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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM**

**MARTIN VLACH  
& HIS COLUMBIA RIVER TABLE  
THE COLUMBIA RIVER  
AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE**

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

**MULTNOMAH ARTS CENTER (MAC) AUDITORIUM  
SOCIAL TIME BEGINS AT 6:30 GENERAL MEETING AT 7PM**

It's always a pleasure to have a presentation from one of our own fellow Guild members, and at our July 19<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting (held both at the MAC and on Zoom) we have that privilege. Martin Vlach will present on how he made an amazing piece of art of the Columbia River drainage map.

I first met Martin on a Zoom meeting of Project Build about a year ago. We were doing a show-and-tell of our recent work, when Martin showed us some pictures of a dining table he had made with an inlay of the Columbia River drainage. I couldn't believe my eyes. I was looking at a scale map of the Columbia and its tributaries from about Hood River to Longview (I'm just guessing here), all inlaid into a table top. What? Are you kidding me? The detail and the craftsmanship was amazing. I knew immediately that Martin's work needed to be shared with the Guild.



In preparing for this newsletter announcement, I asked Martin to share some information about himself and the project. Little did I suspect that I would get a short summary of the four stages of knowledge, and how he has moved through them on his woodworking journey. (Who knew there even were four stages of knowledge? I only know two: clueless and "I used to know that, but I forgot.") I should have known, once Martin informed me that he used to be a software engineer.

Martin was born in the Czech Republic and made his way to Portland via Canada. He began his woodworking journey after retiring (sound familiar to any of you?) from his vocation as a software engineer to become a small business mentor. The inspiration for the table arose from his love of nature and the outdoors. What could be better than to hike the Gorge and then reproduce it in wood.

The table was made by printing maps of parts of the river and pasting them to the table top. He then routed through the maps using a palm router. Next he filled the routed grooves with epoxy and then sanded them smooth. Sounds easy, right? Sure. The result is a unique table top of the country we call home. You don't want to miss this presentation. Check out his website for more information: [czechmecwoodworking.com/](http://czechmecwoodworking.com/)

Join us on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00pm at either the MAC or via Zoom. As always, the Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96184696029?pwd=MWZOUeZsejJua0pJY2tvbjVSVlFuZz09>

**The Guild of Oregon Woodworkers is...**

..., a group of amateur and professional woodworkers committed to developing our craftsmanship.

*Our Mission: To promote the craft of woodworking to the woodworkers of today and tomorrow.*

*Our Vision: A community of woodworkers that provide significant opportunities to develop, practice, enhance, and share skills.*

*The Guild offers many benefits for members, including:*

- ◆ Monthly programs
- ◆ Monthly newsletter
- ◆ Weekly Volunteer Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- ◆ An education program to help members develop woodworking skills through a variety of hands-on and lecture classes
- ◆ Sponsor discounts
- ◆ Woodworking shows (such as Gathering of the Guilds)
- ◆ Network of business partners.
- ◆ A woodworking shop
- ◆ A network of friends and opportunities to volunteer and make a difference in our community

*What you can do for the Guild*

- ◆ Volunteer your time to contribute, assist, organize, lead, teach
- ◆ Take a class
- ◆ Contribute your knowledge

**Guild Officers**

President -----Ed Swakon  
 VP for Programs -----Carol Boyd  
 VP for Member Support----Julie Boyles  
 Secretary -----Michael Bourgo

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Finance -----Tom McCloskey  
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 Community Outreach-----Tim Moore  
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*For more information see the Guild website or visit the shop.*

Guild Shop - 7634 SW 34th St, Portland, OR 97219  
[Guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](http://Guildoforegonwoodworkers.org)



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to our newest **26** members. We're happy to have you with us and hope you'll make a regular appearance at the monthly program (online or in-person), contribute articles to the newsletter, and volunteer in other ways.

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| Carlos Aguayo         | Caleb Lu          |
| Eileen Argentina      | David Martin      |
| Tom Bates             | Christina Picasso |
| Karin Carter          | Joshua Raglione   |
| Mark Corneglio        | Roger Rau         |
| Michele Corneglio     | Mark Rodakowski   |
| Ellie Cornett         | Joel Sandhorst    |
| Kevin Fairham-Wheeler | Kevin Schock      |
| Shannon Garcia        | Maris Thompson    |
| Robert Gladwin        | Candor Wallace    |
| Kim Harrison          | Greg Wilson       |
| Tallon Lamoreaux      | Tyler Yoast       |
| Ralph Leftwich        | Mark Zusman       |



## NOTES FROM THE GUILD PRESIDENT



### *Ed Swakon, President*

#### June Meeting

On June 21<sup>st</sup> we held our third in-person meeting at the Multnomah Art Center (MAC), and it was our first meeting in over 2 ½ years where our speaker appeared in person. We're slowly getting back to normal. Our presenter, Peter Tsiorba, Luthier,

and Maker of Classical Guitars (<https://tsiorba.com>) gave us a very enlightening and entertaining presentation. Thanks, Peter.

We will continue to also offer our meetings via Zoom. If you missed the meeting a link will be available soon on the Guild's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5GaPRLd3X7hIRViGFxcUeA/videos>) I'd like to thank Joe Wheaton who is our Program Chairmen for identifying some very interesting programs for us.

As we continue to meet at the MAC for future general meetings, I'd like to encourage everyone to bring items they've made to the meetings and share them with the group. A show & tell. At our last meeting, John Sheridan gave us a "3-minute" demonstration on how to sharpen a card scraper. If you too have a short demonstration you'd like to share with the group, drop me a note.

#### COVID Shop Policy

You may have heard that at the GOOW Board meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> the vaccine requirement for shop use was lifted, that decision was rescinded by the Board on June 21<sup>st</sup>. We

heard from many shop attendants and instructors as well as several members that they were uncomfortable with removing the vaccine requirement. That was the principal reason the June 14<sup>th</sup> decision was reversed.

#### Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign continues as does our work on getting the additional space ready for use. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 by the end of the year, and we're about 1/3 of the way there. Slightly behind our weekly goal. I want to encourage everyone to donate what they can to make improvements to our shop spaces and expand our educational offerings. Steve Poland, the June recipient of the Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month award, has jumped into assisting with the space improvement planning in a big way. Tim Moore is coordinating a group building the new workbenches for the new space. If you'd like to help with that effort, please contact Tim. Gary Weeber, education Chairman is working hard with a very dedicated team to expand our educational offerings. Long-term, it's the revenue from our educational classes that will offset our increased lease expenses. Finally assisting with the tool purchases for the new space is Aboo Balmawalla, our shop operations manager. Thank you all for your efforts.

#### August picnic

It's summertime and there will not be a general meeting in August. Instead, we will have a picnic. See [page 4](#) for details.

# ANNUAL SUMMER GUILD PICNIC

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Tigard Summerlake Park, 11450 SW Winter Lake Drive, Tigard**

It's that time of year for our annual picnic. Each August, we have a Guild Picnic in lieu of our monthly meeting, but this year we couldn't get our usual third Tuesday, so the picnic will be on the **fourth TUESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Come one and all out to spend the afternoon with other Guild members and their families. There will be great people, food, and (nonalcoholic) drinks. What could be better? Feel free to bring your kids or grandkids; there is a great play structure right next to our picnic shelter. The City of Tigard recommends mask wearing for COVID if you're not vaccinated.

We again have the pleasure of meeting at [Summer Lake Park in Tigard, OR](#). There is parking just to the east of the shelter or on the street. The park has a wonderful covered pavilion reserved for us and the setting could not be more beautiful. The Guild will provide a main dish (probably chicken), beverages, and tableware. Just bring another dish of your choice (with serving utensils) to share. Feel free to bring nonalcoholic drinks if you wish.

**Show & Tell:** We will have a show and tell, so bring your show and tell items for display before and during the meeting. Please share your design, construction, or finishing ideas with your fellow members.

**What to bring:** Bring *chairs*. There will likely not be enough seating at the existing picnic tables, so please bring along chairs for you and your guests. And bring a *dish to share*, along with serving utensils

### Picnic Schedule:

- 5:00 – Setup
- 6:00 – Social time
- 7:00 – Picnic
- 8:30 – Tear down, clean up, and goodbyes

### How to get there:

**From Hwy 217:** Take the SW Scholls Ferry exit and head west. Proceed about two miles to SW 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue, then turn left. Head south on 130<sup>th</sup>, which changes names to Winter Lake Drive as it starts to wind around the park (about 1/4 mile). Wrap around the park about half way and watch for the pavilion and people on your left. Park along the street.

**From Hwy 99W:** Turn west off of 99W onto SW Walnut Street and continue for a little over a mile to SW 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue, then take a right. Follow SW 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue till it forms a T-intersection at SW Winter Lake Drive, then turn left. The pavilion is three blocks up and on the right. Park along the street.

**Questions?** If there are any questions, please contact Joe Wheaton at 614-893-6219 or [joe.wheaton@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](mailto:joe.wheaton@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org).



## GUILD CLASSES

### ONLINE

[Carving Guild: Stropping for Beginners](#) 7/13 7pm (Also has in-person option) Larry Wade or Roger Crooks

[Carving Guild: Introduction to Carving](#) (Incised) 7/16 1:30pm Larry Wade

### IN PERSON CLASSES & SIGs

Classes require a shop card and shop certification. SIGs only need a shop card. Classes with openings are listed here; go to the [website](#) to add yourself to waitlists.

[Hand Tool Series: Hand Saw Fundamentals](#) 7/2 9am Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

[Women's SIG](#) 7/7 5pm Guild Benchroom

[Training to Become a Shop Attendant](#) 7/9 1pm Guild Shop, Carol Boyd & Dan Haggerty

[Hand Tool Series: Hand Plane Fundamentals](#) 7/14 6pm Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

[Sharpening Chisels and Plane Irons](#) 7/16 1pm Guild Shop, Tim Moore

[Handtool SIG](#) 7/27 6pm Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

[Hand Tool Series: Edge Tool Fundamentals](#) 7/30 9am Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

[Hand Tool Series: Hand Joinery Fundamentals](#) 8/6 9am Guild Shop, Michael Bourgo

### INTRODUCTION TO GUILD SAFETY

*New members:* This is how you get your shop card. The Guild Safety class is a prerequisite to all others and to participating in hands-on [Community Projects](#) groups. There is pre-class work, so bring your homework to class.

[Introduction to Guild Safety](#) 7/17 9am, Guild Shop — Jeff Hilber

[Introduction to Guild Safety](#) 8/2 9am, Guild Shop — Jeff Hilber

### SHOP CERTIFICATION

You must complete "Intro to Guild Safety" before taking these classes. If you are new to woodworking, you then take "Getting Started-Shop Safety for Beginners: Hands-On with Portable Power Tools" before taking Shop Certification classes.

(Currently, Shop Certifications classes are full, but please add yourself to the waitlist on the calendar.)

[Fast Track Core Tool Certification - Professional Members Only](#) 7/2 1pm Guild Shop, Mark Klein

[Getting Started - Shop Safety for Beginners](#) 7/5 8:45am Guild Shop, Jeff Hilber

[Advanced Tool Class - Router and Router Table](#) 7/10 5pm Guild Shop, Bill Hamilton

[Getting Started - Shop Safety for Beginners](#) 7/19 8:45am Guild Shop, Jeff Hilber

### CARVING CLASSES

Stropping for Beginners, Zoom & in-person, [Jul 11](#) (evening), [Aug 10](#)

Beginner Carving (Incised), Zoom & in-person, [Jul 23](#), [Sept 17](#)

Small Bowls in Four Woods, Zoom & in-person, four Tuesdays Sep 13-Oct 4, [click here](#)

Flat Plan Caricature Carving (Interest List), July 30/31 or Aug 6/7 ([click here](#))

Tribal Carving with Adam McIsaac (Interest List), [click here](#)

Walking Sticks and Wood Spirits (Interest List), [click here](#)

Beginner Spoon Carving (Interest List), [click here](#)

### CARVING EVENTS

Annual Carving Club Picnic, Sat Aug 13, [click here](#)

Upcoming classes are posted on the bottom right of the [Woodworking Classes](#) page. For the full list of education and shop training classes go to:

[GUILD EDUCATION CALENDAR](#)

## SEEKING SHOP ATTENDANTS

Anytime we turn on a machine at the Guild Shop, a trained Shop Attendant is on-site. This core group of exceptional volunteers make our work together possible...and with the new space coming online this summer, we need to grow the team.

[Our next training is July 9th](#)

**Please consider joining us!**

## WOODWORKING CLASS

## A FUN GUILD CLASS

### Bolstad Table Class:

Based on the design by long-time professional member Bill Bolstad, this entry-style table has a floating top and curved edges.

It is an intense class on various techniques and the instructor covers various options that the student might consider in future personal builds. The student leaves with a completed table.

The instructor for this class is Bill Hamilton.

Watch for the future posting!



### By Bill Tainter

A little while back I had the privilege of taking one of the Guild's newer classes - *Leather Working for Woodworkers*. It was lead by Tim Moore and Ruth Warbington.

Tim organized six boxes of tools for leather working that include cutting mats, rulers, cutters and knives, leather stitching tools, awls, etc. Each student had one box to work with. Discussion started out with different types of leather and the two main types of tanning processes, where to get leather, and leather working supplies. The class moved on to examples of what the focus of the class is - making sheaths and holders for woodworking tools. Tim and Ruth had several examples that they had fabricated. Toward the end of the discussion came leather dyeing and finishing. Lots of stuff to cover in a compact period of time as they wanted us to have time to work with some leather and tools. We practiced some cutting, grooving, stitching, setting rivets and putting in snaps. Then they showed us how to make a pattern for the leather project we were wanting to make. Most of us were making sheaths for axes or drawknives. Some of us got started on our project but soon the class was over. Ruth organized a time for us to come back to the Shop to finish up our projects and I was able to get mine done. Very happy with my first leather working project and the class. I recommend it!



*The first half hour of the Introduction to Guild Safety class is a presentation by Mike Sandmann of the Membership Committee.*



## WHAT'S UP WITH ED?

*By Gary Weeber, Education Director*

We are clearly going through a lot of change in the Guild. We have been freed from some of the chains of the pandemic and education is back to providing excellent classes for members.

So, we are active AND changing. The variety of wood-working subjects has expanded this year. We now have classes in making leather products for hand tools; Kumiko; a hand tool series; and a class on metal fasteners used in woodworking. We are also in discussion with our CNC Team about developing some fundamental classes on CNC in woodworking and are in discussion with one of our Guild Professionals about some project classes focused on veneering.

We are also taking big bites out of the process for our expansion into the B-2 space across the parking lot. Brand new workbenches are being built by a team of members and we are beginning to purchase equipment to put into B-2. So far, we have purchased a drill press, a 1.75 Professional Saw Stop, some gluing clamps and bench holdfasts. Thanks to the work of Steve Mensch, we are receiving bids from some of our sponsors regarding the costs to purchase significant machinery for B-2. Finally, a hand tool

inventory of our existing hand tools has been completed and we will be moving forward with making hand tool purchase decisions.

This is all good but it IS change. It is also happening rapidly which makes it difficult sometimes to keep up with. We all react differently to change with some more comfortable with it than others. There is a quote about CHANGE by deceased journalist Sidney Harris that I want to share with you:

*“Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better.”*

That really struck me because it seems so true. Change is hard but it is necessary. We are trying to make changes in Education that provide an increasingly valuable product to you as members. We cannot meet everyone's needs but if you think you have suggestions that would help us, please let me know.

We may feel a bit conflicted when it comes to change but it is how we grow. Giddyup.

## RECOGNIZING INSTRUCTORS

It would be impossible to have classes in the Guild if we did not have members stepping up as instructors. We have a great group of experienced woodworkers who, through instructing, are doing their best to pass on the craft of woodworking and bring pleasure to Guild members as they proceed on their woodworking journey.

During the first six months of 2022, the following instructors invested their time and energy in helping us all to learn:

MICHAEL BOURGO	MIKE CHIA
ASA CHRISTIANA	DENNIS DOLPH
ED FERGUSON	KEN HALL
BILL HAMILTON	JEFF HILBER
BILL KEAY	TIM MOORE
JULIE NIEMEYER	STEVE POLAND
DICK ROHRBAUGH	RUTH WASHINGTON
CHIP WEBSTER	

Next time you see one of them say ‘thanks’ for being an instructor and helping the Guild be the best it can be.

*Here Martin Vlach works on his Columbia River Table. Learn details at the July General Meeting on July 19.*



## GIG LEWIS VOLUNTEER-OF-THE-MONTH AWARD JUNE – STEVE POLAND



Each month the Guild awards one of its most prestigious awards, the Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month. Because the Guild is run entirely by volunteers, recognizing our volunteers is essential. Previous recipients of this award have volunteered in many ways. They might have actively participated in one or more of the many Community Outreach programs the Guild has or in Education or Shop Operations or contributed with a one-time project for the Guild. Some have taken on a role behind the scenes that is important to the Guild's ongoing operations. There are many ways and roles that members take to contribute to the Guild's ongoing success.

This month's recipient of the Volunteer of the Month is Steve Poland.

Steve joined the Guild around 2012 after finding us on-line and attending a couple meetings at the Franklin High shop. He had several large Big Leaf Maple and Black Cherry trees in his yard volunteer as woodworking fodder, so was looking to learn the secrets of joinery and furniture making. The Basics of Fine Woodworking class sealed the deal.

When Gig Lewis saw him furiously taking notes at the first SA training session, he "got volunteered" into serving on the Board as Secretary for a few years, then he



was voted in as President beginning in 2018 through 2021. He was instrumental in getting the Guild's strategic planning efforts started and on track several years ago, helping revise the Guild Organization Chart and drafting many Position Descriptions. Steve led us through the search for a new shop that could handle our growing membership, while at the same time navigating the Guild through COVID. He says his best accomplishment as President was convincing Tom McCloskey to take on the role of Financial Director.

He was recognized by the Guild for those efforts by being selected as Woodworker of the Year for 2020.

Since leaving the Presidency, Steve has continued to be an active volunteer. He says the enjoyment of camaraderie with the Guild folks has stoked his investment in volunteering as much as the appreciation of getting to play with great tools, and produce woodworking projects. He has been heavily involved with the Toy Build group and regularly volunteers as a Shop Attendant. He has now volunteered to serve as "Facility Lead", providing an interface with our landlords for issues with our existing use of the shop and coordinating fit-up tasks for the upcoming expansion into the north side education studio. He recently spearheaded the Bench Room floor refinish/repair project.

Even though he has warned that his greatest fear is teaching, with the support of the Education Team he has given two classes of Stake Leg Stool building and having survived that has promised to lead more classes in the future.

The example that Steve provides for us is that there is no task too small nor any challenge too great that it can't be done by a Guild volunteer.

We are pleased to have Steve Poland as our Gig Lewis Volunteer of the Month for June 2022.



## TO ALL GUILD OF OREGON WOODWORKERS VOLUNTEERS

**Bill Tainter**, Volunteer Recognition Lead

The Guild's Board of Directors would once again like to recognize and thank you for volunteering your time and effort. This program as one small way to show our appreciation for your time and dedication to the success of the Guild.

Twice a year we ask you to let us know how many hours you have spent on Guild business and you can use your "hours" to order items from the Guild Catalog. One "hour" equals \$1 on value in the catalogue. Everything is on the honor system, nobody will question your input – we trust our members so take your best guess and be generous to yourself. You can use what points you have now or you can accumulate your points over time, so you can get some of the more expensive items.

Please total up your "Hours" and "Points" that you earned from January 1 to June 30, 2022 and email that total to [volunteer@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org](mailto:volunteer@guildoforegonwoodworkers.org) by **July 16**. Please make sure you include your name. I will reply to you that your "Hours" are recorded and give you information on any carry-over "Hours" you may have from previous reporting periods.

In early July, I will email those members who reported "Hours" that the Volunteer Catalogue will be open to start ordering items. We have some new items in our

catalogue that we hope will be of interest. Please, do not start ordering items from the catalogue, for this program, until you hear that it is open. Notices will also be posted in Bland's Weekly 'GOOW Upcoming Events' email.

*Reminders for some specific groups.*

Board Members - you get 60 points a year for your efforts on the board.

Committee Heads - you get 60 points a year for your efforts running a committee.

Instructors - you get 30 points a year plus a one time "Instructor Shirt" with your name embroidered on it.

Shop Attendants - you get a one-time "SA Vest" with your name embroidered on it. SAs have their own recognition program for time spent as a SA so not part of this program.

Class Coordinators – count your time in the class plus the time spent at home planning the class.

Note: To use the points listed above, you must report them to the above email. They are not automatically recorded.

If you have additional questions you can find FAQ's on the Guild website under Member->Volunteer->Volunteer Appreciation Program on the Guild's homepage.



*Toy Team Goodies*

## THANKS FROM THE GRESHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recently, we were visited by Mr. David Wiper with the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers and presented with a generous gift. Members of the guild handcrafted some solid wood toys and puzzles that we will use along with our Buddy Bear program to give to children experiencing traumatic situations. Each one of these gifts represent quite a few hours of work and years of honing a talent. Thank you for the opportunity to share these with our community!



Thanks go to the Guild Toy team.  
Thank you all for making these great toys and for donating them to the community.

## BIRDHOUSE EVENTS

After a two year hiatus two birdhouse events are occurring. One is at the *Clackamas County Fair* at the Fairgrounds in Canby and the other is at *Multnomah Village*. Both are on **August 20**. Each requires volunteers to work shifts as follows: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM - 8 volunteers; 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM - 10 volunteers; or both shifts. Approximately 150 birdhouse kits will be available for kids to build at each location. No experience is necessary and the reward is a lot of happy kids and proud parents. If you are interested in volunteering, follow the Sign Up Genius links below.

Here is the link for Clackamas.

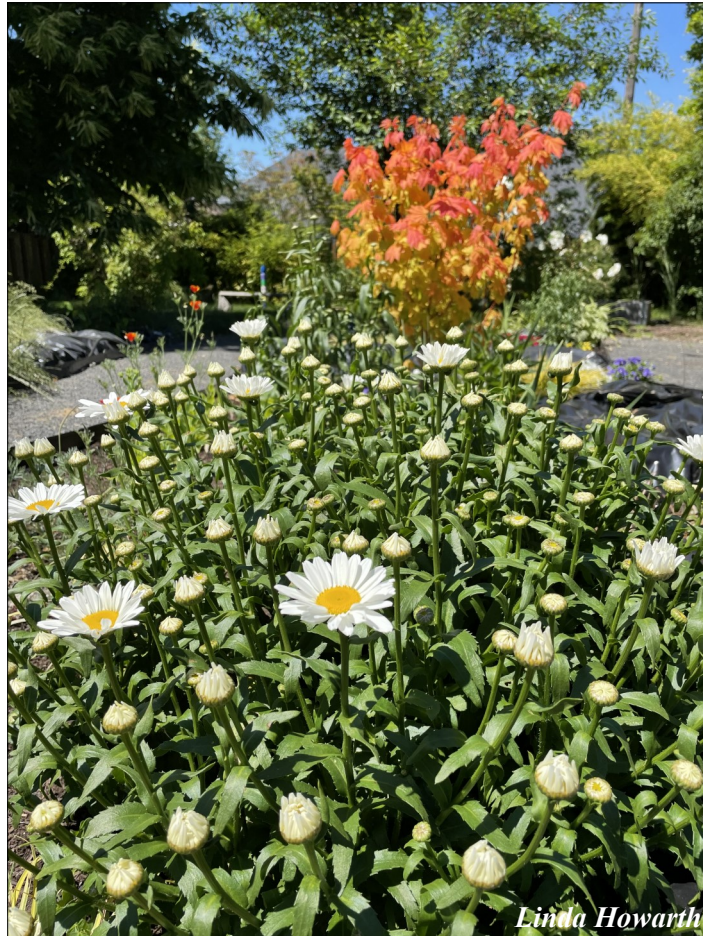
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Here is the link for Multnomah Village.

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