

*Sugarplums? No, we have visions of
hardware dancing in our heads...*

HOLIDAY Green Gift Fair & Bake Sale!!!



*Community Forklift: 34,000 sq. ft. of Low-Cost Building Materials
A Project of Sustainable Community Initiatives*

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Just two more weeks of our Green Gift Fair

Find unique gifts and support a good cause! Keep
reading for more details.

Holiday Hours

Our store hours are:
Wed 12-7
Thurs, Fri, & Sat 9-5,
and Sun 12-5

During the the holidays, the

only exceptions will be:

Dec. 24: Open 9-3

Dec. 25: Closed

Jan. 1: Closed

Visit our HUGE warehouse at:

4671 Tanglewood Drive

Hyattsville, MD 20781

store: 301-985-5180

donations: 301-832-0781

www.CommunityForklift.com[Click here for directions](#)[Click here to donate](#)

Rooting a green
business in Prince
George's County:

Community Forklift's

Capital Campaign to buy our building!

By Jim Schulman, CEO

Many of our customers and
supporters are not aware that
Community Forklift rents our
warehouse...or that

**our lease ends in early
2010.**

With that date fast approaching,
Community Forklift has been
negotiating with the landlord to
buy the building. This would make
it possible for the Forklift to stay in
our community, allow us to make
physical improvements, and ensure
long-term financial sustainability
for our operation.

The good news is that Community
Forklift is eligible for a loan from
the Small Business Administration,
grants from the State of Maryland,



Art From Salvage!

Local crafters & artisans have donated pieces to be sold in our **gift corral**, across from the register. Proceeds will help us continue to make repairs affordable, create green jobs, and keep good materials out of the landfill.

To give you examples of what you'll find...we've got this cool mosaic table, a beautiful glass pendant from www.EdBurck.com and this Redskins sign built from reclaimed trim by [Mark Z Signs](#)



and private financing. **However, all of these potential donors & lenders require Community Forklift to contribute significant equity - otherwise known as "money up front."**

That's where we turn to you, Forklift Fans! We need you to dig deep into your checkbooks, pockets, and hearts, to contribute to our campaign to build up enough equity to allow the purchase to proceed.

We have very little time - we need to raise \$250,000 by March 31st.

As with most young businesses, especially non-profits, this is far more money, after expenses, than we generate from our sales.

But we believe that you recognize the value of what Community Forklift does, and understand that in life, "what goes around, comes around."

With your help, we can continue to:

- * Make repairs more affordable for low-income folks, homeowners, & small businesses in the DC area;
 - * assist hundreds of nonprofits and community groups;
- * keep good building materials out of the landfill; and
- * create good green jobs for local residents

If you want Community Forklift to remain in the area, lifting up our local community, I urge you to contribute what you can.

- * Checks can be written to "Sustainable Community



Volunteers have decorated our tree with ornaments made from surplus or reclaimed hardware, and all are for sale. They'll make **great stocking stuffers for Do-It-Yourselfers!**

Guest Artisans on Saturdays

From 11am - 5pm, this Saturday and next,

artisans will visit the warehouse to exhibit work made from reclaimed or recycled materials. Don't miss this chance to find truly unique gifts!

Dec. 12

Rox Produx: I bet you didn't know that our floor manager is also a stone artist! It's hard to believe that Keith's beautiful clocks, bookends, and ornaments were once broken curbstones, discarded tile, & scraps of granite counters.



Platewerkz: What began as an idea during a Hyattsville home remodeling has developed into one-of-a-kind handcrafted designs on metal light switch and outlet plates.

Daryll Harris uses contrasting colors, assorted applications and finishes that create outstanding abstract geometric colors enhancing surfaces and areas formerly ignored in decorating schemes.



Catalpa Creek

Initiatives" or SCI with "CF building campaign" in the memo line. You may mail or deliver your tax deductible check to Community Forklift at 4671 Tanglewood Drive, Edmonston, MD 20781.

* To donate cash, drop it in the Capital Campaign Box near our checkout (If you want a tax deduction letter, just show your donation to a Reuse Associate)

* You can donate by credit or debit card in the store, or via Paypal at www.CommunityForklift.com

* And if you can't afford to give money at this time, we still appreciate your building material donations, your gifts of volunteer time, and, of course, the purchases you make every day.

Thank you, and happy holidays!

P. S. Please remember that donations received by 12/31/09 are tax deductible in the 2009 tax year.

Bake Sale!



Studio:



Brooks Boliek is a regular Forklift volunteer. He is a writer and artisan who grew up in Alabama, and now lives in

Silver Spring with his wife Jeri, a painter. Brooks jokes, "No trees were harmed in the making of my furniture" and he feels that every board has a story to tell. Together, Brooks and Jeri create furniture, boxes, signs, and picture frames out of wood found on local streets, farms, and right here at Community Forklift.

Dec 19



Kim S. Joy: Kim Steinmuller Joy was raised in upstate New York and now lives in Springfield, VA. She has been a stained glass artist and teacher since 1982, and her works are in private and public collections worldwide.

She will display pottery shard pendants, stained glass, and jewelry made from buttons pulled from old clothes.



Artsy Fartsy Jewelry:



Susi DuPuis makes these innovative jewelry designs from recycled plastic containers found in common household products (like these Barcode Earrings!). Each disk is hand cut, then poked with an awl, and threaded disk-by-disk onto a wire to fashion a striking piece of green couture, recycled, wearable ART! It's Green Bling!

We also expect more additions to the fair on the 19th, including:

Handknitted Scarves,

Each weekend until Christmas,

our volunteer Michelle C. is whipping up sweet treats for you to enjoy while you shop on Saturdays and Sundays. Her brownies, fudge, and cakes are amazing and inexpensive.

Her boxed treats make **great holiday & hostess gifts**, and she's taking orders if you want a bunch!

Bake Sale proceeds support Community Forklift's work to lift up local communities.

Okay, maybe this Twitter thing isn't so annoying after all.

Twitter finally has a purpose! To find out about cool and unusual donations arriving at Community Forklift, go to:

<http://twitter.com/CommForklift>

We'll also tweet (twit?) home improvement tips, reuse ideas, and information about events.

December Sales:



20% off ALL Doors!

Dave's Leatherwork, and Julie Seiwel Photography

Give a gift with character!

Many items in our **Salvage Arts** department make great presents, including:

- Old ironware,
- Vintage signs & labels,
- Stained glass,
- Bottles & tins,
- Classic kitchenware,
- Architectural decor,
- Collectible tools and hardware,
- Antique toys,
- Hand-thrown stoneware



TOOLS



ALL doors will be 20% off the marked price (Sale does not apply to doors without price tags)



25% off selected Furniture

Take 25% off the marked price on all furniture marked with a neon green sale sticker (Sale does not apply to furniture without a sale sticker)



25% off Radiators

Take 25% off the marked price on all cast iron radiators (Sale does not apply to radiators without price tags).



Wish you could lower your energy bills?

On Wed, December 16th, homeowners and community groups throughout DC will open up their homes to host

WeatherizeDC

Home Energy Meetings

to help you learn more about the process of weatherization.

For more info, check out www.WeatherizeDC.org

Do you need help sticking to your holiday budget?

In our last newsletter, we told you about the free [Simplify the Holidays](#) guide, with tips to help you **spend less money, and have a happier holiday season.**

Well, here's something else you've gotta check out! It's a fantastic cartoon called

[The Story of Stuff.](#)

It has truly changed the way I look at the world (and it is THE reason I finally had the willpower to pay off my credit cards). It's also a great way to teach kids why they don't "need" the latest plastic junk.

So, warm up some cocoa, relax, and take 20 minutes to

[watch this video.](#)

It is so worth it!

--Ruthie, Outreach Director

Free Forklift "Icicle" Ornament!

For the first year ever, we have created a
Forklift Holiday Ornament!
Our volunteers reused roofing hardware to make
"icicles," perfect for hanging in a window or on a tree.

**Bring this coupon in to receive one free icicle
(while supplies last)**

And...if you'd like a set of icicles, **consider making
a financial donation** to support Community Forklift's
work (minimum suggested donation is \$2.00 for
each ornament). With your donation, we can continue
to
create good **green jobs**, keep thousands
of tons of material **out of the landfill**, and make
repairs more affordable for countless homeowners,
small businesses, & community groups!

Offer Expires: December 31, 2009. Limit one free icicle per household.



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