



A Festival Float. Photo courtesy of the Rose Festival Website

What is Your Dream for Portland?

Rose Festival Announces 2024 Theme

The Portland Rose Festival is just around the corner, and the 2024 theme is "Dream Forward". The Festival is asking everyone: What is your dream for Portland?

This year, the Festival invites everyone to Dream Forward with an increased focus on regional artists, food, community groups, and family fun opportunities. The Festival team invites everyone to mark their calendars for May 24 through

June 9 to celebrate the incredible diversity and vibrancy of our region with Portland's official Festival.

Opening day of the Rose Festival is Friday, May 24, at Tom McCall Waterfront Park, starting at 5:00 PM. All are invited to enjoy the carnival rides, food, and activities, with opening night Fireworks at 9:50 PM that evening. The Festival will continue for three consecutive weekends, including the Starlight Parade, Fleet Week, Junior Parade, Queen Coronation, Grand Floral Parade, and more.

Join us for the 147th Portland Rose Festival Season and Dream Forward together. For more information visit RoseFestival.org.

Ecotrust's New Director of Food Equity

A Conversation With Eric Rodriguez

Eric Rodriguez is originally from New York City and now a Portlander of two years, to Ecotrust as Director of Food Equity. In our latest blog post, Eric shares his perspectives on urban agriculture, community-centered programming, and what he's looking forward to in his new role. In a conversation with Emilie Chen she asked "what are you looking forward to as you move into the role?" Eric then stated "I like being part of projects where you're building something from its beginning, like the FSA urban agriculture cooperative. It seemed rare that you could just walk into something where the [the organization says], "We have the funding, the networks, all of this. Just make it go. We can design something collectively." That was super exciting for me. I'm really excited to put together informational documents that streamline all of these complex governmental programs. I really like taking information and making it simple. That also, to me, speaks to equity and accessibility.

I'm really excited to relaunch [the Viviane Barnett Fellowship] in whatever form it takes. I'm excited to think about ways that we can create connections between different programs we have at Ecotrust.



Eric Rodriguez. Photo by Emilie Chen

I like designing programs where nobody ever really leaves, even if they go off and do something else, because it's a part of this larger ecosystem of social justice.

I really appreciated Ecotrust's perspective on indigenous food pathways, environmental care, and ecoregions. These are all things that I love, but haven't quite found a place where all of those conversations are happening simultaneously. That felt like, "Yeah, this is a place I would love to learn more and grow."

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