

South Tabor Crow

A neighborhood newsletter brought to you by your
South Tabor Neighborhood Association (STNA)

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Welcome!

Crow's Nest

Message from the chair of STNA:

If you can believe it, this June we will have our fifth-annual South Tabor Yard Sale and Garden Tour! What started as a neighborhood re-connection after the first year of COVID has turned into one of our city's best community events (in my biased opinion).

Every year we try to grow our reach, scope, sponsorship, and engagement. Last year, some wonderful neighbors even introduced a small music festival. Make this the year you get involved early. Help make this the best year yet by coming to our next meeting (every third Thursday of the month) to connect with the volunteer organizers.

In solidarity,
Juan Cummings



STNA Chair Juan Cummings speaking at a recent board meeting.

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Nifty Neighbor Profile

Ian Wilson: Growing a Business and Cultivating Community

By Cathy Kudlick

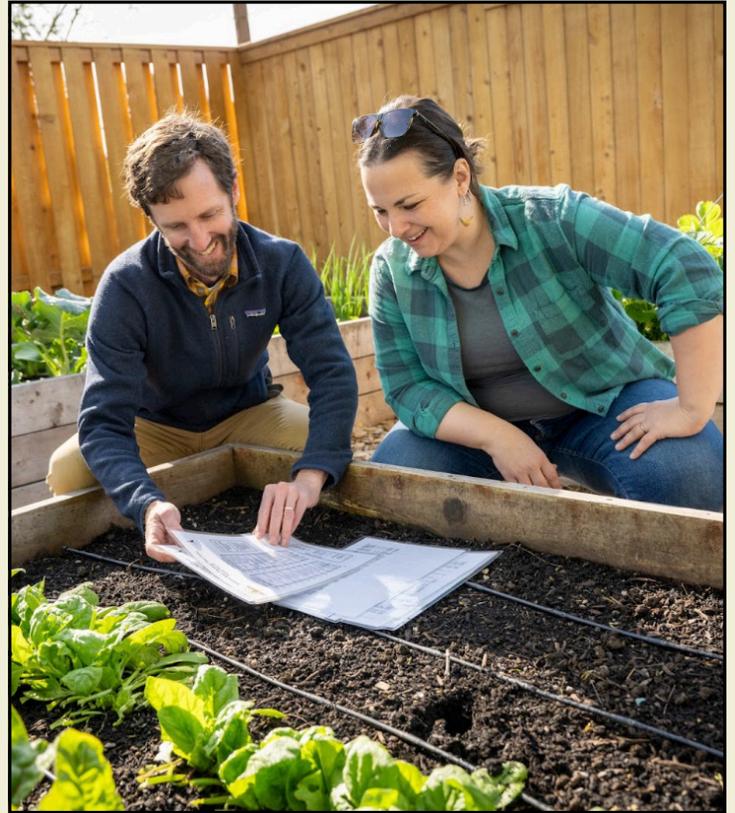
"Resist planting tomatoes in March," says South Tabor resident and owner of Portland Edible Gardens Ian Wilson. "Wait until May when they want to grow."

Raised in Northwest Portland, Ian journeyed through orchards in Vermont and apprenticeships in Santa Cruz, ultimately returning to his roots. He recognized a community need: while Portland embraces local food and farmers' markets, many people lack hands-on gardening support.

Ian's business operates in installation and education. He specializes in building raised garden beds with ideal soil and irrigation setups, making gardening accessible and fun.

"Sun, soil, and water are the magic combination," he explains. With around 70 gardens to tend from March to October, he delights in sharing the joy of growing your own food.

This summer, check out the free plants in front of the home he shares with his wife, two young children, "and an ant farm" on SE 67th Ave. near Brooklyn St.



Ian Wilson and a neighbor crouch near a raised vegetable bed to plan a garden

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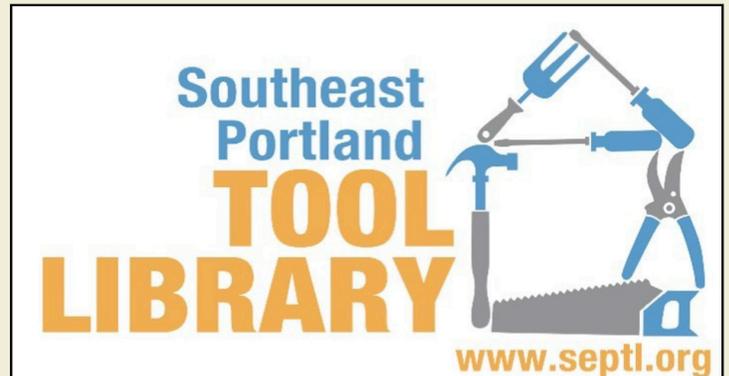
<https://www.portlandediblegardens.com>
to learn more.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Tariffs, higher costs, cuts to social programs, and increased ICE activity are compounding hardships for individuals, families, and businesses in Portland and beyond. We've updated STNA's online resource page to include links to community care, government reps and services, and neighborhood businesses that depend on our ongoing support. Suggestions welcome. Learn more, give/receive, and get involved at <https://southtabor.org/neighborhood-resources/>



Build It, Fix It, Return It: Check Out SE Portland's Free Tool Library



Step away from that “I can’t fix it, I don’t own a shovel” excuse! You can borrow tools for FREE from the SE Portland Tool Library (at SE 20th & Salmon). The online list is epic: rakes, mowers, power washers, ladders, woodworking gear — even bike and auto tools. Borrow for seven days (return on time to dodge fines), keep your member number private, and use tools safely and for non-commercial projects only. No reservations, so plan ahead. Details at <https://www.septl.org>

Mt. Tabor Talk

March is the time to show your love of the park in an official way. Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) is accepting applications for its board. To apply, email taborfriends@gmail.com by March 20. Tell a little about yourself and explain why you’re interested and what you’d bring to the board.

Candidates will be elected by FMTP members at our annual meeting, March 30, 7–8:30pm at Taborspace, 5441 SE Belmont St. Mingling begins at 6:30pm.

Last but not least, become a member for as low as \$15/year:
<https://www.taborfriends.org>

Upcoming Events

- STNA Board Meeting: March 19th, 7–8:30pm @ All City Church, 2700 SE 67th Ave - Councilor Novick District 3 City Councilor Steve Novick will be at our March meeting to hear what's on our minds here in South Tabor.
- STNA Boarding Meetings: April 16th & May 21st @ location TBD



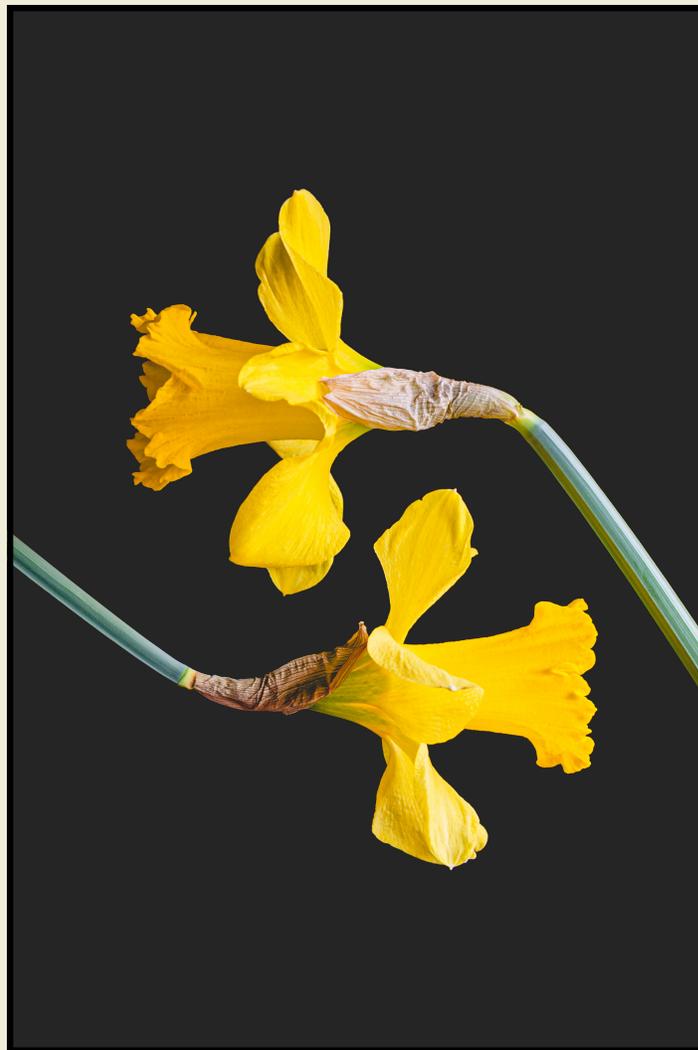
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- South Tabor Neighborhood Association: <https://southtabor.org/>
- Portland Edible Gardens: <https://www.portlandediblegardens.com>
- South Tabor Neighborhood Resources: <https://southtabor.org/neighborhood-resources/>
- SE Tool Library: <https://www.septl.org>
- Join the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/friends-of-mt-tabor-park-memberships--2025>

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Two yellow flowers against a black background. Spring announces its arrival. Photo by Taran Nadler.

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