

Weaving Hair for Generations

In 1964, Hattie M. Porter became the first person to weave hair in the state of Oregon, so that she could do the hair of the kids in her neighborhood.

45 years later, Porter continues to offer authentic weaves that can't be done at home, at her salon, Broadway Hairweavers & Designers, 3516 N.E. 15th Ave.

As an African-American woman, she represents a cross-section of minorities, yet she says her business is open to all.

"The majority of my clients are about one-third white," she says.

Porter has worked in her current location for a quarter of a century.

"It's not as busy as it was about five years ago," she said, attributing the downturn to the economy, but she has plans to continue to work for as long as possible.

For appointment and more information, call the salon at 503-281-9495.



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Hattie Porter has served generations of Portlanders as the longtime owner of Broadway Hairweavers and Designers at 3516 N.E. 15th Ave.



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