

ABC Recycling Today



ABC Donates cars for Trans Am Totem

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Vancouver Biennale Sculpture

Marcus Bowcott's Trans Am Totem is part of Vancouver's Biennale, a non-profit charitable organization that exhibits great art in public space, creating a catalyst for learning, community engagement and social action. The colourful stack of five cars stands perched atop a trunk of old-growth cedar at Quebec Street and Milross Avenue.

Marcus Bowcott is a Vancouver based artist working in painting and sculpture. "Trans Am Totem," the 10 metre high, 11,340 kilogram sculpture, is composed of five real scrap cars stacked upon an old growth cedar tree. The artwork considers our consumer "out with the old, in with the new" culture in relation to the site, its history and Vancouver's evolving identity. ABC Recycling donated the scrap cars for the sculpture. "I'll never forget that ABC was the first company to really get on board with this sculpture", Marcus recently told Anthony Dzy.

"The automobile holds a unique position in our culture, It's a manufactured want and symbol of extremes; practicality and luxury, necessity and waste. We can see this in the muscular Trans Am, the comfortable BMW, and the workhorse Civic. Trans Am Totem also questions the cycle of production and consumption". – Marcus Bowcott.

Check out a video about Trans Am Totem: <http://www.vancouver.sun.com/Trans+Totem+playful+monument+motion+rises+Vancouver/10935861/story.html>

ISRI 2015

Karen Bichin



The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) held its annual convention and exposition in Vancouver on April 21-25, its first foray outside the United States. The ISRI Convention offers educational programming including commodity spotlight sessions from industry experts, an update on world affairs that

affect our business, and a trade show of industry suppliers and top equipment manufacturers.

I had the privilege of attending the Convention for the first time this year and was it ever an eye-opening experience for me! Having grown up in the business I have an understanding of its global reach. But it wasn't until I attended last week's Convention that I fully grasped the magnitude of that reach. Amongst the almost 4,000 attendees from over 40 countries, were delegates from China, Germany, Malaysia, Switzerland, and Saudi Arabia, to name a few. I had the opportunity to check out the new Conkest 660 shear/baler made by Lefort which is based in Belgium (and sample a delicious Belgian chocolate while I was at it). I learnt from Adam Minter, Shanghai correspondent for Bloomberg Worldview, why scrap processing is flowing from China to Malaysia, Indonesia and other countries in Southeast Asia. Minter believes that China is exporting its growth and then bringing the money back in. I loved hearing Toby Shine's story, one of ISRI's Lifetime Achievement Award recipients. Toby, owner and President of Shine Brothers Corporation located in Iowa, is deeply committed to giving back to the community in which it operates. His story resonated with me, as it made me think of my grandparents and their deep-rooted philosophy of giving back.

This year, ABC Recycling was a first-time exhibitor at the trade show, where our Brokerage and Business Development team members had the opportunity to make some great connections and contacts. We also hosted many tours at our Burnaby yard. We appreciate everyone's efforts in welcoming our guests to our facility.

If you are interested in learning more about ISRI visit:
<http://www.isri.org>

Employee Milestones - Congratulations!

5 years of service - Kelly Hilton

Health & Safety Corner



On April 28, 2015 we honored those who have lost their lives on worksites in B.C. and throughout the world with the National Day of Mourning. Last year in B.C. alone there were 173 people who came to work and never returned home to their family's and loved ones. That's almost three deaths per week while on the job or through workplace related diseases. In Canada over 900 people lost their lives due to workplace incidents, that's almost 2.5 deaths per day.

Please ensure to do your part to protect yourselves and your coworkers at all times while at work. Take a minute prior to doing any task and identify what the workplace hazards are. Once identified, plan how you are going to protect yourself and others from those hazards. Together we can ensure that all of us go home safe every day.



Congratulations to Allen & Lindsay Seto on the birth of their daughter, Stella Iris Betsy, on April 2.

