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CRRA to Join America Recycles Day in Hartford, Stratford

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority's education centers in Hartford and Stratford will join the celebration of America Recycles Day.

Fun, free America Recycles Day events will be held at the **CRRA Trash Museum in Hartford on Saturday, Nov. 12**, and at the **CRRA Garbage Museum in Stratford on Saturday, Nov. 19**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

The Nov. 12 event at the CRRA Trash Museum in Hartford will feature an artists' showcase displaying art pieces made from reused and recycled materials:

- Belinda James-Hart of Hartford will introduce "absurdist" jewelry pieces that were created from "found" items. Hart salvaged materials from the streets of Hartford and fashioned them into collages, jewelry and installations of art.
- Lindsay Mathews of Branford will feature a crafted Green Dollhouse. Three floors of the environment-friendly dwelling are stocked with furniture made from reused materials. Mathews's dollhouse demonstrates "green" methods that may be used in our homes, such as insulation in the ceiling, radiant floor heating, solar panels, energy-efficient appliances, air drying racks and clotheslines.

Visitors can watch the CRRA container recycling facility in action and join in museum tours, create bookmarks and watch movies. Additionally, guests may try out their artistic talents and add on to a sculpture created from recycled materials. The education center features exhibits that demonstrate how trash may be reduced, reused or recycled. Attendees can also participate in scavenger hunts at the Temple of Trash, a structure made from reclaimed garbage. Individuals who complete a "promise to recycle" card will become eligible for national and state prizes and receive recycled giveaways.

The Trash Museum is located at 211 Murphy Road, Hartford. For more information, call (860) 757-7765.

At the Nov. 19 event at the CRRA Garbage Museum, visitors may participate in museum tours, create a funhouse mirror made from recycled materials, watch movies and view the CRRA container recycling facility in action. Individuals who complete a “promise to recycle” card will become eligible for national and state prizes and receive recycled giveaways.

The Garbage Museum features “Trash-o-Saurus,” a one-ton dinosaur made from items salvaged from a landfill. Guests may also take part in scavenger hunts and an all-time favorite activity, Trash Bash.

The Garbage Museum is located at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension, Stratford. For more information, call (203) 381-9571.

To learn more about CRRA’s education centers, visit <http://www.crra.org/pages/education.htm> .

America Recycles Day is a national event that encourages the public to recycle and purchase products made from recycled content. For more information, visit <http://www.americarecyclesday.org> .

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA’s new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through its Visitors Center and Trash Museum in Hartford and Children’s Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org> .