

South Tabor Crow

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South Tabor Neighborhood Association (STNA)

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Welcome!



FRIENDS OF MT. TABOR

Mt. Tabor Talk

At press time, Portland's new city council has been struggling to address a \$93M budget shortfall in the general fund. Parks, including Mt. Tabor, are at the center. Thanks to efforts by groups like Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, proposed dramatic cuts to maintenance, bathroom cleaning, trash cleanup, and staffing appear to have been scaled back. But since budget negotiations are ongoing through much of June, we must continue to advocate for our cherished park.

Keep up on timely updates (including plans for replacing the pavilion destroyed in the 2024 windstorm) by visiting <https://www.taborfriends.org>. Become a member for as low as \$15/year!

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Juan at 67th and Woodward where STNA maintains a street mural

Crow's Nest

Message from the chair of STNA

Happy Summer, Neighbors!

You may have noticed construction on SE Powell in the past few weeks. Crews are installing new pedestrian crossings, part of a project we've been hounding TriMet to start ever since funding was approved nine years ago. Expect to see work at 79th, 61st, 54th, and 47th over the next few months.

And there's more the City and State need to do to transform Powell from a highway into a vibrant, functional main street — a street that brings people together and that's safe for anyone to walk, bike, roll, or stroll across.

In the meantime, let's look out for each other and honor those who've been killed. Join STNA as we continue to make noise. Come to our meetings. Follow updates on our website.

School's almost out, which means... our neighborhood-wide Yard Sale and Garden Tour on June 7! This year, we're adding live music.

Upcoming Events

- South Tabor Yard Sale and Garden Tour: June 7th – map coming soon!
- "Inhuman Portraits" – Photography show opening by Taran Nadler: June 7th – 4-7pm @ The Porch
- STNA Board Meeting: June 19th, 7-8:30pm @ All City Church
- Free Summer Concert in Mt. Tabor Park Ampitheater "Son de Cuba": July 10th, 6:30-8:30pm
- STNA Board Meeting: July 17th, 7-8:30pm @ All City Church
- PDX Adult Soap Box Derby: August 16th, 10:00am-4:00pm @ Mt. Tabor Park

Nifty Neighbor Profile

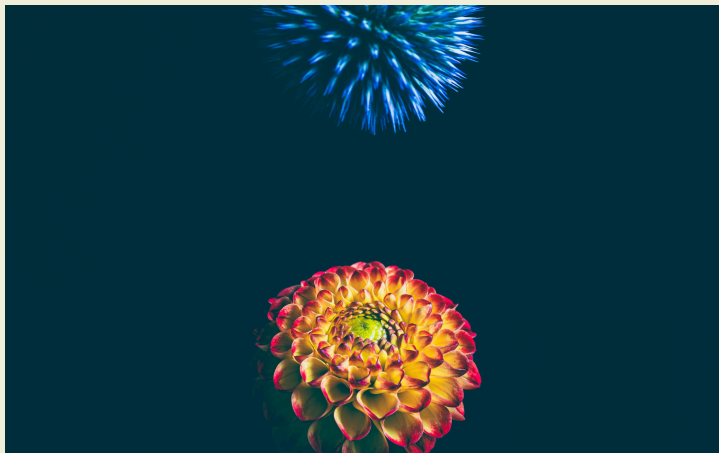
When Flowers Strike a Pose

By Cathy Kudlick

Meet Taran Nadler, communications chair for the South Tabor Neighborhood Association, half *The Crow's* two-person team. When he's not doing his day job in social services for Multnomah County or being a new father to five-month-old Ruby, he photographs flowers that he grows in his yard.

CROW: How does living in South Tabor inspire your art?

TN: We moved from our 800-square-foot house in Brentwood-Darlington three years ago to start a family. We got lucky because the perfect house (tucked away behind a church) went on the market the weekend of the big ice storm when no one was looking. When we started our garden, since we were already getting a CSA farm box of vegetables, I decided "I guess I'll just plant flowers."



UF(loral)O - one of the photos that will be on display

And there was a shed that I turned into a darkroom--not to develop photos, but to control light to stage the shoots. They were such a boon for my creativity because it's something I can shoot every day while fitting it into the rest of my life. No big excursions or time blocks required.

CROW: How do you decide what to photograph?

TN: Experimenting with flower posing is most of the fun. There are so many failures, but it's all a joy. Dahlias and coneflowers love to pose. But calendula, even though they're bright and bold, not so much.



Taran with Ruby

Since flowers are only growing six or eight months of the year, I started drying them to photograph in the "off" season. You get different looks and poseability from the two versions.

CROW: Tell us about your show "[Inhuman Portraits](#)" at The Porch (opening party June 7th from 4-7pm).

TN: The show is mostly me anthropomorphizing the flowers and their poses. I've had fun moving the blooms around to see how different combinations wanted to relate to each other. It's maybe a stretch to draw this all the way to humanity but... [laughs]. I'll leave that for the viewers to decide. I do love adding silly titles that show my inspiration or reaction to each shot.

Fly on Over to Thai Sky Kitchen

By Cathy Kudlick

Four years ago, when her popular downtown food cart Thai Sky Kitchen's business plunged due to Covid, Jenny Schulze pivoted to a brick-and-mortar restaurant at 6035 SE Division.

"I'm proud that many of my old customers drive all the way to SE Division at least once or twice a month," she told *The Crow* after rushing in with four boxes of mangos. "People come from Forest Grove, from Vancouver to say 'WOW, we found you!'"

Thai Sky Kitchen is named for Jenny's love of everything airplanes and flying. She worked as a flight attendant and today lives near PDX. "Even as a girl in Bangkok, I'd go to watch the planes take off!"



Thai Sky Kitchen @ 6036 SE Division St.

The cheerful, unassuming restaurant is known for its homemade northern Thai sausage. "Every year, we drive down for the Thai Temple festival in Salem and sell it to make money for the temple." She urges customers to try Sai Aua, "a little spicy and a lot of herbs," served with cabbage and sticky rice.



Owner Jenny Schulze in Thai Sky Kitchen

"My biggest challenge is staying in business," she confesses. "The tariffs make prices go up. And when customers place online orders rather than calling us directly, third parties take a big cut, even if you come pick it up."

She smiles. "If you're hungry for Thai food, just call me (971-222-5649). Even if it's something you had at another restaurant, tell me about it, and if we don't have it on the menu by a different name, I'll figure out a way to make it for you."

Come say hi to Jenny for lunch or dinner at Thai Sky Kitchen, Monday-Saturday. Mention *The Crow*, and you'll get a free tea and many heartfelt recommendations.



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Bees on the hunt – summer is around the corner!

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