## The Fortland Observer Sustainability



# Good Things Grow on Trees

### Non-profit offers discounted prices

North and northeast Portland residents can now buy trees for their homes for only \$35 to \$75 thanks to Friends of Trees.

As part of the non-profit's new "Plant it Portland" campaign, the discounted prices for the trees include the wholesale price of the tree, delivery, hole digging, planting assistance, stakes, and follow-up maintenance checks. You'll also be invited to join a neighborhood potluck after the planting.

Plantings are already scheduled in the Arbor Lodge, Overlook, Piedmont, Woodlawn, Boise, Eliot, Humboldt, King, Kenton, Portsmouth, Cathedral Park, St. Johns, University Park, Alameda, Irvington, Sabin, Grant Park, Madison South, Rose City Park, Concordia and Vernon neighborhoods.



Nursery stock trees are ready for planting.

You can add your name to the growing list of people who want trees at FriendsofTrees.org/BuyTrees. The sooner you sign up, the more selection you'll have. Deadlines for the local neighborhoods range from Dec. 20 through Feb. 21. A schedule with planting dates and deadlines is at FriendsofTrees.org/Calendar.

What good things grow on trees?

Conservation: Tree shade can help cut your energy costs by 35 percent during the summer.

Health: Trees clean our air, water, and soil for an all-around healthier city.

Community: Tree-lined streets calm and slow traffic. This creates safer neighborhoods and happier people.

And yes, even money grows on trees! Planting trees on your property can add \$7,000 to the value of your home.

Since 1989, Friends of Trees has planted hundreds of thousands of trees and native plants in the Portland-metro area.

## Home Makeovers

#### Free seminars from Neil Kelly

A local company known for innovative design and quality workmanship, with special emphasis in environmentally sound and sustainable building and remodeling practices, is sharing its expertise with the public.

Neil Kelly's free remodeling semicompany's Lake Oswego showroom and Wednesday, Oct. 13 at both the Lake Oswego and north Portland showrooms.

The popular seminars started in 1974 at Portland Community Col- 335-9204 for more details.

straw bale house and a Victorian

home that received energy-saving

upgrades from the Clean Energy

Works Portland are highlights for

the 9th annual Build It Green! Home

This year's tour, presented by the

Portland Bureau of Planning and

Tour on Saturday, Sept. 25.

lege campuses and local high schools as a way for area homeowners to learn more about their homes, understand the remodeling process and gather ideas. The free classes are offered nine months out of the year.

Award-winning Neil Kelly designers teach all sessions and share trends in design, information on new materials and techniques, as well as nars continue Saturday, Oct. 9 at the review on the professional design and build process. The free onehour sessions are informal in style, allowing for plenty of questions and discussion.

Visit neilkelly.com or call 503-

used building materials, alternative

construction techniques, small foot-

prints and much more. Homeowners

and contractors will be available to

share their personal experiences and

for car-free attendees, students, and

Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$10

## JOIN US!

Community Issues Breakfast Forum -The Diversity and the Inclusion Paradox



October 7, 2010

7:30 am - 9:30 am \$30/person Oregon Convention Center

Explore a broad spectrum of diversity issues with Andrés Tapia, an internationally recognized authority in the field and noted author of The Inclusion Paradox: The Obama Era and the Transformation of Global Diversity. Gain new insights into how varying worldviews can impact health, wealth, learning, safety, and workplace performance.

#### **Register Now!**

www.unitedway-pdx.org/diversity



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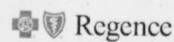
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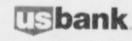


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