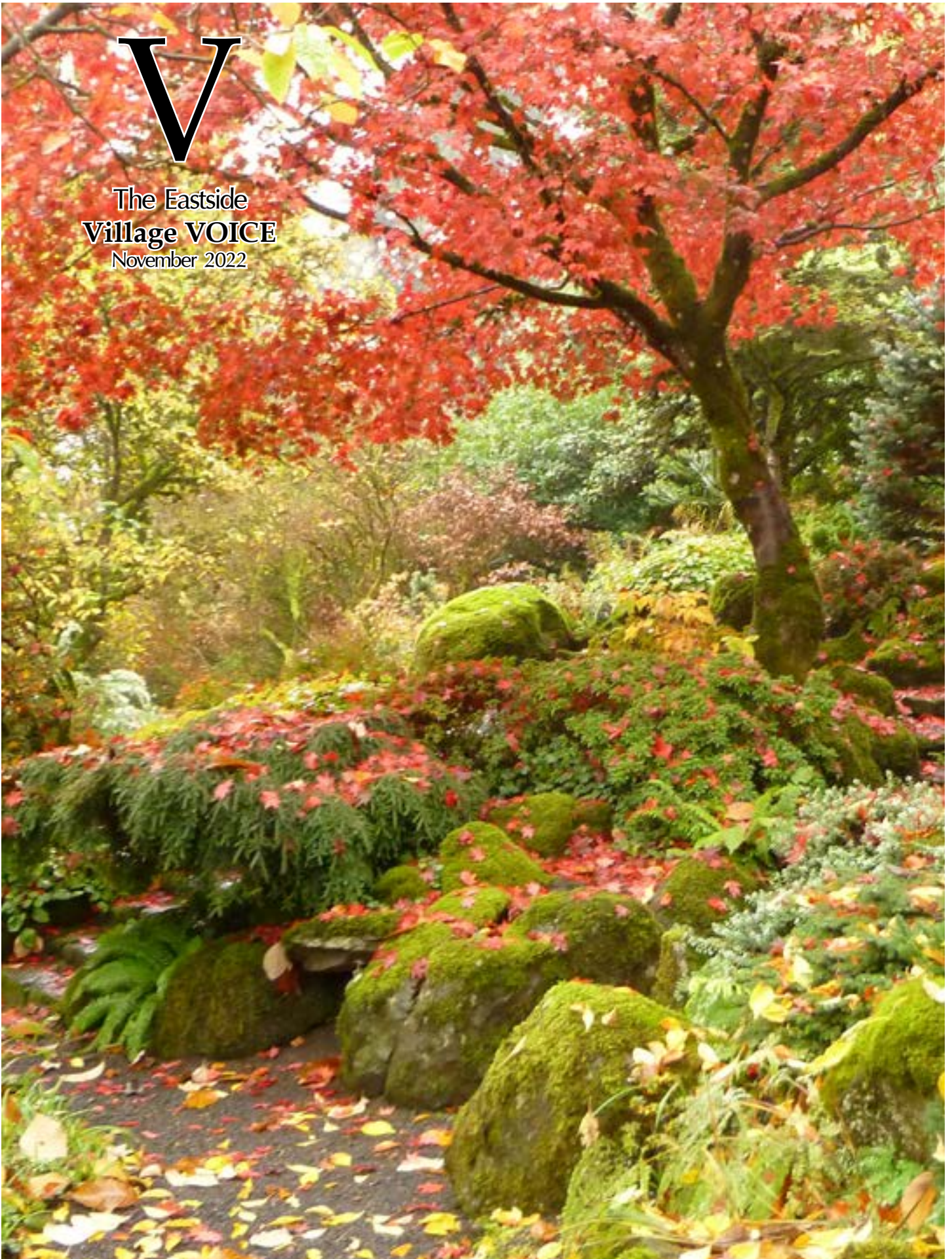




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THE CAKE SAYS IT ALL...

Nearly 50 EV Members and Volunteers met recently for a pizza lunch and a bittersweet farewell to Jenny Rockwood, EV's outgoing Office Manager. She was showered with cards, letters, gifts, and well wishes of all sorts. All the best, Jenny!



TIME TO GET YOUR 2023 BOOK GROUP NOMINATIONS READY

Hello EV book lovers. A special year-end celebration and planning meeting to select next year's books is coming soon. If you're currently a Book Group member, or if you'd like to be one next year, please join us at the December meeting. Optional: bring along a batch of your favorite cookies for an exchange when we get together.

Here are the details, so mark your calendar:

Dec. 13: ATTEND the meeting in person or via conference call. (time, location, and call-in details will be on the EV calendar for that date when you register. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!)

Be prepared with the title, author, and a short description of up to three books that you've already read. These can be tried-and-true classics or off the best seller lists, and either fiction or nonfiction. You will have a total of three minutes to pitch your three choices to the rest

of us.

Dec. 15: DEADLINE TO EMAIL your three nominations (remember to include the title, author, and a short description of each) to Debbie Kogan and Patty Greenfield.

Dec. 17: Debbie and Patty will compile a list of all nominated books and email it to all the Group members.

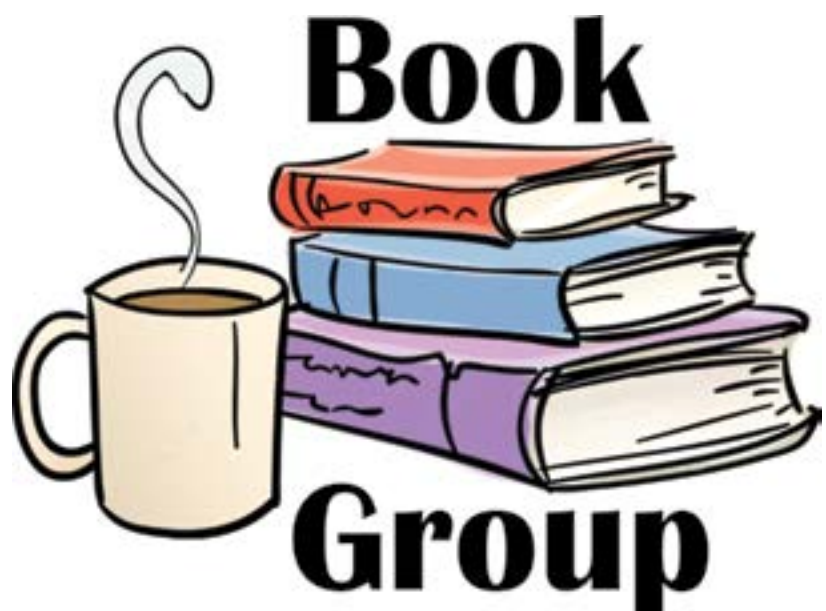
Dec. 18: LOOK over the list carefully. **CHOOSE** the 11 books you'd most like to read in 2023.

Dec. 20: DEADLINE TO EMAIL those 11 book

choices to Debbie Kogan and Patty Greenfield. The top vote getters will form the 2023 book list.

The monthly meeting and reading schedule will be published in the January 2023 Newsletter. Note: Our first group meetings will be Jan. 10, 2023. The Groups will be re-randomized for the new year, so be sure to look for an email announcing which Group you will be in for 2023.

*By Debbie Kogan
and Patty Greenfield*



RAIN OR SHINE IS HERE FOR *You*

Life's not always sunny. If you're recovering from surgery, mourning the loss of a loved one, or going through other stressful times, you know how tough it can be just to pull together a meal or make it through a lonely afternoon.

Eastside Village has redoubled its efforts to help ease the practical aspects of those times with the Rain or Shine Committee. The group, whose efforts were put on pause with the onset of the pandemic, has restarted with nearly a dozen enthusiastic volunteers. We met in late October and covered a wide range of ways we can help fill in the gaps of support when our fellow Members have hit a rough road.

Of course, our Volunteers have long responded to Member requests for friendly visits, check-in calls, and meals. That won't change. But the Committee will help strengthen the ways we can connect with one another, reach out proactively, and go the extra mile with

support to make sure nobody goes through difficult times alone.

We're also developing a resource list, making it easier for you to access agencies, professional support groups, and books that can help you with the specific needs of your situation. We'll make that resource guide available through the office and on our website.

And if you are aware of community resources, events, or books that have been helpful to you, please let us know! We're eager to share all resources that can help our Members.

We're working out the processes for how we'll collaborate with the office. But in the meantime, we want you be aware that this Committee is filled with energy and a sincere desire to help.

If you could use some extra sunshine during a stormy time—or know someone who does—please contact the office or Phyllis Wishnie.

By Phyllis Wishnie

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AN AUCTION UPDATE

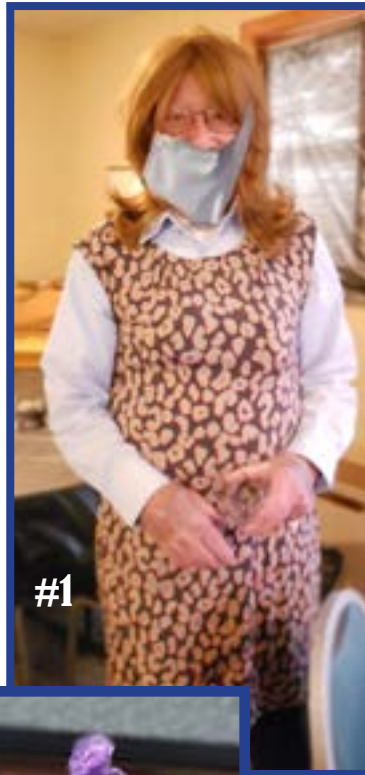
Our thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Auction. That includes the gifted Jenny Rockwood, who organized the Auction items into "gotta have this!" bundles and created such lovely vignettes for the Auction Catalog. Thanks, too, to her terrific Volunteer helpers.

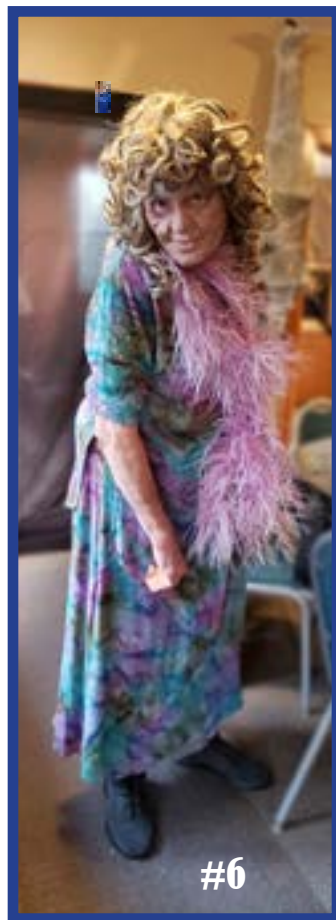
And our heartfelt thanks to all of you who bid on and/or won those lovely items. Over \$5,000 was raised this year, ensuring that we will have funds available to help support Membership Scholarships and Village events and programs, and we'll still have some left for the financial support of local community nonprofits.

Thank you all.

TEST YOUR WIZARDING SKILLS

Tis the season for ghosts and ghouls! Test your divining skills by seeing how many Members and Volunteers you can identify in these mug shots taken at the recent EV Halloween Party. Answers will be in the December Newsletter. You might win a prize!





WELCOME, NEIGHBOR: CHRIS GULLION

We like to introduce our newest Members by asking them to answer the same five questions. This month we are pleased to present **Chris Gullion**. She embodies the spirited and often-surprising nature of Eastside Village Members.

1. How did you hear about Eastside Village? When did you join?

I attended an information meeting before Villages NW was created in Portland, and then another one about Eastside Village in the past year. I was on the email list over this period. I joined in July 2022.

2. What interests you about the Village?

The Village is a community. It is a place to meet people, share interests and activities, and form a network of friends. Currently, I can offer help; in the future, as I age, I know where to ask when I need help.

3. What are your interests? Which activities and/or groups do you plan to be active in?

I love being in nature and gardens, walking, gardening, kayaking, birding. I am deeply concerned about the climate crisis and am looking for ways for our community and I can ameliorate warming (e.g., the Climate Crisis Crew).

I'm also an active consumer of performing arts (chamber music, ballet/dance, opera, theater, movies), visual arts (museums, galleries), literary arts, and science (OMSI, National

Geographic Live).

I read a lot, but I'm not focused or fast enough to keep up with a book group.

I'm still feeling my way about which groups/activities I'll be active in, as I have a lot of gardening to do right now.

4. How long have you lived in Portland?

21 years

5. What would you like EV members to know about you?

I've put a bunch of info in my online profile, if anyone is interested to know more.



CCC UPDATE: TEACHING MY FINANCIAL ADVISOR ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

I am fortunate to have funds that can be—and are—invested. I retain a financial advisor to manage these investments because I lack financial expertise. This advisor is intelligent, likable, and very competent.

But when he advised me to turn my IRA over to Blackrock, I realized he didn't comprehend the climate crisis (Blackrock is the largest funder of fossil-fuel extraction in the world). He agreed to let me educate him about the looming environmental catastrophe.

I then devised a "curriculum" with six lessons. They are:

- the current state of global heating
- the consequences of that heating
- the major heat-trapping gases
- the promising actions (both technological and natural) that can be taken to prevent further damage
- the money that swirls around fossil fuels and
- some commentary on what the future may hold.

I have delivered four of these lessons over the past five months. I learned that my advisor has been reading them! He just told me that he and his sons are installing solar on their roofs. And he has just read Bill Gates's book (which I had cited) and has chosen some actions he can carry out.

Of course, I'm so grateful. And my respect for my advisor has soared. I hope I'm preparing him for clients like me who are terrified of what's coming. My advisor, in turn, has promised to help me find ways to invest that will not deprive my beneficiaries of a reasonable inheritance, and support strategies that will reduce the effects of climate change.

I will be exploring this possibility in the months to come.

By Stephenie Frederick

Editor's Note: Please contact Stephenie directly if you would like more information about her climate curriculum.



The CCC logo is based on the "Doug flag," an unofficial flag of the Cascadia bioregion.

A FEW QUICK NOTES

Sharing the Good News About EV

Do you think that Eastside Village and the people in it are the best thing since sliced bread? Do you tell everyone you know (and probably a bunch of folks you don't know) about it? If you do, we have a terrific opportunity for you!

Each month, Eastside Village hosts a short, Zoom-based information session we call "EV 101." It introduces the how/what/who of EV to anyone who's interested. Chances are good that you attended one of these sessions yourself prior to joining Eastside Village.

If you'd like to take your enthusiasm about EV to a new level, you might consider being one of the hosts of this quick and fun class! One of the current hosts is stepping down in the next month or so and we need a replacement.

If you think you'd like to volunteer for this critical-and-fun task, please contact either the EV office or Peg Farrell for more information.

Did You Know?

... That you can look ahead to the next month on the online Calendar and reserve a spot for your favorite Village activities? The EV Office always has at least a two-month window of EV activities posted to the online Calendar. To "turn pages" on the Calendar, just open the Calendar on our website, look at the present month's heading—November for instance—then look to the right on the same line and you'll see December. Click on the word "December" and the December calendar will appear. So go ahead and reserve your spot now for any future activity listed on the Calendar.

By Jennifer Rockwood

Watch Your Step!

Are you concerned about the safety of the stairs in your house? Have your friends or family members told you that your bath isn't safe? We now have a team of Volunteers who can come to your home and check for potential safety issues.

The Volunteer will leave you with the checklist and suggestions for changes you might make. They will NOT share the list with anyone else. Any changes you make are up to you; many can be handled by one of our fabulous handy-people. We can recommend professionals for other tasks. The checklist includes the exterior of your home, bedrooms, kitchen, and bath.

If you would like a Volunteer to help you think about your home safety, let the office know and a Volunteer will contact you for a good time to visit.

By Jin Darney

SAY HELLO TO KATHI SCHROEDER

We're happy to introduce Eastside Village's new Office Manager, Kathi Schroeder.

Kathi plans to begin her new role on Nov. 2. She'll manage the office during our usual business hours of 10 AM–2 PM, Monday through Friday. Our seasoned office volunteers will be helping her get to know all the ins and outs of our operations as she transitions into her new job.

Kathi joins Eastside Village with a wealth of experience in public service, particularly regarding senior-oriented volunteer programs. Since 2006, she's coordinated the Meals on Wheels program for North Clackamas County. She managed nearly 400 volunteers and a kitchen staff, keeping everything running smoothly for senior clients and their families.



Besides handling the human side of the program with compassion and efficiency, she also maintained administrative and database operations with great attention to detail.

Kathi has also managed volunteer programs at the Milwaukie Community Center and the North Clackamas

School District. Plus, she's a volunteer herself! She's been on the boards of area libraries and elementary schools, adding to her overall experience in working with diverse populations with unique needs.

We know her warmth and energy will be great assets to Eastside Village, and we are fortunate to be welcoming her to our team. Please introduce yourself to Kathi soon!

By Anne Kenlon



HELP WANTED

Popular Portland-based Newsletter seeks a new Editor/Designer. Must be comfortable with desktop publishing and image manipulation software (e.g., InDesign and Photoshop), have a passion for both grammar and graphic design, and be willing to lead and/or collaborate with a staff of skilled and experienced editorial Volunteers. This position includes membership on the EV Governing Council (subject to approval by the EV Membership).

Start date: January 1, 2023. Time commitment: 20-25 hrs per month. Compensation: boundless. Please contact Peg Farrell for more information.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2022

R = Register online or with office. **MV** = Attendance limited to Eastside Village Members or Volunteers. **IP** = Events held in person. **Z** = Events held via the Zoom online conference platform. See the online Events Calendar for more information.

1, 15

Tuesday Hiking Group
(R, MV, IP) 9:30–10:30 AM

Card Players Group
(MV, IP) 1–3 PM

2, 16

Movie Club
(R, MV, Z) 3–4 PM

3, 10, & 17

French Club
(R, MV, IP/Z) 9–10 AM

3

Brunch at Toast
(R, MV, IP) 10:30–11:30 AM

4, 11, 18, & 25

Coffee Hours
(MV) 8:30–9:30 AM
(IP) / 9:30–10:30 AM (Z)

4

RISE Circle Lunch
(R, MV, IP) 12–2 PM

7, 14, 21, & 28

Happy Hour
(MV, Z) 5–6 PM

8

EV Book Groups
(R, MV, IP) 10 AM–Noon

9

Mahjongg Group
(R, M, IP) 1–3 PM

10

EV Council Meeting
(R, MV, Z) 10 AM–Noon

11

Climate Crisis Crew
(R, MV, Z) 12–2 PM

12

Virtual EV 101
(R, Z) 10 AM–Noon

14, 28

Chronic Disease/Pain Support Group
(R, M, Z) 1–2:30 PM

17

Men's Lunch
(R, M, IP) 12–2 PM

World Cultures Study Group
(R, M, IP) 1:30–3:30 PM

27

Knot Just Knitting
(R, MV, IP) 1–3 PM