



## **TRASH BASH ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION** **A Signature Event of Reconsidered Goods**

**Why:** To foster ingenuity, creativity, and invention; reconsidering how we think about art materials, art making, and environmental sustainability. An opportunity to experience the creative process in a fun, exciting collaborative setting using reused and repurposed materials.

### **What:**

- Five creative teams compete to build a site-specific installation sculpture using various reused materials supplied by Reconsidered Goods.
- Each team is randomly selected from a list of pre-registered applicants. On opening night, the teams meet for the first time and work on their collaborative artwork under a 75-minute time constraint while spectators cheer them on.
- Each team is assigned a specific area to work in and will receive a kit of repurposed materials, a list of rules and challenges, and the opportunity to select a “mystery suitcase” to incorporate into their work.
- Maker Mentors will act as helpers to supply stabilizing hardware and construction assistance to all teams.
- A panel of judges will select the winning team. However, each team receives an original Reconsidered Goods Reuse Trophy, and all team members receive RG Reuse Goody Bags. (Everyone’s a winner!)
- Artwork can remain on display for an extended period (optional)

### **Requirements of a program partner:**

- Available space for up to five teams to work during the event
- Volunteers/staff to assist with transportation and distribution of materials
- Resources to assist with promotional efforts, social media, flyers, etc.
- Refreshments and entertainment for opening night (optional, but music is a must!)
- Access to space to set up and tear down installations
- Volunteers/staff to assist in preparing space for creative teams
- Volunteers/staff to assist in dismantling and transportation of materials after the event
- Volunteers/staff to act as Maker Mentors, familiarity with basic tools and hardware
- Resources to assist in registering and communicating with creative teams
- Assistance in selecting and communicating with the judging panel

### **Requirements of Reconsidered Goods:**

- Provide all materials and mystery suitcases for the creative teams, including stabilizing and binding materials such as yarn, string, rope, ribbon, binder clips, fabric scraps, etc.
- Marketing and creative copy to share with program partner
- Reuse trophies for all teams participating in the Trash Bash event (winner gets the biggest one!)
- Collaboration on selecting the judging panel

- Volunteers/staff to assist in preparing for and helping creative teams at the event (project management, providing rules, answering questions, announcing winners)
- Volunteers/staff to act as Maker Mentors with familiarity with basic tools & hardware
- Volunteers/staff to assist in dismantling and packing up all Trash Bash materials (all materials will be reused again)

**Both partner organization and Reconsidered Goods agree to:**

- Obtain written approval (email, text) from each partner for all marketing copy before sending to marketing channels
- Assist in selecting the judging panel; RG will provide a judging rubric
- Provide constructive feedback after the event to ensure the program improves, grows, supports creative expression, and advocates for environmental sustainability.

**If you would like to discuss partnering for a Trash Bash event, please contact:**

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