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## Just a few more days...

to donate for a 2011 tax deduction,  
to take advantage of December Discounts, and  
to check out the green crafts and art!



*34,000 sq. ft. of Low-Cost Building Materials*  
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#### Winter Hours

Wed, Th, & Fri:  
10-6  
Sat & Sun:  
9-6  
Mon & Tues:  
Closed

**We will be closed on New Year's Day.**

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## The little Fork that could...



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### Visit us!

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2011 is almost over, which means there are only a few days left to

make tax-deductible donations to your favorite causes.  
Please consider Community Forklift.

A few of you may remember the beginning. The Forklift had only 3 employees - and about that many donors and customers! The store was little more than a dusty warehouse with few working lights and messy piles of who-knows-what.



**But this little train kept**

**chugging along, climbing up the hill.**

We have come so far in six years, and we have you, our Forklift Fans, to thank for it. The shop is still not perfect, but each year it gets more organized and easier to find what you need. Together, we have kept tons (literally!) of building materials from going to waste; created 20 green jobs; helped hundreds of local contractors to keep working in a tough economy; and made repairs affordable for thousands of our neighbors. In 2011, we were even able to donate over \$6,000 of materials to local nonprofits and schools!



**We are growing and thriving,  
but success is not guaranteed.**

In the past year, other stores for reclaimed building materials have struggled - sadly, three reuse centers in the DC area have closed their doors! We have much work to do to avoid that fate, including **raising enough money to buy our warehouse, ensuring that we have a permanent home.** We also need to make it easier for builders to donate materials, by adding a second truck to our fleet and more staff to our materials pick-up team.



We know Community Forklift is valuable to you - so many of you tell all your friends about us, volunteer your time, bring us your

We're in the Hyattsville area, just 5 minutes from the DC line.

Please visit our website for:

a map and [directions to our store,](#)

to learn how to [donate building materials,](#)

or to support our work with a [financial contribution.](#)

donations, and shop here before you go to home improvement chain stores.

**If you want the Forklift to be a community resource for years to come, please donate today.**



And, in the words of the lovely Beyonce, we promise:

*"I'm a survivor,  
I'm not gonna give up  
I'm not gonna stop*

*I'm gonna work harder"*

**Thank you, and  
Happy New Year from the Forklifters!**

*Nancy, Ruthie, Keith, Freddy, Christine, Doug, Kitty, Curtis,  
Katherine, Ricardo, Joe, Nick, Bea, Quentin, John, Terry, Matt,  
Sean, Alex, Jim, and Anthony*

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## **December Sales**

You still have the rest of this week to save big!



### **50% off Tools**

Take 50% off the orange price tag on most carpentry, home improvement, and landscaping tools, including hand and power tools (*Sale does not apply to hardware, tool boxes, tools without price tags, tools with white tags, and some vintage tools*).

### **50% off Mortise Lock Sets**

Take 50% off mortise lock sets with orange price tags, including vintage and reproduction lock sets with steel, brass, and crystal knobs (*Sale does not apply to individual knobs or parts of lock sets, modern knobs, lock sets without price tags, or to lock sets with white price tags*)



### **50% off Granite Slabs**



Take 50% off the regular price on most granite counter slabs. Usually \$5 to \$12.50 a square foot - now just \$2.50 to \$6.25/sf through the end of December.

The slabs are great for kitchen islands, vanities, desk tops, end tables, and radiator covers! Ask a Reuse Associate for a list of fabricators that will cut granite and polish the edges.



[Open Gates Farm](#) (a certified green bed & breakfast in Huntingtown, MD), topped a Victorian-era sideboard with a granite slab to create a gorgeous kitchen island!

*(Sale cannot be combined with other discounts. Sale does not apply to tiles, counters with sinks, other types of stone like marble or slate, furniture with granite tops, items from our consignment partners, or items that are otherwise marked).*



### 10-cent Granite Scraps

Pay just a dime for granite counter scraps that are one square foot or less! These scraps would be great as cheese boards, garden bed edgers, and shelves for the top of radiators.

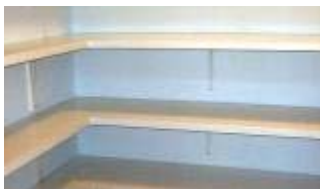
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### \$1 Salvaged Hollow Doors

Pay just a buck for stamped, flush hollow-core interior doors marked at \$5 or less. Good for shelving, desks, room dividers, and art projects!



*(Sale does not apply to surplus/new doors, doors in frames, other styles of doors, cabinet doors, or doors without price tags).*



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## **December Salvage Arts Sales**

As you may know, our first few years of operation were financially rocky. In an effort to improve our long-term stability, we brought in several consignment partners to offer higher-end products. Happily, this gamble paid off - it attracted a wider variety of customers, and provided a steady revenue stream to support our nonprofit work.



One of our consignment partners is Terry Lewis, who travels to estate sales, old barns, and antique fairs throughout the East Coast to purchase unusual primitives and vintage decor. Until Dec. 31st, take advantage of his great December special:

### **Save on all white-tagged items in the Salvage Arts Department!**

(Sale applies only to items rung up at the same time - you cannot combine purchases made on different days).



**Save 10% when you spend more than \$100 on white-tagged items,**

**Save 15% when you spend more than \$200 on white-tagged items, or**

**Save 20% when you spend more than \$250 on white-tagged items!**

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## **Got some time off work?**

**Come check out the green crafts and art from reclaimed materials**

There are still a few days left before our Green Gift Fair ends. From now through Saturday, Dec. 31, enjoy beautiful crafts and fine art.



Susanna Giller's amazing tile work

You'll find everything from pottery and planters, to lovely jewelry from **Goyne Vintage** (her gorgeous pieces include old chandelier crystals, skeleton keys, antique brooches, and clock parts). We have **steampunk lamps** made from old coils, insulators, and other industrial parts.

**Dreamworks** has leatherwork and Renaissance-inspired costumes, and **Deciduous Dave** makes gorgeous

walking sticks and juggling pins from reclaimed wood (including our stair balusters!).

Don't miss your chance to see acclaimed local artists like **Shani Hernandez** (who incorporates reclaimed materials and paints on old wood cabinet doors), **Susanna Giller** (a ceramic artist who works with glaze and old tiles), **Rick Ruggles** (known for his Found Hearts photos), and **Walker Babington** (his unusual portraits are "painted" with rust, stain and fire).



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Rick Ruggles, Found Hearts

We have a variety of works from **Art Enables**, a studio and gallery for emerging artists with developmental disabilities. You can also stock up on craft supplies! Our friends at **SCRAP-DC** are working hard to become the Community Forklift of arts and craft supplies, so they've brought over a small sample of their inventory.

Hope you can make it!

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