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Community Calendar

Seaport Celebration

Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Port of Portland will host the third annual Seaport Celebration, at 7201 N. Marina Dr., Terminal 6; children of all ages will enjoy this pirate-filled fun! For more information, visit portofportland.com or call 503-944-7010.

Craftsman Workshops

The Northwest Woodworking Studio is registering participants for fall workshops, classes and lectures. Explore wood craftsmanship and learn the art. For details, visit northwestwoodworking.com or call 503-284-1644.

Festa Italiana Portland

The 16th annual Festa Italiana will take place at Pioneer Courthouse Square, on Thursday, Aug. 23, thru Saturday, Aug. 26. Enjoy Italian music, food, dancing and culture at this family event.

Subs on the Slough

Friday, Aug. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy lunch at a hidden gem of a canoe launch along the Columbia Slough at Northeast 166th Avenue at Airport Way while learning more about groundwater resources and the ways in which our water is protected. For reservations and more information, call 503-281-1132.

Iron Artist Sculpt-Off

Saturday, Aug. 25, from 12:30 to 8 p.m., SCRAP will host its 5th-annual sculpture competition and fundraising event in the corner lot of North Vancouver Avenue and Failing Street. Be amazed as the 12 teams of local artists "sculpt-off" in a fierce competition rewarding creative re-use of materials.

Summer Meals Program

The Salvation Army will be feeding children of all ages free hot meals currently through Friday, Aug. 31 at 5335 N. Williams Ave. Meals served Monday thru Friday, with breakfast served from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and lunch served from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Dive-In Movies

Combine swimming and "Cars" the movie as Portland park pools kick off "Dive-In Movies" on Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 8 p.m. at the Montavilla Pool, 8219 N.E. Glisan. For more information, call 503-823-5130.

Elders in Action

Advocates volunteers are needed to assist seniors in finding solutions to current issues. Training classes start in September. For more details, visit eldersinaction.org or call 503-235-5474.

Tax Help in Rockwood

VITA tax aide for low-income families will begin to assist clients at the Rockwood Community office, 18709 S.E. Stark. Clients are seen by appointment only. Appointments will be made on Wednesdays only from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., by calling 503-816-1530.

Neighborhood Farm Stand

Locally grown vegetables and bouquets of fresh flowers will be available to the public, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, NE 20th and Killingsworth. The stand supports local refugees and immigrant farmers.

Relationship Transformation

Peace-Making, a local group based on non-violent communication and conscious awareness, hosts a seminar that includes information how to have better relationships both personally and professionally. For more information, call 503-228-7256.

Washington Park Shuttle

Summer service is every 15 minutes from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. with more than 10 stops including the Oregon Zoo and the Japanese Garden. The shuttle runs daily through Labor Day. Regular Tri-Met fare applies.

Interstate Farmers Market

A farmers market is held each Wednesday through Sept. 26 from 3 - 7 p.m. just off Interstate Avenue between Overlook Park and the Interstate Kaiser Permanente Campus. The market is known for its variety of quality fresh local produce, baked goods, cut flowers, artisan cheese, meat and fish.

Fading Tribute to War Dead

Names stretch across city sidewalks

BY SARAH BLOUNT
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The names are carefully printed in chalk on Portland sidewalks.

Nancy Hiss and her husband of 20 years, Dan Berkman, started the Iraq Names Project early this summer, an effort to reflect upon U.S. servicemen and women killed in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

Hiss, 51, a professor of design at Marylhurst University, was inspired by Maya Lin's Vietnam Memorial in Washington, where names are simply listed chronologically.

"A lot of my students are doing politically charged work," she said. "I want it to be totally neutral."

Unlike the names etched into the Vietnam Memorial, the chalked names quickly fade, especially in the rain. But as of early this month, nearly 2,000 names have stretched across four and a half miles of Portland sidewalks, passed and viewed by thousands of people each day.

"Forme, I'm visual," Hiss said. "There's something about seeing names. It's the magnitude."

On a recent morning, Hiss and Berkman made their way up the sidewalk along Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Shaver Street. Clarence Larkins approached from Irvington Covenant Church to see what the couple was up to. Larkins directs a ministry program for the church, and his first reaction was to suspect controversy. Berkman took Larkins aside to tell him about the project.

"I was just hoping they weren't doing something controversial involving the

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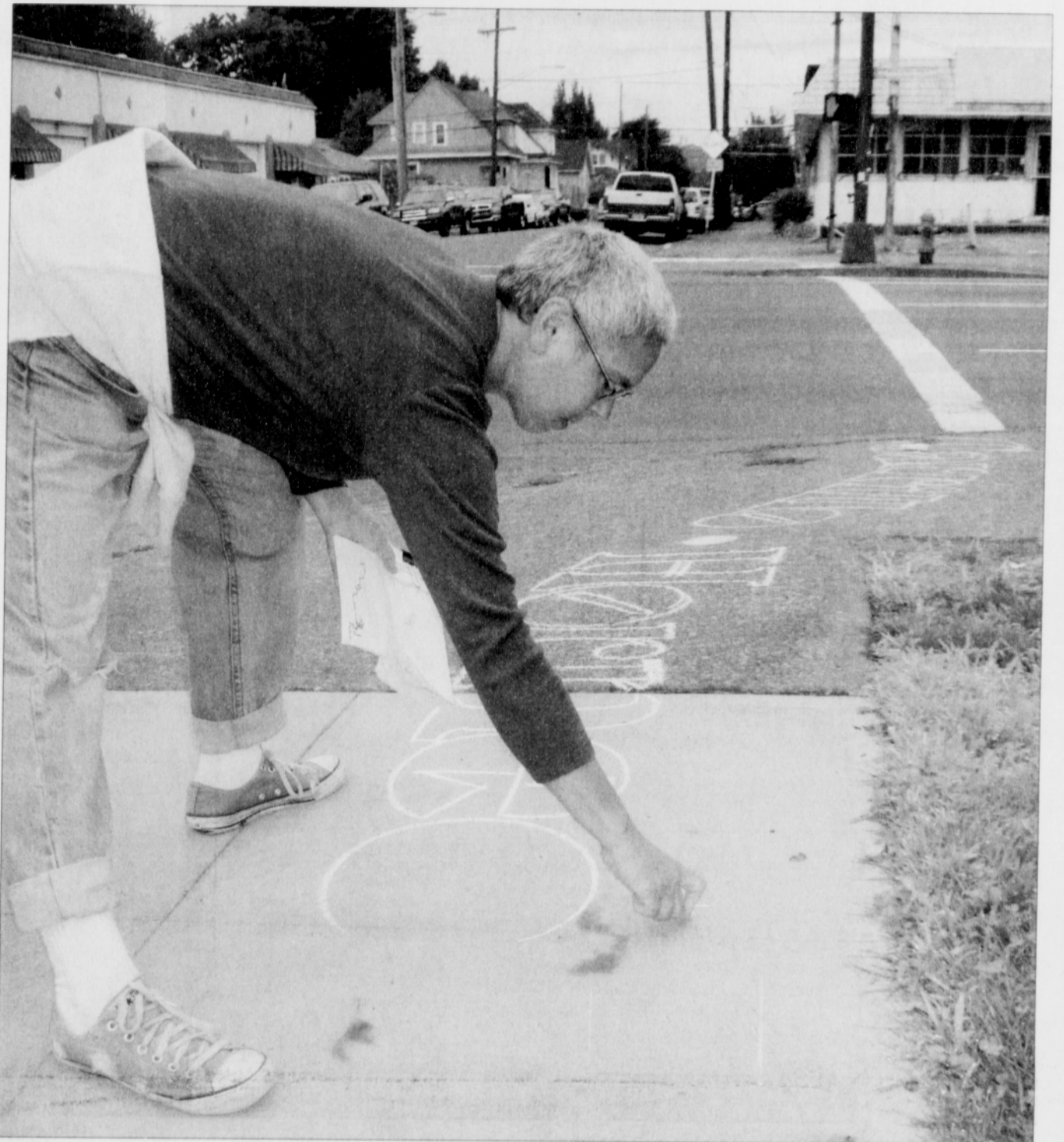


PHOTO BY SARAH BLOUNT/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Nancy Hiss chalks in the name of another U.S. service member killed in the Iraq War. She and her husband have sketched nearly 2,000 names on Portland sidewalks since last May.

Order Now For Tree Plantings

Planting a tree in your yard or parking strip has never been easier.

The nonprofit Friends of Trees now offers an online form for ordering trees to plant during neighborhood plantings this fall and winter. Simply click on "Order Street Trees" at friendsoftrees.org and follow the directions.

There is a Nov. 29 deadline for Feb. 2 plantings in Cathedral Park, Kenton, Arbor Lodge, Portsmouth, University Park and St. Johns; a Nov. 30 deadline for Feb. 23 plantings in Woodlawn, Alameda and Concordia; a Dec. 3 deadline for Feb. 16 plantings in Boise, Overlook, Humboldt, Piedmont, King and Eliot and a Jan. 3 deadline for a March 8 planting in Roseway, Cully and Rose City Park.

If you have questions as you place your order, a neighborhood coordinator listed on the web site's "planting schedule" can assist you.

Costs of trees vary by neighborhood depending on the grants Friends of Trees has secured to subsidize the actual \$160 cost of the tree planting and follow-up monitoring. All homeowners are required to pay no more than \$75 per tree, but donations to cover the remaining \$85 in costs are welcome.

If your neighborhood isn't included on the current planting schedule and you want to coordinate a planting, please contact Brighton West at 503-282-8846, extension 19. Updates to the planting schedule will be posted during the coming weeks.

Tree choices with photos and facts are provided as part of the online ordering process.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Portland Development Commission project manager Carol Herzberg congratulates Humboldt neighbor Margaret Wright (left) for her efforts in revitalizing Triangle Park from a dangerous traffic-calming device into an attractive plaza at 4500 N. Albina Ave.

Bermuda Triangle No More

Gathering space renovates Albina

A previously forgotten swath of concrete has become a tidy little park just downhill from North Mississippi Avenue.

The Triangle Project at 4500 N. Albina Ave. was the result of collaborative efforts between the neighboring community residents and the Portland Development Commission.

The park includes a central plaza with two benches surrounded by trees, native plants, rockwork and a game table engraved with a chessboard. The native plants will act as a stormwater filtration garden.

The triangle has never lived up to the mysterious reputation of another triangle in Bermuda, but it has created headaches for more than a few drivers.

Originally built in the 1960s as a traffic-calming device, it turned out to be a dangerous area, according to PDC project manager Carol Herzberg.

"At night sometimes cars would think it was a continuation of the road," she said.

What the unlucky or possibly inebriated drivers mistook for Albina was really a fork, where they must either veer right onto North Mississippi Avenue or make a harder left onto North Prescott Street.

The symbolic value of National Night Out celebrations on Aug. 7 brought dozens of neighborhood and city leaders to-

gether for a commemoration ceremony largely honoring Humboldt neighbor Margaret Wright, who for decades picked up litter on the concrete triangle, refusing to let anyone forget about the eyesores brought on by mid-century urban renewal.

Wright helped celebrate the rebirth of the space by taking the microphone to praise the three-year collaboration between the city and the Humboldt neighborhood.

The improvements had been a long time coming, said Wright, standing in the new brick plaza framed by planted areas and decorative boulders. She added that the space will be something that neighbors will enjoy, be proud of and take care of for years to come.