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The **VILLAGE BUILDER**

A GUIDE TO THE 2015 VILLAGE BUILDING CONVERGENCE
FRIDAY MAY 29 - JUNE 7



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5/31 Rogue Brewery BarBQ & Work Party

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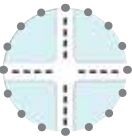
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#Hashtags

This year, we are encouraging you to take photos, videos, and write about the sites that you visit. Upon doing so, please upload them to social media like twitter, facebook, and instagram. By using hashtags, anyone can find what you have shared, and we all benefit! A hashtag is a word with the number/pound sign in front of it. It's simple. Just submit the content or photo, and put the hashtag somewhere. The official hashtag for this year's event is #VBC15



#intersectionrepair



#naturalbuilding



#communitygarden

‘Thrive it up’ through Shared Song

A new choir has formed this year, the Village Singers, who will be visiting place-making sites during VBC to lead volunteers in singing while they work. Our goal is to facilitate joyous and participatory musical experiences through teaching songs inspired by the “Singing Alive” tradition that is emerging in Cascadia. We select tunes that are fairly easy to learn, have multiple parts, and are beautiful, energizing and fun to sing. Our lyrics celebrate community-building and living in good relation with our planet. Contact Melanie Rios about how to join the choir or for any other information- vbcsingers@cityrepair.org.



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WELCOME

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Dearest friends, neighbors, changemakers, visionaries, artists and activists~

Travelling expands our horizons, and for me, it brought me home to the treasure in my own backyard. While visiting and writing about permaculture centers around the world I encountered City Repair sparkling in peoples eyes and caught their inspiration. I returned in time to get involved with helping to produce last year’s VBC. A year later I find myself as the new President of the Board of this inspiring organization. I am honoured to be part of a team that is bringing new life into this valuable community movement. Together we have worked diligently to ask: What works? and to build from there.

Over the summer of 2014, the core leadership of City Repair met and generated a strategic plan to further develop our vision for greater local, regional and global impact. We’re excited to share with our communities our ideas for a more sustainable, healthier and happier future.

Placemaking consultations to other cities and organizations. We are responding to a high demand from organizations within Portland and cities across the nation who are looking to “Repair” their city.

Four seasonal Village Convergences will be implemented throughout the year of 2015 and beyond. Each convergence will have a special theme and specific service to community activists and placemakers.

Block Repair is an exciting retrofit strategy for the urban block that incorporates community resilience and appropriate technology to combat climate change and resource scarcity.

Community Outreach to the Portland Metro and beyond about City Repair’s 17 year history of implementing over 500 neighbor led placemaking projects and how you can activate your neighborhood.

In addition to the Strategic Plan, the Board of Directors were pleased to hire Marc Tobin as the Executive Director to manage our organizational development and ensure that we implement our goals.

A year with this much focus takes hard work, passion and an outstanding commitment to a vision of a better world. We would like to especially thank our incredible team of leaders including Priti Shaw, Ridhi D’Cruz, Kirk Rea and Mark Lakeman for co-creating that beautiful vision together.

Thank you very much for all of your support,

Ted Swagerty
President of the Board of the City Repair Project

Marc Tobin
Executive Director of the the City Repair Project





Hello and welcome to the barn raising that will be VBC15!

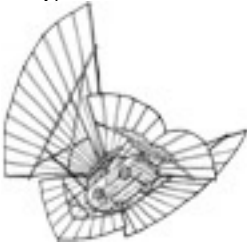
If you ever before wanted to come to join in with City Repair and the Village Building Convergence, it turns out that you have chosen the BEST year ever! I say this because THIS time we will go far beyond anything we have ever done before, a whole new level of action, project types, and momentum to transform our part of the planet! Yet, the biggest reason is internal, because this is the greatest, strongest, most healthy and visionary team that City Repair has ever seen!

For a little perspective on the matter, when the VBC began in 2001 we built only one project, the solar sanctuary at Planet Repair Institute. Since then, the project has grown from just a few projects to now more than forty each year, with a total over 500 in Portland alone. The growth has been phenomenal and steady, until this year when we have arrived at a whole new capacity and level of ambition! THIS team won't stop until the world is a better, transformed place! Our aim is as high and broad as possible, as we invite you to join with us, not only during the urban permaculture and place making festival that the VBC has become! We want to join with you in common cause forever after, to create, and work, and play together until our neighborhoods and cities become truest reflections of our resident character and vitalized culture!

Whatever the issue, whether you see it addressed in this VBC or next, you can bring it to common cause with us to be met by our fiercely creative culture! Let's barn raise our way to the best world that we can create together, while we nurture and steward the floating garden planet where we have awakened to find ourselves!

Repair The World with us!

Mark Lakeman
Co-Founder of City Repair & Village Building Convergence



The Village is back! Welcome to the 15th Annual Village Building Convergence! This year's theme is "Thrive It Up!" We use the word thrive because when we build and plant in harmony with the earth, we thrive. Let's see what happens when we set our intentions to thrive!

This year, our placemaking program has over 40 sites of hands-on community action!

In the evenings at the Hearth, we have also innovated a whole new level of diversity of workshops and offerings that will happen concurrently so that everyone has a full spectrum of great choices of activities at all times. Our evening program has the most amazing musical lineup, of artists who each bring forth some aspect of village through their music.

During the convergence and on we will share skills and find resiliency through our village. Join us in learning to build using the time-proven abundance of natural materials and reuse the energy embodied in what has been built before. Over the ten days and nights of the VBC, we are excited to transform our community spaces into hubs of natural expression!

"If we could think locally, we would take far better care of things than we do now. The right local questions and answers will be the right global ones. The Amish question, 'What will this do for our community?' tends toward the right answer for the world." ~ Wendell Berry

VILLAGE BUILDING CONVERGENCE



Placemaking is the foundational activity of the Village Building Convergence. It is how we rebuild the village in us all.

What is Placemaking? A multi-layered process within which citizens foster active, engaged relationships to their neighborhoods - the space which they inhabit, the landscapes of their lives - and shape those spaces in a way which creates a sense of communal stewardship and lived connection. This is most often accomplished through a creative reclamation of public space: projects which take the form of benches on street corners where neighbors can sit, rest and talk with each other, kiosks on sidewalks where neighbors can post information about local events, needs and resources and street paintings in the public right-of-way that demonstrate to all who pass through that this is a Place: inhabited, known and loved by its residents. In all instances, these projects are undertaken by local communities who come together to discuss what it is they want in their neighborhood and how the community can work together with the resources they have to meet their desires. Placemaking is the foundation for a regenerative culture.

Community & Connection: This regenerative culture stands out on a basis of connection rather than isolation and independence. For most in the United States, “community” is hard to find because we are told we need to purchase the foundations of our lives, instead of meeting our needs through personal relationships. It’s hard to build community when the sense is what we need is lots of money and we shouldn’t need each other. Yet, we desperately do need each other, not only for our own emotional and spiritual well-being, but in serious need to heal with the Earth. We are not meant to be good at everything, and we cannot undertake environmental caretaking alone. Community includes both people as well as the land.

The Seasonal Cycle of our VBC Placemaking Program guides willing villagers through a journey . We like to think that we train people to become a local super-hero. In late fall, leaders from each of these “placemaking sites” respond to our call via the VBC 15 Placemaking RFP/Application. This rhythm aligns with the seasonal cycle in which fall beckons us to return home for personal solitude and enrichment, for creative and deep conversations with our neighbors and planning for the next harvest. Our request for proposal is intended to start the conversations about what’s working and what’s not and our dreams for the future. Since February over 40 VBC Placemakers have been activating their communities and attending our Placemaking Workshop series, gathering skills for the collaborative visioning and manifesting of their place-based projects.

Collaborative Leadership & Identity: You will see a wide representation of community needs being creatively responded to in the following pages. These projects are collaboratively imagined, designed, built, and maintained by the communities themselves. VBC folk are teachers, inspirers, connect-the-dots-ers, and a support structure. Together, we have co-created ‘projects’ and a journey of Identity. What are our individual roles in all of this? How do we fit into applying our skills to benefit all? The idea is to honor everyone’s gifts, and challenge ourselves to remember that our world is beautiful, already full of creative power and magic that just needs to be allowed to flow.

Transformation: Most importantly, it will always be pretty magical. And fun! Placemaking transforms the inner and outer worlds in a more profound ripple effect. When we come together at the Hearth for meals in the evening, we share experiences with each other and change the world by just Being ourselves, honest to our story, excited by what we have to offer, as thriving community members from thriving places.

The results of these community projects over the last nineteen years has made City Repair internationally recognized for doing the most sustainable work in cities. Our stories have reached through our bioregion and beyond, traveling like spores and mycelium in the undergrowth and inspiring positive change in literally hundreds of other places globally.

Placemaking is.... co-creating our story.... the weaving together of our lives.

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The City Repair Project fosters thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities through the creative reclamation of public space. City Repair is an organized group action that educates and inspires communities and individuals to creatively transform the places where they live. City Repair facilitates artistic and ecologically-oriented placemaking through projects that honor the interconnection of human communities and the natural world. The many projects of City Repair have been accomplished by a mostly volunteer staff and thousands of volunteer citizen activists.



City Repair began in Portland, Oregon with the idea that localization - of culture, of economy, of decision-making - is a necessary foundation of sustainability. By reclaiming urban spaces to create community-oriented places, we plant the seeds for greater neighborhood communication, empower our communities and nurture our local culture. Throughout the year we educate the community with workshops on all forms of sustainability. As an almost entirely volunteer-driven nonprofit organization, we rely solely on the support of our community. Please consider donating to help ensure our vision becomes a reality.

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Natural Building's essence lies in its inherent emphasis on environmental preservation and social sustainability. Natural building is a method of construction based in using minimally processed, natural materials that are available locally. The techniques for most natural building methods reflect the materials themselves in that they are simple and low-tech.

Permaculture is the conscious design of sustainable human settlements. It is also about being local: shepherding the resources that enter a place; keeping them cycling within the "system," be it backyard, neighborhood, or bioregion; and creating beneficial connections between each part. Community and a sense of place can only be created by the people who dwell together and who have a real stake in creating a home.

Public Art in our neighborhoods can also create a strong sense of place, whether it is a mural, a sculpture, temporary art such as chalk drawings or functional art pieces like benches or lampposts. Public art presents an opportunity for a neighborhood to tell its history, express local culture and have a fun project for anyone to get involved.

WHAT'S NEW AT VBC THIS YEAR?

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This year the Programming Team & the CityRepair leadership have given the VBC Hearth Evening Events a complete redesign and upgrade! After much research and reflection on what works best in community gatherings of many types, we chose to move forward maintaining our incredible educational pieces along with multiple tracks of in a diverse and engaging lineup of inspiring speakers, interactivities, top-notch musicians and spellbinding performances to embody our dreams for a thriving community! The Village Hearth is intended to invite our community to expand to our full potential in heart-warming connection and celebration.

OneDoorLand Life As Art Tea Lounge

In conjunction with Heaven's Tea School of Sacred Tea Art and Bibi McGill of Black Light Honey Dragon Tea, OneDoorLand will set up a Sacred Tea Lounge for VBC. The intention is to create an inviting space for people to connect with one another and experience a journey of the senses through deep presence. These teas are clean, wild-crafted leaves and herbs that come from bio-diverse areas of the world, many of them from ancient trees over hundreds of years old. Unlike commercial tea, these teas open up channels in the body for energetic alignment. Together we will laugh, connect, and share in the profound wisdom of presence.

Village Pub

For many of us a little libation provides just the social lubricant we need to extend beyond ourselves and make a meaningful connection. Since exceptional local micro-brewers and wines are such a significant part of our Northwest culture, we felt it was appropriate to make place for them at our convergence. After thoughtful consideration, we are excited to announce that for the first time ever we are creating an intentional place for consuming adult beverages at the VBC Central Venue Hearth. Our "Village Pub" will be a fun safe place adjacent to the dance floor where those of age who feel inclined can purchase a beverage of their choice. In addition to a great selection of some of the area's finest wines, beers, and ciders (no liqueur) we will also be mixing up a few herbal kombucha elixirs to elevate your body and mind. After a long day placemaking with your friends at your site come visit the "Village Pub" at the Central Venue Hearth for a fun-raising fundraiser of responsible imbibing with all your new friends!

Loud Auction

In our effort to really expand City Repair & The Village Building Convergence's organizational capacity to bring placemaking: collaboration and neighborhood innovation & empowerment thru public art to more neighborhoods here in Portland and beyond ... we are coming up with creative ways to fun-Raise!! In that vein we will have a Loud Auction... not a silent auction .. but an opportunity to bid on all sorts of donated items as a way to support City Repair! ... Come bid on an opportunity to go on a date with some of our handsome core organizers, or get stories read to your kids, or theater tickets, winery tours and tastings, spa getaways, massages, yoga memberships, crafts and local art, ... even permaculture consulting with Mark Lakeman!! Come Join Us to raise the fun on June 6th!!

Zero Waste Event

This year The Village Building Convergence Hearth evening events will be stepping into the realms of a zero waste event... doing it in true City Repair culturally creative style with the professional help of Sarah Bellum. She will be taking any waste beyond the composting and recycling and turning it into community "Tart". Come and join in the fun with her!!

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Placemaking to the next level –

This year we wanted to dream bigger We've been supporting people to make places through intersection paintings, community gardens and natural building for 15 yrs. ... and we LOVE this work ... and we think there's more that we can activate in you ... we want to dream bigger together ... This year we birthed "Tier 2" ... we're still looking for a good name for it This is our invitation for you to explore What's possible? ... to dream about how you can really meet your needs in your neighborhood .. through things like community distributed power options, water catchment, neighborhood food forests or "Snack Tracks" and whatever else you can collectively imagine into being. Build on the conversation with us Thur evening 6/2, at Central Venue for Stacking Functions for Community Resiliency.



When has City Repair ever done things quietly?!

Join us for an evening of boisterous bidding, sprightly supporters, and playful prizes at the

1st Annual Village Building Convergence

LOUD Auction!

Saturday, June 6

6:45 – 7:45pm

Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church

Free admission with a ticket to the Hearth Evening Program

Hosted by our very own animated auctioneer Bill Bradley!

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Portland Metro



Open spaces, waste and recycling, transit infrastructure, and so much more! Metro crosses city limits and county lines to work with communities in creating a vibrant and sustainable region for all. Through shared values of public service, excellence, teamwork, sustainability, innovation and respect, Metro employees serve the region in a variety of roles – from economists to park rangers, cartographers to zookeepers, and recycling specialists to theater ushers.

M Realty



M Realty is powered partly by Eric Steindler, one of the main visionaries of City Repair since as far back as 1998 when he fed hundreds and hundreds at the Hands Around Portland that year. He was also an integral part of producing the Earth Day village Celebration until about 2006. Eric also coordinates the HOWL Halloween Party, City Repair's biggest annual fund raising event. At M Realty he does an amazing job of bringing people and their dreams of finding an awesome place to live together, and everyone has a great time in the process. Call Eric to find out more.



KBOO FM

KBOO is a non-profit, listener-funded FM community radio station broadcasting from Portland, Oregon. The station's mission is to serve groups in its listening area who are underrepresented on other local radio stations and to provide access to the airwaves for people who have unconventional or controversial tastes and points of view. It broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and has been on the air since 1968.

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The ReBuilding Center, a project of Our United Villages, is a vibrant resource working to strengthen the environmental, economic, and social fabric of local communities. Founded by volunteers in 1998, The ReBuilding Center carries the region's largest volume of used building and remodeling materials. It provides resources that make home repairs affordable to everyone, with the goal of promoting the reuse of salvaged and reclaimed materials.



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Upcoming Shows at the Bossanova Ballroom

Sepultura May 13	Bobcat Goldthwait May 16	Quiet Riot May 21	Y & T May 22
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SOUTHWEST

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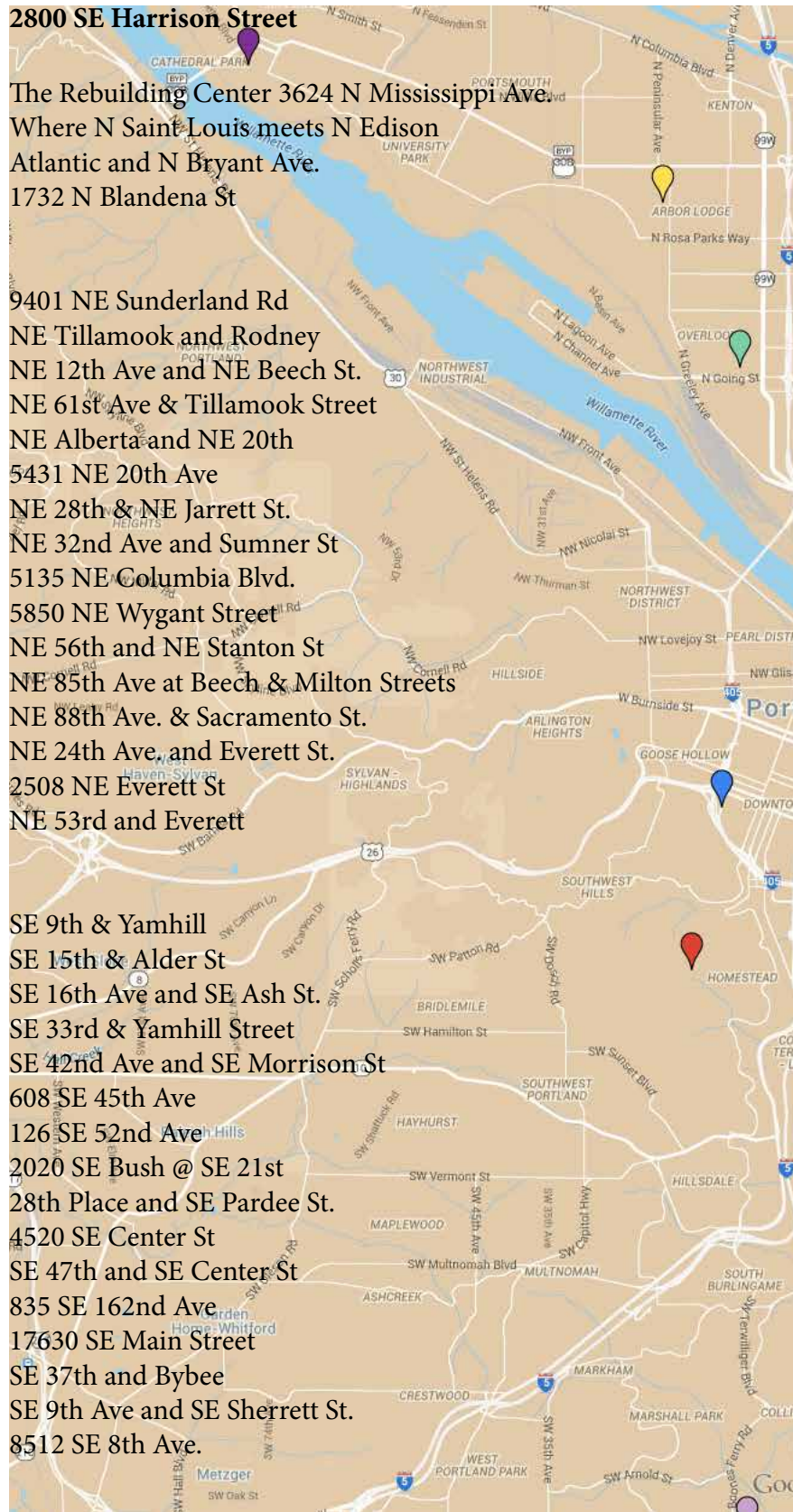
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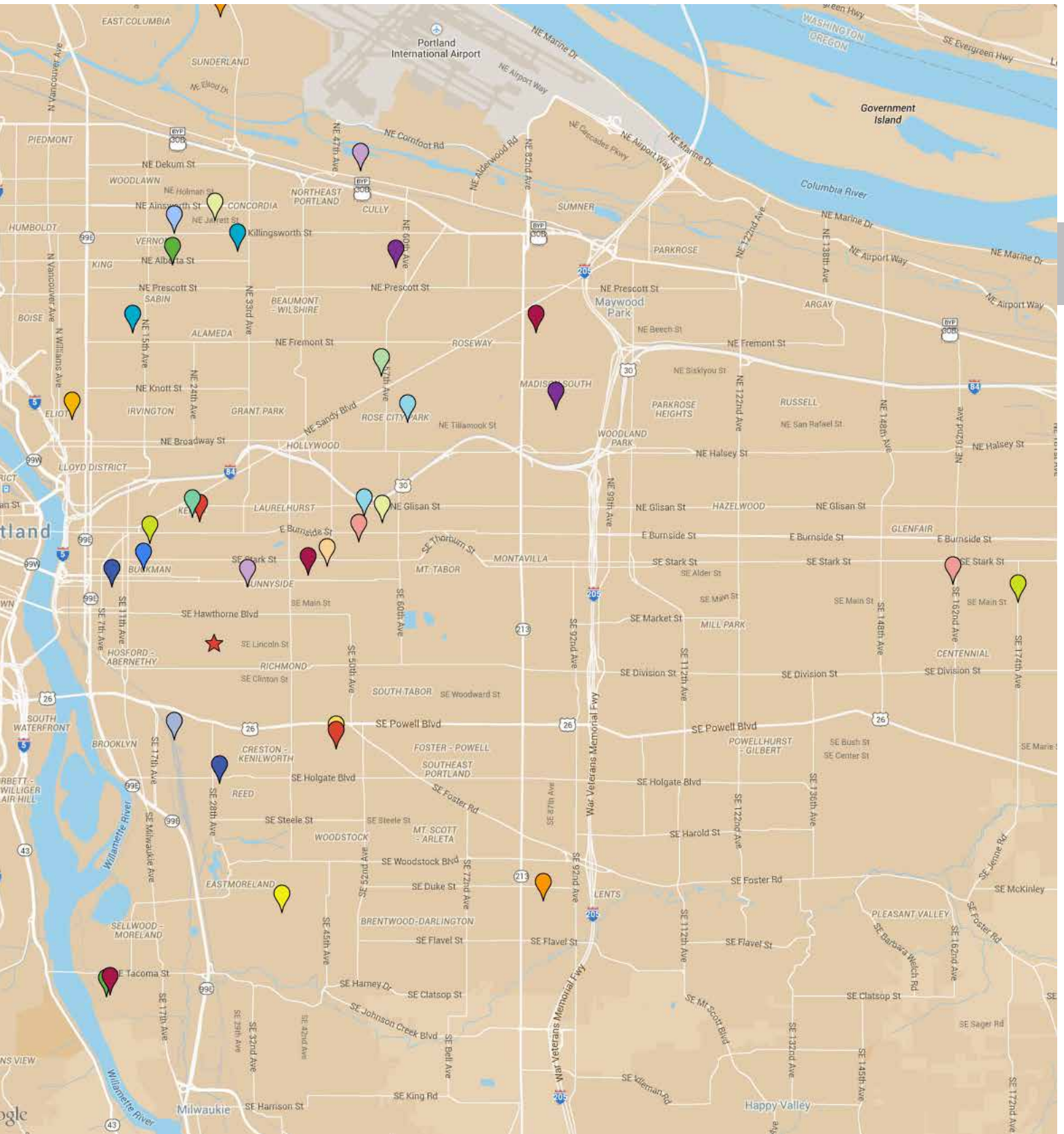
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WORKSHOPS AT PLACEMAKING SITES



The Village Singers

The Village Singers will be visiting place-making sites during the Village Building Convergence to lead volunteers in singing while they work. Our goal is to facilitate joyous and participatory musical experiences through teaching songs inspired by the “Singing Alive” tradition that is emerging in Cascadia.. We select tunes that are fairly easy to learn, have multiple parts, and are beautiful, energizing and fun to sing. Our lyrics celebrate community-building and living in good relationship with our planet. Our repertoire is inspired by the “Singing Alive” tradition that is emerging in Cascadia. We select tunes that are fairly easy to learn, have multiple parts, and are beautiful, energizing and fun to sing. Our lyrics celebrate community-building and living in good relationship with our planet. For more information, contact Melanie Rios: vbcsingers@cityrepair.org. See the following Placemaking site pages for schedule dates and times: The Attunement Center, Compass Junction, da Vinci Dragon, Portland State University, Jarrett Grove, Leaven Community, Sacramento Community Corner, & Wildflower preschool

Terra preta – With Melanie Rios

This workshop will demonstrate how to make terra preta, a highly fertile soil that supported cities in the Amazon before the arrival of Columbus. It is made by fermenting biochar, food scraps and manure together, and then allowing earthworms to alchemize this mixture. Creating biochar and incorporating it into soil sequesters carbon for centuries, addressing climate change. The biochar in terra preta acts as a battery which stores nutrients until needed by plants, addressing soil depletion. The process of making terra preta helps to safely process manure while providing cooking heat, both helpful in earthquake preparedness. Bring two #10 cans if you want to make your own biochar stove at the workshop. We will be meeting at the Attunement Center at 10 a.m on Saturday, June 6th. See the following Placemaking site pages for schedule dates and times: The Attunement Center

Kids Crafts and Reading Circle

Stepping in as visiting Village Grandmother, SaraHope’s Mom will visit sites offering storytelling, and arts & crafts for the young ones. See the following Placemaking site pages for schedule dates and times: Wygant, Wildflower Preschool, and Sacramento Community Corner

Live Honey Bees with Brian Lacy

Brian Lacy, an expert in Bee Keeping, is offering presentations about the history, lore, and practical knowledge of honeybees and mason bees. Depending on interest, the presentation can include indoor powerpoint, in-field application and workshops with live critters. See the following Placemaking site pages for schedule dates and times: Kalak'ala Hearth & Leaven Community

Pollination Arts Collaborative with Kelli Pearson

Pollination Arts Collaborative designs regenerative habitats for pollinators that are simultaneously works of inspiring, enchanting, interactive art. They bring together communities to reimagine our collective future in which ecology and culture are seamlessly integrated into a symbiotic relationship. Kellie's workshop will explore the question: How can we weave human creativity and new social interactions into urban areas in a way that supports flourishing pollinator habitats? See the following Placemaking site pages for schedule dates and times: Compass Junction, da Vinci Dragon, Leaven Community, North Atlantic, & Sacramento Community Corner

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The Sharing Collaboration Market - facilitated by the Sharing Alliance of Community Supported Everything

A specially designed offers/requests system for project collaboration and resource sharing. Participants will be guided through a series of sharing circles and provided a paper tracking tool for recording exchanges and new connections. Everyone in the circle is sure to walk away with needs met, new friends, and new opportunities to collaborate. This is an excellent way to learn how you can support friends and neighbors as well as find the support you need to move forward in your own work. All requests are welcome. Bring your passions, bring your curiosity, and always remember - we're in this together! Tools used in the market will be shared with all participants with the hope that collaboration circles will continue beyond the evening's event. See the following Placemaking site pages for schedule dates and times: Kalak'ala Community

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Village Building Convergence (VBC) 15 is proud to co-sponsor a two-day Little Installation Workshop with The Rebuilding Center. We are hosting three main workshops

1. Little Free Libraries with Mark Lakeman and Simon Lyle
2. Mason Bee Library Kiosks and Pollinator Art with Brian Lacy and Kelli Pearson
3. FreeStore with Joseph Drushal

Sign up via bit.ly/VBC15LittleInstallationWorkshopApplication

1. Little Free Libraries with Mark Lakeman and Simon Lyle: Learn how to make little free libraries, a great community asset for neighborhoods with kids who want to swap books with each other!

2. *VBC15 Pollinator Program Special* Mason Bee Library Kiosks and Pollinator Art with Brian Lacy and Kelli Pearson
LHB will work with community members to

build mason bee library style kiosks! These kiosks are easy to create in a day and they give great public exposure to the benefits & biology of these amazing local pollinators. Additionally, people can create small beneficial insect hotels and related art, engagement & signage installations. The purpose of these interactive art pieces is to increase the noticing and celebration of pollinators :-). For example, you could create a chalkboard wall with a list of local pollinators - people passing can be invited to put mark when they spot one or write up a comment or a question.

Bring

Sticks of all different lengths, all sorts of stones, pine cones, reeds, straw, hay, & grass clippings, moss, rubble such as broken bricks, flowerpots, crocks, Pictures of your favorite pollinators from magazines or artwork, Poetry or quotes about pollinators, Broken tiles or pottery for mosaics, Interesting pieces of wood or other materials that could be painted on to make signs such as "beee friendly neighborhood" or "let's pollinate" or even pictures of various local pollinators with a bit of info about them..., Think about... interactive art! Maybe a chalkboard wall with a list of local pollinators... people passing by could put a mark when they see one or a comment or a question?, Think about... how to increase noticing and celebration of pollinators :-)

3. FreeStore Build with Joseph Drushal

Help build a free store custom for a community site!

All-hours free stores are a beautiful neighborhood phenomenon, as well as they are complex systems of resource management. The opportunity to build a sister structure with similar features to the CSE Free Store is one we are excited to pursue, given that a host site and volunteer team can be confirmed. The design will provide a covered space for self-serve community exchange, with ample clothing hooks, shelving for household items, tall storage for oblong objects, and a lockable trash bin for convenient ongoing maintenance.

June 2 & June 3,

Please come by during these times - all 3 of these workshops will be happening on both of these days!!

10 am - 5 pm

COMPASS JUNCTION

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LOCATION

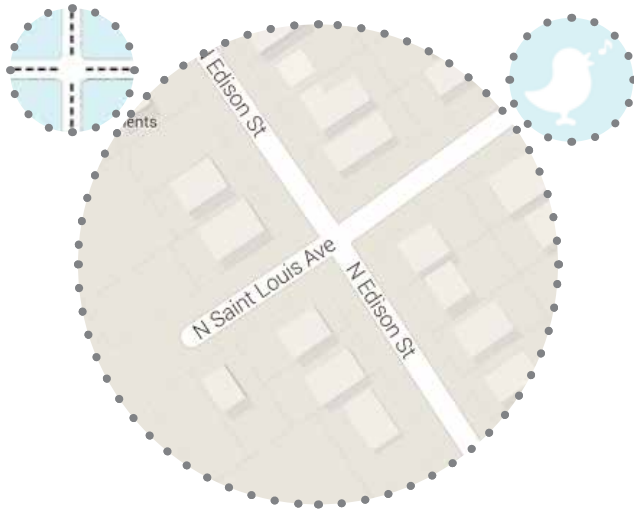
Where N Saint Louis meets N Edison,
where the sidewalk ends

#COMPASSJUNCTION

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Compass Junction, three berry-lined blocks from Cathedral Park, was first painted in 2009. Our Mariner's Mandala is a navigational aid, directing our gaze outward from the central compass to an Escher-like outer ring from which we see the Baltimore Woods Connectivity Corridor, the sparkling river that separates us from Forest Park, the titanic vessels that ply the working waters of the Willamette's North Reach, and the iconic green gothic arches of our beloved St. Johns Bridge, from which we



can glimpse downtown, Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens on a clear day. This is The Crossroads.

We are on the Edge of Everything, and the edge is where the action is. Come look through our special window on the world for the day!

Friday June 5, 2:00: Pollination Arts Presentation

Saturday June 6, 11-nightfall: Intersection Painting & Block Party / 3:00 *Village Singers*

Sunday June 7: Alternate date if Saturday's weather is uncooperative

Possible gray water and water catchment projects happening during the week at The MudHut Kulturhaus, adjacent residence and community hub. Check in with Ivy in real time if you want the scoop!



NORTH ATLANTIC COMPASS ROSE

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LOCATION

N Atlantic and N Bryant Ave.

#NORTHATLANTICCOMPASSROSE

CONTACT

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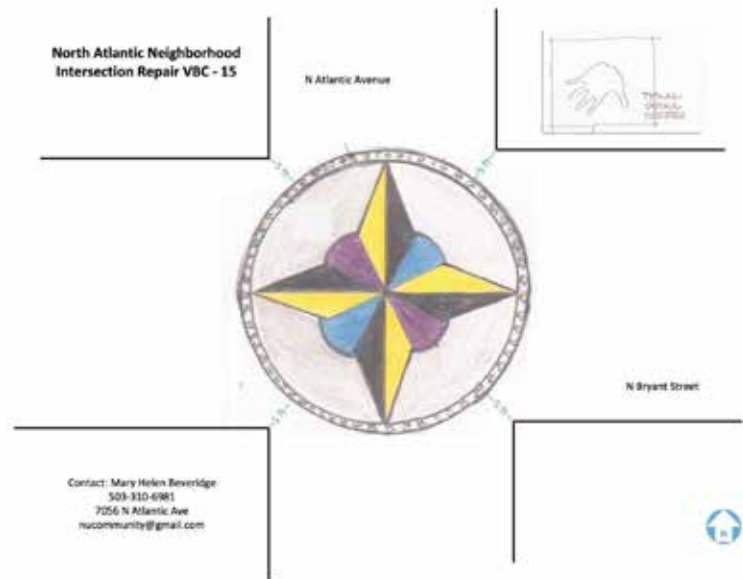
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Join us over the course of several days as we work together in the preparation, layout and painting of a colorful compass rose. We invite all our neighbors and volunteers to participate in transforming our intersection and leaving their personal mark by placing their hand (or paw) print on the perimeter of the compass!

By co-creating this new work of art and gathering place in our neighborhood, we intend to also create community, celebrate, share, party and feast together. The Atlantic Compass Rose will be available for birthdays, block parties, and other special events for years to come!



Friday 5/29, 2-5 pm Site Prep. Sweep street; power wash street.

Saturday 5/30, 10-5 Layout and begin painting. 11am Village Singers

Sunday 5/31, 10-4 Continue Painting, culminating with hand/paw prints after 2 pm

*Children's activities and refreshments will be available throughout the weekend events.

Saturday and Sunday June 6-7, 10-5 Possible Rain dates of same schedule as above and time to finish mural project if necessary.
June 6, 10:00 *Village Singers*

Sunday June 7, 3-7pm Neighborhood BLOCK PARTY!
Gathering and celebration of neighbors and project volunteers. Gratitude Circle around and on our new Atlantic Compass Rose!
Sharing of food, gifts, stories, singing, music, games, dancing...

Additional Activities: (Times TBA or contact Mary Helen)
Green Roof Replanting, Repair and Construction. Learn how to help stop overflow of our storm water and sewer systems and save money on your water bill.
Honey Bees, Mason Bees and other Pollinators. Learn about the importance and how to encourage the presence of pollinators in our neighborhood.
Installation of "Little Structures" (free libraries, poetry posts, etc.)

ATTUNEMENT CENTER

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LOCATION

1732 N Blandena St
#ATTUNEMENTCENTER

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Attunement Center is an urban permaculture homestead guesthaus and eco village. We host sustainably minded travelers with the intention of inspiring guests to take home new ideas and living practices from their experience here.

The landscape is all edible or medicinal, complete with a flock of ten chickens and colony of honey bees. We are bringing the community together over topics of 'thrivelihood' by creating a space to get hands on experience; providing a central neighborhood learning place for gardening with perennials, medicinals, mycelium, chickens, bees, worms, composting, sheet mulching, natural building, water management, permaculture, food preservation and herbal medicine making. We will have a self guided map/tour available for participants to be able to check out the over 100 edibles currently on site!

Come by and experience the last 3 years' VBC projects; chicken coop/greenhouse bioshelter w/ eco roof utilizing salvage materials & natural building elements, a flow form pond

incorporating edible plants for filtration & overflow garden irrigation, and hugelkultured mandala food forest garden. This year's theme/inspiration for Attunement is Cultivating Sacred Spaces. We will be focusing our energies on hardscaping & planting the medicine wheel garden + meditation space and squash teepee trellis, weaving wattle garden edging and creating nature alters around the gardens. The outdoor kitchen urbanite patio will also be completed in preparation for a barrel cob oven build workshop later this summer.

We will be starting every day at 10am and ending at 5pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm and is being generously sponsored by Cha Cha Cha Taqueria!

Fri 5/29: 10am Nature Mandala Activity 11-5pm Begin Weaving Wattle Garden Bed Edging.

Sat 5/30: 10am Opening Ceremony; Medicine Wheel Garden Blessing w/ Amanda Rain of Speaking the Unspeakable. 11-5pm Wattle Edge Weaving & Pathway Creation + Urbanite Patio Build.

Sun 5/31: 10am Meditative Arts 1:30pm Wild Food Adventure garden/block walkabout w/ John Kallas Author of Edible Wild Plants 11-5pm Wattle Edge Weaving & Pathway Creation + Urbanite Patio Build.

Mon 6/1: 10am Worm Bin Build 2pm Three Bin Compost System Build.

Thur 6/4: 10am Hatha Yoga + Kale Chip Solar Dehydrator Demo* 2pm Kale Chip Snacks!* *Weather Permitting! 11-5pm Create Nature & Bee Waterer Alters. Build & Plant Squash Teepee Trellis.

Fri 6/6: 10am Terra Preta + Food Forest Intro + Plant Guild Building Activity 11am *Village Singers* 11-5pm Food Forest Planting.

Sat 6/6: 10am Kundalini Yoga 11-5pm Medicine Wheel Garden Planting. (10-4pm the Overlook Neighborhood Sustainable Garden Tour will be joining in festivities for the day!)

Sun 6/7: 11-3pm Finish Projects!

DIGNITY VILLAGE

NE

LOCATION

9401 NE Sunderland Rd
#DIGNITYVILLAGE

CONTACT

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Dignity Village is a community of homeless individuals who are self organized as a 501c organization that keep themselves together in a much safer manner than on the streets. It has been in existence since its birth under the downtown freeway 12 years ago this summer.

Now in its North East location since 2009, it continues to struggle and change, being the experiment it is. We as a community have offered shelter, safety, the healing that only peers can offer as continued self-reliance. There are 54 people in structures on 1.5 acres of asphalt.

We will be repainting an existing street painting on the tarmac at Dignity Village.

Saturday June 6: 11am-5pm: painting intersection



ELIOT NEIGHBORHOOD CROSSING

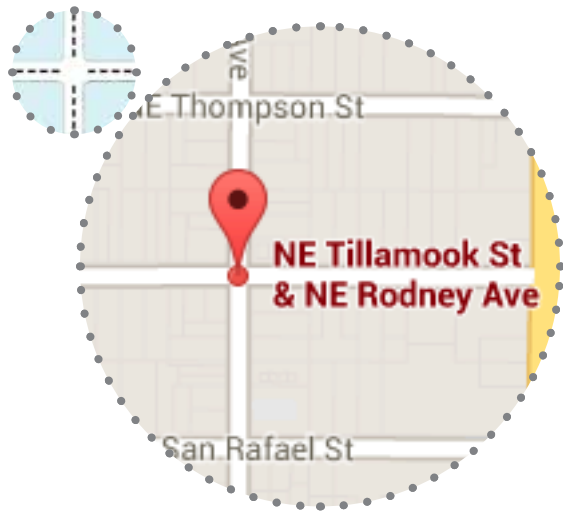
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LOCATION

NE Tillamook and Rodney
#ELIOTNEIGHBORHOOD

CONTACT

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The Eliot Community Crossing painted intersection is one of the newest and growing recognizable landmarks in the Eliot Neighborhood, just north of historic NE Williams Ave and spanning the intersection of two bike greenways.

The intention of the Eliot Community Crossing is twofold. Serving to encourage and create an opportunity to deepen neighborly relationships in our quickly densifying neighborhood. Also, intersection art naturally elicits a sense of pride and identity for all that pass through, speaking to Eliot's urban model for integrating art, enhancing neighborly values and improving the quality of life in the neighborhood.

What does the image represent? The floral center design represents the growth, friendship and beauty in our community. In the southern quadrant of the painting, musical notes remind us of our neighborhood's vibrant jazz culture. The western and eastern quadrants depict the gears of the bicycles that flow through this intersection which is the convergence of two greenways. Finally, the northern quadrant represents the community gardens that have sprung up along our streets, as well as those we cultivate in our own yards.

Friday May 29th 7p-9p - street prep

Saturday May 30th 9a-8p - street painting party

Sunday May 31st 8a-12p - additional street painting time if unable to finish on Saturday.



BEECH STREET PROJECT

NE

LOCATION

NE 12th Ave and NE Beech St.
#BEECHSTREETPROJECT

CONTACT

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We will be repainting a rainbow flower of life. Please wear your favorite color and come prepared for fun. This intersection is part of a stretch of road that contains two intersection paintings, three little libraries, a bench, a mural, mosaic paver stones (made by neighbors), and plantings for the pollinators. Come see our repaired street and join the creation.

Sat 5/30 9am to 5pm Intersection painting.

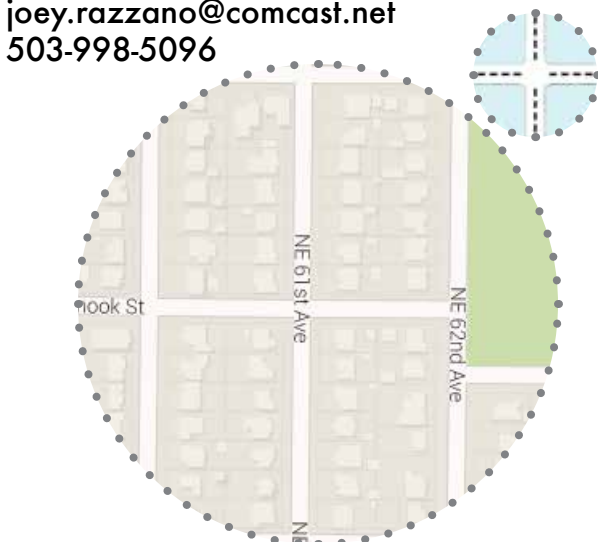
JADE'S JEWEL

LOCATION

NE 61st Ave & Tillamook Street
#JADESJEWEL

CONTACT

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We have a fabulous neighborhood that we are really blessed to live in. While our community has dwindled in the past year, we used to have block parties, Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, and a plethora of gatherings annually. Unfortunately, over the years there have been some illnesses and deaths in our neighborhood impeding upon our community building. So, we are bringing the community back together by painting the streets rockin' colors! The drawing is Sponge Bob Squarepants inspired and to learn the whole story, come to our painting!

Friday and Saturday, May 29-30. 10 am to 5 pm both days.

BACKYARD YOGA SHALA SAUNA

NE

LOCATION

NE Alberta and NE 20th
#SHALASAUNA

CONTACT

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Earthen plaster walls in an off-grid backyard sauna and movement space: The old garage was a termite haven 13 years ago, literally with no roof, and walls that could be kicked down one at a time and rebuilt with reclaimed lumber. Inspired by early VBCs and in particular the 2002 green homes tour, the vision to create a comfortable space to get out of the house and move and stretch (and to share this with neighbors) has taken some time to manifest. With a new roof of second-hand steel with some sections of clear acrylic roofing to give natural lighting inside, a hard floor surface seated on a web of water tubing leveled with sand to provide radiant floor heating in the chilly months, the backyard barn studio was kind-of born... it just needed a rocket stove sauna built of reclaimed brick (check) and attached to it, and for a labor of love to sculpt and finish the earthen plaster walls (that's us this week!). Your creative ideas and/or expert advice on connecting the solar and floor heat "systems" will be appreciated throughout, but a practicum of forming, shaping, filling straw clay; mosaic setting; and finish earthen plaster

is our biggest call for support this week. Heads up, morning yoga and chi-gong practice groups are already meeting. Inquire about days and times, or please bring your wellness 'thing' and share it with the neighbors.

Help to finish earthen plaster walls and apply the finishing touches to an off-grid backyard sauna and community movement / education space.

NE Alberta and NE 20th (follow arrows from the corners)
Sat May 30th : 9 to 4:30

Base Plaster

- Come help us stomp and mix up and sculpt some course, structural earthen plaster to fill in gaps and level off the existing straw-clay walls in the sauna.

Morning Qi Gong Practice 8-9am - Join us to begin the work day with this gentle strengthening form in our attached yoga room.

Lunch 11- 12:30 - Don't miss the taco bar!! We will have a spread of tacos and toppings to feast on for today's volunteer crew.

Coffee and snacks provided throughout the day.

Sun May 31st : 11:00 to 3:30

Mosaic Design -Today we will be finishing up with plaster, mosaic designs and setting recycled bottles into the window adding light and color to our earthen walls.

We will also be tuning the rocket stove, working on solar system, radiant floor heat & finish carpentry projects throughout the week.

Morning Qi Gong Practice : 10 - 11am - Join us to begin the work day with this gentle strengthening form in our attached yoga room

Lunch 1:00 - 2:00 - Coffee and snacks provided throughout the day

Ba Qua Circle : 4 - 5:00pm - We will be practicing a beautiful chinese martial art, this form builds strength and awareness as it trains the body and brain to react quickly from all angles. It is open to beginners and all skill levels.

Saturday June 6th: 9:30 to 3:30pm.

**Potluck follows 3:30- 5pm. Bring a drum if you have one!!

Finish Plaster - Today we will be mixing a smooth finish coat of earthen plaster to spread on the walls, made with fine quartz sand and colored with natural pigments. This mix infuses the space with crystalline charge and polishes with a smooth beautiful shine.

- When the plaster is finished we will be installing the upper seating bench and facing the ceiling with cedar boards.

Morning Qi Gong Practice : 8:30 - 9:30

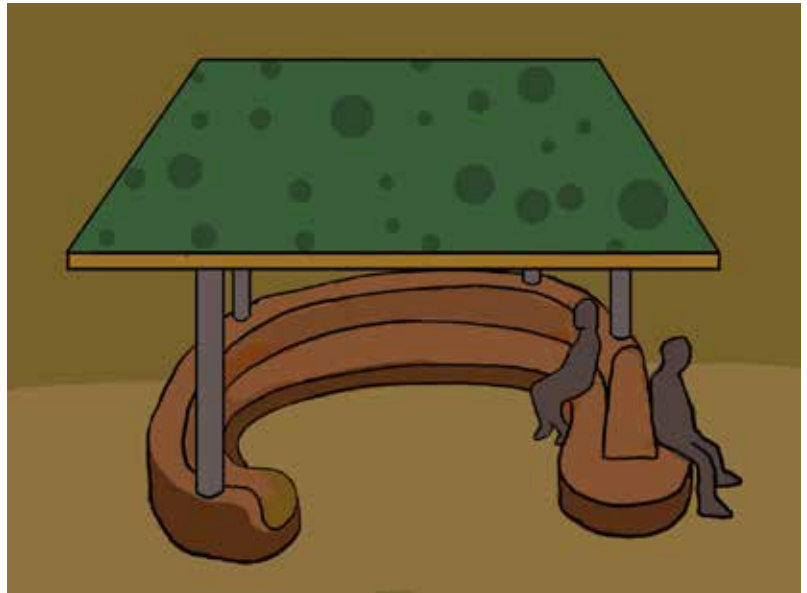
Lunch 11:00 - 12:30 - Coffee and snacks provided all day.

LOCATION

5431 NE 20th Ave
#LEAVENCOMMUNITY

CONTACT

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VBC at Leaven Community, May 30 – June 5
Leaven Community is very excited to host our VERY FIRST VBC placemaking project - a Leaven Garden Cob Bench. We will launch the cob bench build on Saturday, May 30th.

The bench will be a place where children and adults can talk and work with one another and contemplate nature. Everyone is welcomed to come build the bench. Activities will include making bottle bricks (plastic bottles packed tightly with non-recyclable plastic items and bags), mixing the cob (sand, straw, clay) and/or scooping up the mixture and forming the bench.

Join us for afternoons filled with foot stompin', brick makin', community buildin' good times.

Leaven Community creates space for sharing our stories, connecting deeply and transforming lives. leaven.org

Saturday, May 30, 1-6 pm / 3:30 *Village Singers*

Sunday, May 31, 1-6 pm

Monday, June 1, 1-6 pm

Tuesday, June 2, 1-6 pm

Wednesday, June 3, 1-6 pm

Thursday, June 4, 1-6 pm / 2:00 *Pollination Arts Presentation*

Friday, June 5, 1-6 pm

Three weeks leading up to this, a small team will do the prep work: dig the foundation, cement the 5 posts in the ground and build the framing and roof. If you would like to participate in the site preparation, contact Dave.

JARRETT GROVE

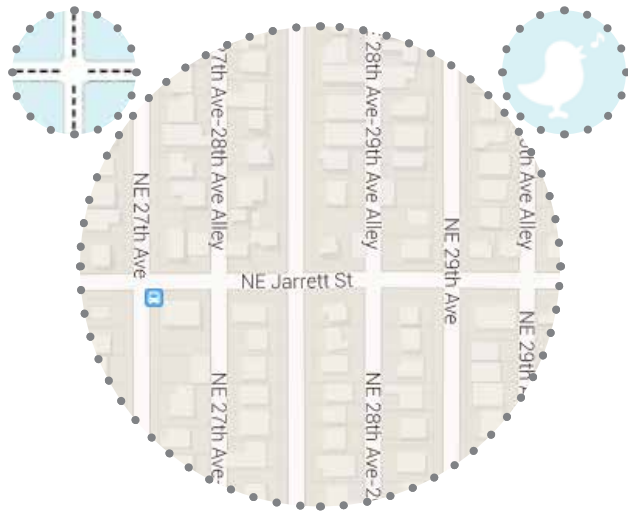
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LOCATION

NE 28th & NE Jarrett St.
#JARRETTGROVE

CONTACT

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This marks the first year of our intersection repair project! We're excited to make this an annual event, and we have great ideas for additional, future, natural building projects to add over the coming years to surround this painting.

Jarrett Grove is the name we gave this project that is a celebration to pay homage to the amazing Douglas Fir trees, among many other evergreens, that fill our neighborhood. The trees are pointed in four different directions, and they have faith houses at the bases of each of them. The trees all stem from some potent, lovely, and sacred geometry.

We're pumped that our intersection is going to one of the many painted intersections throughout Portland this year, as a beacon of art, beauty, and community empowerment!



We are painting Sunday, May 31st from 10:00am until dusk. There will be live music, delicious food, and all sorts of fun going on throughout the day as well!

PROJECT BROOK - RAINBOW DRAGON NE

LOCATION

NE 32nd Ave and Sumner St
#RAINBOWDRAGON

CONTACT

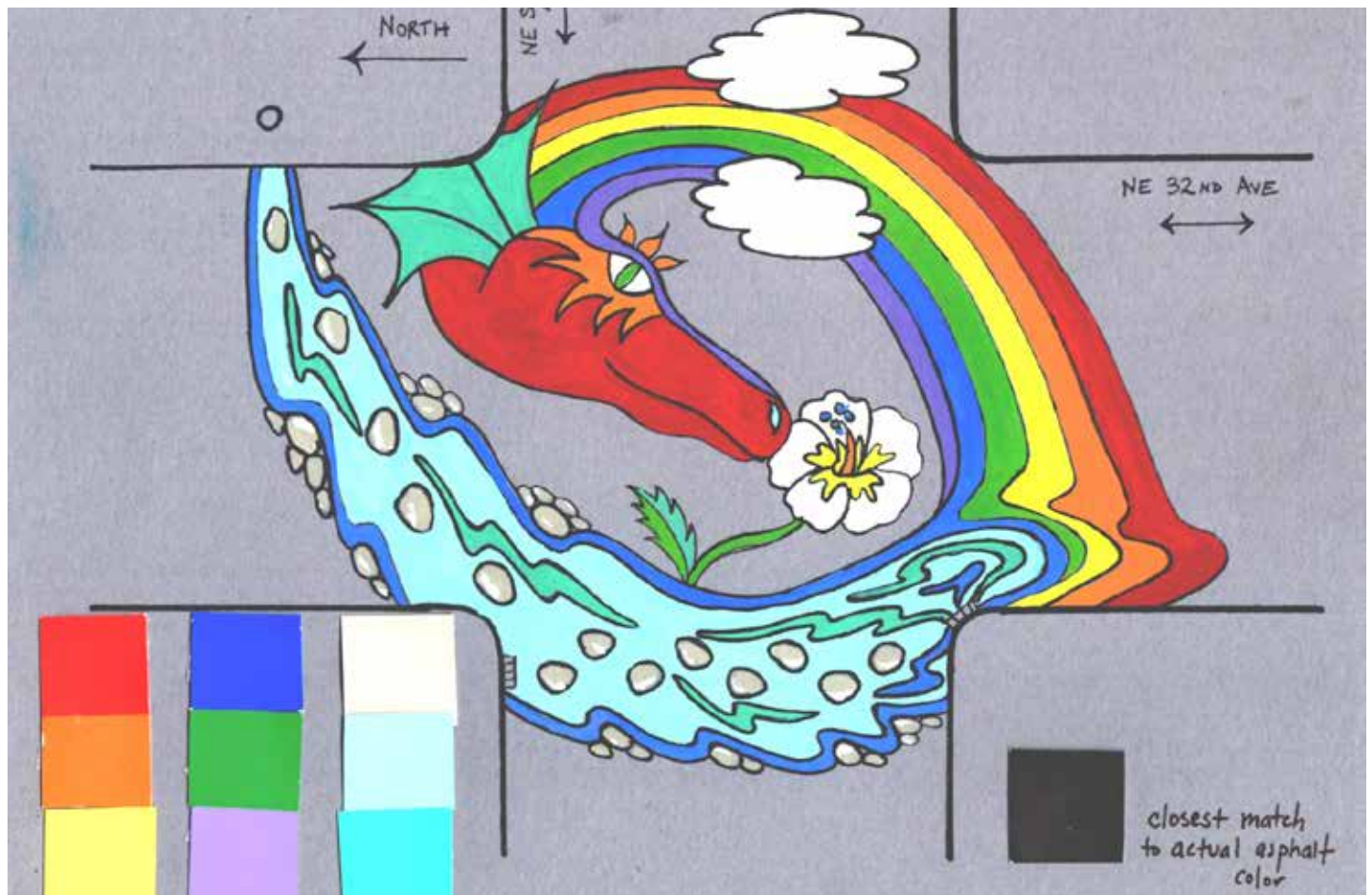
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Dragons symbolize strength in many cultures. Slide down our Rainbow Dragon and feel the force of our neighborhood community.

Rainbow Dragon honors the strength of our friend and neighbor, Brook Irwin, who lost a five-year battle to cancer. Rainbow Dragon infuses a playfulness into our intersection. Forget the cross walk, just skip across the street on the stepping stones and admire the brook below.

Saturday May 30: 9- finish: intersection painting



NAYA COB BENCH + OVEN PROJECT NE

LOCATION

5135 NE Columbia Blvd.

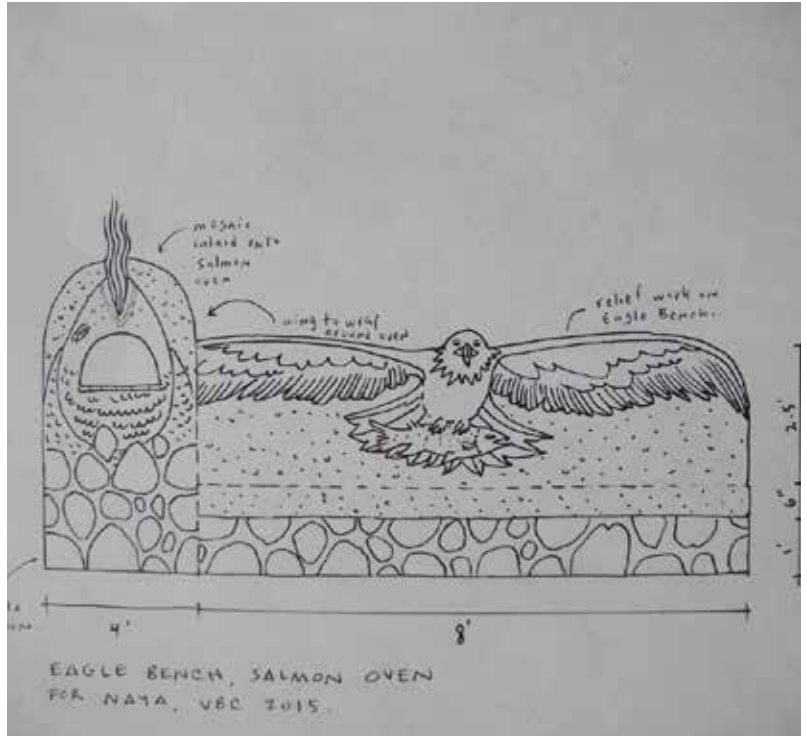
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The Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) provides culturally-specific programs and services that guide our people in the direction of personal success and balance through cultural empowerment. Our services create a wraparound, holistic healthy environment that is Youth Centered, Family Driven, Elder Guided.

This year, we will build a cob bench and oven near our Medicine Wheel Garden. Our design is both Eagle and Salmon inspired, as these themes resonated with many NAYA staff, students, and Elders. We are so excited to create a beautiful and sustainable space for our community to gather, cook, and eat together near our gardens! Come join in on the building Saturday, May 30th from 10 am-4 pm! Everyone is welcome! Lunch will be provided!

Friday May 29th: 10-4: Seed Bomb Party and begin building cob bench

Saturday May 30th: 10-4: Community Workparty building cob bench (lunch provided 1-2pm. Everyone welcome!)

Sunday May 31st: 10-4: building cob bench

Monday June 1st: 10-4: building cob oven

Tuesday June 2nd: 10-4: building cob oven

Wednesday June 3rd: 10-4: building cob oven

Thursday June 4th: 10-4: Mosaic work on cob oven

Friday June 5th: 10-4: mosaic work on cob oven

WYGANT ST. COMMUNITY BUILDING NE

LOCATION

5850 NE Wygant Street
#WYGANTSTREET

CONTACT

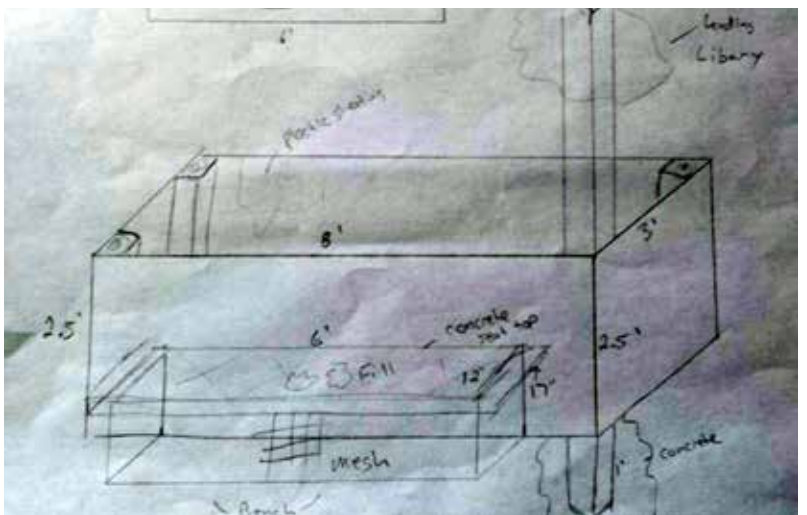
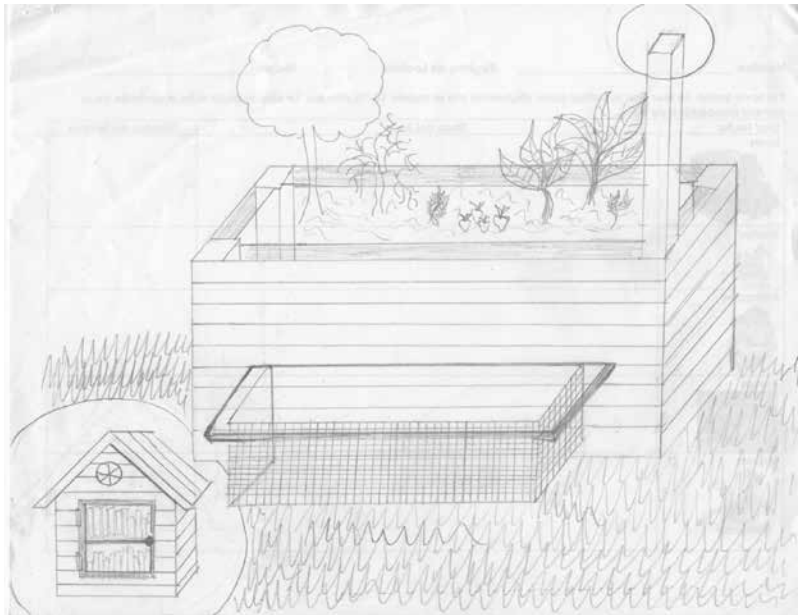
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Come to the Cully neighborhood to build two, multipurpose structures that will serve the community as gathering places and radiant beauties. We have designed a couple of large planters; one to be filled with native plants, the other to house a lovely permaculture bed. These planters will host benches, offering a resting place for people to more deeply appreciate the foliage and scents of flowers and herbs. One of these benches will feature a little free library, inviting passersby to further linger over books and engage with friends and neighbors.

As of now, this lengthy block of Wygant Street - stretching three city blocks - has no sidewalks, but we are proud to soon be showcasing these dreamy multipurpose benches. We believe they are the first of their kind in Portland, but if they aren't they will definitely be the first of their kind in Cully! Hopefully they will be joys forever, and their loveliness will increase the enthusiastic participation we hope to have!

We will have food and beverages for participants. We would also like to thank Home



Depot for generously supporting us to help make this project happen, as well as City Repair for being instrumental in this effort. Without City Repair's guidance, skills and continuous inspiration, this neighborhood transformation wouldn't be occurring!

Saturday May 30: 9am - 5pm. Let the bench building begin! We expect to finish both benches today! / 11:00 Kids Crafts and Reading Circle

We will have food and beverages for participants. Thanks to Home Depot's generous support for helping to make this happen! And, of course, thanks to City Repair for being instrumental in this effort. Without their guidance, skill and inspiration, none of this fantastic transformation would be occurring!

FREDA'S TREE

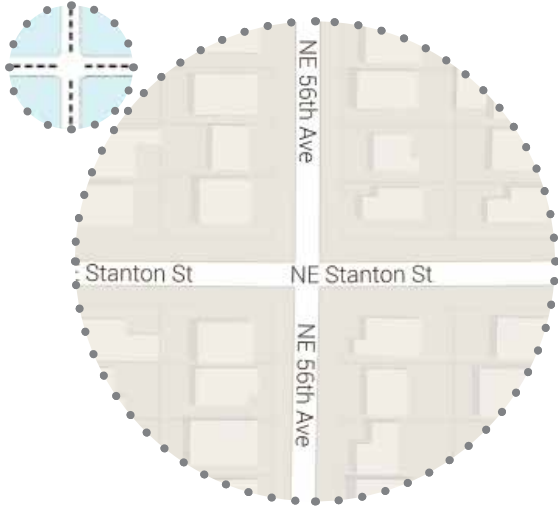
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LOCATION

NE 56th and NE Stanton St
#FREDASTREE

CONTACT

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Commemorating a magnificent chestnut tree that stood at this corner for almost 100 years, our street painting connects the neighbors living around NE 56th & Stanton. This intersection painting is a long standing tradition for our community. In fact, it was first painted in 2007. This tradition continues again in the bountiful year of 2015, so come out and help us bring these colors to life.

There will be people of all ages at the intersection painting, including many of our talented and enthusiastic children, kind and compassionate elders, and radiant people of all ages. We can hardly wait between the annual paintings and are very enthused about this year's painting. Painting the intersection really brings a cooperative spirit to all involved, so we look forward to having you experience this uplifting energy.

The cherry on top is that a potluck will happen after the intersection painting is complete! So bring your hands, hearts, and bellies for a day of color, food, laughs, and smiles.

May 23, 24, 30, or 1st. First sunny day.
8am-2pm Painting

COMMUNITY BLOOMING

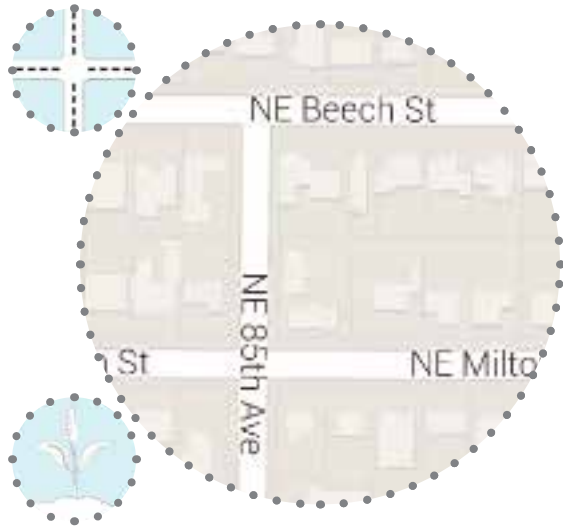
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LOCATION

NE 85th Ave at Beech & Milton Streets
#COMMUNITYBLOOMING

CONTACT

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We are excited to be in our second year as place makers with City Repair and as a community, we are reaping the rewards of being a community that is blooming! Over the last few years our community has transitioned from a place of fear and disconnectedness, to knowing each other and expressing ourselves as a community through long term and multi-site projects.

This year we are repainting our two intersections, installing a free little library, building a greenhouse, adding raised beds and kiosk to the garden site. The intersections are a place to tell our story and the community garden continues to unite us both physically and metaphorically as we lay roots to reap a harvest of food and relationships in the years to come.

May 30th-31st 7am-5pm

Repainting our two intersections on NE 85th at Beech & Milton

Work at the garden continues through the week long VBC, reach out to garden manager Ben Cutler for volunteer opportunities!
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SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY CORNER NE

LOCATION

NE 88th Ave. & Sacramento St.
#SACRAMENTOCORNER

CONTACT

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presence, however most activities will be hands-on. We strive to incorporate song, movement, healthy food and drink, art, and spontaneity into every gathering!

-Sat., May 29th, 10 am - 5 pm: Play Garden Installation

10 am - 12 pm: Sheet mulching workshop with Ramona, and arts & crafts circle

12 - 1 pm: Lunch

1 pm: Puppet theatre by Sarah Adams

1:30 - 3 pm: Planting feast, with singing led by the *Village Singers*

3 - 5 pm: Circus and face paint

-Tues., June 2nd & Wed., June 3rd, 10 am - 5 pm

Pollinator homes workshop at the Rebuilding Center

- Fri., June 5th, 5 pm -- 10 pm: Neighborhood BBQ & Potluck Block Party: we will enjoy an evening of delicious food together and get to know your neighbors.

-Sat., June 6th, 10 am - 5 pm: Sacramento Community Corner Blooming Party / 11:00 Kids Crafts and Reading Circle/ 2:00 Pollination Arts Presentation

10 am - 12 pm: Mason bee home installation and bug show and tell with Bryan Lacy

12 - 1 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm: Puppet theatre by Sarah Adams

1:30 - 5 pm: Adventure play day with Leon Smith and pollinator arts with Kellie Pearson

We are a group of neighbors, primarily kids, who are creating a community gathering place on a high foot-traffic corner in the Madison South neighborhood, below Rocky Butte.

We are using permaculture to design a garden in which children can play and create among natural items. This will include a fairy garden, a pollinator-friendly garden bed with a mason bee home, loose natural materials, and a little library with a bench. The corner is becoming a magical place where children are empowered to follow their creative impulses to transform and re-imagine the space around them!

During VBC, the corner will be transformed into a hub of information as professionals offer workshops that translate easily to permaculture DIY projects in neighbors' backyards. Blending work with play, which is what children naturally do, we will transform the space into something transformable, empowering the children of the neighborhood to realize their visions while gaining tools and new connections to nature. To mark the celebration, performers and artists will grace the space with their

KEARNS INTERSECTION REPAIR

NE

LOCATION

NE 24th Ave. and Everett St.
#NE24THANDEVERETT

CONTACT

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Come join us for our sixth annual intersection painting! Yes, that's right. We have been proudly painting our intersection since 2010 and would love nothing more than for you to come partake in this fun with us. And we mean fun when we say fun. There is a reason why we keep doing it year after year!

And we are nonetheless extremely excited to paint this vibrant intersection yet again. We believe strongly in coming together to live life and enjoy life, and painting this intersection is a perfect example of how we live by putting colors on the street, laughing with one another, and dancing to some magical tunes along the way. So come join us to celebrate this delightful day!

We will be closing street in the morning and setting up for the street painting which will begin at 10 AM -- This will be the 6th time this site has been updated.

Sunday, June 28th.

8am: Setup

10am-5pm: Painting



DA VINCI DRAGON BENCH

NE

LOCATION

2508 NE Everett St
#DAVINCIDRAGON

CONTACT

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This is a great site to experience the FINISHING of a cob project. You will get to cob, plaster-paint and seal cob benches.

Our Dragon Bench is the largest dragon bench in North America AND its the 10th anniversary of our bench! Wahoo! da Vinci also has a cob gazebo in our water garden that needs a little more cobbing and sealing.

Come cob, paint and seal with us!

Friday May 29: 9 - 3: cob time
2:00 Pollination Arts Presentation

Monday June 1: 9 - 3 finish cob or start plaster paint

Tuesday or Wednesday June 2/3 : (one date depending on when cob finished) plaster paint or seal. 1:00 *Village Singers*

Monday June 8: seal the dragon, if not done already!



NORTH TABOR MANDALA

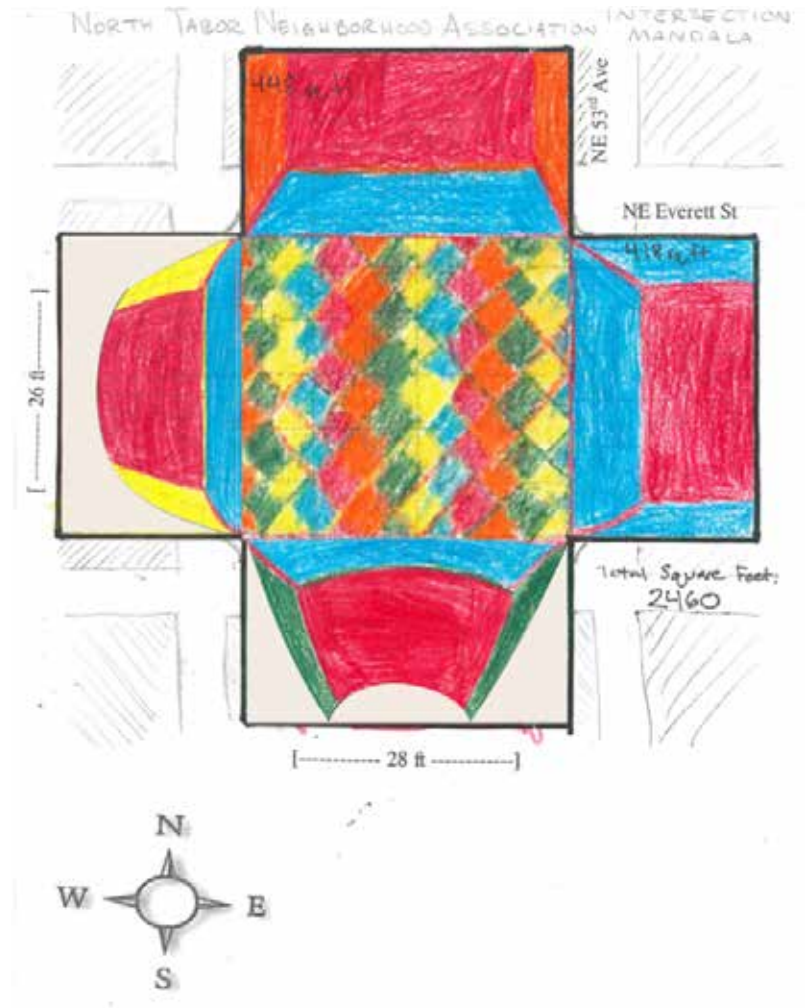
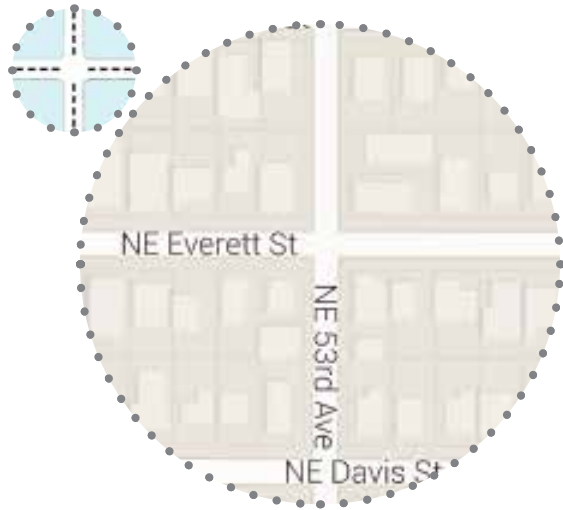
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LOCATION

NE 53rd and Everett
#TABORMANDALA

CONTACT

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North Tabor Neighborhood Association in conjunction with South East Uplift is overjoyed to bring an intersection mandala into the heart of our neighborhood. In the spirit of our long term goals to bring life, culture, and vibrancy to our community, we have worked with the local Portland Montessori School, whose upper elementary school children have produced a design of geometric shapes, angles, and patterns.

With the help of a generous grant from South East Uplift, partnerships with neighborhood icons Folktime and Community of Christ Church, and - most importantly - the help of volunteers who call North Tabor home, we will create something unique and beautiful that will be enjoyed and celebrated by all for years to come.

Happy Placemaking!

July 25th and 26th, block/paint party from 11-5 on both days.

CRAFTS AND DRAFTS

SE

LOCATION

SE 9th & Yamhill

#CRAFTSANDDRAFTS

CONTACT

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For over 26 years Rogue has been supporting our local communities and non-profits.

This project is a way for us to celebrate our community together while helping to raise funds for Buckman Elementary our local arts school, and City Repair to help support future community projects.

Our design celebrates Craft beer, our beautiful City, and all of the art in our neighborhood.

We have turned the Intersection Repair into an all-day community celebration & fundraising event.

Crafts & Drafts Street Fair will be held on Sunday, May 31st from 11am - 8pm

The Intersection Painting is open all day and to all who would like to contribute and help us paint!

We will have face painting, kids activities, music, and other live performances throughout



the day. There will be local artists showcasing their crafts as well as some surprise guests!

This intersection painting is right out in front of the Green Dragon pub. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The City Repair Project and Buckman Elementary.

All are invited to come help us celebrate, paint, have a pint, be entertained, and support our amazing local art community.

Sunday, May 31st from 11am-8pm.

All are welcome to help paint.

We are hosting a street fair while doing the intersection repair to raise money for the arts in our neighborhood.

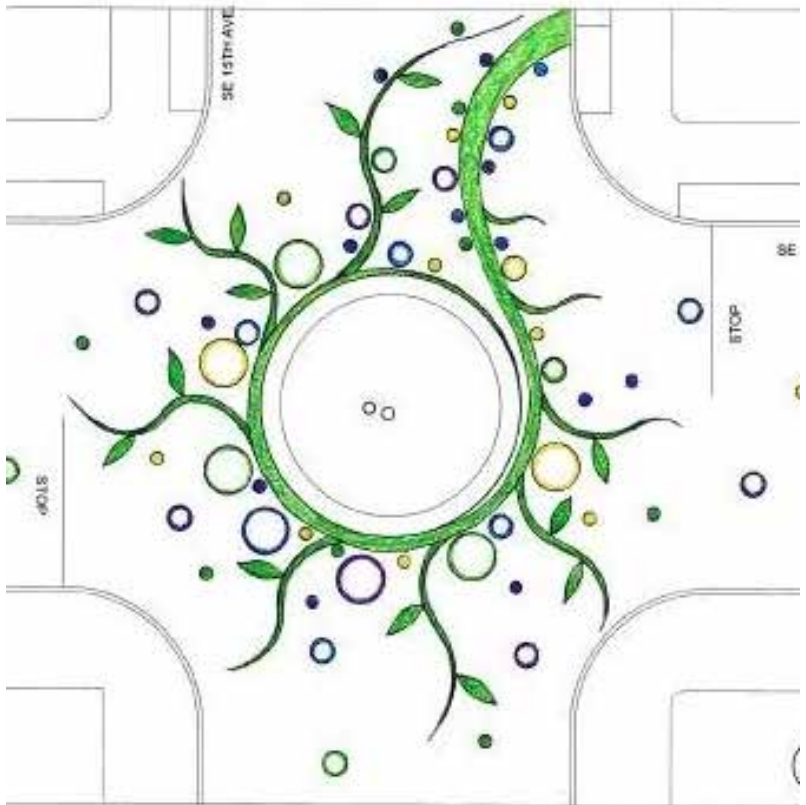
BUCKMAN COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SE

LOCATION

SE 15th & Alder St
#BUCKMAN

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Come Repaint the street graphic - this is our 7th year.

Our graphic depicts a vine growing from the compost bins winding around the traffic circle and producing fruit.

Friday June 5 - 3 PM - Clean the street

Saturday June 6 - 10:00 AM

Break at Noon for a Potluck of Hearty Vegan Soup, Salad, Bread and Beverages

16TH AND ASH STREET PAINTING

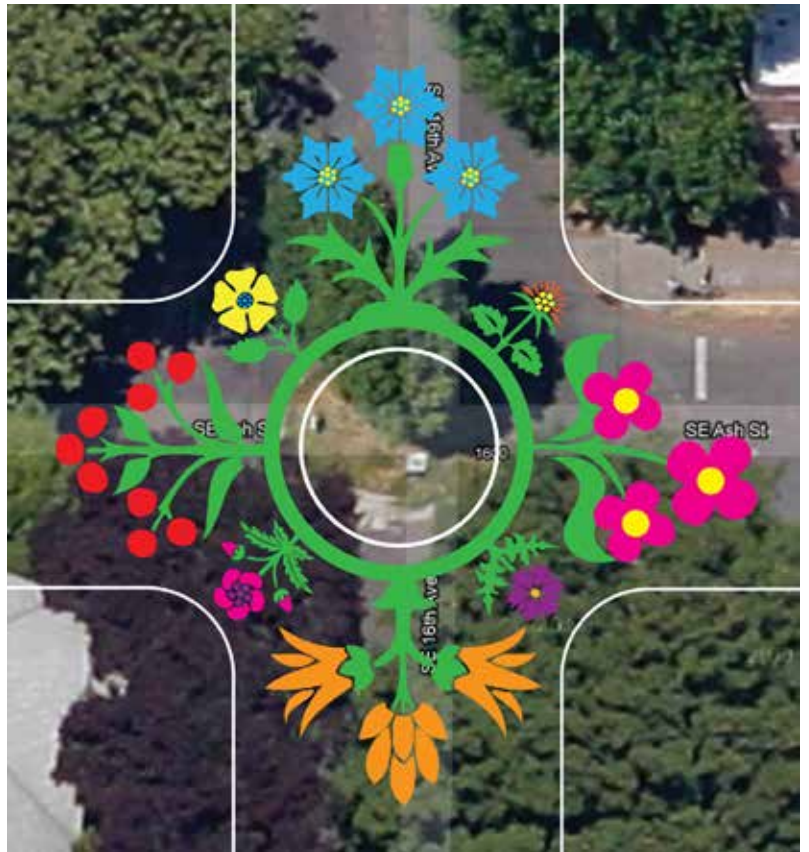
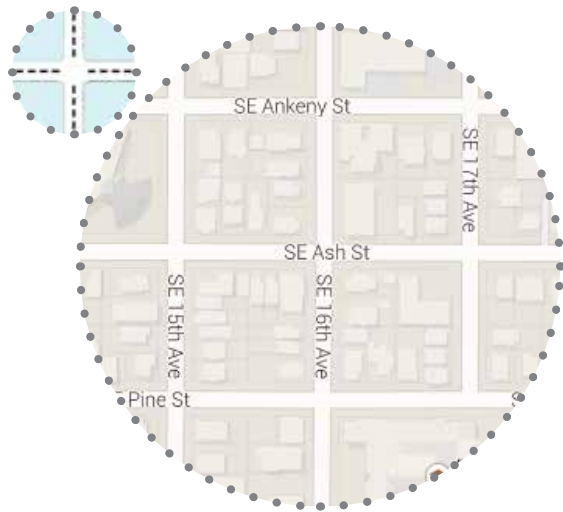
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LOCATION

SE 16th Ave and SE Ash St.
#16THANDASH

CONTACT

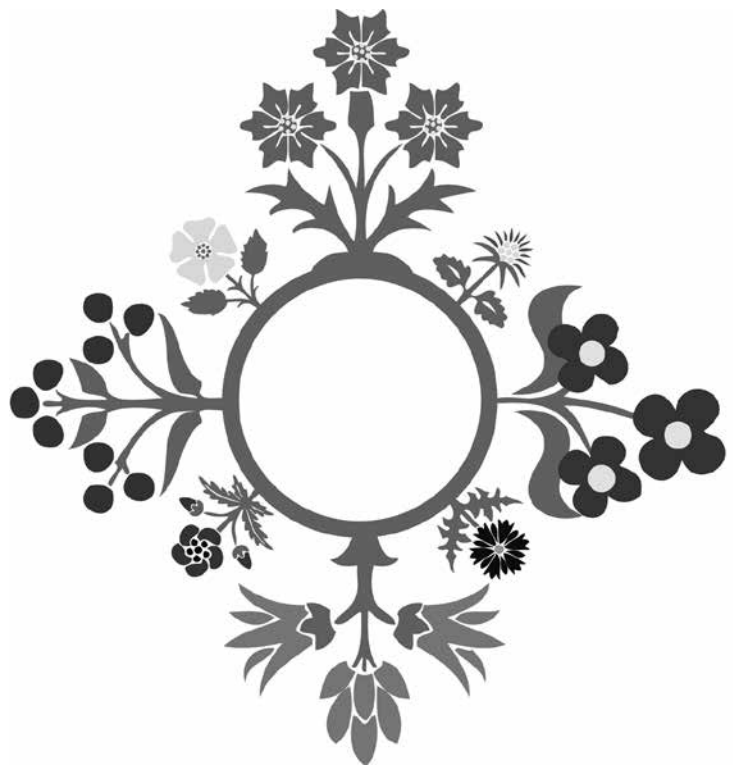
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The traffic circle at SE 16th and Ash is a well-trafficked bike route and just a block from the arts-magnet school, Buckman Elementary. We will be giving it some pollinator love! Come on out and help us put a fresh face on this part of Portland.

You can a previous year's time lapse movie of our intersection painting on Youtube - search for "16th and Ash street painting" - it captures the magic.

This year will be doing some filming with a serious hex-drone from above for some added fun. We will have kids activities for the little ones, seats in the shade for a little R&R and some snacks on hand.



Saturday June 6th: 10am to 7pm

SUNNYSIDE PIAZZA

SE

LOCATION

SE 33rd & Yamhill Street
#SUNNYSIDEPIAZZA

CONTACT

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your calendars to come out to our little corner of Portland on Saturday, May 30th between 10am-6pm, and join in the fun.

Here Comes the Sun(flower)

As the Beatles notably declare, "'little Darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter'" ... and with the trees and flowers now in bloom, so it is time for Southeast Portland's Sunnyside Piazza's Sunflower to do the same.

One of the most famous and iconic of all the city's intersection projects, the re-painting of the Sunflower is a long standing tradition during the Village Building Convergence and this year is no different.

This project is one of the few public places in the world to incorporate Fibonacci geometry. With its vibrant colors of yellow, orange, red and green, this street piazza is considered by many to be the heart of the Sunnyside Neighborhood - whose symbol is the Sunflower. With the Sunflower just a block off bustling Belmont street, this intersection is admired daily by neighbors and local business patrons alike.

Start digging out that old paint garb and mark
40



Friday, May 29th

12pm-4pm: Materials Preparation + Street Cleaning (sweeping, pressure washing)

Saturday, May 26th

9am-10am Chalk outline the sunflower pattern

10am-6pm: The main event- PAINT THE SUNFLOWER

Sunday, May 27th

11am-4pm Touch up painting/ 2nd coat painting

SUNNYSIDE COMPASS

SE

LOCATION

SE 42nd Ave and SE Morrison St
#SUNNYSIDECOMPASS

CONTACT

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The Sunnyside Compass was inaugurated at VBC 2014. Our design evokes the sun (a reference to our neighborhood name) and a bike wheel (it lies on the bike route).

Neighbors and passersby began referring to it as a “compass” and the name stuck.

On Saturday, June 6th we will be hosting a re-painting and block party with live music, carnival games, face painting, juggling and hula hoop lessons for all ages, and plenty of food! Our schedule:

8am - painting prep
10am - painting begins
noon - kids' activities begin: hula hoops, juggling, face painting
1pm - music begins: acoustic performances by local musicians
4pm - painting concludes

NINJA NIÑOS GARDEN

SE

LOCATION

608 SE 45th Ave
#NINJAGARDEN

CONTACT

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Our community has a 4 year old living here now and we would like to make a friendly yard for him and his friends. To do so, we will install a children's book exchange kiosk and children's garden around our property.

The installations in our front yard will be public while the back yard will be maintained as private for the kids to have safe space learn, play, gather, sing, plant, harvest, etc.

Come join in the creation or just to play!

Fri May 29, 2-4pm drawing and designing a kids garden, sharing stories w/kids.

Sat May 30 11-1 planting, arts and crafts, story telling, songs for kids

Fri Jun 5, 2-4pm tanding the garden, watering, weeding, singing, storytelling.

Sat Jun 6, 11-1 seed swap, starts swap, art swap, song shares, etc.. w.kids.

KALAK'ALA HEARTH

SE

LOCATION

126 SE 52nd Ave

#KALAK'ALAEARTH

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We are building an earthen oven and seating area in our sideyard near our greenhouse. We envision this outdoor hearth to be a welcoming gathering place for community to bake and roast homegrown vegetables, pizzas, loaves of bread and other delights as well as relax among vining plants, berries, and garden animals (rabbits, ducks, chickens, bees).

Our 2015 project includes building an oven dome, earthen bench with rocket stove, connecting the earthen structure to our greenhouse design, artistic earthen decorating with reclaimed materials, planting berries and vines, and painting a welcoming path on the sidewalk leading to the hearth. Join Us!

The Kalak'ala is an urban oasis north of Tabor, a space that nurtures and transforms, a place of learning how to transform conflict into cooperation, an interaction of owls and crows... hence the name "kalakala"-- winged ones in Chinook Jargon. Kalakala is also a word representing a manifestation of Shiva meaning "death of death" and is a place of

renewal and transformation, forcing us to dance on coals and face ourselves and thus interactions with the world around with the understanding that change on the macro level will only manifest out of transformation on the micro. A place to heal what is real, to dance to the chaos and find refuge from it, a place to sow seeds of renewal that will shatter sidewalks of the empire, a place to break through the shell that encloses our self understanding and grow and change, the only things in life that are constant:)

Saturday May 30th: 12:00 Live Honeybees with Brian Lacy
10-5 Building Dome of Earthen Oven, painting sidewalk, and sculpting cob onto sides of greenhouse. -lunch and snacks and beverages provided and welcomed.

Sunday May 31st: 10-5 Building Bench and Rocket Stove near Earthen Oven -lunch and snacks and beverages provided and welcomed.

Sunday June 7th: 10-5 Finishing Plaster and Sealing and Beautifying of Oven and Bench. Maybe starting on the roof structure to cover our creations! -lunch and snacks and beverages provided and welcomed.

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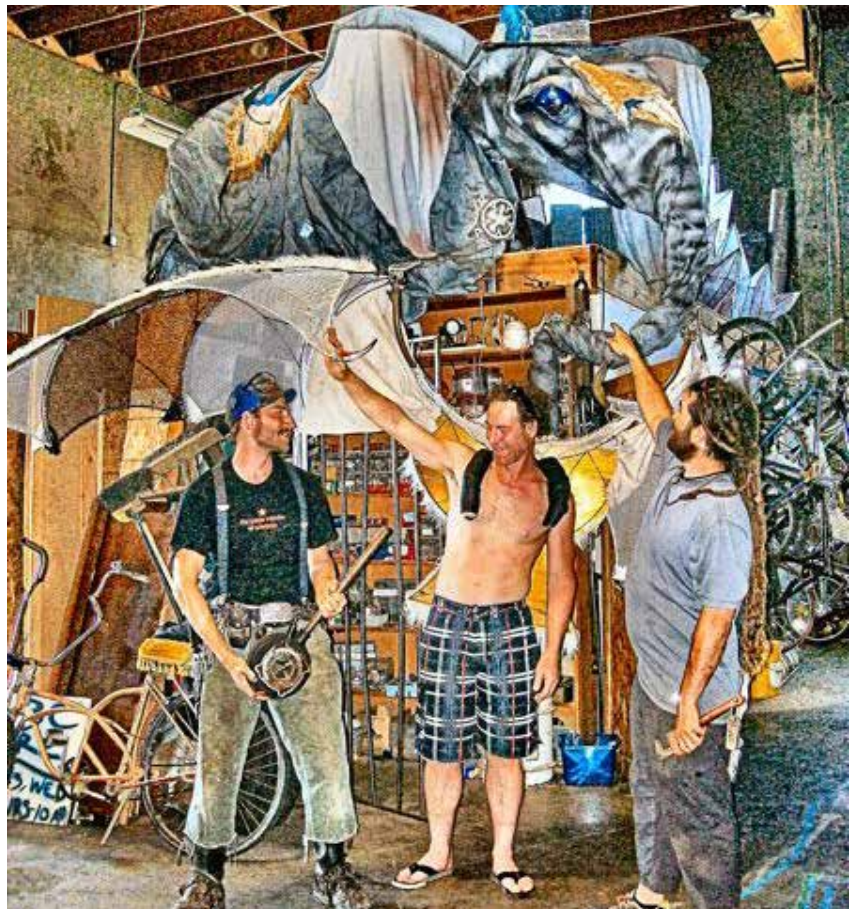
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LOCATION

2020 SE Bush @ SE 21st
#MANIFESTATIONPDX

CONTACT

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We have been beautifying our SE industrial art/event space for more than a year. Last years VBC group built a sweet earthen oven at our site.

Come help us this year. There are lots of ways to plug in: vertical garden experiments/ water collecting & distribution/a sweat lodge/raised beds.

We will be turning our dead end street and industrial warehouse yard into an urban oasis! We are planing on planter boxes, trellis's, mural painting, shipping container artification!

Beautification of public space in an industrial neighborhood

Water catchment, storage and distribution
Planter boxes
Vertical gardening experiments

Wednesday 28: 11-4 planter box building (woodworkers wanted)

Thursday 29 : 11-4 planter box and trellis making

Friday 30: 11-4 Planting the boxes, mural painting,

Saturday 31: 11-4 shipping container fun! urban art making!

Sunday 12-4 shipping container fun! urban art making!

Monday 11-5 Clean up and PARTY :)"

LOCATION

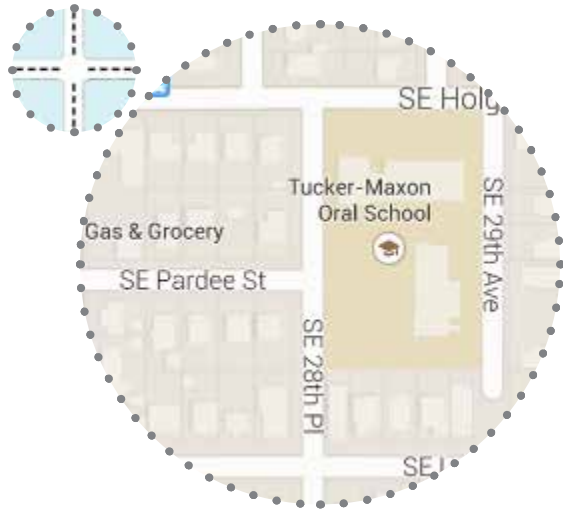
28th Place and SE Pardee St.

#REEDPLACEMAKING

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This site is near the school where the Reed Neighborhood Association holds its meetings. The school integrates children with hearing impairments that have cochlear implants with typical hearing children. The school has goats and chickens, and neighbors from all over come to see and feed them.

The placemaking project was designed with a kid-friendly spirit in mind. Hence, the beautiful mermaid riding a bike. The mermaid is riding South in the direction towards future mermaid installations. This mermaid is embarking on a journey throughout Portland that only future VBCs will disclose.

So come join our community and our mermaid in the beginning of the mermaid's journey!

Ideally we would like to paint in August, but after some conversations with the City, that may have to be revised to July for safety and liability reasons.

WILDFLOWERS PRESCHOOL

SE

LOCATION

4520 SE Center St

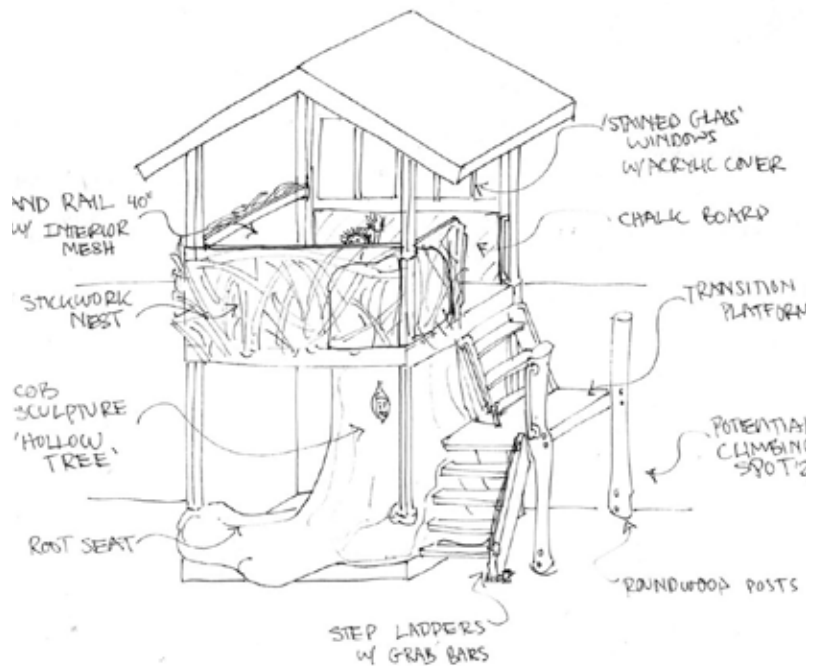
#WILDFLOWERSPRESCHOOL

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Wildflowers Preschool will be working on enhancing an existing outdoor lofted structure by making it a true treehouse! Using natural materials such as cob and wattle and daub, as well as sculptural straw-clay plaster, we'll be building a climbable, hollow "tree." Join us as we fill in the upstairs loft-nest with more branches and help us stomp the mud and weave the straw as we create the tree together. We will have two amazing natural builders helping lead our project-Leon Smith and June Bonnheim!

We are excited about giving our students the opportunity to learn more about natural building and to see their joy in having this special space added to our outdoor classroom. We are also thrilled to be part of this amazing community building experience!

Tuesday, June 2: Cob and Branch Work / 3:00 Village Singers

Wednesday, June 3: Cob and Branch Work

Thursday, June 4: Straw Weaving and Cob / 3:00 Kids Crafts and Reading Circle

Friday, June 5: Sculpting the tree

Saturday, June 6: Finishing touches

The days will be broken into a morning work session and an afternoon work session with a break in between to feed all our wonderful volunteers! Morning work sessions will be from 9:30-12:30 and our afternoon work sessions will be from 1:30-4:30 each day.

CRESTON COMMUNITY CONVERGENCE SE

LOCATION

SE 47th and SE Center St
#CRESTONCONVERGENCE

CONTACT

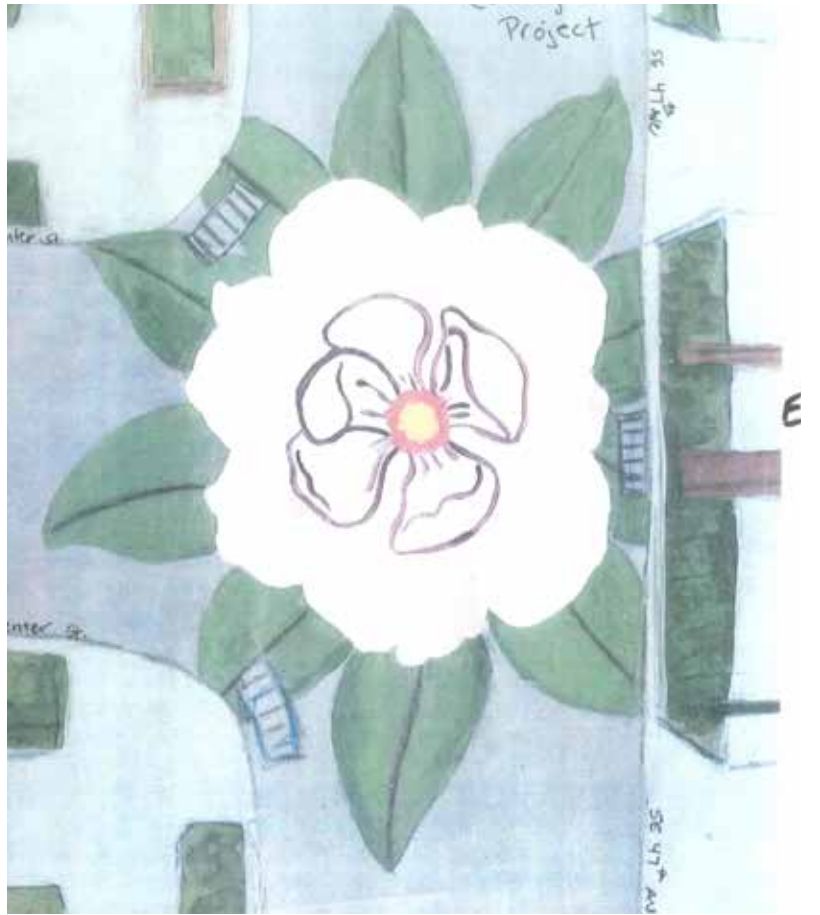
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We will be involving the Creston Kenilworth neighborhood and Creston School to create a beautiful street painting at SE 47th and SE Center St.

Our goal is to connect neighbors and the school community to develop stronger relationships within the Creston Community.

We also hope to create a sense of space with the lovely magnolia that was painted by a parent from Creston school who lives in the neighborhood!



Fri, June 12th: 1-4 Street intersection prep (pressure washing, sweeping)

Sat, June 13th: 9:00 Final sweep and chalk out the painting, 11-4 painting! 4-bedtime Block party

Sun, June 14th: 11-4 Painting

Rain dates will be June 19-21st (same schedule as above)

NEIGHBORHOODS GARDEN

SE

LOCATION

835 SE 162nd Ave

#NEIGHBORHOODSGARDEN

CONTACT

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The Neighborhoods garden has over 2 acres of community and cooperative garden space, used predominantly by 120 Bhutanese and Burmese refugee families settled in East Portland. We will be building an outdoor gathering & cooking area from natural and reclaimed materials, planting fruit trees and pollinator habitat, and healing damaged soil to become fertile garden beds for new refugee arrivals. The week will end with a free multi-ethnic community meal and celebration on Sunday afternoon.



Monday June 1: 10-4: Build outdoor gathering & cooking area
Tuesday June 2: 10-4: Build outdoor gathering & cooking area
Wednesday June 3: 9:30 - 4:30: Community Farming & Soil Building
Friday June 5: 10-4: Finish outdoor gathering & cooking area; tree & habitat plantings
Saturday June 6: 1-4: Community Farming
Sunday June 7: 12:00 - 3:00: Multi-Cultural Community Meal & Celebration! (Free)"

OPERATION ROCKWOOD EVOLUTION SE

LOCATION

17630 SE Main Street
#OPERATIONROCKWOOD

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unit on mandalas that evolved into collaboration with a PSU graphic design mentor, Sonny Renna, from the Friendship Program. Sonny assisted in synthesizing the ideas generated by students resulting in a design that conveys student growth symbolized by a tree. The tree is rooted near the school and winds through the driveway before blooming as it meets Main Street. It is symbolic of the journey that students take from the school, to become contributing members of the community.



Students from an Art History class expressed interest in engaging in a site-specific art project with the intent of having a positive impact on the surrounding Rockwood community. This placemaking project was inspired by a

Saturday June 6- Rough draft of driveway painting
Sunday June 7- Edging and prep for student painting
Wednesday June 10- End of year party & final painting (students paint by number)

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37TH FOOD FOREST AND GARDEN SE

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LOCATION

SE 37th and Bybee
#37THFOODFOREST

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We are finishing the aesthetic and functional additions to our 3 year old community food forest in the previously unused roadway between Berkeley Park and Rural Street...

Anyone who wants to aid in planting or simply experience the urban reclamation of our community space is welcome.

Food Forest planting and maintenance 29th, 30th, 3-7pm and 31st of May, 4-6pm, Finish planting and maintenance, June 6th, 12-5pm



SHARE-IT SQUARE

SE

LOCATION

SE 9th Ave and SE Sherrett St.
#SHAREITSQUARE

CONTACT

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Share-It Square was the first intersection repair in the world. It's also one of the only in Portland that changes its image every year.

This year's design was inspired by several themes important to the neighborhood over the past year. It was a turbulent year for many living near the square, with many people having near death illnesses or injuries, so this year's design is largely about regeneration, healing, and the way our lives weave together through it all.



This is represented by two tree's roots intertwining to create a circle. The trees are surrounded by the elements represented in swirling colors. There is also a red thread weaving around the entire image to represent the steady thread of life weaving us all together. The other image important to the neighbors is the bee. A significant pollinator, and one that can use more support from everyone, we've decided to honor the work that they do in supporting a large portion of the web of life by painting several different kinds flying around the sky around the trees.

We will be painting Saturday, June 6th from 10am until we finish (probably 3 or 4). Rain date Sunday, June 7th.



LOCATION

8512 SE 8th Ave.
#PLANETREPAIR

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The first several projects of City Repair were organized out of PRI, including Intersection Repair, the T-Horse, and the Village Building Convergence itself. That was from 1996 to 2001, and nothing has slowed down since then. A few years ago PRI actually became a project in its' own right, acting as a demonstration site for urban permaculture and intentional, activist community. It has become an imbedded teaching facility, bringing benefit to all surrounding neighbors through the provision of free permaculture master plans, and actual installations. This year, our site has a lighter schedule which will include a variety of workshops on food forest design and implementation, NW-species-based edible mushroom cultivation, and a site tour.



Sat, M30-

9am-Noon, Mushroom Workshop with Danielle Stevenson

Cool Stuff You Can Do With Fungi

Growing your own mushrooms is an easy way to boost your home-grown nutrition, grow your own medicine, and deal with your household and urban waste. This workshop will offer an overview of some of the very cool stuff you can do with fungi where you live- from growing protein-rich food on recycled materials, to filtering your greywater, to companion planting mushrooms into your veggie garden and so much more!

Cost: \$10

Danielle Stevenson is a fungi enthusiast living in Victoria, British Columbia with 3 years of mushroom cultivation experience, and a background in permaculture, organic food production and community-based work towards food sovereignty. She recently launched D.I.Y. Fungi to offer educational workshops and mushroom cultures (a.k.a. "spawn") for people of all ages to grow their own fungal food and medicine at their homes, gardens and farms.

1pm-4pm, Food Forest Design & Installation Workshop with Mighk Simpson

Food Forests For All!

Come tour the multi-layered edible neighborhood around Share-it Square and the Planet Repair Institute! Permaculture instructor Mighk Simpson will be on hand to lead a tour of highly useful Permaculture "All Star" plants that are well-suited for urban neighbourhood conditions. Mighk will discuss some basics of urban permaculture and food forest design, and then lead in the implementation of the Planet Repair Institute's ongoing urban food forest projects.

Cost: \$10

Sun, M31 - 1-4pm, PRI Site Tour & Discussion

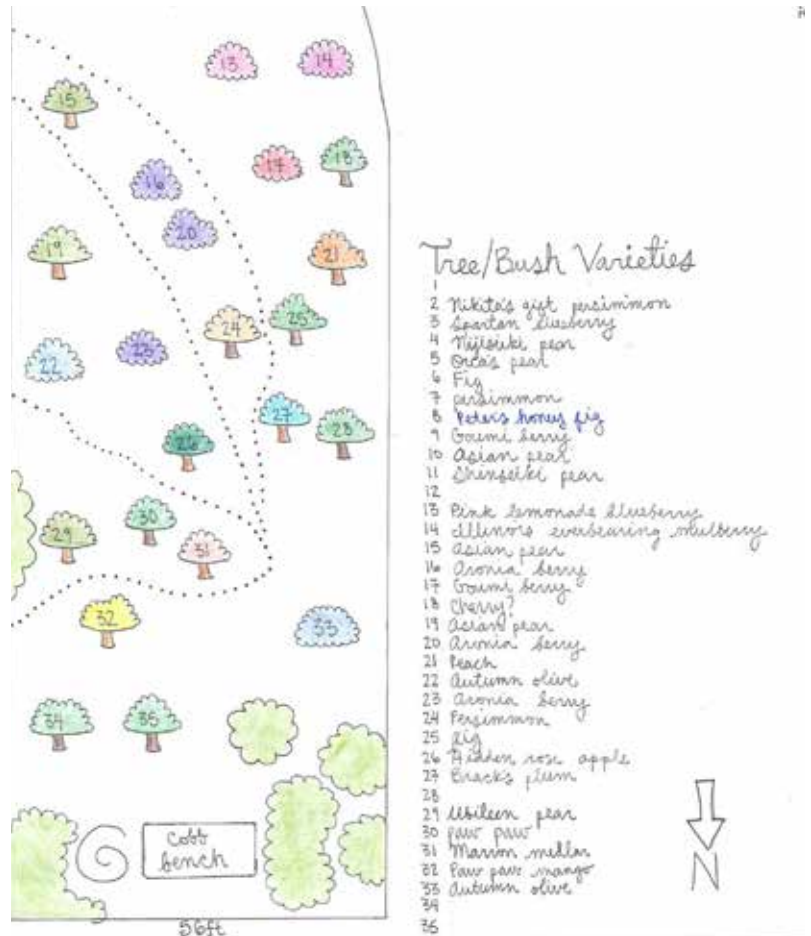
Fri, J5- This will be the 1pm Launch site for "SW Forest Repair" project. The workshop will begin at PRI and then proceed to the SW Forest Repair site. Moving to the actual site, the entire workshop will last from 1pm to 4:30pm (see "SW Forest Repair" project page for details).

LOCATION

SW 12th and Montgomery Street
#PSUVBC

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The 6th annual VBC at Portland State! This year we are enhancing our permaculture food forest with drip irrigation, additional food bearing plants and community strengthening activities. We will commence our activities in PSU's Oak Savanna (next to the SRTC and King Albert dorms) on May 29th at 10 am. Local sustainability superstar and Portland State professor, Judy Bluehorse Skelton, will be kicking off our convergence with an opening circle. We are excited to be serving our fabulous volunteers lunch everyday at 1pm. We so look forward to seeing you there to help us enhance the food production/security and strengthen our community on campus!



Friday, May 29th

10am-10:30am: Opening circle with Judy Bluehorse @ PSU's Oak Savanna (next to SRTC and King Albert dorms)
10:30am-1pm: Begin drip irrigation installation @ Orchard
1pm-2pm: Lunch @ Orchard
2pm-4pm: Finish installing drip irrigation @ Orchard

Saturday, May 30th

10am-1pm: Grass removal @ Orchard
1pm-2pm: Lunch @ Orchard
2pm-4pm: Begin planting food bearing vines, forbs, herbs and shrubs @ Orchard

Sunday, May 31st

11am Village Singers
11am-1pm: Continue planting food bearing vines, forbs, herbs and shrubs @ Orchard and get energized and inspired with the fabulous Village Singers (arriving at noon).
1pm-2pm: Lunch @ Orchard
2pm-3:30pm: Paint "PSU Food Forest" Sign *Paint your favorite fruit, vegetable, flower or herb @ Orchard

SW FOREST REPAIR

SW

LOCATION

SW 12th & Gaines, at Block 25, Lot 8
#SWFORESTREPAIR

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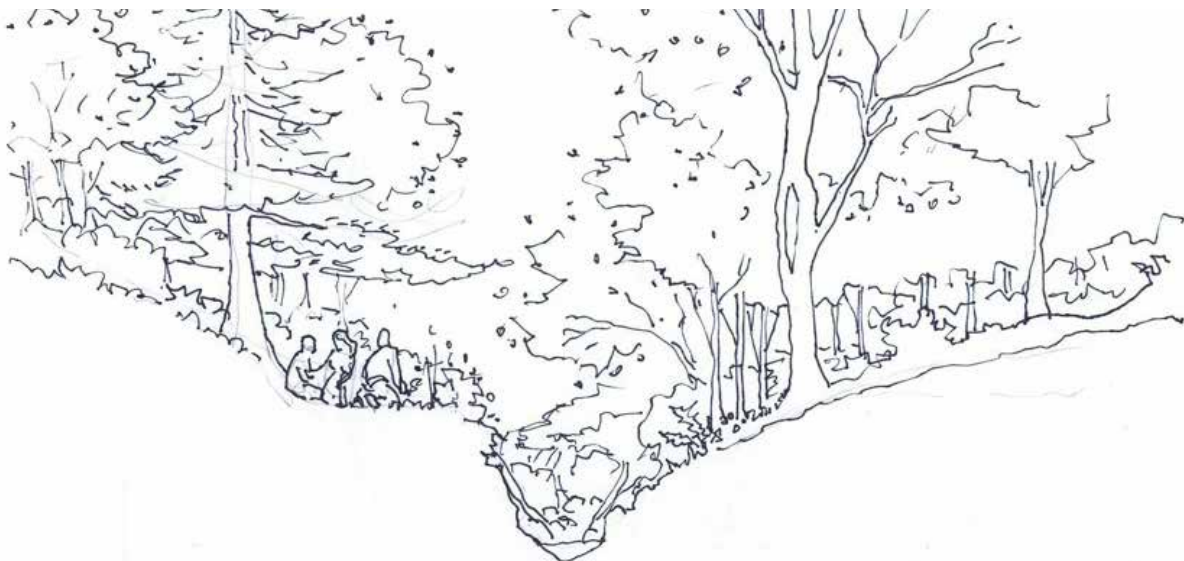
typical Portland 50' x 100' homestead lot. Yet, the surrounding streets were never developed, so now the lot is surrounded by public land, providing a truly unique opportunity to plant an edible landscape within a public environment!

We will be installing a garden within a forest, featuring a variety of edible trees and plants on an "island lot" within Marquam Hill Park, just adjacent to the Oregon Health Sciences Center.

The context is a post-clearcut landscape that has been converted into a park with paths through mostly hilly landscape, with maple and alder stands. A year-round stream passes through the NE corner of the site, which was platted as a

Friday, June 5th, 1pm to 3:30pm

We will meet at 1pm at PRI, located at 8512 SE 8th. We will have a brief overview of the project, then load our wheelbarrows, compost and plants into our community service truck. From PRI we will carpool over to the site in SW Portland where we will locate the site and spend the rest of our time installing trees and plants.



TRYON LIFE COMMUNITY FARM

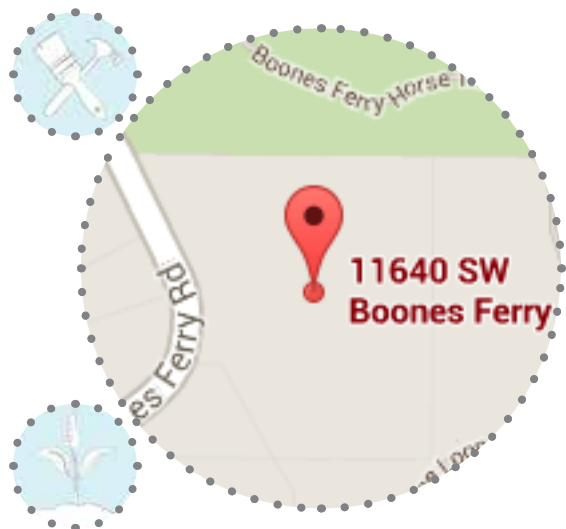
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LOCATION

11640 SW Boones Ferry Rd.
#TRYONLIFE

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This will be Tryon Life Community Farm's 11th year participating in the VBC! TLC Farm was saved from development in 2003 and since has blossomed into a sustainability education center that is open to the public. The farm is also an intentional community that about 20 humans, 7 goats, and 11 chickens call home. Nestled next to Tryon Creek State Park in SW Portland, TLC Farm seeks to be a place for people to root into deep connection with the land and each other. This year, we will be adding Earthen plaster and floor on our lovely new, 7-sided structure 'The Sanctuary'.

We will also build a new herb spiral.

Using sheet mulching technique for new garden beds.

And give a colorful face lift to our beloved "Tea Whale"!

- We will provide lunch for volunteers
- We will be running a shuttle from the Central VBC venue at 9:30 am and leaving TLC Farm at 4:00 pm to make it back for the evening event. PLEASE RSVP for shuttle!! email Jeffree at ceba.light@gmail.com



* parking is very limited, please carpool if you are unable to take the shuttle. Visit - www.tryonfarm.org to organize carpools.

Sunday, May 31st and Monday, June 1st 10am-4pm: Natural Building!

- Earthen plaster and floor on the 7-sided Sanctuary
- Painting our beloved Tea Whale! Celebrating 10 years of our whimsical and cozy playhouse built for VBC in 2005

Saturday, June 6th, 10am-4pm: Garden Day!

- Building a new herb spiral from start to finish using stones and bamboo
- Creating new garden beds using sheet mulching for our new annual herb garden

EVENINGS AT THE HEARTH - AT A GLANCE

	FRIDAY, MAY 29				SATURDAY, MAY 30			
TIME	Main Hall	Sanctuary	Ancillary	Children 's Village	Main Hall	Sanctuary		
	Dinner			6:00–7:00 Arts & Crafts	Dinner			
5:30–6:30	Announcements dinnertime music: Jonathan Brinkley							Daily Harvest & Announcements dinnertime music with FireWaterMountain & Down Home Music
6:30–7:00	Mark Lakeman: VBC Turns 15: What Will We Do Next?							
7:00–8:30	7:00–8:30 Kaleidoscope Community Yoga	7:00–8:30 Looking Back... Looking Forward: Learning From the Past, Seeding Hope for the Future	7:00–8:30 Solsara: the Practice of Opening Food Not Lawns	7:00–8:30 Featured Activity: Honey Heart Kids Yoga with Ivett	7:00–8:30 Building Trust & Support through Acro Yoga	7:00–8:00 Food... Ensuring Access in the Urban Village 8:00–9:00 Creating Safer Communities through Environ– mental Design		
8:30–On Evening Music	Sara Tone Max Ribner Band LoveBomb Go–Go Entheo		Thriving in the Commons	8:30–9:00 Storytelling	Zach Cherimoya Attunement Movement Joe and Sekou Halo Refuser Water Dropz			
	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3				THURSDAY, JUNE 4			
TIME	Main Hall	Sanctuary	Ancillary	Children 's Village	Main Hall	Sanctuary		
	2:30–5:30 Repair Your City				2:30–5:30 Repair Your City			
5:30–6:30	Dinner, Daily Harvest & Announcements dinnertime music: Capoeira Roda	No VBC in The Sanctuary this night		6:00–7:00 Arts & Crafts	Dinner, Daily Harvest & Announcements dinnertime music: The Moonshine			
6:30–7:00								
7:00–8:30	7:00–8:30 Restoring Balance & Promoting Harmony: An Indigenous Approach to Intentional Community		7:00–8:30 Green Equity: Environmental Justice & Sustainable Urban Community Development Radical Mycology	7:00–8:30 Featured Activity: African Djembe Circle & Dance with Ibrahim	7:00–8:30 Placemaking with Matt Bibeau Social Permaculture with Pandora Thomas The Triple Body with Nala Walla	7:00–8:30 Round Table Discussion: Faith, Eco–Justice & Permaculture		
8:30–On Evening Music	POPgoji Diaspora Dance Theatre Clinton Fearon		Pollination, Bees & Us	8:30–9:00 Storytelling	Cosmic Rose Attunement Movement Loveness Wesa & the Bantus Pachi Pamwe			

FRIDAY, MAY 30		TUESDAY, JUNE 2			
Ancillary	Children's Village	Main Hall	Sanctuary	Ancillary	Children's Village
		2:30–5:30 Repair Your City			
	6:00–7:00 Arts & Crafts	Dinner, Daily Harvest & Announcements dinnertime music: PERK! pdx			6:00–7:00 Arts & Crafts
		6:30–7:00 Mike Lydon: Tactical Urbanism			
7:00–8:30 Facilitator Improv Micro Community Concepts	7:00–8:30 Featured Activity: Circus Cascadia with Paul & Silvia	7:00–8:30 Songlines: Storylines Within the Songs of the Universe	7:00–8:30 Art & Design Workshop: Create Portland's Future, Green Loop	7:00–8:30 Social Permaculture: Creating Lasting Cultural Impact	7:00–8:30 Featured Activity: Capoeira with Leon Smith
7:00–9:30 Embodied Intimacy	8:30–9:00 Storytelling	Cat8Crow Rena Jones		Stacking Functions for Community Resilience Time As Money: Documentary	8:30–9:00 Storytelling
SATURDAY, JUNE 4		SATURDAY, JUNE 6			
Ancillary	Children's Village	Main Hall	Sanctuary	Ancillary	Children's Village
Repair Your City		Dinner Daily Harvest & Announcements dinnertime music: Habits			6:00–7:00 Arts & Crafts
	6:00–7:00 Arts & Crafts	6:45–7:45 VBC Loud Auction			
7:00–8:30 Building Community through the Art of Storytelling: The Practice of Council	7:00–8:30 Featured Activity: Folk Music & Puppetry with Red Yarn	7:45–9:00 Michael Meade Closing Ceremony	7:00–8:30 A Place to Call Home: Affordable Housing in Portland		7:00–8:30 Featured Activity: Circus Cascadia with Paul & Silvia
Speaking the Unspeakeable®					
Poetry of the Soil and the Soul	8:30–9:00 Storytelling	Yaima Downtemple Bibi McGill, Numatik & Zahira Lapa Sol Nectar			8:30–9:00 Storytelling

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2800 Southeast Harrison Street in Portland Oregon

Friday, May 29



5:30-6:30 Dinner with music by songweaver **Jonathan Brinkley!**

7:00-8:30pm Children's Village: Honey Heart Kids Yoga with Ivett

Honey Heart Yoga is about feeding the spirit that fuels the Heart, Imagination, and the Body of a child as she envisions a future with solutions beyond our capacity to dream.

6:30-7:00pm

The VBC Turns 15: What will we do next?

Mark Lakeman, VBC, City Repair

Celebrate 15 years of VBC! We've been learning the whole way and Mark Lakeman is going to share where we've been and where we're headed as we continue to intend systemic change, bringing people together to restore a sense of place within the urban village.



7:00-8:30pm

Looking Back...Looking Forward: Learning from the Past, Seeding Hope for the Future

Steve Johnson, Judy BlueHorse Skeleton, Mike Houck & Torrie Eagle Staff
Change is the inevitable way of our world. Each new generation brings new hope and possibility to the challenges we face. Each new generation builds upon the rich history of the past to create a more livable future. This panel brings in the wisdom of those who have been engaged in reshaping our world with the voice of the next generation. We will highlight the dynamic nature of change, share strategies for effective activism and advocacy, and engage in a community dialogue on how to co-create a thriving world.



7:00-8:30pm

Food Not Lawns: Neighborhood Design Workshop

Heather Flores, Food Not Lawns

Explore friendship based community organizing with author & founder of Food Not Lawns, Heather Jo Flores. Food is central to a thriving community; a hub around which people gather. Learn through community dialogue, games and envisioning what's possible for your yard and your community. Are you ready to start a neighborhood-based garden project or to turn your yard into a garden and your neighborhood into a community? Then this workshop is for you.



7:00-8:30pm

Thriving in the Commons

Tree Bressen, Group Works

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Creating "the more beautiful world our hearts tell us is possible" calls us to work together. Yet the nitty-gritty of operating in groups can be provocatively challenging. What are your tribes and organizations struggling with? When have you most felt the possibilities of the commons come alive? Bring your stories and your dilemmas, ready to share and receive the wisdom of the collective. We'll be using "group pattern language" cards, which synthesize the patterns of group facilitation and process across existing methodologies and serve as a framework and learning tool. Enhance your organizer's tool belt while joining in this fun, highly participatory session.

7:00-8:30pm

Solsara: the Practice of Opening

Solsara (which means to bring light to what is), is a practice that supports us in being fully present and coming into open-hearted connection with one another. This experiential workshop is an invitation to courageously come together with the shared intention to be fully ourselves—to take the risk to be vulnerable, to reveal ourselves, and to see deeply into ourselves and each other



7:00-8:30pm

Kaleidoscope Community Yoga

Explore, map and extend the limits and possibilities of human flexibility as individuals and as community with Kaleidoscope Community Yoga. Come connect, expand and co-create in this shared yoga experience.



8:30pm - 12:30am Music on the Main Stage!

Good Community starts with intention.... We are honoured to invite you to join us for an inspiring opening ceremony lead by **Sara Tone**, with her Cascadian Roots music fueled by the land. Followed by **Max Ribner Band**, with their jazz fusion-funk-R&B-world-LOVE music, and then be prepared to party with the intergalactic marching band **LoveBomb Go-Go!** Finally, **Entheo** offers powerful acoustic heart medicine anthems that speak to the awakening of beauty and truth on our planet.



Saturday, May 30

5:30-6:30pm Dinner with the folk fusion of **FireWaterMountain** and the acoustic dynamism of **Down Home Music!**

7:00-8:30pm Children's Village: Circus cascadia with Paul and Silvia

Circus Cascadia is a not for profit that specializes in teaching circus skills including stilt-walking, clowning, tightrope, diabolo, flowerstick, ball walking and many more!

7:00-8:00pm

Food... Ensuring access in the Urban Village

Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Tony de Falco & Nathan McClintock

Urban agriculture and permaculture are thriving in our bioregion. Our cities' landscapes are being successively transformed by the creation of urban permaculture homesteads, public food forests & orchards, and gardens everywhere! Activists, individual households,





neighborhoods, and municipal governments alike have all embraced urban agriculture and affirmed their commitment to food security. But the success and popularity of urban agriculture provokes us to ask, food security by and for whom? This panel reflects on urban agriculture in Portland, and explores questions of food justice in this city and beyond. Questions to be addressed include: Who is being included in urban agriculture movements and who is not? How can advocates ensure that urban agriculture projects are contributing to justice and equity in our cities? What is the relationship between urban agriculture and gentrification in urban neighborhoods? What more can be done to ensure that these movements are diverse, inclusive, and culturally appropriate?



8:00-9:00pm

Creating Safer Communities through Environmental Design

Greg Saville, Erin Cornell and Brad Taylor

How can we design our communities to foster connection, a sense of place, of belonging, in a way that calls us home to co-create our neighborhoods for the safety and well-being of everyone? We are not separate from our environment. The design of the elements that surround us construct a fabric that serves as a community container for our lives. We can reduce crime and increase safety in ways that support our hope, humanity, and potential to be vital participants in our collective experience.



7:00-8:30pm

Creating Tiny House Communities

Micro Community Concepts

Come learn of plans to build the most affordable housing in Portland Oregon by developing small communities of eco-friendly tiny homes through the power of volunteers and private donations. These communities will be the first in which nearly half of the rent collected will go directly to building the next micro community. In other words, Micro-communities will self replicate!



7:00-8:30pm

Building a New Society Operating System

Alpha Lo, Facilitator Improv

Come and experience Facilitator Improv, a participatory process which allows everyone to guide and co-pilot the group. Facilitator Improv provides a basis from which we can birth new political, economic, justice, health, and art forms.



7:00-9:00pm

Embodied Intimacy In Community

Elena Zubulake and Victor Warring

Many of us have an unspoken language with our most significant others, our lovers, partners, children but how often do we really get to mine the depth of non-verbal, body-based communication with our neighbors, our friends, our co-workers? How often do we really get to let loose and play? This workshop is about creating strongly embodied relationships in community. Through experiential movement, improvisation, dance, music, body work, conscious communication, play, and contemplative practice, we take a group dive below the thinking mind to experience ourselves as members of an embodied

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organism. This is a process of discovering directly that we are actually connected and communicating all the time energetically and physically. Skillfully accessing this body intelligence deepens our relationships and ability to live together with authenticity and joy. It helps us be better listeners, better neighbors, and better friends by encouraging deeper bonding and trust.

7:00-8:30pm

Building Trust and Support through AcroYoga

Serena Scaglione, AcroYoga

Join us in this high flying AcroYoga workshop where we will blend partner acrobatics, group strength training exercises, fun acro community games and dynamic flying transitions! The intention is to learn how to support and be supported while building trust and opening our hearts! No partner or experience is necessary, just bring yourself and an eagerness for PLAY!



8:30-12:30 **Music on the Main Stage!**

We'll start the evening out with **Zach's** heartfelt lyrics and sumptuous guitar, followed by the booty-shaking future funk of **Cherimoya!**

After a captivating performance by **Attunement Movement**, we'll get down to the global collaboration of **Joe and Sekou**, with their boundary-trampling high-octane hybrid of electrified kora, rap and irresistible Afrobeat. **Halo Refuser** will take us further into the night with his signature style of sonically rich original material ranging from Midtempo Breaks, to Future Chill-step. **Water Dropz** will round out the evening with her ambient live looped meditations...



Tuesday, June 2

2:30 -5:30

Repair Your City

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5:30-6:30pm

Dinner with the funk rock jams of **PERK! Pdx**



7:00-8:30pm **Children's Village: Capoeira with Leon**

Capoeira Angola is an Afro-Brazilian art form—a fluid, rhythmic martial art; a ritual; a dance of deceptive vulnerability, wit, and grace.

6:40-7:00pm

Tactical Urbanism: Short-term Action for Long-term Change

Mike Lydon, Street Plans

Short-term, community-based projects—from pop-up parks to open streets initiatives—



have become a powerful and adaptable new tool of urban activists, planners, and policy-makers seeking to drive lasting improvements in their cities and beyond. These quick, often low-cost, and creative projects are the essence of the Tactical Urbanism movement. Whether creating vibrant plazas seemingly overnight or re-imagining parking spaces as neighborhood gathering places, they offer a way to gain public and government support for investing in permanent projects, inspiring residents and civic leaders to experience and shape urban spaces in a new way.

7:00-8:30pm

Art & Design Workshop: Create Portland's Future Green Loop

Greg Raisman, Lora Lillard, Mark Lakeman, Ryan Hashagen

The Green Loop is a big idea that's being discussed as part of Portland's Comprehensive Plan Update. It is a place making project that will link important cultural places with a family-friendly bicycle and pedestrian network. There will be new public spaces along the network to welcome families, visitors, and workers to the heart of Portland. This art and design workshop will help create a vision for what the new public spaces can include with the ultimate goal of a City Repair demonstration project along the future Green Loop.



7:00-8:30pm

Social Permaculture: Creating Lasting Cultural Impact

Matheo James, Venture Steward

Discover the keys to creating lasting, healthy community, by applying the 12 principles of Permaculture in a social context. As we dive into the fundamentals of what it means to thrive into the future, we'll see the emergence of social capital as a complimentary currency vital to creating lasting impact and meaningful change. Deconstructing the patriarchy and colonial consciousness gives us insights into how things came to be the way they are, and we'll dive deep down to the root of the problems we face today. By integrating a perspective that sees all parts of society as valuable and interconnected, and weaving this into our ideas about ecology, we can define the parameters for laying the foundation for a wholesome, abundant, and regenerative future.



7:00-8:30pm

Stacking Functions for Community Resilience

Jeremy O'Leary, PREP Oregon

Another level of stacking functions is to discover how placemaking sites can serve to build community resilience and be a focal point of the community response after a disaster. What elements are required for an effective community rallying point and how can existing placemaking sites can be adapted? Discussion topics will include: sanitation, water harvesting, water filtration and purification, communication needs, basic sheltering options, first aid stations and an overview of situational awareness.



7:00-8:30pm

Storylines Within the Songs of the Universe

Songlines with Jon & Lulu

SongLines is an invitation to hear, learn, and sing songs--heartfelt, fun, energizing, and sacred--in circle with your fellow villagers. To dance along with this human-made



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music. To laugh and cry with story woven through adventures with beloved characters and nature, to connect your life with those of your village right here. Hey, our village looks and feels a lot like how people have lived for eons! Let's re-integrate ourselves in circle with embodied music of the voice and expression of the heart. Villagers of all ages welcome--children are invited to participate for a special portion, and everyone is open to interact. Listen with your body and open your heart to the Storylines within the Songs of the Universe...

7:00-8:30pm

Time As Money: A Documentary Film About Time Banking

Lenore Eklund, film viewing followed by discussion

Time As Money is a documentary exploring time banking, a service exchange program that uses time as the currency. Time banking began in the 1980s while civil rights lawyer and former speech writer for Robert Kennedy, Edgar Cahn, was lying in a hospital bed after a heart attack. This experience of feeling helpless, similar to the disenfranchised and unemployed, gave him the idea to create a new system of money as a tool to connect people and neighbors called time dollars. Time bankers find that not only does this complimentary currency bring improvement to their lives, but it empowers them to create larger-scaled time bank projects, giving everyone involved ownership in the community. Time AsMoney was funded by time dollars. \$0 federal dollars were needed in the making of this film. Director, Lenore Eklund, will open up a discussion after the film about time banking and about the PDX Time Bank. Lenore has taken on the role of PDX Time Bank coordinator since its restart a year ago.



8:30-10:30 Music on the Main Stage!

We'll start the evening with the playful heart-songs of **Cat8Crow**, bridging Indie-folk to devotional soul. Our sonic journey will continue with the artistry of **Rena Jones** with her live ensemble, as she orchestrates her violin and cello over hand crafted beats melding the organic with the electronic. This potent performer is a sophisticated example of the modern movement in electronic dance and ambient music.



Wednesday, June 3

2:30 -5:30pm

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5:30-6:30pm Dinner with a dynamic and inspiring **Capoeira Roda!**

7:00-8:30pm Children's Village: Djembe circle with Ibrahim

Ibrahim Kelly from Mali, West Africa, is a master djembe teacher. He operates the non-



profit Music is for You, an organization devoted to bringing music to all people of the world.

7:00-8:30pm

Restoring Balance and Promoting Harmony: an Indigenous Approach to Intentional Community

Terry L. Cross, MSW, ACSW, LCSW (Seneca Nation of Indians), NICWA

Are you ready to take VBC to the next level? We are inviting all of our stakeholders, placemakers, community members and partners to join us for this strategic visioning and skill building session. Together, we will learn an Indigenous way of understanding health and wellness in individuals, organizations and systems, looking at ways to apply them in a post-colonial society, specifically as they relate to our work in placemaking. How does a relational worldview see life as harmonious relationships where health is achieved by maintaining balance between the many interrelating factors in one's circle of life? How do we provide our services in such a way that we restore balance and promote harmony in the lives of our community? Please join us for this important discussion.



7:00-8:30pm

Green Equity: Environmental Justice & Sustainable Urban Community Development

Edward B. Hill, Groundwork Portland

The Green Equity workshop will interactively converse about the connections between urban land ownership, displacement (spatial injustice) and environmental justice as it related to the barriers to and opportunities for advancing new models of solving housing, nutrition, and health impacts that are culturally and historically appropriate. The dynamics of these relationships affect factors such as environmental quality, land use, and environmental health disparities. Urban development continually stresses the natural and human/cultural landscape and has compromised environmental quality for many, especially African-Americans and First Nation peoples. These communities are disproportionately impacted by changes in land use and land cover, understanding the environmental justice implications of changing the landscape as it pertains to the delivery of justice and solutions is important.



7:00-8:30pm

Fungi as Allies in Community and Culture

Peter McCoy, Radical Mycology

As soil builders, habitat molders, nutrient cyclers, and toxin remediators fungi serve as keystone species in the development of plant, microbial, and animal communities. And yet, they are so often undervalued in the creation of healthy and holistic human societies. In this presentation, Peter will present an array of insights and skills that come from working with fungi for the benefit of the person, their culture, and the environments that we grow within. Simple cultivation and remediation techniques will be covered as well as how these tools can be integrated with a variety of existing sustainable design models. With potent healing abilities and incredible survival strategies that exemplify the ideal of resilient living, the fungi have much to offer us in the development of new paradigms and ways of living on the earth.



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7:00-8:30pm

Pollination, Bees and Us

Rose Madrone and Melanie Rios, Connectivity Project

Let's take a peek into the interconnectedness of the world around us, exploring the web of life and how the pollination process is critical to its health and vitality. You may have wondered why all the fuss about the bustling bees. Together we will look at why it matters to us, how plants communicate to pollinators what they want, and how we are each an integral element in this process. You may take home a new and inspired way of seeing the world, with a deeper knowing that what we do matters, from how we garden, to what we eat, buy, and vote for.



8:30-10:45pm **Music on the Main Stage!**

POPgoji is a mashup of American pop/soul and infectious Brazilian beats. Fine tuned vocal harmonies, layered percussion, and unique strings pay tribute to spiritual traditions of the African diaspora. **Diaspora Dance Theater** is treating us to a special performance entitled "Phenomenally" a tribute to Maya Angelou. **Clinton Fearon** was born in Jamaica, and was the bassist, vocalist and lyricist for the mythic Gladiators, and has been singing his powerful message all his life. We are honored to have him on the VBC stage this year performing his solo works, spanning decades of social and cultural change.



Thursday, June 4

2:30 -5:30pm

Repair Your City

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5:30-6:30pm Dinner with the eclectic roots stringband **The Moonshine!**

7:00-8:30pm **Children's Village: Folk music and puppetry with Red Yarn**

Red Yarn is a dynamic family performer who weaves folksongs and puppetry into engaging shows for all ages. With his energetic performances Red Yarn shares positive values while reinvigorating American folklore for younger generations.



7:00-8:30pm

Round Table Discussion: Faith, Eco-Justice and Permaculture

For centuries the religious establishment in the West has blessed the colonization of land, oppression of indigenous people groups, and extraction of natural resources. While this narrative of domination continues among churches today, some people at the margins of faith are looking for ways to transform the narrative from oppression to liberation for both people and land. Can churches be mobilized so that rather than perpetuate the problems of capitalism, they operate as centers of resistance? How do we find language to



include people of faith in building the village?

This roundtable discussion with local faith-based organizers and eco-justice initiatives explores the intersection of faith, permaculture, and ecojustice. Join Laveta Gilmore Jones, Leaven Community Organizer, Cheryl Lohrmann-Riggs, EcoFaith Recovery Organizer, Solveig Nilsen-Goodin, Pastor of Wilderness Way Community, and Randy Woodley, Keetoowah Cherokee, Professor of Faith and Culture, George Fox Seminary, North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies. Facilitated by Dave Pritchett.

7:00-8:30pm

Social Permaculture-Deepening our Commitment to People Care

Pandora Thomas, Earthseed Consulting

How can we grow learning communities that allow permaculture principles to flourish and support all people to access the resources necessary for thrival and not just survival? Just as permaculture calls us to integrate rather than segregate, use and value diversity, edges and the marginal, Pandora will share inspiring stories, tools and techniques for applying these principles into social and cultural opportunities that exist today.



The Triple Body: Interconnecting the Personal, Political and Planetary Bodies

Nala Walla, BCollective

Because our bodies are our most direct link to the Earth, the body-based arts have always offered us help in developing a truly rooted sense of place and ecological activism. From a place of rootedness, we will consider the relationship between what is good for our bodies and what is good for the Earth, and the politics of what perpetuates this disconnection and keeps us at odds with ourselves and our fellow Earth citizens.



Placemaking: A New Citizenship for a Changing World

Matt Bibeau, VBC

What responsibility do we all have to take an active role in shaping the places where we live and the impact we imbue onto each other and the ecologies that surround and support us? We will take a close look at what has made the work of City Repair's Village Building Convergence so unique, and consider how the process of Placemaking, as defined by this organization, holds so much promise and is worthy of being considered the most impactful approach to Citizenship in the 21st century.



7:00-8:30pm

Speaking the Unspeakable: A Journey Into Freedom

Amanda Rain & SaraHope Smith, Speaking the Unspeakable®

What lives in the unspeakable reaches of your heart, mind, body, spirit and soul? What secretly cries out to be heard, seen and witnessed? What calls to be composted and what hungers to be cultivated? Imagine being free from all the lies you were ever told about you, life and the way our world should be...all those unspoken voices and stories that run in the background of our programming. Who are you outside your identity concepts and constructs? The social and cultural conditioning? Are you ready to embody the fullness of your sovereign self, living from the center of your circle of life? Join SaraHope Smith and Amanda Rain as we embark on a journey into Speaking the Unspeakable. All things



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are possible when we speak our truth with heart and power. Together we will change the course of the future and build a sustainable, resilient world we can be proud of.

7:00-8:30pm

Poetry of the Soil and the Soul

Hannah Poirier, Placecraft

Original poetry readings interspersed with group meditations and simple songs for singing. The style will take you traveling through our fantastic Cascadian bioregion and into the depths of our emotional human experience on the planet. A biodiversity of connection to patterns bigger than us.



7:00-8:30pm

Building Community Through The Art of Storytelling: A Workshop On The Practice of Council

Lillian Soderman, Center for Council

Since the dawn of humanity, we have gathered together to share our stories. This form of community is deeply imbedded in our DNA, but largely lacking in our modern day society. In the practice of Council, we come together to listen and speak from the heart. By speaking our stories and bearing witness to the stories of others, we create more resilient communities. In this workshop, participants will learn the basic elements of Council, enabling them to hold Council circles within their own communities. The health of the village and the emerging villages largely rests on our ability to come together and be together, fully present to ourselves and one another. The practice of Council was developed at The Ojai Foundation in California in 1975. To learn more, please visit the following websites: ojaifoundation.org, centerforcouncil.org, councilinschools.org.



8:30-10:45pm **Music on the Main Stage!**

Cosmic Rose will start us off with their energetic, collaborative interplay, weaving their songs together with Passion and heart! **Attunement Movement** will treat us to a special dance performance before **Loveness Wesa & the Bantus** will get your feet moving with their signature Afro-pop dance music! **Pachi Pamwe** will round the night with their lush melodies featuring mbira (thumb piano) and guitar.



Friday, June 5

Please Join us at the Crystal Ballroom for our incredible Benefit Fundraiser with The Polish Ambassador, Dessert Dwellers, and Dirtwire, with a talk by City Repair founder Mark Lakeman! Thank you to Beloved Presents for co-hosting.

Saturday, June 6

5:00-6:30 Dinner with the soulful harmonies of **Habits!**



7:00-8:30pm **Children's Village: Circus cascadia with Paul and Silvia**

Circus Cascadia is a not for profit that specializes in teaching circus skills including stilt-walking, clowning, tightrope, diabolo, flowerstick, ball walking and many more!

6:45-7:45pm

VBC Loud Auction!

When has City Repair ever done things quietly?! 1st Annual Village Building Convergence LOUD Auction! Hosted by our very own animated auctioneer Bill Bradley! Bid on some TREMENDOUS TREASURES including: Spa getaways, yoga memberships, private vineyard tours, concert tickets, restaurant gift certificates, locally designed crafts, cooking classes, eco-home design consulting, dates with dashing City Repair team members, and MUCH MORE! All proceeds will provide provisions for our placemaking projects!



7:00-8:30pm

A Place to Call Home: Affordable Housing in Portland

Eli Spevak, Cameron Whitten, Jes Larson, Marc Jolin

Home, an essential element for a thriving life. Yet there are as many barriers as possibilities within Portland's housing market. What happens when development takes priority and results in the displacement of long time residents and community members? How can we co-create a social, political and economical environment that allows all of Portland to thrive? From those without a home to people of color to low-income wage earners to the many families who are barely making it, everyone deserves a place to call home. Join Eli Spevak, Jes Larson, Cameron Whitten and Marc Jolin for an engaging discussion on creating Affordable Housing in Portland.



7:00-8:00pm

Sacred Cacao: A Return to the Heart with Mattheo James "Golden Dragon"

Sacred Cacao: A Return to the Heart: Mattheo "Golden Dragon" offers a non-traditional Cacao ceremony, in which we will have the opportunity to delve deeply into a heart-based energy. Here, we can examine and redefine our agreements with ourselves and the outside world, in order to better align with our passion and goals. Ages 12+. Some medical conditions and medications may be contraindicated.



7:45-9:00pm

How Your Unique Genius Can Help Heal Nature and Culture

Michael Meade

Using his characteristic style, deep knowledge, and immersive storytelling, Michael Meade takes participants on a journey to faraway lands and deeply personal terrains. Meade advocates for the need to awaken the genius qualities within each individual as a path to finding greater personal fulfillment; but also as a creative way of addressing the problems we face as a global society. Amidst the diversity and depth of current world crises, it becomes necessary to call upon the array of genius, talents, and abilities hidden in people of all ages. Only then can we hope to help nature and heal culture.

8:45 - 9:00pm **Closing Ceremony by Michael Meade:**

Close out the magic of this week and take an seed of the hearth home with you to plant in your life wherever you are ... so you can Thrive It Up!





9:00-1:00 VBC Hearth Finale!

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VOLUNTEER BIOS



Ridhi D'Cruz

Ridhi is an intercontinental cross-pollinator who came to Portland in 2010 from South India to do her Master's in Sociocultural Anthropology with a focus on grassroots sustainability. Ever since, she has been working on the intersection between diversity and sustainability. She is currently working on her dream project the Inter-Tribal Gathering Garden at Cully Park with local Native American community organizers. This is her fourth year supporting Portland State and her second year supporting VBC Core. This year, Ridhi volunteered as a Placemaking and Volunteer Co-Manager. She hopes to return to India in 2016 and will begin incubating VBC India!



Kirk Rea

Kirk has been an environmental and social justice activist since childhood, learning to pick up litter and to compost from his mom and to hold picket lines with his dad's union. As a Queer Person of Color, Kirk works in allyship with other marginalized peoples using his visual art, community building, and permaculture background to engage in activism and advocacy. Kirk also works as a affordable housing advocate and garden educator with the Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI). He co-coordinates a Queer and Trans art and music festival called Not Enough! and is a member of a Latino art collective called Latino Art Now!



Frances Michaelson

Frances has loved building things since she was a kid helping her dad around the house. She loves space and material, loves picking things up and feeling the heft and texture of them in her hands. She began a building company, BabaYagaBuilds; in 2012 and has been creating structure with friends ever since. Frances also has an unyielding passion for stories and for the wonder that comes when humans create together. This year she is the Natural Building Coordinator. The superhero power this task evokes in her life is the one of Creative Purpose, the thrill and gratitude for life that comes when one is doing something 100% worthwhile and fulfilling.



Mark Lakeman

Mark is the old growth of City Repair with the roots down deep that nourish us all. He is always giving and nourishing the new seedlings as we all work together to break up the concrete and make way for what does work. He is grateful to witness the ongoing blossoming of the VBC in Portland, and the larger urban permaculture and place making movement as it spread across the world. His role in City Repair and VBC is to hold memory, keep connections strong, give council, fund raise, build stuff, and help steer things when asked. In VBC this year, Mark has helped with Place-Making, Core, Inter-City Outreach and Fund Raising, Graphics & Publicity, and Venue Building.



SaraHope Smith

SaraHope is a pioneering entrepreneur and cultural creative who has been supporting and understanding community interconnections using tools of facilitation, social permaculture, deep listening, transparency and ecological education to achieve self- and community empowerment for peoples. Acting in arenas as diverse as internet banking to yoga instruction to launching one of the nation's earliest biodiesel businesses to building energy reduction and greening events and organizations – she is always building commUnity as she goes. Her super Shero powers are to continue to shine the light, and her willingness to walk through the shadows.



Priti Shah

Priti has a diverse background in permaculture, youth farm-based education and reclaiming traditional place-based livelihoods. Priti has worked in Hawai'i, India, and the Pacific Northwest. While serving City Repair as the board secretary managing finances & people with an incredible heart, Priti is finishing up a Masters Degree in Natural Resource Management through OSU and teaching garden education at a shelter for families overcoming domestic abuse. Priti is excited to help manage and build capacity within City Repair and aid the vision of peaceful, progressive urban development.



Leon Janssen

Over years as a grassroots environmentalist, Leon fell in love with the emergent self organizing systems found in nature, and uses tools of Social Permaculture to catalyze personal and collective development. He believes in the transformative power of healthy human systems to make old paradigms obsolete through conscious evolution. Drawing from experience in audio, stage and event production, he is passionate about co-creating environments for dance and connection.

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Tiana-Lei Flora

Activated by the desire to help cultivate healthy, thriving communities, Tiana began by pursuing studies in pre-naturopathic medicine and birth work. She's curious to more deeply explore the ecology of community through social permaculture and environmental education. She's excited to continue imagining ways in which placemaking can catalyze the cultural shift towards an ecologically just and socially supportive future. Tiana is also a core organizer of a Burning Man theme camp that plays with ways of facilitating connection and creative collaboration through participatory improv and performance art.



Ted Swagerty

Ted has been living in Portland for a year and a half and has been intimately involved with City Repair for as long. Before Portland, Ted traveled through Asia, the Middle East and Europe reporting on sustainability and permaculture. Ted serves as the current Board President and has been thrilled to help to build capacity for City Repair so that it may have a greater impact locally, regionally and globally. Ted feels incredibly blessed and overwhelmed with gratitude to have spent this past year developing strategies for greater ecological and human health, making life time friendships and experiencing tremendous personal growth.



Amanda Rain

Amanda comes to the VBC with commitment and passion for co-creating solutions to build a thriving world. In 2012, she founded Speaking the Unspeakable® to inspire the courage to meet our challenges and empower our lives through effective communication. Amanda's unique blend of rhetorical studies, speech communication, debate, activism, political advocacy, shamanic studies, and life experience, weaves together a potent journey from which she inspires the willingness to face our personal and collective pain to transform our lives and see ourselves connected as one human family. Her voice offers hope for the spirit and medicine for the soul.

VOLUNTEER BIOS



Brent Bellamy

Vibrant community, global awareness, and building positive relationships with everyone he meets are Brent's passions and core to his being. He gets to share life with his beautiful wife Cassie. Together they enjoy outdoor adventures, trips abroad, and really exploration of any kind. When he isn't working with VBC, Brent is the development and communication coordinator at Carpe Mundi. There he has the honor of working with low-income first generation college students who learn about social equity, culture, and community on semester long trips abroad.



Sarah Dotlich

Sarah has had a life-long commitment to community-based social change and has spent her career working on issues of human rights, social change and environmental sustainability. She is a recent Portland transplant who was inspired immediately by City Repair's foundational role in building sustainable communities and sustainable cities. As Marketing Manager for the Village Building Convergence she got to help bring the message of City Repair to a wider audience. Sarah's day job is with the Metropolitan Group -- a strategic communications agency that works exclusively with nonprofits, public agencies and socially responsible businesses.



Marc Tobin

Marc is the Executive Director of City Repair, where he works to forward the organization's mission of fostering thriving, inclusive and sustainable communities through the creative reclamation of public space. Marc also provides consulting services in community development, sociocracy and Dynamic Governance, facilitation and mediation, and ecovillage site and organizational design. He is also an avid guitarist and multi-instrumentalist, and is a founding member of Sol Nectar, a musical group that pollinates the blossoming consciousness by seducing the audience back to source.



Special thanks to all of our volunteers:

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Not Pictured: Sarah Bellum - Waste Management Coordinator; Brent Bellamy - Placemaking Materials Lead & CR Board Member; Seven Root - Website Wonder; Kara Gurvey - Placemaking Liaison, Tsarra Berger - Nourishment Team; Mylo Gan- Merchandise; Nathan, Eve Ning/Rose - Production, Landon Strandon - Production, Isaac Cotec - Production Team; Rish - Program Team; Ashanti Hall - Street Team Lead; Sophia Gallant - Inspirational Graphics & Marketing; Nicole Willson - Newsletter; Tristen Dyer - Photographer.

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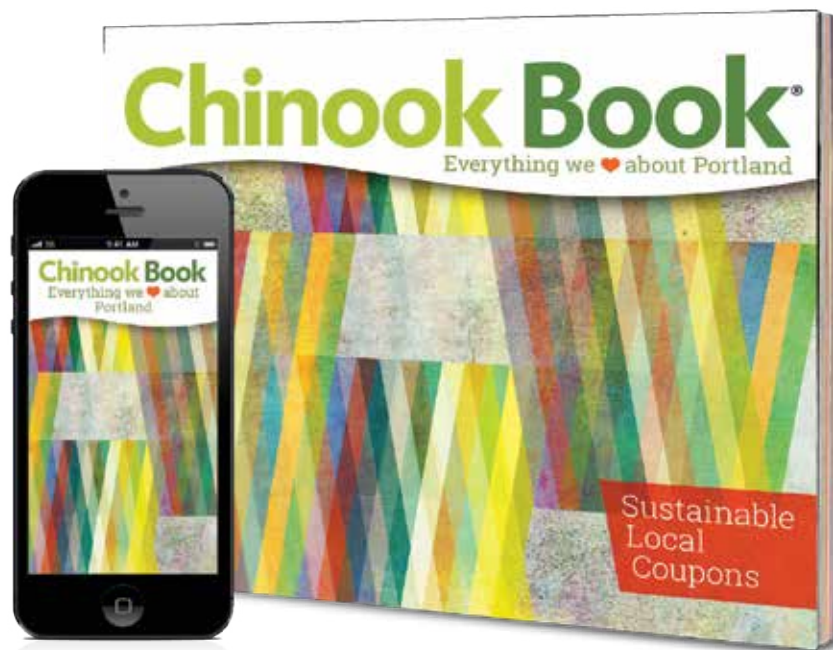
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