

NEIGHBORS GATHER TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS SHIPS

The holiday season is upon us again, and there are several ways to make the most of it in Old Town Chinatown, with unique holiday shopping opportunities, and a cozy community gathering.

Each year, the **Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association's Communications Committee** organizes several outreach activities for the express purpose of getting folks from the neighborhood together - just for fun! A new event which began just last year, is the **Christmas Ship Viewing Party**. This year's party will be Tuesday, December 16th at **McCormick Pier**, an Old Town riverside condo community.

The **Parade of Christmas Ships** has been a Pacific Northwest tradition for 54 years, with two separate fleets totalling 50-60 hand-decorated ships lighting up the Columbia and Willamette Rivers for almost two weeks each December. This year the vessels will be out for viewing from December 10th through 21st. Each evening a slightly different route is covered, beginning at about 7:00 pm each night. For the complete parade schedule and routes, go to www.christmasships.org.

The parade is a fantastic opportunity for the neighborhood to

get together and enjoy the spirit of the season. Last year's event was a



Watch for ships like this one!

delightful affair, with homemade potluck dishes, and friendly faces gathered around a bonfire to watch the ships go by. Says organizer Nancy Stovall: "About 25 friends and neighbors gathered at McCormick Pier to watch the parade on a cold, clear night. Hot beverages, homemade

soups, and savory meat pies were on the menu; candles led the way to the gathering and were a beacon for the passing ships. Between ship-spotting, introductions were made and friendships started." For more information about this year's yuletide shindig, call Nancy Stovall at 503.241.4796 or email ViceChair@OldTownChinatown.com.

Old Town Chinatown is also a superb place to shop for holiday gifts. **The Monkey & The Rat** on NW 2nd and Davis will continue their Side Door Sale through November. According to owner Christopher Yarrow, they cannot sell their forgotten objects, overstock and slightly damaged goods through the front door because "it would be bad business karma." Well, this is not the time of year to be caught being naughty! Also catch their 7th Anniversary



Holiday lights come in all shapes!

Old Town Chinatown Holiday Events

Christmas Ship Viewing Party: Tuesday, December 16th at McCormick Pier, 600 NW Naito Pkwy. For information about the party, call Nancy Stovall at 503.241.4796. For general information about the Parade of Christmas ships, see www.christmasships.org.

Portland Saturday Market's Festival of the Last Minute: December 17th - 24th 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, SW 1st and Ankeny. For more information, go to www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com.

Weekend Sale and Party December 13th and 14th. To find out more, go to www.monkeyandrat.com.

Finally, don't forget to take advantage of **Portland Saturday Market's Festival of the Last Minute**. From December 17th to 24th, the market will be open every day. This is the last holiday season that Festival of the Last Minute will be presented at Portland Saturday Market's current location. For more information, go to www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com.

Letter from the editor

Many people agree that the holidays are a time of joy and celebration, but some people feel concerned at this time of year that there is too much consumerism, and not enough focus on giving from the heart and connecting with your community.

In Old Town Chinatown, you can connect with the community by volunteering at organizations like **Maybelle Clark Macdonald Center**, **Portland Rescue Mission** and many others. These organizations are taking care of people in a very real way, 365 days a year. You can visit their web sites, or those of other community organizations around the neighborhood, to find out how you can help.

Gift-giving is easy, too. If you shop in Old Town, you can find beautiful imports at **Great Era**, **Dragon Arts**, **The Monkey & The Rat**, and other shops. Support your local artists by choosing locally-crafted gifts from **Portland Saturday Market** (many are made from recycled materials!), **Everett Station Lofts** or **Goldsmith Blocks**.

There are also fun activities, such as the **Christmas Ship Viewing Party**. It's the perfect time of year to take family and friends to art galleries, or local attractions such as the **Portland Classical Chinese Garden**, the **Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center**, and the **Oregon Jewish Museum**. How about a family outing at **Ground Kontrol**, or a walk along **Waterfront Park**?

So whether you are looking for a way to get involved, or to get that holiday gift list under control, have a safe and happy holiday season.

Merlin Faraday Bowers



Get involved in your neighborhood

The **Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association (OTCTNA)** welcomes participation. Everyone who lives, works, or owns a business or property in Old Town can become a member of the Neighborhood Association. For more information, please see www.oldtownchinatown.com.

Old Chinatown Neighborhood Association: First Tuesday of the month, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at University of Oregon, 70 NW Couch St., Room #146. Contact Alexander Mace at 503.702.5840 or chair@oldtownchinatown.com.

OTCTNA Arts, Culture and History Committee: Third Tuesday of the month, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 121 NW 2nd Ave. Contact Reid Decker at 503.222.6072 x11 or reid@saturdaymarket.org.

OTCTNA Communications Committee: Last Monday of the month, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Voleur, 115 SW Ash St. Contact Kaebel Hashitani at 503.916.9293 or sequentialart@gmail.com.

OTCTNA Public Safety Committee: Last Wednesday of the month, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at 232 NW 6th Ave. Contact Dave Owens at safety@oldtownchinatown.com.

Joint OTCTNA-Visions Land Use Committee: Third Tuesday of the month, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the Community Meeting Room at 8 NW 8th Ave. Contact Patrick Gortmaker at patrick@kalbererco.com or Paul Verhoeven at 503.222.6072 x.12 or paul@saturdaymarket.org.

PHLUSH: Third Monday of the month, at 5:00 pm at the OTCTNA office at 115 SW Ash St., Suite 400G. Contact Carol McCreary at 503.984.4081 or phlush@oldtownchinatown.com.

Old Town Chinatown Visions Committee: Second Wednesday of the month, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at 232 NW 6th Ave. Contact Howard Weiner at 503.248.0495 or howard@calsk8.com.

OTCTNA Board Member Profiles

By Donald Tyer



Carol McCreary

Carol McCreary: A five-year resident of Old Town Chinatown, Carol is Treasurer of the OTCTNA Board of Directors. In the past, Carol has also served as President and Vice President. She also participates in the Communications Committee and spearheads PHLUSH. Carol believes the greatest asset of the neighborhood is the shared sense of community, continuity, and change.



Nancy Stovall

Nancy Stovall: Nancy is a newcomer to Old Town Chinatown, having moved here in late 2006. She read about the Neighborhood Association in the holiday issue of The Crier. She has served on the Communications Committee, and in 2008 was elected as Vice Chair of the OTCTNA. Nancy enjoys the spirit and energy of the people she meets in Old Town, and couldn't imagine a better urban experience.

OTCTNA committees connect with community at large

The Arts, Culture and History Committee bids farewell to Secretary Abigail Elder, who is leaving Multnomah County Library. They extend a warm welcome to Mari Watanabe, the new Executive Director of the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. The committee has embarked on a joint partnership with Blanchet House to clean and maintain the bronze plaques on 3rd and 4th Avenues.

The Communications Committee is working through the remaining months of the year by focusing on outreach events, as well as a review of the committee's strategic plan. The Crier sub-committee is looking ahead to 2009, planning the publication's yearly workflow and editorial content. They will also conduct a survey about the Crier in the neighborhood.

The Joint OTCT Neighborhood Association/Visions Land Use Committee is continuing the update of the Skidmore Old Town Historic District Design Guidelines and Code Amendments project to ensure continued economic growth and vitality. They are also evaluating the committee's role and responsibilities regarding the new River District Urban Renewal Area. Current development projects underway or anticipated include the Ankeny Burnside Projects (Waterfront Park Fountain and Saturday Market Improvements, Max Retail, and Fire Station/Ankeny Plaza Restrooms and Retail Arcade), the Resource Access Center/TPI, Goldsmith Blocks/Uwajimya, and Block 8 redevelopment.

The PHLUSH Committee has been discussing a suggestion to get support for a welcome facility with bathrooms, a phone, information about local sites, services and businesses, and a place to sit down for a few minutes. Old Town used to have bathhouses and laundries; the committee likes the idea that a guest bathroom is part of Old Town's "heritage".

The Public Safety Committee was concerned this summer that the Portland Police Street Crimes Unit neighborhood teams lost funding. The committee garnered community support, and through their combined efforts, successfully advocated for the City to restore funding for this important program.

Visions marks the retirement of Richard Harris from both the Visions Committee and from Central City Concern. Along with Howard Weiner, Richard co-chaired the Visions Committee. Howard will continue as Chair of the committee. The focus of Visions at this time is to work through changes to the joint OTCTNA /Visions Land Use committee and continue the work of the Visions Development Plan.

Old Town Chinatown Crier

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Hellos and Goodbyes

Old Town Chinatown has said goodbye this year to some long-standing members of the community, and welcomed new members. Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center said goodbye to Executive Director June Schumann, and welcomed their new leader Mari Watanabe. Portland Classical Chinese Garden Executive Director Gloria Lee also said goodbye, and the community welcomed Cynthia Haruyama as the new Executive Director.



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Neighborhood social service organizations join forces

By Nancy W. Kline, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Center

Two of Old Town Chinatown's most respected service agencies will integrate their operations in order to more effectively serve our neighbors. **Maybelle Clark Macdonald Center** and **Outreach In Burnside** will be melding their operations over the next several months. Outreach In Burnside will come under the operational and financial umbrella of the Macdonald Center. Together the organizations will provide a continuum of weekly care for 350 individuals in the neighborhood. Overlap and overhead will be reduced.

"We are very excited," said Pat Janik, Executive Director of the Macdonald Center. "At the Macdonald Center, we serve the invisible poor, people who live alone in low income housing. Breaking down that isolation and helping them to live their lives with dignity is our mission. The Outreach program will enable us to add another layer of services, strengthening our ability to help them maintain their quality of life and independence."

The Macdonald Center volunteers visit over 200 people a week, providing compassion, advocacy and information. In addition, the Macdonald Center runs a service education program. Students from local universities work with the Macdonald Center visiting program to learn about issues of poverty, social justice, mental illness and community building. Lastly, the Center operates a



Pat Janik, Executive Director for the Macdonald Center and Laurie Davis, Interim Executive Director of Outreach In Burnside

54-unit assisted living residence. The residents, who are some of the most vulnerable in our society, receive the assistance they need to maintain their health and welfare.

Founder Richard Berg, and Mary Sue Richen, the original pastoral coordinator for the Macdonald Center, were two of seven award recipients at the first annual "End Homelessness Achievement Awards," presented by the **Portland Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness** on June 18th, 2008.

With the Outreach Program the Macdonald Center will also be providing services to help keep people living independently, including money management, personal hygiene support, help with navigating relevant social services and support with making and keeping critical appointments, such as doctor appointments.

To learn more, contact Pat Janik at 503.322.5720, or pj@macdcenter.org.

Photo courtesy of Maybelle Clark Macdonald Center

Pig Roast and Tank of Fish packs the house

Pig Roast and Tank of Fish, the first-ever motion picture about the history of Portland's Chinatown, premiered to a standing-room-only crowd on September 28th at **Someday Lounge**.

The new documentary connects the living history of Chinatown with the critical issues that face the neighborhood, such as dealing effectively with homelessness and drug dealing, creating a common vision for the development of the neighborhood, and incorporating the diverse cultures that are a part of our history.

Producer and Director Ivy Lin, who recently debuted *Knowing All of You Like I Do*, a documentary about the closing of Music Millennium, says that she was inspired to create *Pig Roast and Tank of Fish* when she heard about members of the Asian community speaking out at a February 13th, 2008 City Council meeting about the use of Block 25.

The film begins as a charming and witty navigation of the history of the Chinatown blocks, through the voices of neighborhood elders. The viewer is allowed a peak into the behind-the-scenes activities in Chinatown and the traditions that have been upheld through generations. The historical journey transforms into a discussion about the present-day conditions of Chinatown, and a frank discussion about how problems facing the neighborhood might be resolved.

Pig Roast and Tank of Fish will be shown November 15th as part of the **NW Film and Video Festival**. See www.nwfilm.org for details. To watch the film's trailer, go to www.vimeo.com/1676699.

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Holidays Greens: Recycled Treasures Featured at Portland Saturday Market

By Reid Decker, Portland Saturday Market

Tis the season to think green and shop locally. The holidays are a time to think about giving to others, and we can make a statement by "buying green" to preserve the environment at the same time.

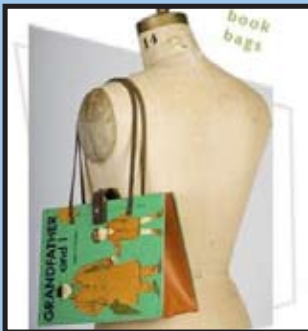
Portland Saturday Market hosts a variety of vendors selling unique, hand-crafted, environmentally-friendly gifts made from recycled materials. Buying recycled goods helps to create more demand for them, and gives you the peace of mind that you are not contributing to unnecessary waste. So this holiday season, help save the planet by buying recycled! Here are a few fantastic green gift ideas from Portland Saturday Market:

Shabby Knap Sack - Lizzy Myers
www.shabbyknapsack.com

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Skirts from Shabby Knap Sack



Handmade bags from Mugwump

Mugwump - Suzanne Keolker
www.imugwump.com

These bags and other fine accessories are designed and created using reclaimed/recycled materials found in thrift shops and yard sales. Each one is unique, and sometimes gently worn. Prices start at \$40.00.

The hat pictured here is hand made from 100% recycled materials. It resembles the cloche flapper hat from the roaring 20's. It's designed to be worn with the brim completely off to the side, so that the design on that hat lines up with your temple. The hats are made in solid colors or patterns, and feature various appliques, like leaves and flowers. Prices start at \$38.00.

Flood Clothing - Nicole Flood
www.floodclothing.com



Hat from Flood Clothing

Estate Hotel remodel nearly complete



The newly renovated Estate Hotel

By Matthew Stovall

The **Estate Hotel** renovation is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Started in 2006, the renovations are intended to create additional housing, and to improve the safety of the existing structure.

The new developments have made the historic building on NW 2nd and Couch even more handsome. Additions will include an elevator, and two new floors of open-market studio apartments. Many green features were incorporated by the designer, Old Town neighbor **SERA Architects**.

The original structure, built in 1913, included a hotel, single resident occupancies, and a Greek grocery. **Central City Concern** purchased the building in 1982, and opened their first alcohol and drug-free community housing in 1984.

New ground-floor tenants include the **Portland Police** substation, **Old Town Grocery**, and **Hecklewood**, a streetwear company relocated from NW 23rd Ave.

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Art is seen everywhere in Old Town, and no more so than on the first Thursday of every month.

In Old Town, curators produce shows that run the gamut from art glass to artisan jewelry, from illustration to installations, and from performance art to sequential art.

Local, independent galleries are the mainstay of Old Town's art hub. Butters celebrates 20 years in 2008; Attic Gallery first opened in 1973 and is Portland's oldest gallery. Grassy Knoll Gallery is one of Portland's newest galleries, but is already known for their shows featuring illustrators.

Experience Portland's new art frontier on First Thursday.
You'll find yourself returning to see what next.

Goldsmith Block Artists

Illusionaire Design #412
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Julianna Paradisi Painting #415
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Matt Condron Painting #407
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Everett Station Lofts is a live/work space at NW Everett between NW 6th & Broadway, with sixteen street-level galleries, a performance art space and an unusual gallery--only 3 1/2 feet tall!

An important group of artists shows in the Goldsmith Building at Couch & NW 5th. The Goldsmith Block Artists is a not-to-miss stop on your First Thursday exploration.



These Venues Open Shows on First Thursday

Backspace: 115 NW 5th
Compound Gallery: 107 NW 5th
Fifty24 PDX: 23 NW 5th
Floating World Comics: 20 NW 5th
Ford's on 5th: 121 NW 5th
NW Resource Federal Credit Union: 221 NW 2nd
Ogle: 310 NW Broadway
Pi-Rem: 433 NW 4th Ave, lower level
Portland Classical Chinese Garden: 239 NW Everett
The Monkey and The Rat: 131 NW 2nd Ave
University of Oregon Portland - 70 NW Couch
Voleur Restaurant & Kitchen: 115 SW Ash

The art scene is so expansive that many Old Town retail shops, restaurants and clubs have their own exhibit spaces and monthly shows.

Everett Station Lofts

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ON Gallery #101
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PiP Gallery #110
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Pony Club Gallery #105

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The Heart of Portland Artist Spotlight:

Julianna Paradisi

Julianna Paradisi is an artist who earns her living as a nurse. Currently exhibiting at **Goldsmith Blocks** as part of the November 5th **Art Gallery Tour**, the recent transport to the neighborhood comments on how she draws on her work as a nurse to inspire her art: "I look to convergence, irony, transformation, and the ephemeral for themes, and health care is a gold mine for those topics." Surprisingly, her artistic skill finds its way into her nursing as well. She comments that as a perfectionist, the gauze bandage she wraps must be straight and even. "It's a design issue," she laughs.

The hospital where Julianna works receives referrals from **Central City**



Dolly Falls Into A Dream by Julianna Paradisi

Concern's Old Town Clinic. Many clients receive financial support from CCC. Juliana says it gives her satisfaction to provide the same level of care to all clients, regardless of their income level.

Julianna will have paintings on display in the Pearl District this Fall and Winter. Additionally, she is currently looking for a venue for a body of work entitled *Urban Horses: Observations of the Portland Mounted Police Horses*.

Art Tours Showcase Old Town Venues

Walking tours of almost any kind are popular in Portland, and Old Town has been included in a variety of tours. Now, Brian T. Wilson and Nancy Stovall, of the **OTCTNA's Arts, Culture and History Committee**, have begun presenting guided tours to select galleries throughout Old Town Chinatown.

The first tour on October 1st featured 10 galleries. About fifty "tour-ists" attended, and met the curators and artists in the **Everett Station Lofts** block. After the tour, participants and gallery owners met for a wine toast at **p:ear**, a new neighbor in Old Town Chinatown.

"We had participants from a very diverse demographic," notes Wilson. "Creatives, bankers, event planners and city staff attended this tour, and many more have been asked to be put on the invite list for future tours." Says Stovall, "This is the beginning of a collaborative dialogue between the Neighborhood Association and the artist community."

November's tour highlights a group show of the **Goldsmith Block Artists**, *Memory Is the Inhabitant of Absence*, featuring the paintings of Morgan Cole Pasinski, Stephan P. Ferreira, Matt Condon, and Julianna Paradisi. Each artist's voice explores memory through imagery of person, place, or object, creating a reverberant visual conversation.

To find out more, surf over to www.goldsmithblockartists.com.

The Heart of Portland Gallery Spotlight:

New Galleries at Everett Station Lofts

By Melissa Sillitoe

Everett Station Lofts on Everett and Flanders, between NW 6th Ave. and Broadway, welcomes several new galleries. Stop by soon!

Anka Gallery (325 NW 6th) features contemporary art by Anna Solcaniova King and other artists. The gallery is located in the space occupied for years by Jeremy Tucker's **Rake Art Gallery**. Its new owners, Anna Solcaniova King and Graylan King, plan to make the gallery available for rentals as well as showing art.

Art 323 Gallery (323 NW 6th) is a gallery dedicated to showing contemporary works of art that are conceptually strong and exquisitely crafted. They will open on First Thursdays and on weekends by appointment.

Eyeful Gallery (#104) and Artist Collective specializes in high quality contemporary art, focusing on hand-blown glass and sculpture, paintings and installation pieces. Hours are 12 - 7 pm Thursday through Saturday, at 12 - 10 pm on First Thursdays, or by appointment. To schedule a viewing, call 503.243.1222.

ON Gallery (#101) brings interactive media into a gallery setting. By using the stage of a gallery to allow individuals and groups to interact with art, technology and each other, the gallery's vision is to help support the notion that interactive media is as worthwhile for its artistic value as for its commercial value.

Raw Oyster Project (#106) is a cooperative gallery. Their focus is to show innovative, multidimensional work that pushes and breaks the boundaries of "traditional" art mediums and methods.

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Meet your neighbor - Cris Ingles Floyd's Coffee Shop



Cris Ingles of Floyd's Coffee Shop

You know what they say: "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing." Well, this winter, the swing is coming to NW 1st and Couch, when **Floyd's Coffee** moves into the block. The hip-yet-cozy 1940's style coffee-and-light-fare joint is the second branch for husband and wife team Cris and Jack Ingles. The couple have been running Floyd's Coffee at SE 15th and Morrison for 4 1/2 years.

Cris Ingles told the *Crier* that she and Jack used to live in

Old Town Chinatown in the 1980's, in an apartment on NW 3rd and Burnside, above what is now **Tube**. She says they loved the eclectic and welcoming nature of the neighborhood then, and are excited to be back, especially right next to the development of **University of Oregon**, **Mercy Corps**, and **Portland Saturday Market**.

Hours will be extensive. Early hours will feature Stumptown coffee and locally-made pastries. During the late hours beer, wine and light supper fare will be offered. Affordable menu items, such as beans and rice, or soup, will also be on the menu, and a stage will be set up for low-key music and poetry. Cris adds: "We want this to feel like a space where everyone feels welcome."

OTCT Business Association

The Old Town Chinatown **Business Association** has introduced a new feature at each of their meetings. Before the meeting adjourns, two names will be drawn for door prizes. To claim the prize, each winner is asked to give a two-minute presentation about their business. The Business Association meets on the third Thursday of the month, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Central City Concern, 232 NW 6th Ave.

For more information, contact Dorian Yee at 503.224.7066 or Dorian.Yee@bankofthewest.com.

Upcoming Events

Oregon Jewish Museum -

Annual Reading of Jewish Writers and Poets: November 10th, 7:30 pm at the museum, 310 NW Davis St. Admission is \$3; free for members. Readers include Willa Schneberg, Herman Asarnow, Judson Rosengrant (reading an excerpt from his translation of the memoir of Moisey Wolf), Sage Cohen, Ron Friedman and Ada Molinoff.

To Create Her World Anew: Charlotte Salomon's Story in Art, a lecture by Prof. Mary Lowenthal Felstiner. November 23, 2008 1:00 pm. at 70 NW Couch, Room #142. Call 503.226.3600 or go to www.ojm.org. FREE.

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center-

Oregon Nisei Baseball: The Early Years. Exhibit runs from September 14th, 2008 to January 11th, 2009. Museum hours are Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm and Sunday noon - 3:00 pm. 121 NW 2nd Ave. For more information, call 503.224.1458 or go to www.oregonnikkei.org.

Portland Classical Chinese Garden -

Melody of the Purple Bamboo: Traditional Chinese Music: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm every Monday, Thursday and Sunday in November and December, in the Garden teahouse. Regular admission.

Scholars Art with Dr. Yang: November 11th and 25th, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm in the Garden teahouse. Regular admission.

Brush Painting with Frances Li: November 14th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Garden teahouse. Regular admission.

Gift Shop Holiday Sale: November 28th - December 14th. Members will receive an extra 10% off. 127 NW 3rd Ave. Call 503.228.8131 or go to www.portlandchinesegarden.org.

Portland Rescue Mission -

Thanksgiving Eve Feast: November 26th. A sit-down, restaurant style feast with all the trimmings for homeless and volunteers. See www.portlandrescuemission.com for details.

Christmas Eve Celebration: December 24th. Homeless guests enjoy a coat-check, a sit-down meal, live entertainment, and a Christmas gift.



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Bus Operator Training Begins

By John Fall, TriMet

In the New Year, the final stretch of preparations for bus and light rail service on the Portland Mall commences. Starting January 5th, TriMet will begin training bus operators along select Mall blocks. In Old Town Chinatown this training will take place on NW 6th Ave. from Hoyt to Irving, continue on Irving St. and then turn down NW 5th Ave. to Oak St. Training will continue until bus service returns to the Mall on May 24th. There will be no parking on training blocks while this goes on.

Lane striping and shelter installation took place this Fall. Sidewalk finishing, traffic signal electrification and wire installation continues. The MAX Green Line is scheduled to open in September 2009.



The trackway for the future MAX service travels south along NW 5th Ave

Neighbors West-Northwest Coalition announces neighborhood photo contest

By Alison Wallisch, Neighbors West Northwest

Why do you live in your neighborhood? Did the people next door smile at you when you first viewed your dream home? Is the view from your house amazing? While each individual's view of the neighborhood is slightly different, we want to know: What unites your neighborhood?

Now is your opportunity to define your neighborhood in a picture. **Neighbors West-Northwest**, a coalition of Portland neighborhood associations, is sponsoring a photo contest to capture the essence of our 12 neighborhoods: Arlington Heights, Forest Park, Goose Hollow, Hillside, Linnton, Northwest District, Northwest Heights, Northwest Industrial, Old Town Chinatown, Pearl District, Portland Downtown, and Sylvan-Highlands. If you live, work, or play in any of these neighborhoods, you are invited to show us the defining element of the neighborhood. By providing a visual definition of the truly great things each neighborhood has to offer, the photo contest will create a more cohesive

neighborhood while promoting the beauty and diversity Portland has to offer.

To submit a photo, email Alison@nwnw.org or drop a photo off at Neighbors West-Northwest 2257 NW Raleigh St. All photos must be original amateur artworks with an accompanying label stating where the photograph was taken, a title or caption, photographer's complete name, address, daytime phone number and email address. Digital photos must be submitted as JPEG's.

All entries will be posted on the coalition website www.nwnw.org by January 31st, 2009.

Online voting will begin February 1st. At the end of March, winning photos (one per neighborhood) will be selected, and the photos will be framed and displayed in the **Coho Theater** gallery. Prizes will also be announced. For more information, call

Alison at 503.823.4265.

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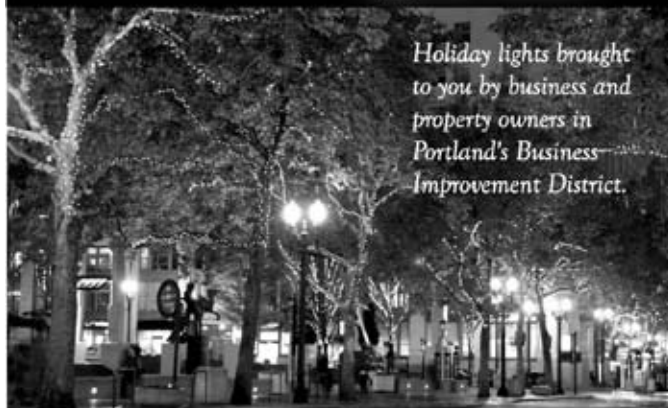


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History echoes in New Market Theater

By Jennifer Smith

New Market Theater, the elegant facade which presides over **Saturday Market** and houses a bushel of Old Town Chinatown's most valued members, has a grand history to match. The monument on SW 1st and Ankeny consists of three historic buildings that comprise the New Market Theater block.

In 1857, businessman Alexander Ankeny purchased the property for the tidy sum of \$4,000. By 1872, the building housed a popular food market with meat, fruit, coffee, tea, liquors and even oysters for sale. The theater officially opened in 1875 and survived for 12 years. Portland newspapers and oral histories attest to the high quality of theater and opera performed during those 12 years.

Fast forward to 1998, when entrepreneur John Beardsley bought the easternmost building of the block. Careful remodeling by the **New Market Partnership** allowed Beardsley to begin renovations that focused on the interior. For example, the entryway on Ash St. is now a museum for the **Old Town History Project**. Tom Corrollo, the current building General Manager, recently installed a display case near the entrance of the building, to allow resident **NW Documentary** to share their current endeavors with building visitors.

The block's early days of theater performances and food markets are long gone, but the current tenants, which also include **Voleur Restaurant and Bar**, **Zanthus** market research and business consulting, and **Beardsley Building Development**, keep alive the spirit of creativity and community development that helped bring about the striking brick-and-mortar framework we see today.

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United Fund Advisors champions local projects

By Nancy Stovall

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United Fund Advisors (UFA) is a fiscal partner whose projects deliver “Triple Bottom Line” returns. By using New Market Tax Credits, UFA structures investment projects that would not otherwise be economically feasible. The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTCT) program was established by Congress in 2000, to encourage private investment in under-served communities. The program requires that all of the investments be used in low-income communities.

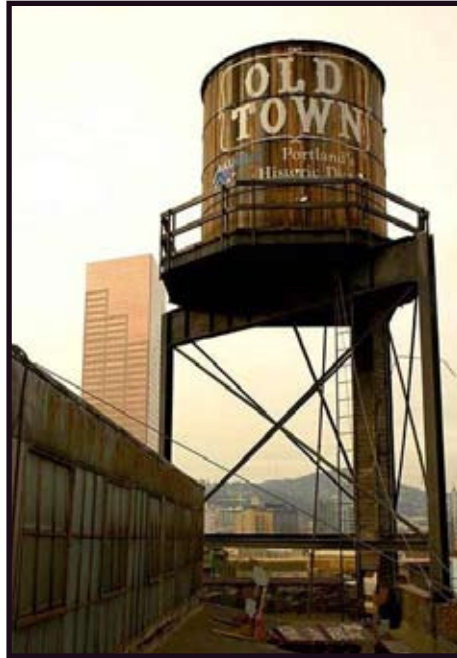
UFA’s Triple Bottom Line criteria includes Financial, Social and Environmental factors. Their strong fiscal position allows UFA and their partners to be financially rewarded for building projects that deliver value to the community and the natural environment. The Social criterion calls for UFA projects to create jobs and job training, to build wealth and to enable historic preservation. With their Environmental third bottom line, UFA is committed to reducing energy costs and enhancing property values.

UFA has recently moved into a handsome new office in the White Stag Block. Their staff is pleased with the new

office space—there’s lots of natural light and renewable materials are used throughout. They’ve also developed a “Green Operations” program to guide their efforts in internal office sustainability, from paper products to cleaning supplies to recycling. UFA encourages

staff to walk, use transit, carpool or bicycle to work, and pays for employee’s monthly TriMet transit passes, and purchases carbon offsets for work-related air and auto travel.

All of this makes United Fund Advisors a good partner and good neighbor. Their Triple Bottom Line commitment has made a world of difference for neighborhoods all over Portland. Go to www.unitedfundadvisors.com to learn more.



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Recent UFA Projects

White Stag Block, completed in March 2008: LEED Gold, Platinum.

Union Gospel Mission, completed Dec 2006: recycled over 90% of construction debris.

Gerding Theater, completed October 2006: LEED Platinum.

Meier and Frank, completed April 2008: LEED Silver.

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- 11) Hoodoo Antiques, 122 NW Couch
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