

Eastside Village Voice



GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

How I love the roses this time of year!! I hope you all are enjoying the warmer weather and Portland's profusion of blooms of all sorts.

Summer tends to be a bit quieter in our Village and often there are fewer service requests. We do have a number of activities, however, so I hope you continue to take advantage of your Village membership by participating in some. Check out the calendar on the last page and the highlights on pages 4-5.

As we approach our second anniversary in October, the Governing Council is reviewing our legal documents and our relationship with both our "parent" organization, Villages NorthWest (VNW), and our fellow Villages. Recently, the need for more transparency at all levels became a priority topic. The Governing Council is reviewing our Memorandum of Agreement with VNW in order to ensure that our Village's needs and expectations are in agreement with what VNW is required to, or is capable of providing, and vice versa. The review process is being done by all the Villages in the Portland area, and we hope to

adjust the MOA, if needed, to reflect our maturing organization.

In the spirit of transparency at the Eastside Village level, I'd like to remind you that Governing Council meetings are open to any member or non-member volunteer who wishes to attend. The Council meets at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month in the home of one of our council members. If you wish to attend a GC meeting, please advise the office so we can move to a larger space, if needed.

If you have a discussion topic that pertains to the Village as a whole, please send a note to me or to the office ahead of the meeting so we can include it on the agenda. While we usually have a full list of items to discuss, we're always happy to include topics or issues raised by our members.

Things are happening in our Village: the monthly Coffee Break is a great success; monthly outdoor potlucks are starting up again; and street fair tabling has started up again.

As always, thank you for your support, and happy June!

Mary Bedard
Chair





Lunch at Albertina's Place

Last month's Book Group selection—"The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning"—focused on the benefits of clearing out unneeded or unused "treasures" so that our children or other family members are spared that effort. Many of us have heirloom china, crystal, or other valuables that mean much to us, but are often not appreciated by our heirs. What should we do with them?

The book's author suggested hiring an auctioneer or finding a consignment store specializing in such heirlooms. One of the Group's members suggested that Albertina Kerr Store was just such a place.

After Albertina Kerr, a strong advocate for helping the city's many homeless children, died suddenly in 1911, her husband Alexander gave their family home to be used as a nursery in her honor. No longer a nursery, her home now houses Albertina's

Place—a restaurant, thrift shop, and consignment store—where one can shop for antiques and collectibles, gently used clothes, accessories, home goods, and both vintage and fine jewelry.

Once solely a nursery, the Albertina Kerr foundation has grown and now provides programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, empowering them to live richer lives.

Eastside Village members are invited to join Book Group members for lunch at Albertina's Place on Tuesday, June 26th. A staff member will stop by to tell us more of the history of the building and of the Albertina Kerr foundation.

And if you'd like to bring a donation for the thrift store or a family treasure for the consignment store, your family will probably thank you.

Village Circles: A New Way to Create Community

Taking in nearly all of Southeast Portland, Eastside Village encompasses quite a large geographic area. While that size can sometimes be an advantage, it can also makes you feel isolated when it seems that everyone else lives so far away. Wouldn't it be nice to have a way to meet the Village members who live near you? To be able to share rides to Village events or to get together for a Saturday night potluck?

Your Governing Council thinks this is a great idea, too. It's taken all of

the neighborhoods within the Eastside Village boundaries and grouped them into five geographical clusters or "Circles." In the coming weeks, you'll be contacted by a Village member who has volunteered to host an initial get-together for the members of your Circle.

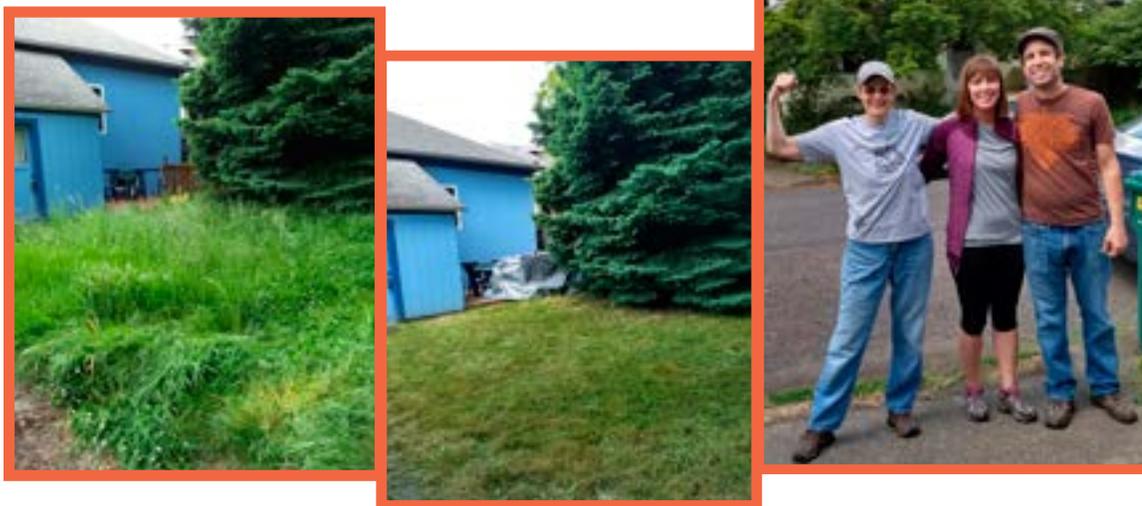
At that point, each Circle's members will be free to decide what they would like to do as a group. Some might meet for coffee/tea on a regular basis; set up a carpool to Village or other events; do outdoor activities together; or have lunch once a month. Others might be happy with just phone checks during emergencies. There are innumerable possibilities limited only by the interests of your Circle's members.

You can even give your Circle a fun name or title!

May Work Party Clears the Way!

Member Natasha Beck got some outstanding help from a Village Work Party last month. Crew members Sue Stadler (EV volunteer); Autumn Carroll (EV volunteer); Barry Carroll (helpful husband); and Jo Herrigel (EV member/volunteer) (not shown) arrived to help Natasha.

Contact the office if you'd like an enthusiastic group like this to come help with a project at your home—or if you'd like to be part of a volunteer group.



COFFEE BREAK: A New Monthly *Virtual* Event

On May 15, several Eastside Villagers “met” for coffee from the comfort of their respective homes to hear Quince Affolter tell us about her work as a Positive Aging Specialist for *Creating Home as You Age*. Some used their computers, phones, or tablets to connect to our virtual coffee break room where they could see and be seen by other Villagers who had logged in. Others participated by simply calling in. For a first attempt at a teleconference, it went well!

Our next COFFEE BREAK will be on Tuesday, June 19th, from 10–11 AM. JoAnn Herrigel, past Chair of our Governing Council, will be our featured guest. JoAnn is the Deputy Director at Elders in Action, a Portland nonprofit dedicated to educating, advocating for, and serving older adults. She has worked for the agency for five years.

Among their many services, Elders in Action assists older adults with short-term problem solving by connecting them with volunteers who work with them one-on-one on issues ranging from medical billing to restraining orders.

JoAnn will describe all of Elders in Action’s services and programs and answer any questions that attendees have.

To receive the login and call in information, you must register in advance. Go to eastsidevillage.org and then to the Calendar page and then click on COFFEE BREAK. Or, call the COFFEE BREAK Host, Linda Safran at 971-888-4340. She will do a practice meeting with you.



What's Happening in EV?



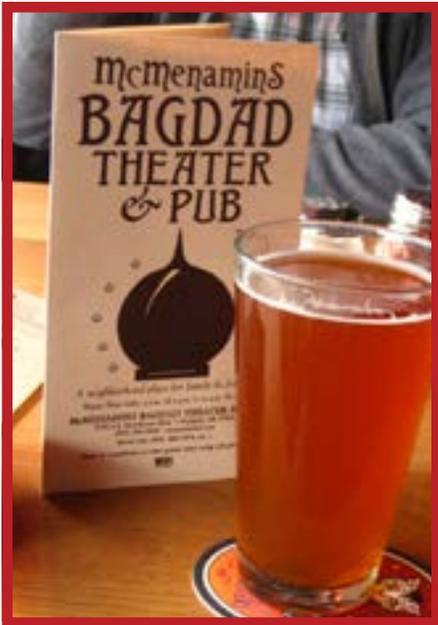
Join us on **Friday, June 1st, from 1–3 PM**, at Tabor Space (5441 SE Belmont St) as Village member Annette White-Parks reads from her latest book, *"We Don't Talk About That Around Here,"* a collection of short stories about secrets, and the efforts to ferret them out. The characters travel through varied places: Ireland to San Francisco, Italy to Wisconsin, but carry this common theme: secrets, silences, the things we don't talk about.

Do you have a 14-day supply of water stored at your home? According to disaster experts, you should. But that's a heavy lift. How much do you need? How do you store all that water? Where do you store it? How do you ensure that, when the big one strikes, you'll have a safe and reliable water supply for you and your family?

All are welcome to join us at the Taborspace Annex on **Saturday, June 2nd, 2–4 PM**, to get answers to your questions and to learn from others about their preparedness efforts. Jamaal Folsom, the emergency manager for the Portland Water Bureau, will be on hand to share his expertise and answer your questions (5441 SE Belmont St).

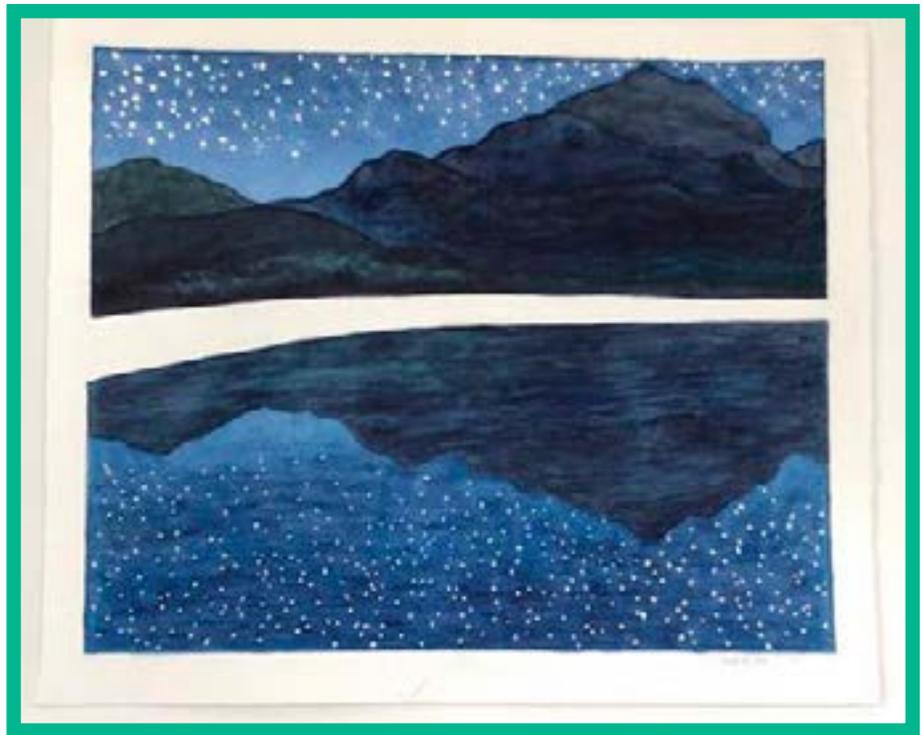


Among all your other summer activities, be sure to save space for the next Eastside Village Potluck! For the cost of a bowl of potato salad (or whatever your potluck specialty), you can spend a couple of hours getting to know some of your fellow Villagers in an easy, casual environment. Please register online or call the office to reserve your space. (**Tuesday, June 26th, 6–8 PM**)



Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 13th, from 5 pm to Midnight!** That's the day that Eastside Village will receive **50%** of all sales from McMenemy's Bagdad Pub (adjacent to the Theatre). Come for dinner! For a snack! For a pint! Invite your friends!

Village member Jana Demartini has been exhibiting her amazing artwork since 1978. Her newest exhibit opens this month at Blackfish Gallery (420 NW 9th Ave). Join her for a discussion of her paintings on **Thursday, June 14th, from 1-2:30 PM.**



North Star Village is sponsoring a workshop for people caring for a loved one with dementia or serious illness on **Saturday, June 16th, 10 AM-3:30 PM,** at St. Andrew Community Center, 806 NE Alberta Street. The \$10 fee includes lunch and raffle prizes. Jill Williams, the facilitator, is a North Star member. For detailed information and to register visit: bit.ly/2qsfMyq

Did You Know....?



The most requested member service is a ride—to a medical appointment, a lunch date, a volunteer gig, a Village meeting—you name it! The folks providing these rides are Eastside Village volunteer drivers who have been trained through Ride Connection, a private, non-profit organization in the Portland Metro area, dedicated to coordinating and providing transportation services to people with limited options.

Our drivers have provided an astonishing **156 rides** to 13 members in the first five months of 2018. Let's all send a huge "Thank you!" to **Quince Affolter**, volunteer; **Jin Darney**, member and volunteer; **Jon Feldhausen**, member and volunteer; **Cathy Griffin**, volunteer; **Cary Hixon**, member and volunteer; **Dennis Hopkins**, member and volunteer; **Diana Hsieh**, volunteer; **Craig Johnson**, member and volunteer; **Doug McCanne**, member and volunteer; **Vincenza Scarpaci**, member and volunteer; **Sue Stadler**, volunteer; and **John Swetnam**, volunteer.

If you're thinking of volunteering, too, please call the office (503-866-0571) to begin the process.

And for those times when our valiant crew of drivers is unavailable for you—there are only 13 of them, after all—member/driver Vincenza Scarpaci suggests that you call Impact NW Transportation (503-721-6756). Impact NW serves seniors and people with disabilities living between the Willamette and 82nd Avenue, Burnside to the Clackamas County line.

They can provide rides any time between 8:30 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Please call a minimum of four business days ahead of your trip. While rides are not guaranteed, they will do their best to meet your needs and contact you two days before your requested ride to confirm.



Village Members Welcome Cathy LaTourette



Linda Safran, Cathy LaTourette, Sherry Hall, and Jane Stolle

Sherry Hall, Linda Safran, and Jane Stolle welcomed Cathy LaTourette as a new Eastside Village Volunteer at lunch in May. Cathy is a retired Portland teacher who is looking forward to volunteering for our Village.

Having provided rides for a family member for several years, she knows how valuable it is to receive this kind of support and how gratifying it is to be able to provide it. Cathy is completing the steps involved in becoming a Village Driver and is interested in helping in other ways, too.

Jane, Sherry, and Linda are among the 24 Social and Service-receiving members who also volunteer in various ways for our Village. Jane volunteers in the office once a week. Sherry, a retired social worker, volunteers for our General Council. Linda hosts Coffee Break (see p. 3).

EACH ONE, REACH ONE

Membership Campaign

EASTSIDE VILLAGE is excited to kick off its 2018 “Each One, Reach One” Membership Campaign. Our goal is to double the membership of Eastside Village by January 2019. Increasing the membership of Eastside Village will bring new energy, fresh ideas, and additional resources to our Village.

THE CHALLENGE is for each Eastside Village member to sign up at least one new member to Eastside Village within the next 12 months. Each Eastside Village member that brings in a new member will be placed in a drawing and be eligible to win a one-year free membership to Eastside Village.

You can help us meet our goal in the following ways:

- Encourage a friend, neighbor, or relative to become a member of Eastside Village.
- Invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to join us for an Eastside Village activity.
- Host an Eastside Village Information Session in your home for friends, neighbors, and relatives.
- Serve as an ambassador for Eastside Village at community events.

For additional information, contact the Eastside Village Office at: 503-866-0571 or info@EastsideVillage.org

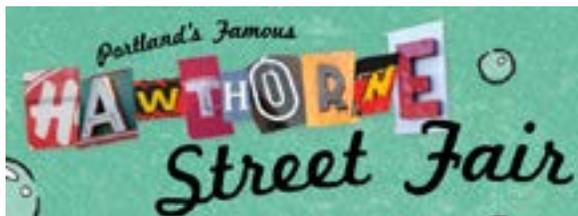
CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO COMMIT TO OUR “EACH ONE, REACH ONE” CHALLENGE?



Summer Outreach Opportunities

It's time once again for summer tabling at Farmers Markets and Street Fairs. We have a chance to meet a wide variety of folks, and chat with them about Eastside Village. “Shifts” are short (9:30-11:15; 11:15-1; 1-2:15) and easy to do. Please call the office to sign up today.

July 29, Montavilla Street Fair
August 26, Hawthorne Street Fair
September 9, Belmont Street Fair



June Library Events in the Eastside Village Neighborhood

To register, call 503.988.5123 (except where noted). All offerings are free of charge. In addition to the events listed below, many libraries have recurring events such as crafts groups, reading groups, résumé help, and tech help. For details on these, and on Multnomah County Library events outside the Village's service area, please check the library's website. Event schedules do occasionally change; visit Library Events for current information.



Belmont Library 1038 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.

Stamp It!: Linoleum Block Cuts
Learn how to make your own stamps to print on fabric, paper and anything else you can think of! In this workshop, students will learn about the basic principles of design and layout and carve out custom stamp using carving tools and a linoleum block. This class is run in collaboration with the IPRC.
Saturday, June 16, 2:30-5:30 PM

Gregory Heights Library 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.

No special events this month.

Holgate Library 7905 SE Holgate Blvd

Leather Key Chain
In this class presented by Purpose, you will learn to make a leather key chain.

A demonstration will be given on dyeing leather. Then, with your precut leather, you will complete the entire project. You will use a punch, dye, set rivets, and wax and burnish edges. You can even personalize your key chain with your name or initials.

Tuesday, June 19, 6-8 PM

Seed Saving for Gardeners

Learn how to integrate seed saving into your garden with Grow Portland. We will cover the basics of seed saving, planning your garden to save seed successfully, tools and equipment for cleaning seed, and how to store seed until next year. If you have a garden, come with a garden plan to work with. If you do not have a garden plan, come and make one! Saving seed has many benefits from saving money to enriching biodiversity in your garden.

Wednesday, June 27, 3-5 PM (first come, first served)

Midland Library 805 SE 122 Ave.

Proud Voices

Local LGBTQ authors and poets Denise Chantrelle DuBois, Marnie Freeman, Vinnie Kinsella, and Sam Roxas-Chua will read passages from their published works, share stories and answer questions from the audience. There will be plenty of opportunities for informal conversations, including book signing. Light refreshments will be served. Made possible by The National Endowment for the Humanities Fund of The Library Foundation. For teens and adults.

Saturday, June 2, 3:30-5 PM (first come, first served)

Russian Folk Songs

This performance showcases some of the most popular Russian songs. Russian singer and guitarist Natalia Hougen sings and shares the history and context of Russian folk

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songs. Program is in Russian.

Thursday, June 14, 6-7 PM (first come, first served)

Summer Crafting

Join this summer gathering to make lovely seasonal art and crafts with recycled and nature-based materials. Have fun designing pieces to beautify your home and connect with the natural world this summer season! Whether you're an expert crafter, or this is your first time crafting, you'll enjoy this workshop and go home with lovely pieces to decorate your life.

Saturday, June 30, 2:30-4 PM (registration opens June 9)

Canva for Cards, Posters, and More

Are you looking for a fun and easy way to design beautiful cards, invitations or flyers? Do you wish your social media posts looked snappier? Do you want to explore alternatives to PowerPoint for your presentations? Come to this class to learn about Canva, a free online design studio. Please sign up for a Canva account before coming to class.

Tuesday, June 5, 2-4 PM

Sellwood-Moreland Library

7860 SE 13th Ave.

Leatherwork: Sedum Planter

In this hands-on workshop, presented by Purpose, you will learn to make a leather planter. You will edge dye, wax and burnish edges. Next, you will punch holes and stitch. Finally, you will choose a sedum and plant it in a jar which fits nicely into your leather planter.

Monday, June 25, 6-8 PM (registration opens June 4)

PDX Death Cafe

Death Cafe is a growing international movement of people who come together in a relaxed and safe setting to discuss death and drink tea. Conversation about whatever is on your mind regarding death takes place in small groups. Our goal is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives. Made possible by The National Endowment for the Humanities Fund of The Library Foundation.

Tuesday, June 26, 6-8 PM (registration opens June 5)



Woodstock Library

6008 SE 49th Ave

Nature Drawing

Drawing or sketching the natural world from observation fills the artist with awe and wonderment. In this drawing class, engage in fun and surprising sketching exercises to loosen the hand to draw with confidence and to learn to observe. Study how light and shadow affect objects and how to tone (shade) and apply texture to make your natural objects look realistic. You will walk away with a collection of ideas and drawing skills to practice for the rest of the year. All skill levels welcome. Please bring a seashell, favorite rock, or another natural object.

Saturday, June 16, 2-4 PM

June Village Events

Listings with asterisks (*) are for EV Members only, while those with hashtags (#) require registration (go online or call the office).

1	9:30 AM Coffee Gathering Tabor Space (5441 SE Belmont St)	2	2-4 PM Water Wisdom Tabor Space Annex (5441 SE Belmont St)
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7		8	1-3 PM Book Reading Annette White-Parks Tabor Space (5441 SE Belmont St)
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11		12	10 AM-Noon Book Group** "Abide With Me" by Elizabeth Strout
13	9-11 AM Breakfast at Toast (5222 SE 52nd Ave)	14	1-2:30 PM Gallery Talk Jana Demartini Blackfish Gallery (420 NW 9th Ave)
15	9:30 AM Coffee Gathering Tabor Space (5441 SE Belmont St)	16	10:30 AM-Noon Village 101 Woodstock Wine and Deli (4030 SE Woodstock Blvd.)
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19	10-10:30 AM Coffee Break** JoAnn Herrigel will speak about <i>Elders in Action</i>	20	5 PM-Midnight Eastside Village Benefit McMenamin's Bagdad Pub (3702 SE Hawthorne)
21		22	
23		24	10 AM 3:30 PM Self Care for Caregivers # St Andrews Community Center (806 NE Alberta)
25	2-4:00 PM Knot Just Knitting**	26	12-1:30 PM Lunch at Albertina's Kitchen # Albertina Kerr (NE 22nd Ave at NE Glisan).
27		28	
29		30	6-8 PM Second Summer Potluck**