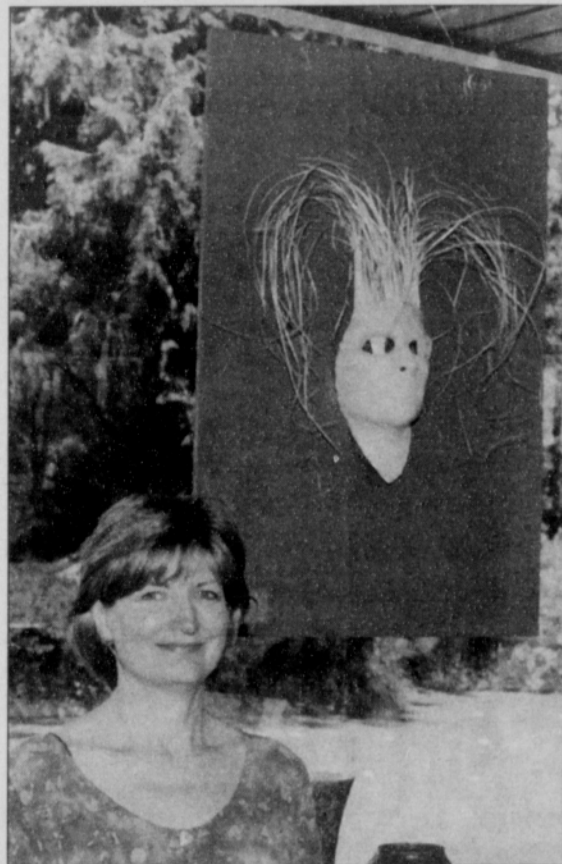




## A Peek into St. Johns

*Artists and businesses combine to showcase creativity in north Portland*



Artist Aren Lawler's mixed media sculpted masks at St. Johns Coffee Company at 8221 N. Lombard.

Join us again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Johns Window Project, an art and community event created by Art on the Peninsula and North Portland Neighborhood Services. Enthusiastic businesses along North Lombard, between North Richmond and North New York avenues will be hosting an art exhibit in their storefronts, interiors and gardens. Art on the Peninsula, an artist networking group in north Portland, opens the St. Johns Window Project on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 1 to 5 p.m., showcasing visual arts, dance, music and performance from the north Portland community.

"The St. Johns Window Project is an exciting way to bring local artists and businesses together who share an interest in their community and creates exposure for artists and businesses alike," says Weirs Cyclery owner, Steve Weir.

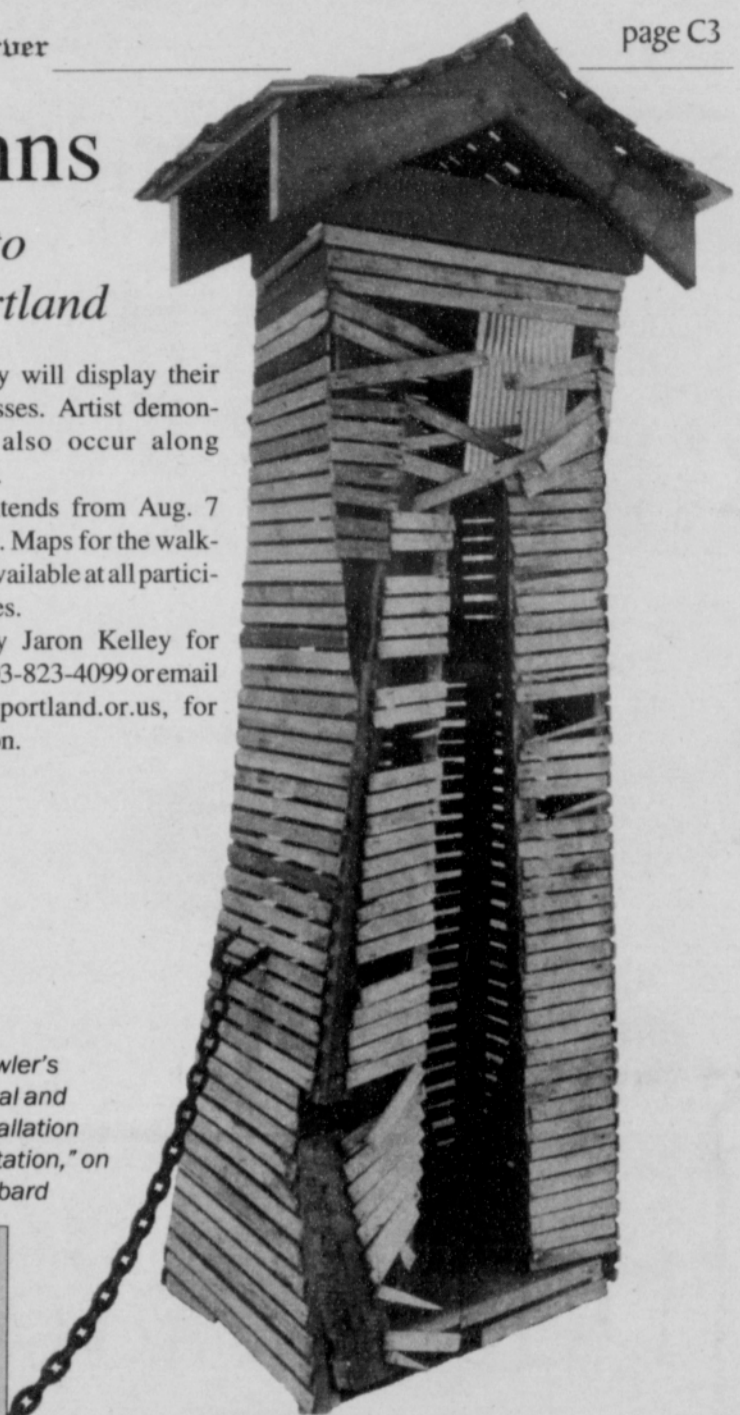
Music performances will feature Folkrum, Dennis Hitchcox, and the Gypsy Moths in the US Bank parking lot. The Irradiated Poets will perform at Café Nola and the St. Johns Library. Students from two local schools, Roosevelt High School and James

John Elementary will display their work in businesses. Artist demonstrations will also occur along Lombard Street.

The event extends from Aug. 7 through Sept. 12. Maps for the walking tour will be available at all participating businesses.

Contact Mary Jaron Kelley for information at 503-823-4099 or email at [mkelley@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:mkelley@ci.portland.or.us), for more information.

Artist Aren Lawler's vehicular metal and sculpture installation "Signal Gas Station," on 8302 N. Lombard



## Hip-hop Summit Build Momentum

*Rally attracts thousands of young voters*

Nearly 5,000 youth participants rallied at the Boston Hip-Hop Summit in the heart of Boston's Roxbury community, while thousands of delegates were preparing to attend the the Democratic National Convention. Members of Congress, state legislators, mayors, recording industry executives, hip-hop artists, civil rights, youth and community leaders witnessed the thunderous applause and affirmations of thousands of newly registered to vote young people who



Russell Simmons

had jammed into the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center on the campus of the Roxbury Community College. The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN) is the largest non-partisan, non-profit national coalition of hip-hop artists and

recording industry executives. Its youth voter registration initiative is called "Hip-Hop Team Vote." The four-hour summit featured hip-hop celebrity panelists including Russell Simmons, Reverend Run of Run DMC, Def Jam Enterprises President Kevin Liles, HSAN President Benjamin Chavis, Dunk The Vote President Ron Bell, Lloyd Banks, Andre 3000, Wyclef Jean, Ying Yang Twins, Bone Crusher and other leaders in the hip-hop movement. Visit [www.hsan.org](http://www.hsan.org).

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