

# Georgia Recycling Coalition

## Green Sheet Update



Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update! We hope you find the information helpful.

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## 2018 Recycle Bowl Competition Opens

Keep America Beautiful Presents



**Recycle-Bowl** is Keep America Beautiful's fun and exciting K-12 fall recycling competition, which takes place for four weeks beginning on Oct. 15 and culminating on **America**

**Recycles Day**, Nov. 15. Recycle-Bowl **registration closes on Oct. 12**, so now's the time to get involved. We'd love to see you participate again this year and we are here to help. Just **shoot us an email** and let us know if we can help in any way.

Just as a reminder, Recycle-Bowl is a great way to engage students in your community around recycling, an opportunity to send home information to parents about recycling as well as build momentum for your school's recycling program. Each year we have schools across the country participate and use this month-long competition as a rallying point for motivating and activating student recyclers. Research from George Washington University shows that participating schools recycle 10% more than schools that do not. Join the movement and **register now!**

Friendly competition is a proven way to motivate young people toward adopting sustainable behaviors. Through Recycle-Bowl, we hope to galvanize or improve recycling in elementary, middle and high schools across America.

If you're looking for some ideas on how to educate students about recycling, **click here to view our educational resources.**

## ICAW Poster Contest



The 2019 Poster Contest started on Sept. 1st and entries have been coming in daily. The contest ends on Nov. 5th. **It would be great if you could share the info about the contest with anyone you know - especially teachers.** It's such a good way to teach children and teens about composting, so we're always trying to reach out to more teachers every year. The contest is for anyone age ten and up. If you do want to let people know about the contest, here's the link to the website page with the entry form: <https://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Poster-Contest> or they can follow our ICAW Facebook page [here](#) to learn more.

## In Memoriam

We sadly learned of the passing of an icon of our industry last month. Mrs. Minnie Hazel Blanchard Mobley, age 82, passed away at her home in Thomasville, Georgia, Sunday, September 16, 2018. Hazel Mobley worked in the glass recycling industry for decades. She was known widely and loved by all. Only recently retired

from Strategic Materials in College Park, GA, she remained an honorary director of our organization. RIP to our dear friend and former colleague.



## Conference Follow Up

Despite the potential threat of Hurricane Florence, the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was a great success...and with no weather issues at all...in fact it was bright and sunny almost the entire 4 days. We even encountered a few evacuees from South Carolina who were at the King & Prince until an all clear was sounded for their return home. Our thoughts are with those who were negatively impacted by this storm.

Thanks to our sponsors, speakers, exhibitors and attendees for a great event. We also appreciate the staff at King & Prince for making the operations of the conference easy and streamlined. And appreciation to Program Committee Co-Chairs Dee Rodgers-Smith of EPA and Beyonca Warkentien of Carastar, along with committee members Leah Davis (EPA); Abbey Patterson (RRS) and Kathy Reed (Keep No. Fulton Beautiful).



Catching up with Friends & Colleagues



Networking with vendors in the Exhibit Hall



EPA R 4 staff Dee Rodgers-Smith and Leah Davis network with Melanie Vaughn of GA World Congress Center

## Burns Scholarship Winner Announced



This year's winner of the Connie Burns Scholarship is Shelby Lyn Snipes, a student at Georgia College & State University. Shelby will receive \$1000 to put toward her education. She aspires to eventually become an Environmental Lawyer. Shelby's, who is the daughter of our member

Michael Snipes of Laurens County SWA sent us this comment: ***Everything I know about recycling I learned from my father and his friends, which included Ms. Connie Burns. Through these wonderful people I have learned so much. This knowledge has helped me decide a chosen career path and has shaped my life.***

*Connie Burns, of Effingham County, GA, was an active Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) member for several years and was renowned for her spirit, love of life and adventure, and her true understanding of and dedication to effective waste reduction and recycling practices. The solid waste and recycling community lost Connie to an unexpected death in August 2012. As a way to remember her and honor her life and work, GRC, in partnership with SWANA Georgia Chapter, established the **Connie Burns Scholarship Program** dedicated to assisting and mentoring Georgia college and university students interested in a career path in recycling, composting, environmental practices, and sustainability.*

## Eco-Auction a Success!

Thanks to many donors of cool, fun and interesting items, and the generous participation of attendees, GRC raised \$1625.00 to put toward educational efforts at this year's Eco-Auction. Special thanks to Marla Prince of WM and Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe of Live Thive, co-chairs of the auction and to Sabina Kasumova of Live Thive for her onsite assistance!



## Spotlight on Programs: Gwinnett KAB Awarded Grant



Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful (GCB) has been awarded a \$20K Community Improvement Grant from Lowe's and Keep America Beautiful. This marks the second year in a row that GCB has been recognized with this grant and they are doubly honored. Last year, the funds were used to launch the **Plant It Forward "learning garden"** program at 11 Gwinnett County Public Schools and this year, the funds will go to launch an entirely new school-based program called **Food Waste Warriors**. GCB's new Green Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) - made up of 21 high school students who share the qualities of leadership, love of community and concern for the environment - will play an integral role in the success of this new program.

### **GRC Elects Two New Board Members for 2019**

Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Directors who will join the board in 2019 for a three year term. **We look forward to working with Laurene Hamilton of Cox Enterprises and Kimberly White of Keep Cobb Beautiful.** Thanks to you both for your willingness to run for the open seats and your commitment to support GRC with this service. They will take on the seats held by Cale Caudell of UGA and Marla Prince of Waste Management who complete their term at the end of 2018. Great appreciation goes to these two who are stepping down for now per our by-laws.

### **Upcoming....**

- October 4 - **A CHaRMing Evening**  
Live Thrive CHaRM Fundraiser  
<http://livethrive.org/fundraiser/>
  
- October 4 - **Aerated Static Pile Composting Workshop**  
*Athens-Clarke Co, GA*  
Contact for info: [garecycles@mindspring.com](mailto:garecycles@mindspring.com)

Thank you for your continued support of our great state recycling organization!

**Sincerely,**

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