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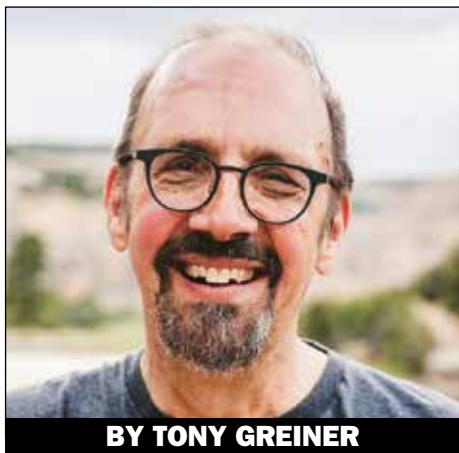
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★STAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



BY TONY GREINER

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GRANT POET HEADS TO D.C.

Bena Rodecap, a junior at Grant High School, is this year’s winner of Oregon’s Poetry Out Loud competition. She recited “A Noiseless Patient Spider” by Walt Whitman, “Say Grace” by Emily Yoon and “How to Write a Poem” by Laura Hershey. The win gives Rodecap a ticket to the national finals May 5 in Washington D.C. Freshman Gio Calandrella was the runner-up and will take Rodecap’s place at nationals if she is unable to attend.

CALLING GREEN THUMBS

The Ariadne Garden on Northeast 11th Avenue between Fremont and Beech streets is growing vegetables fast and beautifully this spring. The garden is a community project, using land set aside as a trust for years to come. The volunteer workers are “paid with flowers and vegetables” and you can be one of them. Non-gardeners can choose to buy produce and flowers at their market stand, open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at www.ariadnegarden.org.

DONATED LAND PROTECTED

The Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Land Trust is an organization devoted to preserving open spaces in urban areas and using them to develop environmental diversity and community engagement. Because it is a trust, land acquired by OSALT is protected indefinitely. Once in the trust, it cannot come out.

Based in an office above Whole Foods at Northeast 15th Avenue and Fremont Street, current OSALT garden plots include the Emerson Street Garden, which was the site of a house fire. It was donated to OSALT by the county, and has an interesting history. The fire caused the lead-based paints of the house to leach into the soil. At first



Above: Volunteers are needed at Ariadne Garden to help maintain a community garden that grows organic flowers and vegetables. (Ariadne Garden)



Left: Grant High School junior Bena Rodecap won this year’s Oregon Poetry Out Loud competition and will now compete for the national prize. (Bob Williams Photography / Oregon Arts Commission)

they tried removing the lead by planting metal-absorbing plants, but that was only minimally effective, so in the end, the soil was removed and replaced.

The Fertility Garden at 3930 N.E. Garfield St. went into the trust in 2009, helping fulfill the vision of Rev. Jeanne Walker, who had envisioned a garden dedicated and worked by young people. Donations of food scraps from the now-closed Ned Ludd restaurant and Dragonfly Chai jump-started their compost efforts.

The Greeley Forest Garden, on the east end of the Fremont Bridge, is just over half an acre and was donated by Multnomah County to make a “forest garden.” The idea is to develop a canopy of fruit and nut trees over a layer of edible plants that would not need watering in the summer.

The Ariadne Garden in the Sabin neighborhood is a flourishing organic garden established on a double lot purchased by Kim McDodge with a \$10,000 inheritance, and donated by her to the trust, becoming its first property. Information about donating land or money, as well as volunteer opportunities can be found at www.osalt.us.

RECYCLE THAT MATTRESS

Do you have an old mattress you want to get rid of but don’t know what to do with it? Oregon’s Mattress Stewardship Act took effect this year, and it set up the Mattress Recycling Council, a group that can recycle about three-quarters of the material in a mattress.

It is funded by a fee imposed on new mattress sales, which means you can drop off your old one without charge. Current drop-off options include the Community Warehouse at 3961 N.E. Martin Luther King

Bldv. and Conscious Recycling at 12409 N.E. San Rafael St. Learn more at byebyemattress.com.

CONNECT WITH OMBUDSMAN

The expression “You can’t fight City Hall” has some truth, but you can contact the city ombudsman. An ombudsman is someone who investigates complaints and attempts to settle disputes — or at least reports back to authorities on the problem.

Portland’s ombudsman is Jennifer Croft, who has been busy, as complaints against the city rose from 390 in 2023 to 469 last year, a jump of 20%. A quarter of those complaints were about the Bureau of Transportation, 10% focused on police, and 9% on the permitting and development department. The ombudsman found the city was at fault in at least 23 cases, leading to over \$140,000 in financial relief. One example: three vehicles were mistakenly towed from an apartment complex in violation of state law, and the family that owned the cars got a full refund of \$1,000.

So if our government gets your goat (or your sheep, or your chicken) and you want to file a complaint, visit www.portland.gov/auditor/ombudsman

BUSINESS GROUP GRANTS

Jacob Falkinburg of Venture Portland has announced \$90,000 in grants for various business associations around the city. Associations affiliated with Mississippi Avenue, Parkrose, Lloyd District, Montavilla and the Soul District each received \$10,000 for staff positions, with Broadway getting \$8,000. However, the future of the program might be in jeopardy as funding, which started with COVID-era stimulus programs, is drying up.

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★ STAR DEVELOPMENT NEWS



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ROSE CITY GOLF COURSE TRAIL GETS MAKEOVER

The Rose City Recreation Trail project is getting set to enhance access to nature and provide opportunities for exercise and community enjoyment at a historic Northeast Portland site. Built in 1923, the Rose City Golf Course is the second oldest municipal course in Oregon. Located in Madison South, it borders Roseway to the north and Rose City Park to the southwest.

Successful passage of Metro's Parks and Nature Bond in 2019 moved Portland's Parks and Recreation personnel to develop a list of eligible projects. The list was refined through community engagement, approved by the Portland City Council in 2022 and included adding and enhancing trails at Rose City Golf Course. The project will create a new trail and improve existing ones, ensuring safety and neighborhood connectivity. In addition to the bond funding, \$2 million in system development charges has been allocated to the trail project to enhance its capacity.

The project is divided into four segments. The Primary Trail has been moved as far from fairways, tees and greens as possible while also protecting trees along Northeast Tillamook and Thompson streets to reduce the risk of golf balls hitting trail users. Additional curb ramps for greater access to the primary trail are included.

The Bluff Trail has been flagged along its length to determine specific areas for improvements, like repairing low or soft spots, adding small rock retaining walls, incorporating native plants, adding outdoor accessibility-standard gravel and trail-widening in narrow spots.

The 72nd Connector Trail includes a refined gathering area featuring natural seating, low-water plantings, bike racks, split rail fencing and gravel switchbacks to make it easier for trail users to get up the hill to Northeast Sacramento Street. Boulders have been added along parts of Northeast 72nd Avenue to prevent cars from parking in the gravel shoulders and to deter illegal dumping.

The Back Nine Trail will include adjustments to the trail alignment to minimize impacts on wildlife habitat and tree roots in collaboration with the Oregon Bird Alliance, the Bureau of Environmental Services and Oregon Fish and Wildlife to ensure that all environmental regulations and requirements are understood and incorporated into current designs.

A trail map and additional information is available at portland.gov/parks/construction/rose-city-recreational-trail-project

NE BROADWAY PAVING, PAINTING PROJECT BEGINS

The Portland Bureau of Transportation



This rendering shows the new paving and striping being done by Portland Bureau of Transportation crews on Northeast Broadway. The project included significant input from community members. (Portland Bureau of Transportation)

plans to begin repaving Northeast Broadway between Seventh and 26th avenues this summer to make major improvements and set up the street for future investments. PBOT crews have already begun work on corner ramps at intersections, rebuilding them to meet modern Americans with Disabilities Act standards, beginning with unsignalized intersections between 11th and 22nd avenues. This summer, bureau crews will repave Broadway and construct additional safety improvements.

The work underway is the result of outreach to community members, asking the public to share key issues, identify priorities for the corridor and share feedback on preliminary designs. In addition to an online open house attended by more than 540 visitors, a community walk was complemented by 10 presentations at public meetings and 6,000 mailers sent. The outreach resulted in over 250 responses. Learn more at portland.gov/transportation/pbot-projects

PERMIT SERVICE FEES TO RISE IN JULY

Portland's Permitting & Development Bureau is proposing increased service fees for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The bureau says the reasons for the increase include higher labor, materials and service costs. Most fees are proposed to rise by 5% and are intended to cover cost increases to help maintain service delivery. Service fees provide 98% of the bureau's revenues.

The increases are proposals and subject to review and approval by the City Council. In addition, permitting and land use review services for properties located in some unincorporated areas of Multnomah County are subject to review and approval by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

The City Council will consider the proposed fee hikes in a May 7 public hearing. Proposed

fees also will be discussed with the council's Homelessness and Housing Committee at its meeting May 13. The council is scheduled to vote on approving fee increases for properties within the city May 21. County commissioners will likely consider and vote on proposed fee increases for properties in unincorporated areas in June, but the date of the county's hearing is not yet determined.

PERMITS ISSUED

In Cully at 4320 N.E. Simpson St., Lydia Bartalow has permission to build a two-story accessory dwelling unit attached to the garage.

APPLICATIONS FILED

In Beaumont-Wilshire at 3631 N.E. Alameda St., The Hall Family Revocable Trust has applied for permission to deconstruct a detached, collapsed garage built in 1923 and replace it with a detached garage with

attic storage and a covered patio.

In Overlook at 2205 N. Ainsworth St., Anne Crawford wants to deconstruct a detached garage built in 1909, leaving the slab base, driveway and curb cut.

In Sabin at 3705 N.E. 15th Ave., Donna Taylor Trust seeks to deconstruct a 216-square-foot garage built in 1925 with slab and driveway and replace it with a 912-square-foot, two-level detached accessory living structure, consisting of a 684-square-foot building footprint with a 315-square-foot main-level garage, and a total of 597 square feet of habitable space with a main level half-bathroom and upper level full bathroom.

In Woodlawn at 1806 N.E. Bryant St., Urban Cottage LLC of South Portland has filed for permits to construct a two-unit, two story cottage cluster where an existing single-family residence on the lot since 1951 will remain.

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Handcrafted clocks keep area businesses ticking

By Tony Greiner
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You can't escape them, those reminders of the time. Phones, microwave ovens, computer screens and cable boxes are everywhere, showing us numbers with a colon in them. However useful, one thing many of those devices lack is any sort of elegance — unless you look at one of Mike Huebsch's clocks. Each of the Rose City Park resident's clocks is unique, bringing a bit of style to a function-obsessed world.

Growing up the son of a cabinet maker in Mount Angel, Huebsch was imbued with a "fix-it, make-it" attitude, which carried him into a career at Tektronix and the telecommunication industries. After retiring 10 years ago, he directed that skill and energy into making decorative clocks.


Huebsch's interest isn't as much in the mechanics of how the clocks work but in the design and style of the clock face display. Ocean liners, rocket ships, sports logos and animals have all inspired him.

Huebsch begins his work using a design program on his laptop computer, which he considers "the best part" of the process. This gives him the chance to experiment with shapes and colors. Then he shows it to his wife, Renee, who makes the "final editorial decisions."

He then connects his laptop to a Carbide 3D CNC router, which cuts the design in the wood of his choice. Huebsch uses a spindle blade, which isn't as noisy as a typical router.




— CONTINUED ON PAGE 5 Mike Huebsch retired from the telecommunications industry 10 years ago and now spends his time creating one-of-a-kind, decorative clocks. (Tony Greiner)



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The carving time can run from 90 minutes to several hours. The piece is then assembled, sometimes treated with an acrylic layer or has pieces glued in, like marquetry, before it is finished.

Huebsch then gives them away. After inundating family members, he now presents his clocks to local businesses — a process he intends to continue after he and his wife move to Eastmoreland in the coming months.

Asked about selling them or taking orders for a customized clock, Huebsch shrugs it off, being happy to have complete control



Besides clocks, Mike Huebsch also crafts sundials and cribbage boards. (Tony Greiner)

of the process, and not having to worry about setting prices, billing and the like.

Huebsch also turns out sundials and cribbage boards, and has recently begun experimenting with creating designs using artificial intelligence.

If you want to see some of his clocks in the field, drop by the Hollywood Barber on Northeast 42nd Avenue, Old Town Pizza on MLK, Adda Beer at the Rose City Food Park on Northeast Sandy Boulevard, the Moon and Sixpence on

Northeast 42nd or the Mad Greek Deli on Burnside Street.



Mike Huebsch uses a design program on his computer, where he experiments with colors and shapes. Huebsch says it's his favorite part of the process. (Tony Greiner)



Bar Hollywood opened in April, next to the Hollywood Theatre, and pays homage to filmmaker David Lynch. (Michael Aviña)

Bar Hollywood mixes drinks, cinema history

By Michael Aviña
Star contributor

If you notice a new blinking neon sign along Northeast Sandy Boulevard flashing the words "Bar Hollywood," don't worry. It's not a fever dream or a hallucination, it's the Hollywood Theatre's latest production: a David Lynch-themed bar.

Occupying the former Vivienne Culinary Books space, Bar Hollywood is a 45-seat lounge located directly next to the theater. The bar's interior takes its cue from the legendary filmmaker's aesthetic with striking blue and red walls, film reel tables, large framed posters of Lynch's films and a special blue velvet sitting area, paying homage to the director's seminal work.

"We are excited to finally have a dedicated space for the community to gather before



and after films, and to be able to host special events such as film festival parties, visiting filmmakers receptions and art pop-ups," said Doug Whyte, the Hollywood Theatre's executive director.

Bar Hollywood, at 4128 N.E. Sandy Blvd., will serve beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and snacks.



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By Fawn Morosky
Star contributor

Mother's Day is a time to honor those special people in our lives. Mothers can come in many different shapes, sizes and personalities. Maybe you have a favorite aunt who always knows the right things to say. Maybe you have a grandmother who snuck candy bars into your suitcase when you went off to sleepaway camp. Whomever you are choosing to celebrate on this day, we have put together a selection of local businesses and restaurants offering something for you to share with the people you call mom.

BRODER'S BRUNCH BUFFET AT NORDIA HOUSE

Broder's, located at North Mississippi Avenue, is well-known for its Nordic fare and brunch specialties. Fresh-baked Finnish-style porridge, smoked steelhead benedicts and baby kale Caesar salad topped with seared salmon are among the in-house specialties. From 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Mother's Day, Broder's is hosting a curated brunch buffet menu at its Nordia House location. This curated buffet will include cold, warm



and sweet items such as fresh fruits, vegan options, bagel boards, Swedish meatballs, frittatas, strawberry shortcake and more. Reservations are strongly suggested. Visit: www.broderpdx.com/events

NORTHPORT

Tucked away in the heart of Kenton you will find Northport restaurant. Northport's menu includes fresh, local ingredients, handcrafted signature drinks and has something for most anyone. The restaurant has a cozy, warm, friendly neighborhood vibe great for the entire family. Make reservations or drop-in for Northport's Mother's Day brunch. Learn more at <https://northportpdx.com/portland-northport-events>

FLOWER POP-UP AT SECOND SHAPES BOOKSTORE

Second Shapes Bookstore, one of Kenton's newest locally owned businesses, is partnering with Backyard Bannan, a "small-scale urban flower farm," for a Mother's Day flower shop pop-up. There will be a limited number of locally grown and arranged bouquets, seedlings and seeds available for pre-order as well as in the shop. In addition, Second Shapes offers books, art and workshops. Gift cards are available. Stop in or surprise mom while supporting two local businesses.

The flower pop-up is happening from noon-3 p.m. May 10. Pre-orders are available: www.secondshapesbookstore.com/events



(Broder)



Treat mom on her special day with a Nordic brunch buffet at Broder's, top, or a handcrafted cocktail, above, at Northport in Kenton. (Northport)

REVEL INDOOR SPIN STUDIO

Why not give mom (and yourself) the gift of sweat? Book a spin class together at Revel Indoor Spin Studio. Revel is a women-owned-and-operated indoor cycling studio on Southeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near the Buckman neighborhood.

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After a Mother's Day celebration that includes eating and drinking, moms can get back on track at Revel Indoor Cycling with themed classes, special rides and other events meant to work up a sweat. (Revel Indoor Cycling)

Classes are offered seven days a week throughout the day and are suitable for all levels, regardless if it's your first class or 100th. Revel has a commitment to equity, inclusivity and body positivity, which creates a welcoming and safe space. Each month the studio offers themed classes, special rides and other events for the community. Memberships, gift cards and single classes are all available for purchase.

Bikes can be reserved in advance at www.revelpdx.com/

TEA AT THE VICTORIAN BELLE

Step back in time this Mother's Day and visit Kenton's historic Victorian Belle Mansion for afternoon tea. Enjoy a selection of Smith Teamaker teas paired with sweets made locally by the Little Banana Bakery and savory items from Chef Jorge Castillo Quintal.

The mansion, built in 1885 by local entrepreneur David Cole as a gift to his wife, Amanda, has been carefully renovated and restored with original woodworking and stained glass.

Gluten- and dairy-free, vegetarian and vegan options are available. For reservations, leave a message at 503-298-6884 or email office@victorianbelle.com. More information is at victorianbelle.com/tea.



Let mom indulge her creative side at Daffodil Studios, which offers a variety of arts and crafts classes. (Daffodil Studios)

DAFFODIL STUDIOS

Looking to give a gift that goes beyond flowers and brunch? Has that mom in your life always wanted to learn how to bind a book, throw pottery or make printed dish towels? Daffodil Studios, at 2642 N.E. Sandy Blvd., offers art classes that will inspire creative curiosity. The offerings include ceramics, printmaking, rug tufting and painting. Can't decide? They also sell gift cards that you can give now and use later.

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HOMES WITH STORIES TO TELL

Get tickets for annual historic Irvington Home Tour slated for May 18

By Maggie Grainger

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Step inside some of the unique homes of Irvington during the annual home tour taking place May 18.

Jon Eaton, chair of the organizing committee, said he estimates as many as 1,000 curious visitors will partake in the event, which started in 1967 as a way to showcase positive aspects of the community.

“People were moving to the suburbs and Irvington was in decline. Those who lived here knew what a wonderful place it was so they started opening up their homes so people

from all over the city could see what it was really like,” said Eaton, who’s lived in the neighborhood more than 15 years.

This year, guests have the opportunity to go inside six homes as well as two “bonus houses” — residences that have recently undergone multi-year restorations and are not-yet furnished but open for viewing.

The tour starts at the historic Irvington Club at 2131 N.E. Thompson St. Participants will pick up guidebooks that act as their ticket before starting the self-guided experience.

Eaton said organizers are excited to mix it up this year with food trucks, a bake sale and appearances from two classic car clubs. Proceeds go back into the neighborhood.

Last year, the committee donated funds to area schools, nonprofits and other projects.

Eaton said participating homes are nominated and the team looks for “architecturally interesting” homes across genres — from midcentury modern and bungalows to craftsman-style and English Tudor designs.

“To be able to go beyond the sidewalk and see what these places are like inside — it’s just a really beautiful neighborhood to hang out in,” he said.



These six homes, along with two “bonus houses,” will be open to the public on Sunday, May 18, as part of the Irvington Historic Home Tour. The annual event features architecturally interesting homes that have been nominated by the tour committee. (Irvington Home Tour Committee)

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Trestle holds tale of Sullivan's Gulch history

A friendly reader shared a photograph from her great-grandparents' photo album and wondered where it was taken, when and what it depicts. I love a good mystery like this, which enables a deep dive back into the landscape of the 1900s.

HISTORY MYSTERY



ASK THE HISTORIAN

By Doug Decker

You're looking north at a newly completed wooden streetcar and pedestrian trestle bridge over Sullivan's Gulch. Today, the location is near the Hollywood

West Fred Meyer, Northeast 28th Avenue and Interstate 84 (the former Banfield Expressway). The trestle existed for only a short time — from 1903 to 1908 — before pressures from a growing Portland replaced it with a concrete span, which was later echoed by new bridges at Northeast 21st Avenue and then at NE 33rd.

Its short lifespan says so much about development in this part of the city during the years immediately after the 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition, which ushered in explosive waves of growth for Portland.

But first, the trestle: 800 feet long, an average height over the ground of 35 feet, costing \$2,000 to build, including simply a rail line and a narrow sidewalk on the east side of the span. Built entirely of wood between November 1902 and January 1903 by the City & Suburban Railroad, one of the several streetcar companies that served Portland during those years, later subsumed into the Portland Railway Light and Power



The homes pictured at the edge of the gulch, several of which are still standing today along NE Wasco and Multnomah streets, provide a tell-tale indicator this view looks north on 28th from just north of Sandy Boulevard. The bowler-hatted gentlemen on the trestle walkway are looking down to the Oregon Railway and Navigation mainline as a freight train passes. (Courtesy Phillips Family Archive)

Co. system.

And here's where it gets interesting: City & Suburban built the trestle under contract to the Doernbecher Manufacturing Co., a furniture factory, which was Portland's largest private employer at the time and operated a sprawling five-acre factory site at the bottom of the gulch just beneath the trestle. Thousands of workers made the trip into and out of the gulch each day, and having a means of easy access was helpful for the company, which had opened the factory just a few years earlier in 1899.

Today's giant U-Store storage complex is the skeleton of what once was Doernbecher Manufacturing. When furniture company founder Frank S. Doernbecher died in 1921, he left a \$200,000 gift, which led to today's Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children.

City & Suburban Railroad operated the East Ankeny Line, which terminated in the streetcar barns near NE 28th and Couch (some of those buildings are still standing), about a mile due south. For the executives at the Doernbecher factory, it was an obvious

proposition to pay the railroad to extend its line north straight up 28th, build the trestle and two prominent stairways down, so their workers could come and go conveniently.

Meanwhile, City & Suburban was also eyeing service to the neighborhoods taking shape to the north of the gulch, and the possibility of a loop with the existing streetcar service that ran up Broadway into Irvington and later Alameda.

Construction of the line extension began in August 1902. Trestle construction started in earnest in December and was completed in January 1903. Later that year, the East Ankeny Line was extended a bit farther north to an end-of-the-line stop at NE 28th and Halsey Street. The envisioned loop with the Broadway Streetcar never materialized.

This trestle enabled a broader infrastructure that began to serve middle Northeast Portland. In November 1903, an 8-inch water main was secured to the wooden structure carrying public water for the first time into this part of the city. In 1907, following the Lewis and Clark Exposition and with home construction booming and residential land-speculation fever running high, area residents lobbied for a wider multi-use gulch crossing. The trestle was replaced in 1909 by construction of a concrete viaduct.

In 1900, Portland's population was 90,000. In 1910, we'd grown to 210,000. That big boom changed everything for these growing Northeast neighborhoods.

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Northeast sidewalks well-versed in poetry boxes

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Michael Wright

I’ve always been fascinated by the many poetry posts that dot our Northeast neighborhoods. As I wheel past them, I get curious about the words of wisdom I might find in the little boxes and am rarely disappointed. I wondered how this trend began. Who were the early pioneers of spreading sidewalk literature for our community?

The word “poetry” originates from the Greek word “poieo,” which means “I create.” Poetry is an art form. It makes sense that Portlanders would embrace the idea of sharing art since the Rose City has always been a hotbed for all things creative — weird even.

Portland has a couple of other cool connections to poetry boxes. David Cook, who has a workshop in Concordia, is credited with building the first poetry box in his father’s basement in 1985. An amateur poet, Cook wanted a place to showcase his work. Decades later he began building boxes for others and now has a website poetryboxes.com. Paulann Petersen, Oregon’s Poet Laureate from 2010-14, has one at the end of her driveway in Sellwood.

Closer to home, I found a beautiful box in the Rose City neighborhood on Northeast Multnomah Street. Bethany Rowland lovingly curates the offerings regularly and told me her themes most often involve “the natural world, hope, beauty and mystery.” Mary Oliver and Emily Dickinson are among her favorites. Bethany’s son Dominic, a master carpenter, built her a box a dozen years ago and brought it from New Orleans. Now that is a well-traveled poetry box y’all!



(Mike Wright)



(Bethany Rowland)

Above left: A poetry box in the Alameda neighborhood. Above right: Bethany Rowland’s poetry box in the Rose City. Right: One of David Cooke’s custom-built poetry boxes in the Concordia-Woodland neighborhood. (Mike Wright)

As I wheeled around the corner, another box caught my eye on Northeast Wasco Street. Susan puts a spin on her box and calls it a “mind-feeder.” The day I went by it was more like a comedy box with this on display: “Every time I take up a new sport or exercise I meet new people. Usually they are paramedics, but still, new people.” Susan spends a lot of time in her garden and has met dozens of people who stop to enjoy a chuckle or two.

I have a favorite box of my own just a few blocks from our home in the Alameda neighborhood at a busy intersection on Northeast Regents Drive. Kathleen installed hers about 10 years ago.

“I thought it would be fun to feature something that provides inspiration or amusement or was thought-provoking,” she said.

Kathleen also told me someone will occasionally drop another poem into her box and she is happy to share the space to feature a poem that appeals to others. “Whew,” I told her, as I had done just that several years ago with a tribute poem I had penned about our golden retriever, Miss Molly.

The poetry box phenomenon gathered more steam in 2020 during the early years of the global pandemic as people looked for ways to encourage others, make a difference and spread some joy during those uncertain times.

For me, they strengthen and enhance the fabric of our community.

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Meanwhile the world’s still doing spring
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welcoming themselves home to another place
they still belong. My fear found no corroboration
in the old growth Douglas firs, who seemed

as steady as ever. Not even the swarms
of little hemlocks clawing towards the light
echoed my alarm. They all just let me be there

with all the hornets buzzing in my chest.
Some mirrors are big enough to show you
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The North Portland Library offers new public art that reflects the historic Black community. This includes wood-carved portraits by local artist Melanie Stevens. Artist Sadé DuBoise created an original painting that was digitized and embedded into glass panels so people can see the artwork from both inside and outside.

(Multnomah County Library)



Library services available amid revamps

By Michael Aviña
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A new chapter is being written at several Multnomah County Library branches as construction improvements and refresh projects are underway. The upgrades are funded through Measure 26-211, which voters passed in 2020. The measure allocates \$387 million for the enlargement and renovation of eight county libraries, building a flagship facility in East Multnomah County, increasing library internet speed and creating a handling center to disburse materials across the library system.

Although several branches will experience partial or total closures during construction, temporary library services are available to the public.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY

Communications Manager Liz Sauer says the county recognizes closures will hinder public access, but upgrades are needed.

“Once people see the improvements, we anticipate they will be impressed,” Sauer says. “We appreciate the community’s patience as we provide these new spaces.”

In Northeast Portland, Albina Library will grow four times its current size, totaling 30,000 square feet, including an indoor courtyard for nature lovers. Albina is slated to reopen this summer.

Belmont Library will be adding a new two-story building to its current location, more than doubling the branch’s current size, with construction scheduled to be completed by spring 2026.

Hollywood Library is set for fresh paint and new carpets, improved shelf height, increased natural light, better sightlines and a new children’s area.

North Portland Library recently added 1,500 square feet and a new Black Cultural

Center on its existing site and is currently open.

“The library is guided by its extensive community engagement and being thoughtful on how each library branch represents the community that uses it,” Sauer says. “We will always have an incredible book section, but there will be more space for people to access the library in the ways they prefer.”

Need services in the meantime?

Temporary library services include:

MOBILE LIBRARY

A mobile library located at North Central Street and Charleston Avenue will be available with library staff on hand to make library cards, place holds, answer questions and provide support accessing library e-resources. Additional services include processing book returns and offering printing, copying and scanning.

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Library staff are available during operating hours to offer all online and in-person library services such as: Holds pickup, 24/7 book return, access to Wi-Fi, free mobile and wireless printing, the Lucky Day collection (in-demand items), book bundle and a small media collection.

MIDLAND LIBRARY MAKERSPACE

While Rockwood Library is closed for construction, the Rockwood Makerspace will move to Midland Library. The temporary makerspace at Midland will open May 13 and will return to Rockwood once the library has reopened in fall 2025. The Midland Library makerspace drop-in hours are 2:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday.

To view a full list of library closures and planned construction improvements, visit multcolib.org

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BY MAGGIE GRAINGER

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Come to check out the giant Paul Bunyan statue. Stay and explore this North Portland neighborhood, full of creative spirits (both living and undead).

The landmark statue was built in 1959 to commemorate the centennial of Oregon's statehood and continues to bring visitors to the area. But it's the community that has people coming back to Kenton again and again.

Discover new worlds at a Japanese comic book shop or lose yourself in bolts of material at an independent fabric store. Take a tour of the Victorian Belle — one of the city's best-kept secrets — and learn all about its former owners who are rumored to still roam the halls.

You never know what you'll find in this quaint neighborhood that's tucked between Interstate 5 to the east and the North Portland Harbor to the north.

VICTORIAN BELLE MANSION

Transport yourself to the late 1800s during a visit to the majestic Victorian Belle Mansion.

Once a private residence, the Belle is now an event and wedding venue offering historic tours, monthly high teas and burlesque brunches (to name a few).

Amy Russell, the operations manager, says the Belle is the "best-kept secret in Portland that doesn't want to be a secret."

"We use the word magical a lot. It's romantic and just a beautiful property,"

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With its Old World elegance, the Victorian Belle in Kenton is a fitting venue for weddings and other special occasions. The majestic 1800s mansion sits on beautifully landscaped grounds that visitors are encouraged to explore.

(Victorian Belle)



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The Victorian Belle offers a charming, historic setting for events. And you might even get a sign from original the owner, Amanda Cole, who is said to haunt the mansion. (Victorian Belle)

Russell said.
The original owners, David and Amanda Cole, first called the estate home in 1885 and Russell says the staff believes Amanda still haunts the floors today.
“Amanda made it very clear there should never be a mirror hanging on the second floor landing,” Russell said. “It’s not like the mirror has ever fallen down or been broken — it’s like someone has picked it up and very nicely placed it on the ground. There’s a painting there now.”

People have also reported hearing high heels and other peculiar noises during visits. The Coles lived in the house until 1899. It has changed owners several times over the years. The Alberta family, who owned the Blue Ribbon Delicatessen, lived there from 1934 until 1989. The current owners bought it in 2015 and started focusing on events and weddings.
Guests coming for one of the mansion’s monthly high teas get the opportunity to explore the mansion and grounds at their

leisure while enjoying savory bites and sweet treats. Champagne and alcoholic beverages are available for an additional fee.
“We always encourage dressing up,” Russell said. “Portland loves a costume, and we love having them.”
“We see everything from Edwardian dress to Alice in Wonderland — whatever you feel most comfortable in. Some people come in jeans and that’s fine, too.”

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Reggie's Manga Shop is filled with friendly faces and offers hot and cold drinks, snacks and a superb selection of manga for purchase or to borrow from the free library. (Reggie's Manga Shop)

In addition to high tea, the Victorian Belle Mansion hosts two monthly burlesque shows, a murder mystery dinner and is available to rent for private events and weddings.

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REGGIE'S MANGA SHOP

Get lost in a good comic book at Reggie's Manga Shop.

Devon Sifford and his partner, Kryston Skinner, just opened their doors in March and are already feeling the love from the manga (which means comic in Japanese) community and beyond.

"Our opening day was crazy," Sifford said. "We had about 500 people come through. We really feel like we've been embraced by both the people who are interested in what we deal in and families and people who live in the immediate neighborhood."

Reggie's — named after the couple's Jack Russell terrier — not only offers comics, but other Japanese treats including stationary, specialty toys and convenience store finds like instant ramen, shrimp chips, onigiri and more. The shop is open until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays making it the perfect spot for late-night browsers.

"We had noticed there was a lack of community-centric places where people could just go and hang that wasn't a bar," Sifford said. "Growing up, we were very passionate about anime and Japanese



culture more broadly and don't really have access to that in our small towns.

"We wanted to create a space we would have really appreciated when we were younger."

Sifford said the main goal is to make sure people feel comfortable hanging out for a




Reggie's has something for the entire family, including craft classes, above, weekly storytime, music and Gachapon machines, left, that dispense collectible toys. (Reggie's Manga Shop)

while, whether it's reading a book from their free library or taking one of their workshops.

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The closing of Joann Fabrics has boosted traffic at PDX Sewlarium, where owner Zachariah Goodwin carries over 500 bolts of fabric at any given time. (PDX Sewlarium)

weekly storytime for kids age 10 and under at 4 p.m. Tuesdays.

“We’re seeing generations of people, parents coming in with their kids, taking in different aspects of the store,” Sifford said. “Some parents don’t know anything about manga but are having fun seeing their kids get excited about it.”

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DON’T MISS: Manga Club is a book club for manga lovers. Each month, the club votes from a curated list of chosen manga with rotating themes each time. Bonus: There’s an adult and youth group.

PDX SEWLARIUM

An independent fabric store is having a “sew” much fun providing bold bolts of material for customers from around Portland.

Zachariah Goodwin is the owner of PDX Sewlarium, which opened in January 2024. He admits opening his own shop has its ups and downs but the closing of chain store Joann Fabrics has provided an unexpected boost in foot traffic.

“The community has been great,” he says. “It’s incredible how much support I have.”

Goodwin went to school to study fine arts and says he was watching the Home Shopping Network late one night when he was inspired to buy a sewing machine.

“I bought it on flex pay off the Home Shopping Network, which is totally absurd,” he said. “But that was the moment where it



The sign on the window at PDX Sewlarium reminds folks that they don’t do hems. (PDX Sewlarium)

started to completely take over my life.”

He did sewing and upholstery projects for various companies throughout the years before deciding to make the pivot from behind the needle to behind the counter.

He estimates he has more than 500 bolts of fabric in his shop at any given time and is always bringing in new patterns and designs for his customer base.

“So much of what I carry is based on what



PDX Sewlarium owner Zachariah Goodwin bought a sewing machine on a late-night whim and was hooked. (PDX Sewlarium)

I’m not capable of buying elsewhere,” he said. “In a very large way I’m shopping for myself and hoping that enough people agree with my taste that it will work out.”

Goodwin says it’s his customers’ enthusiasm that motivates him daily.

“Truly, what keeps me going is the excitement from my customers in their projects and knowing in some way I get to be a part of that,” he said. “I’m not just selling goods and services, I’m providing a resource for people to do what they love.”

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The 'Queen of Alberta Street' | Longtime Guardino Gallery owner leaves inspiring legacy

By Beth Sorensen
Oregon ArtsWatch

Donna Guardino, the owner of the Guardino Gallery and catalyst behind the creation of the Alberta Arts District, died peacefully April 9, surrounded by family and friends. She was 81.

A landmark destination for 28 years, Guardino Gallery has drawn locals and tourists alike for the ever-changing art display within its three gallery spaces. The gallery also serves as a touchstone for the Alberta Street community that Guardino helped to reinvent.

Tributes from Portland's art community have been pouring in on social media for Guardino, one of Portland's most-respected gallery owners. Many recalled a gallery owner who gave them their first opportunity to show their work, treated them fairly financially, and who became both a mentor and a friend.

"Through the years we became a unit to operate the gallery, especially when we took the gallery online (during the pandemic)," said Gail Owen, who served as assistant in the gallery since Sal Guardino, Donna's husband, died. "She was a friend, mentor and confidant."

Artist Nanette Wallace noted that Guardino "was a pillar in the art community who gave countless artists their first opportunity to share work in a professional setting."

"She was so kind and beautiful; she will be deeply missed by myself and so many. I know she will also live on through the massive community of us artists who loved her and who got their start thanks to her," Wallace said.

Painter Gabe Fernandez noted that "as far as my journey as an artist, all roads originated



Donna Guardino was an artist, businesswoman and mentor to many Portland artists. (Gail Owen / Oregon ArtsWatch)

from Donna and Guardino Gallery. Her brutal honesty and kindness was paramount. So helpful! She took a chance on me when I was brand new to the art scene."

"Donna Guardino was a powerful force," wrote artist Heather L. Halpern. "As a fellow arts crusader, she inspired and motivated me (and countless other artists and art enthusiasts). As a friend, she was incredibly kind, supportive and fun! Portland won't be as vibrant without her."

"She gave me my start as an artist, back in 2007," said artist Stephanie Brockway, who called Guardino the "Queen of Alberta Street."

"I could always count on coming to the gallery and having lively conversations and planning shows or just visiting about our lives. They say a life well-lived is one that touches many people, and I would say she has touched so, so many. It won't be the same without her."

When Guardino and her late husband, Sal, arrived in Portland in 1996, Alberta Street was a largely neglected area. One local reporter even called it "the most killing street in Portland." Few restaurants or other businesses were open for business. But the Guardinos had a vision not just for a gallery, but for an arts community. Against the advice of their sons, they purchased buildings and began the transformation of their property and the surrounding neighborhood.

Joseph Clifford Blanchette recalls when the Guardinos acquired the building at the corner of Northeast Alberta Street and 30th Avenue.

"It was cheap and, as working artists themselves, they had a plan of making it both a home and an art gallery. ... It was not an easy road, but they were successful beyond their imaginations," Blanchette said.

Not long after opening the gallery, Guardino joined a small group of local business owners pushing for change. Over time, more businesses, restaurants and galleries opened. They launched Alberta Street's first Last Thursday event in 1997. The group created the nonprofit Art on Alberta and began to brand the Alberta Arts District as a destination. Many artists who would become part of the

Guardino Gallery community discovered the gallery during art walks.

Today, Alberta Street is one of the most vibrant and flourishing neighborhoods in Portland. Other galleries have joined Guardino along the stretch between Northeast 14th and 33rd avenues, but none is quite like the gallery that started the Alberta Street renaissance. Artist Hilary Pfeifer recalled that "it didn't take long after I moved into the Alberta Arts District to meet this amazing woman who helped rebuild the neighborhood into what it is today. Donna was such an important

source of information and inspiration for me. ... Her gallery reminded me so much of the one my parents ran in Eugene when I was growing up — not only a place to see art, but a hub for the arts community to gather and connect. She will be missed."

Added artist Carolyn Garcia: "I can't imagine Alberta Street without Donna and the gallery. This is a huge loss for the artistic community."

Plans are underway for a public celebration of life for Guardino near the end of June.

Guardino Gallery, at 2939 N.E. Alberta St. in Portland, remains open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays until further notice.

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LULLABIES FOR A CAUSE

May 13. 6:30 p.m. Oregon Symphony musicians are joining forces with local singer-songwriters to create lullabies for a community concert. The Lullaby Project — conceived by Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute — uses the creative process of songwriting to improve well-being and child bonds with parents experiencing challenging life situations. \$10 general admission. Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., 503-719-6055, albertarosetheatre.com; orsymphony.org/lullaby-project

WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON

NEURODIVERGENT YOUTH

May 14. 6:45-7:45 p.m. Join The Shadow Project for a free one-hour workshop for parents and caregivers of neurodivergent youth ages 4–14. Learn how to introduce

goal-setting, track progress, stay motivated and celebrate success during this informative session. All materials and live support will be available in English and Spanish. Free. Hollywood Library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St., 503-988-5123, multcolib.org/hours-and-locations/hollywood-library

MUSICNOTES

CLASSICAL MUSIC UP CLOSE

Throughout May. Classical Up Close is a chamber music festival on a mission to bring high-quality, live classical music to as many people as possible. Produced by the Oregon Symphony and friends, performances are in neighborhoods throughout the Portland metro area. Check their website for upcoming shows and locations. classicalupclose.org/events.html

CALLING ALL SONGBIRDS

May 3-4. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (registration begins at 9 a.m.) Come sing your heart out and make friends during a special shape note singing event hosted by Portland Sacred Harp. Songbirds of all experience levels will come together for two full days of singing in unaccompanied, uninhibited four-part harmony. Songbooks will be available to borrow. There will be a potluck lunch for participants from noon-1 p.m. Free. The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 S.E. Ankeny St., 503-200-9545, www.thelaurelhurstclub.com/portlandsacredharp.org/

BASK IN BACH CONCERT

May 18. 2 p.m. Bask in the beauty of Bach during a special concert presented by the Bach Cantata Choir. The 50-member group, vocal soloists and 12-member orchestra

will be performing some of Joann Sebastian Bach’s masterpieces — including “Motet #1: Singet dem Herrn” — during the event. Free. Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 N.E. Alameda St., bachcantatachoir.org/

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USED MEDICAL DEVICE DRIVE

May 18. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Have medical

equipment you no longer need? Waste-Free Advocates will be collecting items in any condition to repair, reuse or recycle. Accepted items include walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds, opened boxes of adult diapers and more. Repair and scrap teams will be on-site. Free. The Arc Donation Center, 6929 N.E. Halsey St., 503-223-7279, thearcpdx.org

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Bach Cantata Choir

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LEARN ART OF PAPER CUTTING

May 3. 9-11 a.m. Interested in learning more about the art of papercutting? Alberta Street Gallery will be hosting a special introductory class that includes all the tools you need to start cutting your own designs.

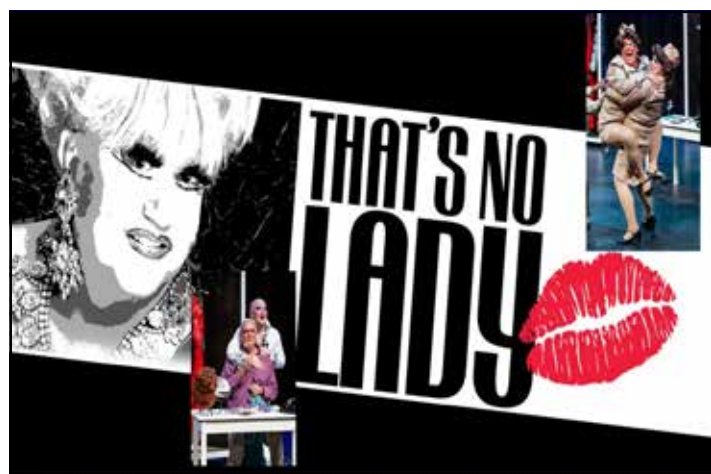


The Lullaby Project uses songwriting to improve well-being and children's bonds with parents who are experiencing challenging life situations.

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BUY ROCK, SAVE A BUTTERFLY

May 10. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Give the matriarch of your family the gift of monarchs this Mother's Day. Come by the Portland Monarchs shop and browse hundreds of hand-painted rocks — perfect for your mom's garden. Every rock sold supports pollinator habitat. Brought to you by Portland Monarchs, a nonprofit organization dedicated to butterflies, bees and all our pollinator friends. Free. 2218 N.E. 22nd Ave.; savethewesternmonarchs.com

TAP INTO YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

May 21. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Explore your

creative self at Creative Pathways Studio. Spend an evening learning about processes that inspire connection with yourself and others through topics like this month's theme, "Accentuate: Exploring how you can highlight even more of what's working in your life." \$55-\$95. All levels welcome. Hollywood Professional Center, 3939 N.E. Hancock St., Suite 117, registration required at CreativePathwaysPDX.eventbrite.com.

ARCHAEOLOGY ROADSHOW COMES TO EAST PORTLAND

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May 31, noon-3 p.m. (or until dumpsters are full). Bring your bulky trash (that's too big for your regular bin) and non-curb-side recycling. No hazardous or construction materials. Donations are encouraged but not required. (Suggestions: \$10 for smaller items; \$20 for larger items like couches, dressers; \$40 for truck loads) Funds raised pay for dumpster fees and go toward



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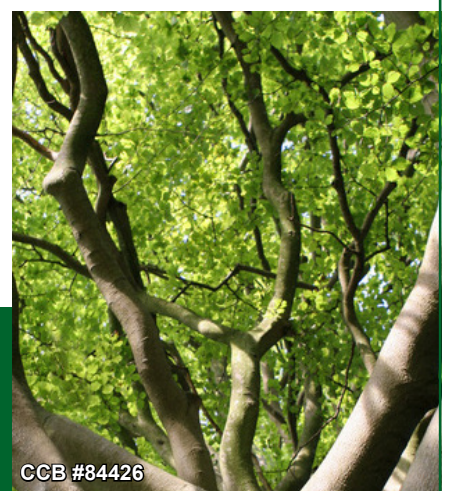
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