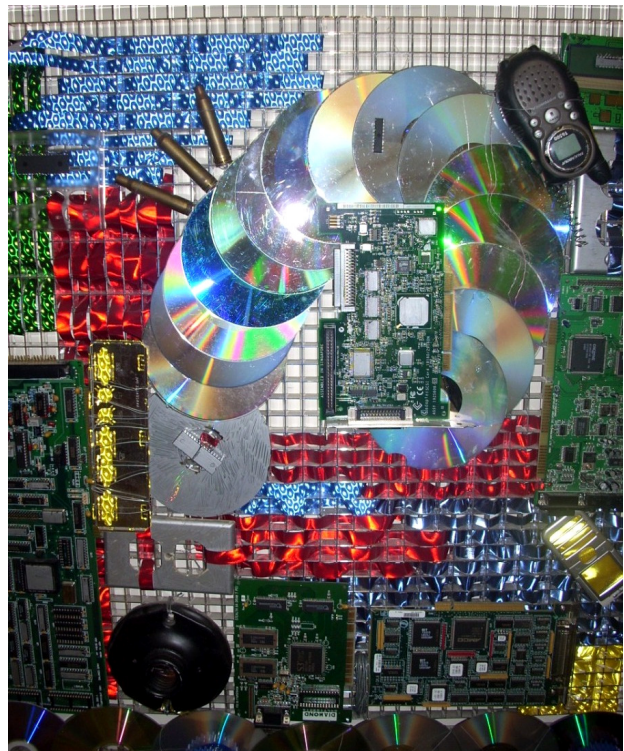
SOURCES

SCRAP (Portland, Oregon: www.scrapaction.org)

scrap (San Francisco, California: www.scrap-sf.org)

Creative Junk (Christchurch, NZ: www.creativejunk.org.nz)

Reverse Garbage Truck (Australia: www.reversegarbagetruck.org.au)



ArtsJunktion News

Do you know of any businesses that would be interested in donating materials to ArtsJunktion? Let us know!

Message from the Depot Manager:

I've been working at ArtsJunktion for a year now and I'd like to reflect on it. I've seen so many interesting, weird, and wonderful things come and go from this place, and it's kind of like Christmas every day when I open the boxes of treasures.

But more importantly I've met so many wonderful people. So I'd like to say a personal thank you to the board, and all the volunteers who support me and make this job fun! It is so great to come to work and watch people get inspired by our recycled materials.

I encourage AJ visitors to continue to send us pictures of the art they make with supplies they find here, it is such an inspiration to keep this place going! Thanks everybody for making AJ an awesome place to work!- *Chloe*

Photo from SCRAP—
Portland, Oregon
courtesy of Di Harms

Consider becoming an ArtsJunktion volunteer!

We need more volunteers at the depot. We are flexible and can accommodate whatever time commitment you can make. We welcome "drop in" volunteers. You may be able to use your volunteer time with us as credit for service. Give us a call, send us an email or drop by the depot and we will arrange a volunteer orientation for you!



Upcoming workshops in the New Year.

Barb Doncaster

Workshop Coordinator

Check the website where details will be posted as they become available.

Planned for February 10 is a teachers workshop with Winnipeg artist/educator Cathy Woods.

Planned for April is an Altered Books teachers workshop with Winnipeg artist Allison Moore.



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ArtsJunktion Art Auction

Save the Date

Thursday May 10th 2012

at the Exchange Community Building

We'll see you there!

Details to follow



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Thank You to our Social Prize Sponsors !!!

Les Weins—sponsor of the amazing bike raffle!

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