

# Salem Parks Foundation

Take a Walk in the Park

We  parks!

Summer 2022



## You are Invited... Take a Walk in the Park

**When:** Saturday, May 7, 2022 10:00 - 12:30

**Where:** Riverfront Park

**Why:** To Celebrate Our Parks!

**Who:** Everyone!

We are inviting all park lovers to take a walk in Riverfront Park to celebrate parks, Mother's Day, Spring, the Eco - Earth restoration project, and any other reason you want to celebrate. Start at either the Rotary Pavilion or the west side of the Union Street Railroad Bridge. Pick up a passport and stop by all 4 stations to have it stamped. Completely stamped passports are entered in a drawing to receive prizes including a student globe and an attack owl sign.



**Please Join Us for the 2022  
Take a Walk in the Park!**



### A Family Friendly Event

#### Bring Your Mom!

All finishers get a cookie and a miniature globe!



Prizes!!!



Ribbon wands for all princes and princesses





## Mary P.D. Heintzman, Art Director

Mary P.D. Heintzman's artistic involvement in community projects started in 1995 as Artistic Co-ordinator of mosaic murals at the Washington and Anderson Community Pools, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Mary has an impressive list of accomplishments and contributions to the arts in Salem, Oregon. The list includes carving horses for the Carousel at Riverfront Park, Artistic Coordinator for the A.C. Gilbert House mosaic upper wall mural, and the musical mosaic "Jammin' Salmon" at the Salem Convention Center. She collaborated on two books; one that won the Moonbeam Children's Book Award. Mary designed and sculpted a large clay mural for the foyer of the Family Building Blocks facility, reflecting the beauty of the Oregon wilderness and the importance of sharing it with children.

From 2000-03, Mary was the Artistic Director for the Eco-Earth Globe and served on the board of directors. Together with Jule Youngren, she coordinated the geography study and selection of icons that decorate the globe. For over three years, she envisioned, coordinated and contributed to the work, recruiting art students from Salem area high schools and local professional artists. She took on the physical work necessary for the conversion of the acid ball to a work of art. Often, this meant seven-day work weeks, recruiting and supervising countless volunteers, locating resources and information.

Mary currently teaches art at Blanchet Catholic High School in Salem, Oregon where she was awarded Distinguished Educator Award in 2008.

She will be working with artists to repair and replace icons and tiles for the Eco-Earth restoration.

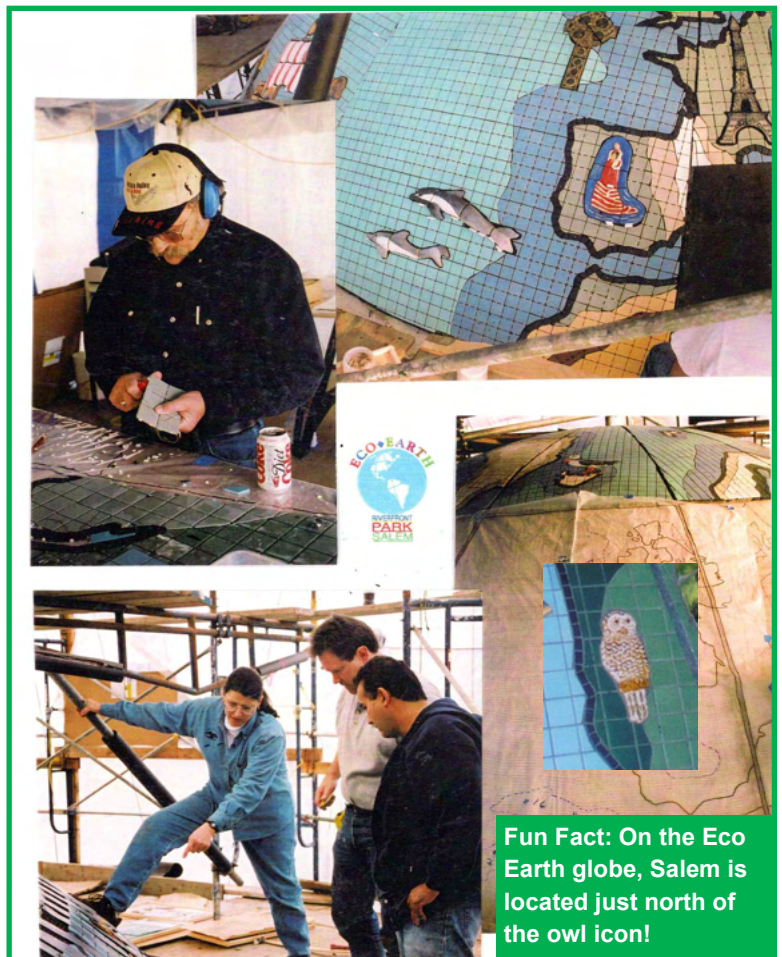
## Getting From Vision to a Work of Art

The Eco-Earth globe symbolizes our world and its struggle for peace, cultural diversity, and ecological awareness. But conversion of acid ball to symbolic art work required great community dedication. It is truly difficult to convey the scope and range of the all-volunteer effort that brought former Mayor and visionary Roger Gertenrich's idea to reality, but here are some highlights:

Major donors of time, labor and materials: Pence/Kelly Construction, the Oregon Army National Guard, local companies provided plumbing and electrical improvements, Geographer Jule Youngren, Art Director Mary Heintzman, student and professional artists, professional tile cutters, L&L Ornamental for the railing, Garden Angels landscaping and literally countless volunteers working an estimated 30,000 hours over five years.

Major financial support: Ronald McDonald Charities of Oregon and southwest Washington, Pence/Kelly Construction, Oregon Army National Guard, Sunbelt Rentals, Salem Electric, City of Salem/Urban Renewal Agency, Willamette Valley Tile, Inc., Pacific Tile and Marble, Kettle Foods, SUMCO USA Corporation, Holiday Retirement, The Shutterbug, Turn of the Century Construction and the Salem Foundation-Larry & Jeanette Epping Family Fund. Public support came to more than \$70,000.

The creation of the Eco-Earth globe was a testimony to what our community can do when it sets its mind to it. We believe it can happen again to restore the Eco-Earth Globe. **Please Help!!**





## Building a Lifetime of Community:

### Park Heroes David Engen and Kasia Quillinen



David helping with the park clean up after the 2021 ice storm.

Salem has lost one of our City's true park heroes. We honor David Engen, posthumously, and Kasia Quillinan as our Summer 2022 Park Heroes.

David and Kasia are remembered by their friends and neighbors as engaged and connected to the City of Salem, to the Englewood community, and to Englewood Park. They walked daily through the neighborhood and the park, picking up trash, pulling weeds, participating in community work days, noticing what needed to be done, and seeing to those needs.

Both from cosmopolitan and well traveled backgrounds, they chose the Willamette Valley in which to settle and stay. They shared a love for the environment and felt the responsibility of stewardship. Kasia served two terms as Ward 1 City Councilor and was an effective advocate for Salem's parks. David volunteered for Friends of Marion County, focusing on land use issues in Marion County. He testified many times at the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to help preserve farmland from big development in Oregon.

Kasia and Dave each served two terms (six years) on the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB), Kasia for an additional three years to fill out a vacant term.

Kasia served as SPRAB Chair for seven years. Both served on the Shade Tree Committee. They served on the Salem Parks Improvement Fund grant committee to award grants to neighborhoods for numerous park projects; five in Englewood Park. They worked on park master plans, including Battlecreek and Fairview Parks. They were tireless advocates for parks, testifying before the Salem City Council on behalf of Salem's parks.

Kasia was a catalyst for the 5,000 sq. foot Pollinator Garden in Englewood Park. She literally helped "plant" the idea that Parks needed support in reducing maintenance in the parks. So, the Englewood Pollinator Garden was conceived.

The trees in Englewood Park sustained damage in the 1996 storms. David and Kasia helped in the cleanup after the storm. To help the park recover, they paid for and planted many trees in the park that now stand tall in honor of Kasia and Dave's dedication. The park bench in their honor is placed to provide a view of these trees.

In addition to planting trees in Englewood Park, they planted trees in McKay, McCrae, and Minto Brown Parks and along State Street. David succeeded in obtaining twenty-two additional shade trees for the Northeast Neighborhood.

The photo above shows David helping with the park clean up after the 2021 ice storm. Every day, David walked several miles with a hand-made hiking pole through the neighborhood and Englewood Park. He was an extraordinarily kind person with a great passion for trees and parks. Our community is deeply saddened by the loss of David Engen. City of Salem Parks worked to approve and install the bench in David and Kasia's honor in Englewood Park in time for him to attend the dedication. David will be greatly missed, but Salem continues to benefit from the service and dedication of both David Engen and Kasia Quillinan.



Kasia speaking at the dedication of the Englewood Park bench honoring the public service of David Engen and Kasia Quillinan. She is joined by City of Salem Mayor Chuck Bennett and Northeast Neighbors (NEN) Land Use Chair Cindy Kimball



This summer, we'll see you at:



**Public Works Day**  
**June 17**  
**Riverfront Park**



**The 2022 World Beat Festival**  
**June 24, 25, and 26th**  
**Riverfront Park**



**The 2022 Art Fair**  
**July 15, 16 and 17**  
**Bush's Pasture Park**

### Eco– Earth Fund update



As we go to press, the Eco Earth Restoration fund stands at \$30,000. We need to raise \$270,000 more to restore the Eco-Earth to it's original glory.

Every donation, no matter how large or how small, helps reach the goal. We appreciate and honor your contribution to this important Salem icon.

We thank all donors and remind you that in order for your donations to go to the Eco-Earth Fund, you need to specify "Eco-Earth" on your donation. Ways to give are listed below.

**Thank You!**



Use this QR Code to donate to the Eco-Earth project at PayPal.

### Ways to Give to Salem's Parks

- **Mail** a check to Salem Parks Foundation at P.O. Box 5764, Salem, OR 97304 or donate online at [www.salemparksfoundation.org](http://www.salemparksfoundation.org).
- **If you are over age 72**, arrange with your IRA custodian to send some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to Salem Parks Foundation. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).
- **Not 72 yet?** You can still make a Qualified Charitable Distribution at age 70 1/2.
- **Make a charitable bequest** in your will to SPF and/or name it as a retirement plan beneficiary.
- **Link** your Fred Meyer Rewards card to **SPF** at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).
- **Amazon Smiles** **SPF** participates in the Amazon Smiles charity program. Please choose SPF as your charity at [Smile.amazon.com](http://Smile.amazon.com).
- **Match** Many employers match contributions. See if your workplace provides this giving opportunity.
- **Buy an owl sign!** Purchase online or by mail.
- **Consider gifting** the park lovers on your list with a donation in their honor.
- **Bottle Drop/Give** Your Refundable Cans and Bottles can help improve Salem Parks. Fill pre-labeled blue bags with refundable cans and bottles and drop them off at any of the Bottle Drop sites in Salem. Send an e-mail to [info@salemparksfoundation.org](mailto:info@salemparksfoundation.org) We will arrange to get the bags to you.