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The organizers of ReVision - the Art of Recycling event:
Launi Lucus, Carl Anderson and Janet Lee.

ARTISTS SHOW UNIQUE WAYS TO RECYCLE

Reduce, reuse and recycle is a mantra of the green movement everywhere, and a recent two-day exhibition at the Granville Island Hotel in Vancouver took the concept to a new level.

"ReVision - the Art of Recycling" featured recycled artwork: "art made from anything reused, recycled, salvaged, scrounged or found - be it useful, beautiful, odd, playful, or thought-provoking," as the organizers' website (www.revision-theartofrecycling.com) puts it.

So where better for the Metropolis at Metrotown Green Team, powered by The Vancouver Sun, to share ideas, pass along green tips (and their signature reusable shopping bags) and enjoy an art exhibition with a difference.

"We were able to not only browse the pieces of art made from recycling, but also spoke with a few of the artists," said Green Team leader Kaitlyn Ryan.

"All That Jazz 'Funk', one of artist Douglas Walker's three contributions to the exhibition, is made from 85 per cent recycled materials - copper, brass and glass - and the piece was made mainly from old musical instruments Mr. Walker. The overall result is beautiful, and a true demonstration of re-visioning recycled materials as something meaningful," she said.

Artist Catherine Wallace contributed a piece called Creation which was the result of a gardening disaster when her neighbour crashed through her glass door with a lawn-mower.

"Catherine used the glass, along with scrap wood, metal, tile, linoleum and an old dresser drawer to make the piece," said Kaitlyn, who writes a

Artist Catherine Wallace and Green Team volunteers Vanessa Lane, Kristen Ryan and Lana Fraser pose with her work, "Creation," partly made from broken glass.



Green Team manager Stephania Stimson (left) and Kaitlyn Ryan admire Douglas Walker's creation, All that Jazz 'Funk'.

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Volunteer Lana Fraser was fascinated by an exhibit by artist Pam Chambers, who created the piece from 27 pounds of unsolicited advertisements delivered to her house during Christmas sales. "Should we advertise the good life or save that tree?" the artist asks provocatively. The piece was entitled Nefertiti Never Wore This - Advertising the Good Life.

Carl Anderson, one of the event organizers, is passionate about ReVision, said volunteer Vanessa Lane. "He told us 'It's not just about compiling junk, it's turning it into something with meaning. It gives a message,'" she said.

● The Green Team helps out at events that have a green component or environmental focus by helping make people aware of the need to protect our planet. And they can also hand out environmentally-friendly goodies. If you would like to see the Green Team at any of your events log on to greenteam.metropolisatmetrotown.com and apply online.



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