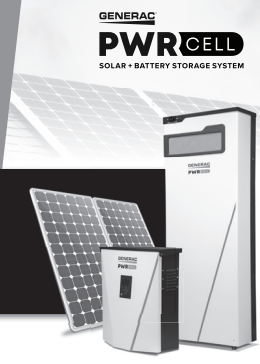


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GARDEN *from AI*

Council awarded Nguyen with a \$2,000 grant last year to complete the project.

Nguyen was among only five artists in Eugene and the surrounding area to receive the award through the Artist Grant program.

Her project began simply as "A Portrait of Cottage Grove." She aimed to piece together a mosaic of the community through portraits of local people.

The concept was inspired by Nguyen's steady increase in affection for Cottage Grove over her 15 years in the area.

"I really like Cottage Grove," she said. "I'm actually surprised how much I like Cottage Grove."

Things didn't begin this way, however. Growing up in a small New Jersey town of 10,000 people, Nguyen was at first apprehensive of fully engaging the community after moving here.

"I kind of assumed people would do a lot of gossiping because I saw that before and I was just very cautious," she said.

Then she noticed a tendency for people to smile as they walked down the street or passed her by, which she initially found to be somewhat off-putting.

"But after a couple weeks, I was like, 'I think they're just nice,'" she laughed. "I had also lived in big cities, so maybe I just had a different viewpoint."

Since then, her relationship with Cottage Grove has blossomed.

Eight years ago, Nguyen established what would become the local landmark game store Delight downtown and also develop an

after-school program for youngsters.

Her nexus point in the heart of downtown opened the door for interactions with a variety of people.

With the town's own character acting as inspiration, Nguyen hoped to reproduce the experience through her project.

Using census data as a guide, Nguyen incorporated gender, age, household income and employment figures to roughly represent the town's demographic ratios in her subject choices.

As Nguyen met her subjects in an environment of their choosing – a park, a workplace or even a cemetery – she questioned them about their family culture and experiences growing up.

"I wanted to interview people so I could get to know them better so that I could paint them better," she said. "And they shared a lot of things about themselves that were really intimate. I felt kind of honored that they would share these things with me."

One data point which

stood out right off the bat was the roughly 90 percent of Cottage Grove listed as white in the U.S. Census.

"So I was thought, 'Okay, this is not going to be really culturally diverse,'" Nguyen said. "But after talking to one of my first interviews, I realized that ... each family has its own culture."

She was surprised, also, to find that many of her subjects were first or second generation immigrants, often of European descent.

From her interviews, she incorporated a collage of anonymous quotes into the project.

"So in the end, the 'Portrait of Cottage Grove' is now 'Garden of People' because it's really an exploration about society through this town," she said.

Nguyen is hoping that, as experiential art, her project can allow people to walk away feeling more connected to their community.

"People are having a lot of difficulty and people are divided," she said. "They're polarized and they're isolated. At this time and this

place right now, I think having a different perspective on: What does it mean for us to live together? What does it mean for us to be a society as human beings? I hope maybe that will bring some light."

The project has been a period of personal development for the artist as well.

Nguyen said the work has granted her a much deeper look at the people she lives alongside and made her aware of her own preconceptions about others.

"Not just superficial niceties but a real embrace by acquaintances, neighbors and strangers," she said.

The final project will include portraits from the current project as well as others Nguyen had previously created.

With just a few more paintings to finish, the book is due to be reach the public this fall.

Nguyen's Kickstarter page can be found under the title "Garden of People, A Portrait of Cottage Grove," where pre-orders will be made available.

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'You are not alone'

By Rev. Karen Hill

Pete is survived by his loving family: his mother Jo; his sister Patti, her husband Gary, and their daughter Catelynn; his brother Mike; his brother Louie, his wife Tina and their daughters Neeka and Makiya.

Pete loved action movies and westerns, but his favorite was "The Ten Commandments." He loved country and Gospel music. He made the church potluck rounds – his family said, "He never met a potluck he didn't like. Pineapple upside down cake was his favorite dessert."

Christmas and Halloween were his favorite holidays; he loved to distribute candy and to see the children's costumes. Family vacations, fishing, camping and swimming also brought him great joy. As did his job at the Bookmine. Pete was dedicated to the

Bookmine, to Gail and his work there.

Pete was a gentle giant. His big size sometimes scared people, but only until they saw his good heart – his kindness.

Everything changed for Pete at age 19 when he was diagnosed with schizophrenia. May is Mental Illness Awareness Month and the theme this is year "You are not alone."

This theme is so fitting for Pete's story.

Pete was not alone in his illness. His diagnosis was hard and painful for everyone. It took a long time for him to get some stability – for the medications to advance enough to help him.

His mother was his advocate, finding good doctors for him, searching for medications to help him, keeping him safe and comfortable at home.

Pete's family included him and cared for him and so did the community. Neighbors and friends knew Pete and looked out for him. Pete had a place in this community, and unlike so many other people with serious mental illnesses, Pete was not alone.

The love that Pete received at home and in the community made all the difference in his life. Remember the words from the Apostle Paul from I Corinthians: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ... And now faith, hope and love, abide these three; and the greatest of these is love."

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