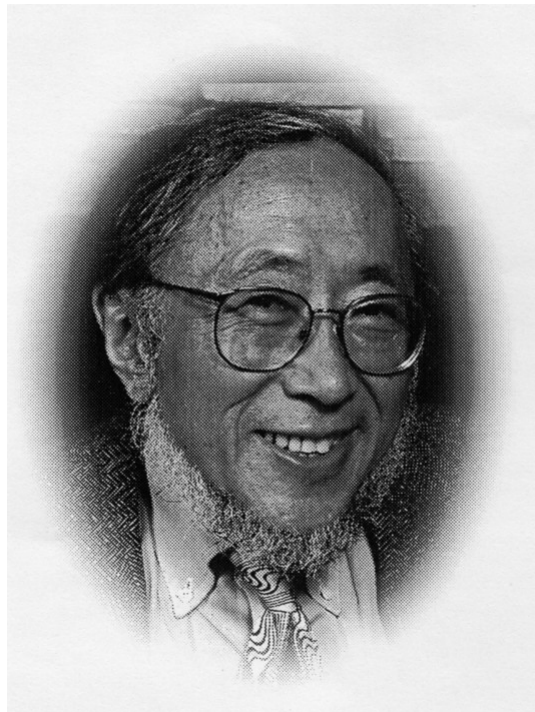




Tree Bark Newsletter

May 26, 2023

Celebrating the Legacy of Bill Naito for AAPI Heritage Month



May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. It is a time to remember and celebrate the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to American society.

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For our second issue of Tree Bark during Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month we are highlighting someone who has had a huge impact on the city of Portland in various ways: Bill Naito.

Bill Naito was a businessman, philanthropist, and civic leader. He helped shape the landscape of the city through his love of trees, transit, and historic buildings. Because of his work with trees, we created the [Bill Naito Community Tree Award](#) to honor his legacy of advocating for trees.

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The Portland Tree Climbing Competition is Back!



Are you looking for a fun way to test your climbing skills and connect with climbing professionals? The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation, is pleased to host the Portland Tree Climbing Competition.

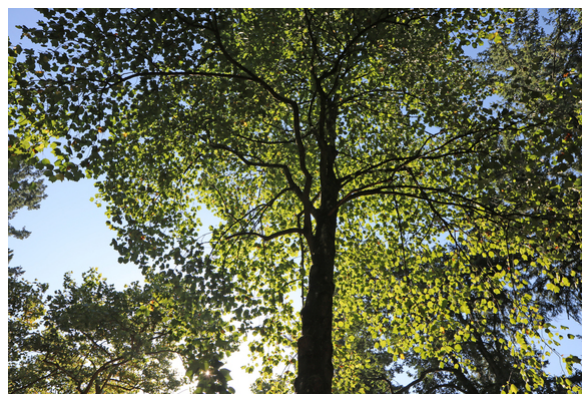
Main event: Saturday, June 10th, 2023, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (check-in 7:30 am)

Gear check: Friday, June 9th, 2022, from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

This educational event and skills competition is an excellent way for climbers of all skill levels to learn the latest in safety and climbing techniques. Beginning and experienced climbers are encouraged to participate.

Not a climber? No problem, the whole family is invited to watch and cheer on the talented people participating in the competition. Volunteer opportunities are also available. [Register here.](#)

Find Someone to Care for Your Trees



We all need some care and maintenance, and this is true for trees, too. With summer less than a month away, consider having your trees' health checked before they fully leaf out.

The trees around us may need professional care sometimes. But not everyone knows who to call in a city with so many tree care companies!

While we will not make a recommendation about one company, everyone on the list of [Local Tree Care Providers](#) has been checked to meet some of our basic requirements.

[Learn more](#)

Event Highlight: Tree Walk at Columbia Park



Photo 1: Young lindens planted in Columbia Park in 1920. Photo 2: A tall Silver linden found in the park today.

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On Saturday, May 13, we hosted a tree walk at Columbia Park with 15 community members. It was a great time to learn more about the park's history and some fun tree facts. We thought we could share a few fun facts that we learned during this walk.

- The groundwork for the park was laid in the late 1800s when the city of Albina owned the land before it was incorporated by the city of Portland.
- Many of the trees of the park were planted by 1913, making most of them over a hundred years old.

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What Do You See?



Photo 1: A tulip tree leaf. Photo 2: An axolotl, a species of salamander found in Mexico.

A shirt, batman, and an axolotl walk into a bar...

A fun takeaway from our Columbia Park Tree Walk was finding out what people see when they look at a tulip tree leaf. So far, we folks have seen an upside-down t-shirt and a manta ray, a cat, an axolotl (our favorite), and Batman (the weirdest). What do you think of these shapes? Do you see them, too?

In Other News

Participate in the Climate Investment Plan (CIP). The Portland Clean Energy and Community Benefits Fund (PCEF) is looking to get community feedback on the CIP development process. At the direction of the Portland City Council, PCEF is developing a [5-year Climate Investment Plan](#) to guide the investment of PCEF funds to achieve major

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its fourth round of community feedback, there are still opportunities to give your opinions through a virtual listening session on June 1st and an online survey that closes on June 2nd, or by emailing comments to cleanenergyfund@portlandoregon.gov.

Remembering Vanport. This week May 30, 2023, was [proclaimed](#) the [Vanport](#) Day of Remembrance by Portland City Council. Vanport was the United States' largest wartime housing development. Vanport was destroyed by flooding in 1948. It was located just west of the current location of Urban Forestry in Delta Park. [Vanport Mosaic](#) is hosting the [8th Annual Vanport Mosaic Festival](#) now through May 29, 2023.

A new heat map index shows heat risks across Multnomah County. In mid-May, the county released a new tool to assess heat vulnerability based on three factors: "each tract's sensitivity to heat and heat illness, the level of exposure to heat based on the environment (such as building density, tree canopy, amount of cement and concrete) and the population's capacity to adapt to extreme heat." It can be used to help city, county, and local organizations respond to the most vulnerable communities in an extreme heat event. These areas historically lack dense tree canopy cover, which can be instrumental in providing shade and cooling to the surrounding area in hot weather. Check out the tool [here](#) to assess heat risk where you live.

New ordinance to protect Seattle trees. Earlier this week sister city Seattle passed an ordinance that broadly expands protections for trees with a diameter of 24 inches and above. This new ordinance will increase the population of protected trees between roughly 60,000 and 150,000. [Learn more](#) about other recent changes to the city's tree requirements to see how another Pacific Northwest city is protecting their tree canopy.



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