

December 2009

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A Project of Sustainable Community Initiatives

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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



Do you really want to give your family and

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Changing for the better

Have you noticed all the changes at Community Forklift over the last six months?

We've added Sunday hours, and we've been reorganizing new and more artistic displays of our materials. We've opened our "Salvage Arts" vintage department, and just last month we promoted a staff member to the new position of Sales Supervisor to oversee customer relations!

All of this is due to a changes within our organizational structure. **Nancy Meyer**, our former Business and Development Director **is now our Chief Operating Officer** - the person responsible for Community Forklift operations. Her background is in managing non-profit organizations, building & construction, and art. And we are now working on a new team model of management. Our Team Leaders are:

Meghan Adkins: Donations,
Keith Harper: Warehouse,
Freddy Huffins: Sales, &
Ruthie Mundell: Marketing.

Our goal is to make Community Forklift even better for you and our community!

December

friends the same old junk from the chain stores? Do you feel guilty buying new items that had to be extracted, manufactured, and shipped around the world?

This year, you can find more than just building materials at Community Forklift. You can also find unique, reclaimed, and hand-crafted gifts - and homemade fudge! We will be holding a

Green Gift Fair

**at the warehouse
throughout December**

Proceeds will stay in the local community, and will support our work to create green jobs, make repairs more affordable, and keep good materials out of the landfill.

Read below for more details!

Give a gift with character!

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



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



Sales:



20% off ALL Doors!

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).

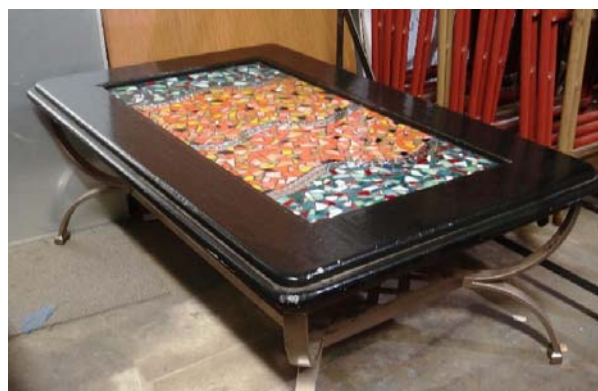
They don't make 'em like this anymore!



In addition to the art *of* salvage, we have **Art From Salvage!**

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!

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 and keep good materials out of the landfill.



To give you examples of what you'll find...we've got the beautiful mosaic table above, a vintage-look Redskins sign from [Mark Z Signs](#), and the gorgeous carving below from [Creations in Wood](#).



(If you're an artist, or just a creative person, it's not too late to **make a donation to the gift corral**. You'll receive a tax deduction, and we can feature you in our next newsletter, which reaches about 5,000 Forklift Fans. Drop off your donation at the store, or contact Ruthie@CommunityForklift.com or 301-985-5180)

Weekend Bake Sale!

Each weekend until Christmas, our volunteer Michelle C. is whipping up treats for you to enjoy while you shop on Saturdays and Sundays. I'll warn you - her fudge is addictive!

She'll also take orders if you want to buy lots of boxed treats for holiday gifts. Proceeds support Community Forklift's work to "lift" local communities.

Guest Artisans on Saturdays

From 11am - 5pm, every Saturday until Christmas,

artisans will visit the warehouse to display and demonstrate work made from reclaimed or recycled materials. Don't miss this chance to find truly unique gifts! (and if you're an artist or crafter, it's not too late - we still have free spaces left! Email Ruthie@CommunityForklift.com)

Dec. 5

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.

Gary Coltrane: Gary is a native Washingtonian and visual artist, and he will be demonstrating how he constructs his original art pieces. Perhaps his creative use of salvaged materials will inspire you! For 20 years, he's created mixed media presentations, murals, reliefs, and private commissions. In addition, he instructs children & young adults in classrooms and studio settings. He can be reached at 202-388-0298 or gcoltrane1@verizon.net

Dec. 12



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 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.



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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 pendants, and jewelry made from buttons pulled from old clothes.

Artsy Fartsy:

What the heck is Artsy Fartsy Jewelry?

It is innovative jewelry designs made using recycled plastic containers found in common household products. Each

disk is hand cut by Susi DuPuis from pieces of the plastic container, using a jeweler's metal disk cutter or scissors, then hand trimmed with smaller scissors to clean the edges, then

poked in the center with an awl (individually mind you!) to be threaded disk by disk onto a wire for fashioning into a striking piece of green couture, recycled, wearable

ART! It's Green Bling!



Do the holidays stress you out?

Check out the Center for a New American Dream. This nonprofit has a fantastic free guide to help you simplify, **spend less money AND have a happier holiday season.**

<http://www.newdream.org/holiday/index.php>

Free Forklift 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 full set of icicles, consider making a financial donation to support Community Forklift's work. Minimum suggested donation is \$2.00 for each ornament (Limit 10 ornaments per household).

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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