







Guadalajara, Mexico



Khabarovsk, Russia



Sapporo, Japan





Ulsan, South Korea



Lviv, Ukraine



Kaohsiung, Taiwan



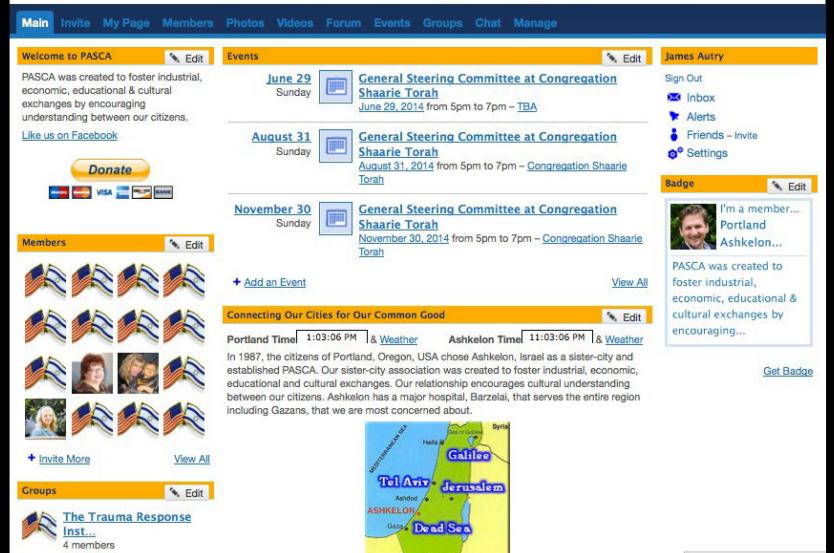
Mutare, Zimbabwe



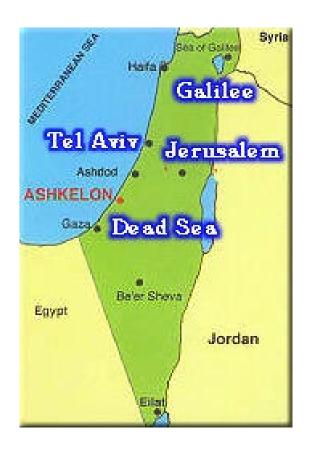
Suzhou, People's Republic of China



Portland - Ashkelon Sister City Association







- Ashkelon has been a Portland Sister City for 36 years
- Ashkelon is a growing Israeli city of 149,000 citizens
- Ashkelon is home to the world's largest water desalination plant, the Israeli Beer Breweries & some of finest most creative young entrepreneurs.

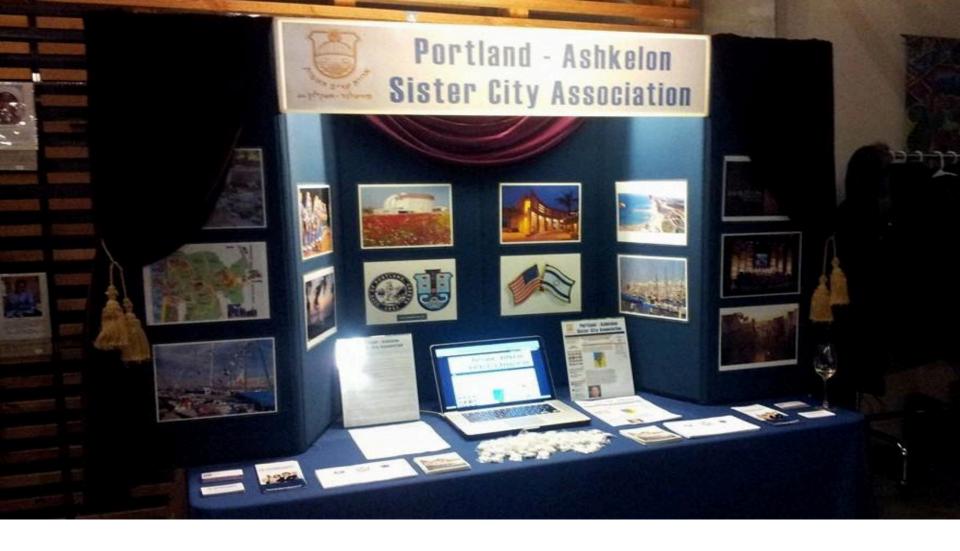
SAMSON ANCIENT CIT OF THE SEA



 Ashkelon is an ancient 5,000+ year old "Philistine" garden city located on the Israel's west coast, the beautiful Mediterranean Sea, rich in world history, the arts & recently added to the Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilience Cities



 Ashkelon is a modern Israeli city led by Mayor Tomer Glam and is the bedroom community for Jews & Arabs that work in Israel's Silicon Forest, inventors of Intel's Pentium 4 Chip, modern voicemail, smart phones, medical breakthroughs & cutting edge environmental technologies.

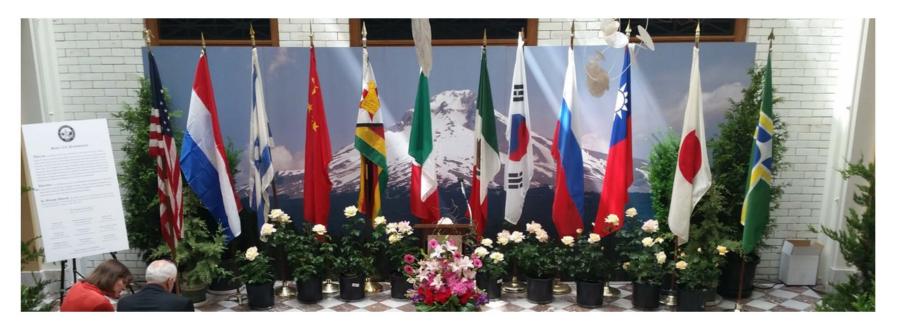


 PASCA has been working to rebuild our leadership, planning a tour in March 2024 and helping other Sister City Associations with our new website & Facebook page, as well as our annual Rose Festival Reception & Grand Floral Parade entry.

PORTLAND SISTER CITIES COALITION



On the Thursday before the Annual Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade in June of each year, we host and coordinate an Annual Rose Festival Reception with the Mayor of Portland at City Hall. Each year we feature special guests, delegations from several of our Sister Cities, sign a Friendship Memorandum, reaffirming our special relationship with each of our Sister Cities, and celebrate special accomplishments, such as Sister City Association Anniversaries & special projects of mutual benefit that have been facilitated between the City of Portland & our Sister Cities around the world.



PRESENTATIONS







PROCLAMATION



Dipercas, the Mayor of the City of Portland in the State of Oregon, United States of America, and the representatives of the sister cities listed on this document believe that the promotion of friendship and goodwill and the development of educational, cultural, social and economic exchanges between the people of all of our sister cities will strengthen knowledge and understanding between us and so, in turn, transcend national and political boundaries to form an everlasting foundation for the peace and well-being of mankind, now therefore, the Mayor of the City of Portland and the duly assigned representatives of all of the sister cities listed here, do hereby proclaim and reaffirm the affiliation of our sister city relationship.

Therefore, we reaffirm our sister city relationship and pledge that we will do all in our power to assist in the exchange of people, culture, education, recreation, economic and community affairs and that we will encourage the development of friendship between us, and so develop a bond with one another.

3n Witness Whereof, the Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon and the official representatives of Portland's sister cines execute this agreement in their names as of the Ninth Day of June in the Year 2016.



RECEPTION









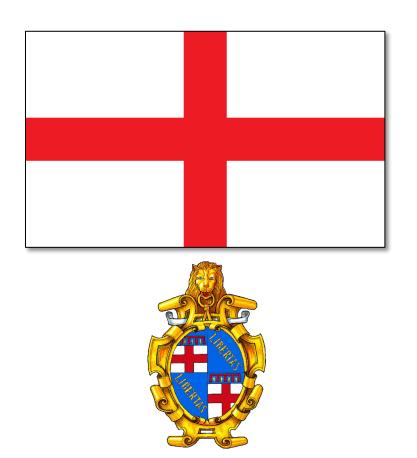








Portland-Bologna Sister City Association (PBSCA) actively promotes the strong ties between Portland, Oregon and Bologna, Italy through events, exchanges, exhibits, and outreach.





- Bologna has been a Portland Sister City for 19 years
- Bologna has three nicknames:
 - Bologna la Rossa (the red) for its red rooftops and the leaning of its politics
 - Bologna la Grassa (the fat) for its world-famous cuisine and food products
 - Bologna la Dotta (the learned) for its incredible university







Emilia-Romagna Floods

Portland-Bologna Scambio *Youth Exchange*







High school students from
Bologna will be hosted by
Portland families this summer
for the first post-pandemic
youth exchange. Students
from Portland will travel to
Bologna next year.

2023 Events

- Zoom Cooking Class with chef Giorgia
 Lambertini April
- Sip & Share Wine Event May
- Annual Amici Dinner June
- Youth Exchange June/July
- Fast Cars and Fine Wine (fundraiser for flooding relief) - August
- Ferragosto (Aperol & gelato in the park free event) - August
- Annual Sagra Dinner October
- Italian Wine and Art Event November

Learn more at: https://www.portland-bologna.org/events





Established in 1983-Celebrating 40 years!







- Guadalajara has been a Portland Sister City since 1983.
- Guadalajara is Mexico's third most populous metro area with 5 million citizens & Latin America's 10th largest city
- Guadalajara is also a city of roses and the cultural center of Mexico.
- Guadalajara hosts a number of large-scale cultural events such as an International Film Festival and International Book Fair.

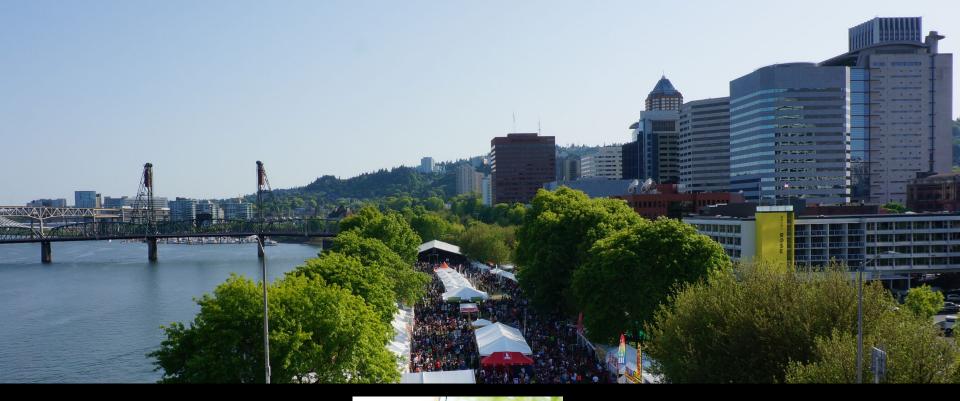
Established at Waterfront Park in 1984







Featuring music and dancing from Guadalajara and Portland.



Guinness Book of ---





---World Records fun!









MAIN STAGE DAILY SCHEDULE

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FRIDAY

· MAY 5TH ·

10AM-11AM STUDENT ASSEMBLY

1PM-2PM **NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**

3PM-4:15PM

MARIACHI CIUDAD DE GUADALAJARA & **BALLET FOLKLRICO MEXICO EN LA PIEL**

> 4:45PM-5:30PM LOS AMIGOS DE LA SIERRA

> > 6PM-7:15PM

MARIACHI CIUDAD DE GUADALAJARA & **BALLET FOLKLRICO MEXICO EN LA PIEL**

> 7:45PM-9PM **CONJUNTO ALEGRE**

> > 9:30PM-10:45PM **BANDA ZETA**

SATURDAY

MAY 6TH

11AM-12PM

DANZA HUECA OMEYOCAN

12:30PM-1:30PM

BALLET FOLKLORICO PAPLOTL

2PM-3:30PM

MARIACHI CIUDAD DE GUADALAJARA & **BALLET FOLKLRICO MEXICO EN LA PIEL**

4PM-5PM

SUPER ENCANTO

5:30PM-7PM

MARIACHI CIUDAD DE GUADALAJARA & **BALLET FOLKLRICO MEXICO EN LA PIEL**

> 7:30PM-9PM **GRUPO ENSAMBLE**

> > 9:30PM-10:45PM LA CHOMBA







10AM-11AM MARIACHI MASS - CATHOLIC MASS OPEN TO ALL

12PM-12:45PM

DANZA AZTECA OLLIN YOLITZLY & DANZA DE LOS VIEJITOS

1PM-2:30PM

MARIACHI CIUDAD DE GUADALAJARA & **BALLET FOLKLRICO MEXICO EN LA PIEL**

3PM-3:45PM

LAS CANTANTES

4:15PM-5:15PM

GRUPO MPARABLE

5:45PM-7PM

MARIACHI CIUDAD DE GUADALAJARA & **BALLET FOLKLRICO MEXICO EN LA PIEL**

7:30PM-9PM

BANDA AGUILA

9:30PM-10:30PM

MARIACHI CIUDAD DE GUADALAJARA & **EDNA VAZQUEZ (LA CALANDRIA)**



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

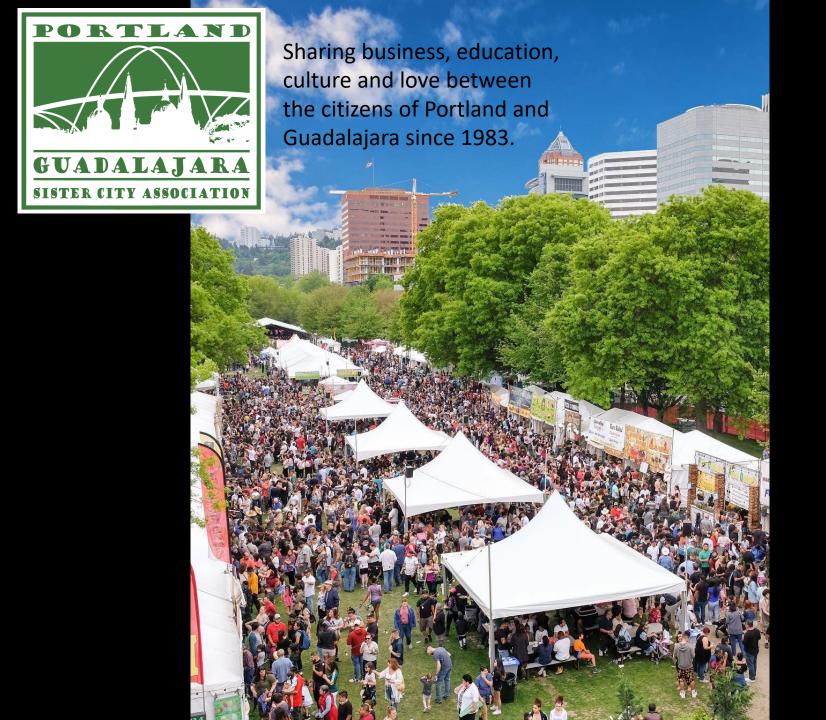
48 PEOPLE FROM 36 COUNTRIES BECAME CITIZENS THIS DAY





CATHOLIC MASS WITH MARIACHI CITY OF GUADALAJARA

The Mariachi Mass provides a spiritual and cultural aspect to PGSCA 's Cinco de Mayo festival, where positive family values are emphasized and shared by the Hispanic community. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass, regardless of religious affiliation.



Portland Guadalajara Sister City Community Giving Program Continues



Lifesaving techniques shared with firefighters from around the world in Guadalajara and in Portland.

Bombero Program...

Portland firefighter and PGSCA board member Jose Troncoso trains firefighters from around central America in Guadalajara, Mexico.

PGSCA financially supports this effort to save lives.











- ► The Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association was founded in November 1987
- Portland City Council officially approved Kaohsiung as Portland's Sister City on May 1988
- > The Association selected the Dragon Boat Racing as the annual cultural event in Portland
- ► The First Eye Dotting Ceremony was performed on April 10th 1989 at Portland Waterfront Park



About PKSCA

Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association promotes people to people exchanges of educational, artistic, and cultural activities. PKSCA maintains several programs that focus on and support our mission. These include the annual Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race, participation in the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade, and Starlight Parade, annual good will delegation exchanges between Portland and Kaohsiung, and support of Portland Chinese/Taiwanese organizations and programs.

Dragon Boat Race

The Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race is an annual cultural event hosted by the Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association (PKSCA) that is held in early June as a sanctioned event of the Portland Rose Festival Foundation. The event features as many as 96 dragon boat teams from all over the world who race in Taiwan-style dragon boats. There are three divisions: Mixed, Women, and High School. The race is held on the Willamette River located at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland.



➤ Kaohsiung has been a Portland Sister City for 34 years

➤ A major international seaport and the largest industrial city in southern Taiwan

➤ The 3rd most populous city in Taiwan with a population of 2.77 millions

➤ The host city of the 2009 World Games













Portland Delegation visit Kaohsiung Lantern Festival















- > Kaohsiung Delegation to Portland Rose Festival Celebration
- > Kaohsiung City Government Officials visit Portland City Hall and attend International Sister Cities Luncheon
- > Rose Planting Ceremony with Royal Rosarians
- Grand Floral Parade and PKSCA Float













- Shu-Te High School Cultural Music & Dance Performance
- 30+ Years Host Family Program
- 2018 Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade Marching Band Sweepstakes Award Winner
- > Sister School with Portland David Douglas High

- ➤ A Cultural Event Sponsored by Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association
- ➤ A Portland Rose Festival Sanctioned Event since 1989
- ➤ Highly Decorative Classical Dragon Boats historically used in Kaohsiung Taiwan
- ➤ The Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race is totally managed and presented by all volunteers





















































Volunteer sign-up web links :

https://www.pksca.net/Default.aspx?tabid=1217556

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aea92aa6fcc07-fall

Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association





Annual Sister City Report 2022-2023



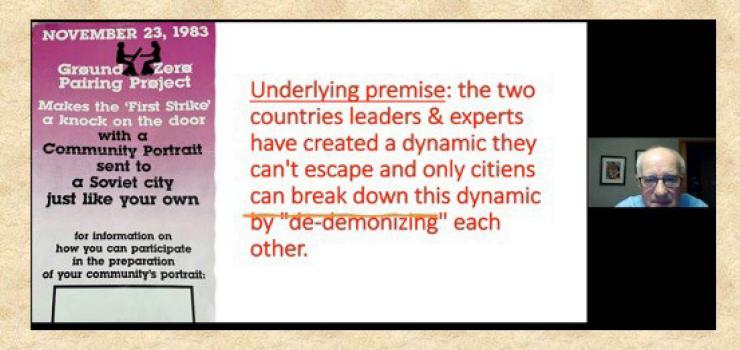






- Khabarovsk has been a Portland sister city for 35 years
- Khabarovsk is the regional capital of the Russian Far East
- Khabarovsk is Russia's inland port where the Amur River borders China and connects with the Ussuri River

Origins of the Portland-Khabarovsk sister city relationship



The initial foundation of the official Portland-Khabarovsk sister city relationship developed over a five-year period (1983-1988) during the Cold War as part of the Portland-headquartered Ground Zero Pairing Project, which sought to establish non-political, citizen-to-citizen diplomacy between U.S. and Soviet cities.

WAR IN UKRAINE

began February 24, 2022

PKSCA Events 2022-2023



"you're stronger than a flame, more relentless than one too, I promise sister, you can be anything, have whatever, become what you do. cover yourself up, or just let go,

your life is in perfect flow."

'Women's Day' by Lydia Victoria Kate

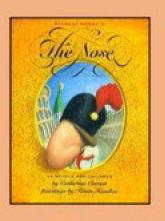
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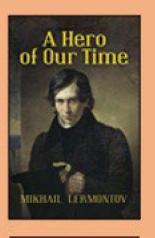
International Women's Day e-greeting to PKSCA members

Out of respect for the ongoing situation in Ukraine, PKSCA has once again pared down its standard lineup of annual events, keeping them few and low-key.

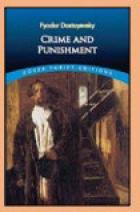
PKSCA Book Club on Zoom



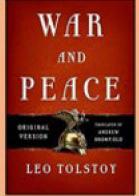
January 2023 The Nose by Nikolai Gogol



March 2023
A Hero of Our
Time by Mikhail
Lermontov



May 2023
Crime and
Punishment by
Fyodor
Dostoevsky



July &
September
2023
War and Peace
by Leo Tolstoy

Khabarovsk Children's Art Exhibit

- Children from all of Khabarovsk's sister cities were recently invited to participate in a "Day of the City" art exhibition
- The theme was "Harmony, Friendship, Dreams"
- PKSCA Director Alan Ellis and teachers at Portland Public Schools' Kelly Elementary Russian Immersion Program provided the appropriate classroom instruction
- PKSCA facilitated the transport of original art via Harbin, China to Khabarovsk

Artwork created by Kelly Elementary Russian Immersion Program students runs contrary to President Vladimir Putin's narrative that the United States seeks to cancel Russian culture.

"Your schoolchildren's paintings will help Russian kids to understand American culture better and make the friendship between our cities stronger."

-Tatiana Ivanova, Head International Relations Department Khabarovsk City Administration

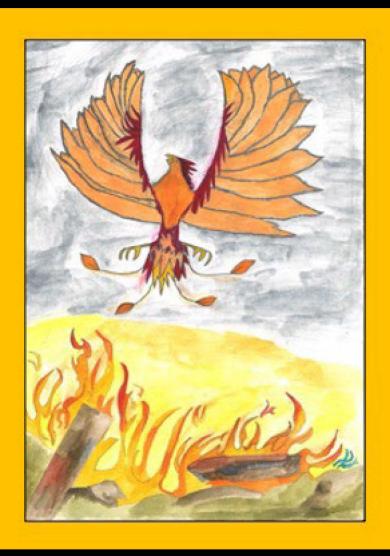




Students from Mrs. Elena Gregerson's class in Kelly Elementary School's 5th-grade Russian Immersion Program submitted drawings that were then sent to Khabarovsk, pictured here with PKSCA Past-President Alan Ellis



















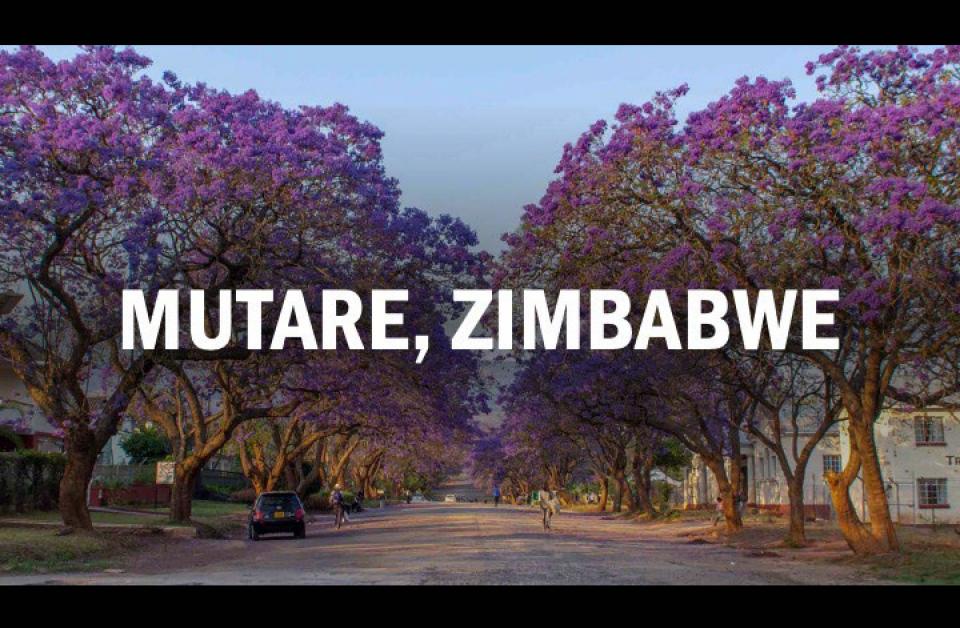
PKSCA: Looking Towards the Future

Maintaining a meaningful dialogue with our counterparts in Russia is vitally important knowing that our two nations must inevitably transition from the current state of affairs.



The Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association continues in its 35-year mission of fostering non-political, people-to-people connections through cultural, educational, and economic ties.

We appreciate the continued support of Portland City Council.



PORTLAND - MUTARE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

- Established in 1991 out of a response to Apartheid in Southern Africa, the Portland-Mutare Sister City supports humanitarian efforts in Mutare and surrounding villages in Manicaland.
- Mutare, an inland port city, is a located in the Eastern Highlands on the Mozambique border.
- Mutare is the third largest city in the Zimbabwe with a background in forestry, farming, and tourism. It remains a region known for growing coffee beans, especially in the Vumba.



ST. WERBURGHS CLINIC

This clinic built as part of sister city effort between 2000 and 2008 is currently well equipped and serving a 15 km diameter service area. In addition to acting as a medical hub for the region, it has become a HIV testing center and provides antiretroviral therapy to anyone who tests positive.

St. Werburghs receives sustainable funding from:

- Plan International
- FACT.
- Mwana Trust
- Unicef
- USAID





FAMILY AIDS SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (FASO)

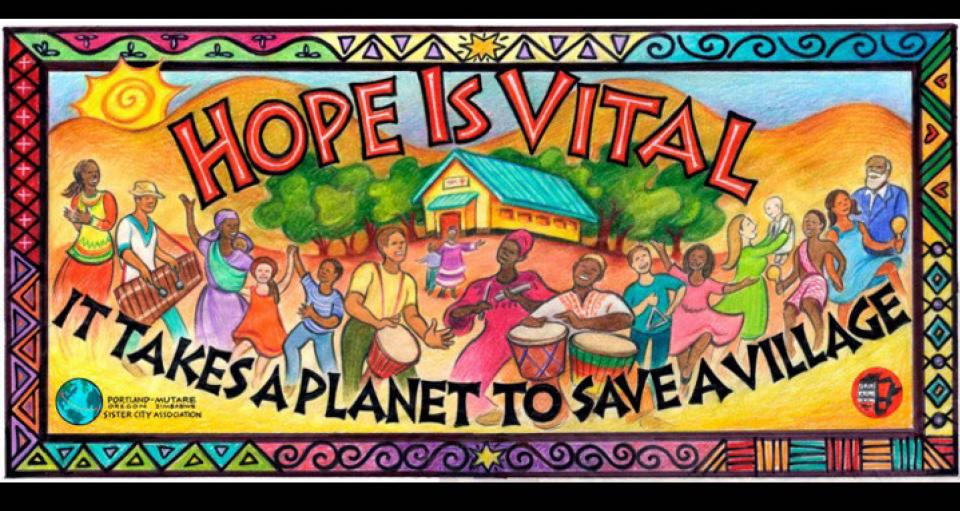
FASO currently has 47 members with HIV and provides support to 4 child-headed households

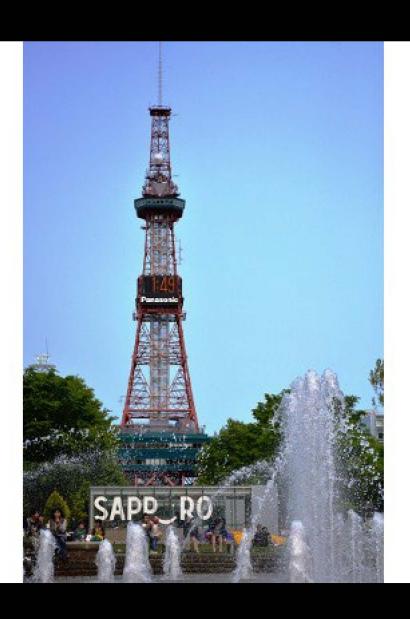
Priorities include:

- Access to vitamins and medical care outside of antiretroviral treatment
- Access to food, many individuals are struggling to get their basic needs met, often supplementing contract income with fetching and selling firewood.
- School fees for children of people with HIV



SEMWAYO SCHOOL OF SEWING & CREATIVE DESIGN





Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association



Sapporo, Japan

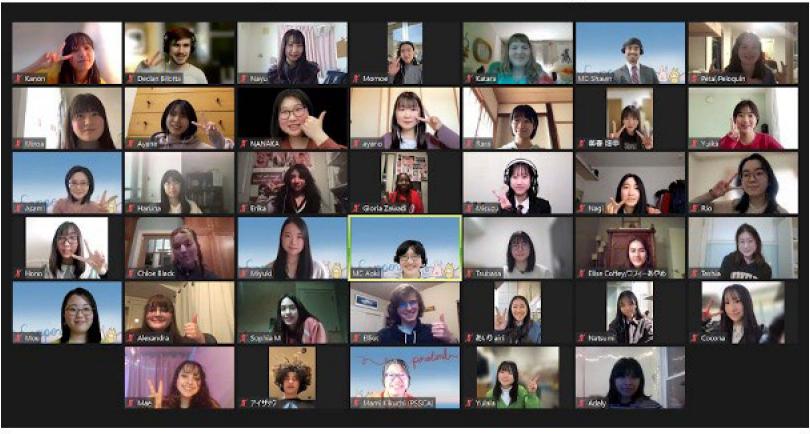
- The largest Japanese city north of Tokyo (Population: 1.97million)
- · Settled by the indigenous Ainu people, beginning over 15,000 years ago. Japanese migrant started to settle in the late 19th Century.
- Known for the Sapporo Snow Festival
- Hosted 1972 Winter Olympics



Sapporo



Online Exchange Events for High Schoolers



Grand Floral Parade 2022











Dr. Thompson M. Faller since 1981



Steven Orcutt since 1985







(Left to Right)
Steven Prag,
Zia Shonk, and
Elijah Sprints
Since 2022

Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association



Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association's mission is to promote education, cultural exchanges as well as business development opportunities to the benefit of Portland and Suzhou.



Suzhou China

- Suzhou, founded in 514 BC.
- Shortest travel time can be only 21 minutes between Shanghai and Suzhou by highspeed Train.
- A major economic center and focal point of trade and commerce in China.
- Population of approximately 7 million people in the city proper and 13 million people in the administrative area.
- Average GDP growth rates have been as much as 14% in the past 35 years.
- Famous for its World Heritage classical gardens, dating back to the 6th century BC.
- Suzhou and Portland in 1987 agree to build the Lan Su Chinese Classical Garden as a symbol of friendship and for the promotion of international tourism.
- Shortly thereafter the Portland- Suzhou Sister City Association in 1988 is formed.







"Gardens in the Eyes of Children" The Suzhou Gardens Leadership Group host a virtual meeting with the Lan Su Chinese Garden and launches a Student Art Contest. The Hope Chinese Charter School's twenty 5th graders take a tour of the Garden on a beautiful fall Satutrday morning and participate in a "Garden in the Eyes of Children" Art Contest.

Student Virtual Exchange Program

SIP Xinghai Experimental Middle School in the Suzhou Industrial Park participates in a number of virtual exchange programs with Harriet Tubman Middle School in 2022 and 2023.





"Little Shennong's Herbal Adventure"

This book was gifted to Portland by the City of Suzhou. The authors have designed the character image of "Little Shennong", in the form of telling the classic stories of traditional Chinese culture, to lead young students to improve their understanding of Chinese medicine at home and abroad.

PSSCA has enlisted a PSU graduate student in education with the potential cooperation of the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine to develop a lesson plan to introduce this book to students in Mandarin immersion programs in Portland. The missions is to broaden their appreciation of another culture that is possibly different from that of their own.

Suzhou-Portland's 2023 International Mural by Mail Project



This project was developed by Portland Artist John Teply. He invited artists from Suzhou and around the world to contribute their artwork in a mural format and send it to Portland to have an artist, in this case John Teply, contribute his work to it. The exhibition was held at the Portland Lloyd Center Saturday May 13 where John also held a virtual interview with the Suzhou artist, He Wenbin.

Kunqu Opera
Performance
Saturday, July 8
at 6:30 pm
and Cultural
Exhibit
July 8 to 30, at
the Lan Su
Chinese Garden



Co hosted by the Lan Su Chinese Garden and the Portland-Suzhou Sister City Association



2023 World ITS Congress

(Intelligent Transportation Systems)

Join the PSSCA 35th Anniversary Delegation Visit to Suzhou October 16 to 21, 2023....

.... to enter the future world of possibilities where we can work together with one of Oregon's most productive partners in intelligent trade, where both parties form a mutual agreement of benefits to serve our regions.

"Oregon's economy has one of the best GDP Growth in the nation, low unemployment levels, and record export growth" according to Business Oregon". We can continue to seek partnership opportunities such as the Lan Su Chinese Garden to promote international tourism, and Nike Distribution Logistic Center in Suzhou to put footwear on the ground in Southeast Asia.



PORTLAND ULSAN Sister City Association



Ulsan, South Korea

Portland, Oregon

1985 - 2023

36 years of mutual friendship & exchange

Ulsan, South Korea







1.1 million ppl

8th largest city in S. Korea

Industries:

- Auto manufacturing
- Ship building
- Petro-chemical
- Renewable energy manufacturing
- GDP per capita: \$65K

- River: Taewha River
- 3 Major Parks:

Taewha River National Park / Rose Garden / Grand Park



Ulsan Rose Garden

The largest rose garden in South Korea

Annual Rose Festival in late May







Portlander's Gateway to Korea



Sister City Association Activites:

- October 2022: participation in the Oregon Gov's delegation to S. Korea
- 2023: New PUSCA board leadership; rebooting activities; facilitating linkage and stewardship of connections & collaborations btwn Portland & Ulsan









Portland - Lviv Friendship City

Lviv (Львів)

- City in the Western part of Ukraine, close to Polish border
- Founded in 1256 by King Danylo Galytskyi
- Lviv was named after Danylo's son Lev/Leo/Lion
 - · Lviv is known as the "City of Lions"

Portland City Council declared the City of Lviv of Ukraine as an official Friendship City on September 28, 2022



International Art Festival 2023: Ukraine January 2023

Artist interviews with Mykhailo Skop and Alevtina Kakhidze

Mykhailo Skop / #NEIVANMADE

- Lviv based artist and art critic
- Studying towards Ph.D. at Lviv National Academy of Arts
- "The artist believes in the power of visual signs and images through which you can speak to people anywhere in the world, bypassing language barriers. He uses religious, mystical, and mythological motifs to represent 'extraordinary' reality. His images are inspired by folk Ukrainian wood carvings, traditional icon painting, and Francisco Goya's series of etchings"*

FREEDOM



One-act plays & interpretive dance: Interpretations of Halyna Kruk's War

Pocities
Master of Community
Galyania Juneta William
Maste By
Kasin Bryant Lay

Ukraine Fundraiser Lloyd Center, Portland, OR

International Art Festival 2023: Ukraine January 2023

Halyna Kruk

- Lviv based poet, writes books for children and young adults
- Professor of Medieval Literature at Lviv State University





In this House

Survival

I Dream About a Borob Shelter

My Love Language

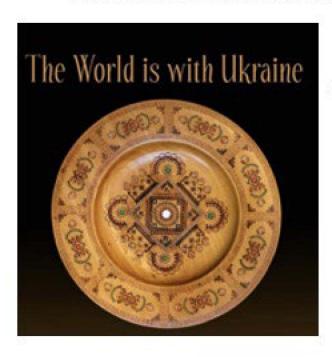
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Coming up in 2023:

- "The World is with Ukraine"
 - June 18, 2023 at Alberta Rose Theatre
- "Ukrainian Day PDX"
 - August 26, 2023 in West Moreland Park



Book Club:

Books by Lviv authors:

- Stanisław Lem
 - "Solaris"
 - "High Castle"
- Halyna Kruk
 - War Poems
- Oksana Zabuzhko
 - "Your Ad Can Go Here"









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