

ReMade Project Press Release

WWU Students to Sell Recycled Creations Available May 8-27 at Whatcom Museum of History and Art

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Western Washington University Industrial Design students have created eco-friendly products that will be available to purchase May 8-27 at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art.

The "Zero Waste" project has students take recycled materials and create useable products with market appeal. Each student then makes 20 copies of their design to be sold.

The designs range from bottle openers made from recycled keys; wall storage units made from discarded planter flats; car windshield ice scrapers made from broken snowboards and durable household dish scrubbers made from discarded, broken garden hoses.

Creator of the project and WWU associate professor of Industrial Design Arunas Oslapas said by having his students do this project, he hopes they will "become aware of a designer's impact on the environment, social habits, and the economy. Also, experience firsthand the entrepreneurial process of bringing a product to market and its many steps."

Sixty percent of the proceeds will go to the students and 40 percent will go to the museum.

The Whatcom Museum of History and Art, at 121 Prospect St. in downtown Bellingham, is open from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

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For more information on the museum, call (360) 676-6981 or visit www.whatcommuseum.org.