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## 79th Street Diorama

Near SE 79th Ave & Ash St

Delightful diorama maintained by an artist and rotated regularly. There are always lots of details and a variety of art types to enjoy including linocut pieces.

IG: [@79th\\_ave\\_diorama\\_club](#)



## Be Kind VHS Depot

Near SE 45th Ave & Center St

A free library exchange for VHS tapes and other media. Take a tape or leave a tape (or DVD).

IG: [@bekindvhsdepot](#)



## Brooklyn SeeSaw

Near SE 15th Ave & Lafayette St

Enjoy this lovely, and sturdy, curbside garden SeeSaw nestled among moss in the Brooklyn neighborhood. Installed two years ago, it's a favorite destination for many kids. Teeter-tottering is softened by tires below but play at your own risk.



## The Canted Spruce

Near NE 23rd Ave & Stanton St

The Canted Spruce, updated each month, presents a slanted take on life, often with a nod to the works of famous artists.

IG: [@gailjeidy](#)



## The Car Library

On NE 20th Ave btwn Fremont St & Ridgewood Dr

Toy car exchange made from salvaged vehicle parts. Created by Lauren Varney of Just So, LLC. Don't miss the Car of the Month when you visit!

IG: [@lauren.varney](#)



## Chickie Crossing

Alley north of Ainsworth St btwn NE 23rd & 24th Ave

Hand-feed some sweet chickens with the provided feed. Learn fun facts about chickens + how to be safe with dogs via the lovely illustrations decorating this alley.

IG: [@ainsworthchickies](#)



## Comics Cottage

Near SE 56th Ave & Rhone St

Little free library and more dedicated to sharing and celebrating graphic novels, comics, and sequential art. They host events, have dog biscuits and often have stickers, superhero masks, and more!

IG: [@comicscottagepdx](#)



## Elfinland

Near NE 52nd Ave & Tillamook St

A single small elf door installed in 2012 grew into a sprawling Elfinland over the years. Current features include a suspension bridge, Elf Theater, tiny swing set, a toy gazebo, kid-sized chairs, and more. Enjoy the toys and/or bring your own!



## Farcical Flamingos

Near NE Prescott St & Grand Ave

Often updated, whimsical and humorous display of yard flamingoes Fran, Fred, Flo, and Bob. Neighbors have been enjoying their antics since January 2021. Follow them on IG to enjoy the full storyline!

IG: [@farcicalflamingos](#)



## FoPo Fibrary

SE Pardee St btwn 56th & 58th Aves

Knitters and crocheters rejoice! Exchange yarn and other fiber-arts supplies in this Little Free Fibrary built almost entirely out of materials gathered from Buy Nothing.

IG: [@FoPoFibrary](#)



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## Foster Powell Puzzle Library

Near SE 52nd Ave and Boise St

Established in 2019 and potentially the oldest Puzzle Library in Portland, you can find this perpetually rosemary-scented jigsaw delight in the Foster-Powell neighborhood.



## Free Little Art Gallery NEPDX

On NE Alameda St btwn Fremont St and Klickitat St

Free Little Art Gallery curated by Scrantz Studio 37. Come leave art, take art, view art at this repurposed bench in NE!

IG: [@freelittleartgallery\\_nepdx](#)



## Free Little Art Gallery PDX

Near SE Bush St & 51st Ave

Share your art with the world and find inspiration in others' work in this darling little free art gallery.

IG: [@freelittleartgallery\\_pdx](#)



## Free Tiny Greenhouse

Near SE 52nd Ave & SE Francis St

Opened in March of 2022, this pint-sized greenhouse invites folks to adopt a plant and bring back mature cuttings or leafy buddies for others to enjoy. Active in all but very extreme weather!

IG: [@tinygreenhousefopo](#)



## Free Toy Library

NE Wygant St btwn 26th & 27th Aves

Started in early 2021, this Alberta-Arts Neighborhood toy exchange is charmingly hand-painted and home to various stuffies, board games, costumes, and art supplies available for swapping!

IG: [@freetoylibrary](#)



## Friend Swap

Near NE Klickitat St & 26th Ave

Inspired by Tiny Creature Swap and with the goal of giving back to the community, this delightful little toy and trinket swap was made by Albi (7) and Autumn (10), some of our youngest creators!



## The Gallery Flurn

Near SE Flavel St & 37th Ave

Sweet little take-one-leave-one art exchange with occasional themes such as monsters, nature, seasons, holidays, and more.

IG: [@thegalleryflurn](#)



## Goal Tree

Near SE 46th Ave & Insley St

Got something you're working toward? Grab a tag, write down your goal, and attach it to the Goal Tree. Come back to post updates. They'll cheer you on every step of the way!



## Grant Park Little Puzzle Library

Near NE 37th & NE Hancock St

The inspiration for this Puzzle Exchange came from a love of swapping puzzles and seeing Little Free Libraries around. The need for at-home activities during the pandemic was the push the idea needed and it was installed April 2020.



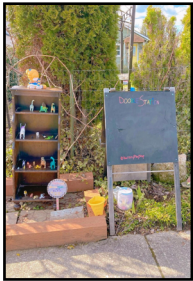
## Gratitude Tree and Grief Tree

Near SE 36th Ave & SE Main St

Share what you're thankful for at the Gratitude Tree or write your troubles on a tag at the Grief Tree beside it. This Sunnyside staple was established in 2018.

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## Harney Play Stop

On SE 66th Ave near Harney St

Toy trade + play stop in the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood that includes a gnome garden, a doodle station, and a bookcase of toys for playing with and/or exchanging.

IG: [@wildwood.creates](#)



## Morrison Street Minigallery

Near SE 33rd Ave & Morrison St

A tiny gallery located in funky SE PDX, with monthly rotating exhibits from local artists. Established in 2017.

IG: [@morrisonstreetmini](#)



## Island of Misfit Toys

On NE Couch St near 24th Ave

Give broken and/or discarded toys a new life at this Toy Trade with a twist. The Island of Misfit Toys (a repurposed Poetry Box) welcomes your most creative reimagining of old and damaged toys into new delightfully weird characters.



## Mt. Tabor Creations

SE 60th Ave & Lincoln St

Ever-changing and extravagantly decorated home near the base of Mt. Tabor. Most of their displays have an interactive or selfie component.

IG: [@mt\\_tabor\\_creations](#)



## Lantern Diorama

On SE 55th Ave btwn Salmon & Taylor

Admire this often updated and absolutely charming lantern diorama created and maintained by 10 year old Annabella. Themes so far include back to school, St. Patrick's Day, spring fairies, Christmas, and more!



## NE Puzzle Exchange

Near NE 68th Ave & Glisan St

Inspired by the Grant Park Little Puzzle Library and the pandemic realization of how therapeutic puzzling can be when you're stuck inside, Joan created the NE Puzzle Exchange! All puzzles welcome, just note the missing pieces on the box.



## Lucky Dog Library

SE 58th Ave btwn Clinton & Woodward

At the Lucky Dog Library, your pup can fetch a stick or tennis ball while you enjoy canine-themed poems, quotes and jokes...and even a tiny dog park!

IG: [@luckydoglibrary](#)



## North Tabor Puzzle Library

Near SE 49th Ave & Stark St

Puzzle enthusiast Kaeri Schaefer wanted a place for fellow jigsawers to be able to swap their finished puzzles for fresh ones. Taking inspiration from Little Free Libraries, the puzzle library was born circa 2018 and is quite popular in the community.



## Milkweed Seed Station

Near NE 24th Ave and Klickitat St

Gorgeously painted seed station created to help boost the struggling Portland Monarch population. The station is filled with milkweed seeds, gardening guides and more! Lovely painted rocks all around.

IG & FB: [@portlandmonarchs](#)



## PDX Dinorama + Dino Exchange

Near SE Morrison St & 78th Ave

Dinosaur-themed dinorama, updated regularly with themes plus a dinosaur (and horse) exchange.

IG: [@pdxdinorama](#)



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## PDX FLAG

Near SE 57th Ave & Rhone St

Free little art gallery - you can leave tiny art, take art, and/or view art in this cute diorama. Often decorated with elaborate themes.

IG: [@pdxflag](#)



## PDX Minifig Exchange

Near SE 42nd Ave & Cora St

Portland's first Lego Minifig Exchange! Leave one, take one, and keep your eye on their IG for seasonal special minifig drops!

IG: [@portlandminifigs](#)



## Poetry Pottery Box

Near SE 48th Ave & Lincoln St

Started as an outlet for Dan Peccia's pottery and to connect with local poets. If you leave an original poem you just might find it on some pottery in the box. Donations for supplies are always appreciated.

IG: [@poetrypotterybox](#)



## Post Mabone + Tiny Things Exchange

Near SE 78th Ave & Ogden St

Permanently installed 12' yard skeleton and friends, charmingly decorated year-round (esp. Halloween). Don't miss Post Mabone's Tiny Things Exchange!

IG: [@postmabonepdx](#)



## Puzzle Barn

Near NE 11th Ave & Knott St

Combining her delight of little free libraries, poetry posts, and puzzles, Liz created the Puzzle Barn in the Summer of 2022! Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle and check out the Sketch Barn while you're there!



## Radon Canyon

Near NE Durham Ave & 11th Ave

A fence full of art, gathered from the trash or donated by passers-by. Loosely curated by season, always accepting submissions that will visibly deteriorate in the elements, or notes of greeting on the chalkboard. Check back for Halloween!



## RhoneStreetRetreat Wishing Tree

Near SE Rhone St & SE 60th Ave

Make a wish at the RhoneStreetRetreat Wishing Tree then say hi to the chickens, and check the free library for books! Kids can draw with the chalk + play with the various toys in the front garden.

IG: [@rhonestreetretreat](#)



## robot\_alley

Alley south of N Skidmore btwn Kerby & Borthwick

An intergalactic loitering ground for talkative stormtroopers, robots, & probe droids — all running various interactive programs. Visits may include scares, songs, & hidden pleasures. But be warned... YOU MAY GET WET!

IG: [@plastorm](#) Temporarily closed, will reopen June 3rd. Check IG beforehand.



## Roseway Puzzle Library

Near NE 77th Ave and Siskiyou St

This exchange was dreamed up while the creator, Scout, was in cancer treatment. Puzzles kept her sane during that time and she wanted to give back with a jigsaw library. Her vision came true in 2022 when her best friend built her this structure!



## Sellwood/Westmoreland Minifig Exchange

On SE Lexington St btwn 17th & 19th

Portland's second LEGO minifig exchange, modeled after [@portlandminifigs](#), where you can trade an old minifigure for one that is new to you!

IG: [@sellwoodminifigs](#)

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## Sidewalk Ducks

*Near NE 14th Place & Emerson Street*

Adorable duck exchange established in 2011! Take a duck and leave one if you have one to spare. Classic rubber ducks and all iterations welcome.

IG: [@sidewalkducks](#)



## Spring of Hope

*On NE 20th Ave near Ridgewood Dr*

Created by Weina Dinata of Poppy and Finch, this free-standing repurposed vintage 'spring' mattress has pens and tags for leaving hopes, aspirations, and/or wishes. Enjoy the Poppy & Finch Educational Habitat Garden there too!



## SkeleKrewe

*Near SE 46th Ave & Insley St*

A motley "krewe" of skeletons who came to life in Oct '19 that feature an ever-changing, playful, & sometimes creepy installation with costumes & props. They're out year round braving all the elements!

IG: [@skelekrewe](#)



## Super Awesome Prizes

*Near NE Thompson St & 11th Ave*

Super awesome prizes are here to delight the neighborhood. 7 categories. 50 cents each. Try your luck.

IG: [@superawesomeprizes](#)



## Sketch Barn

*Near NE 11th Ave & Knott St*

Started in Spring 2023, the Sketch Barn is the brainchild of illustrator and animator Mark Giles. Come for a free sketch and check out the Puzzle Barn at the same location!



## SW Puzzle Exchange

*Near SW Iowa St & SW 45th Ave*

Puzzling provided some much needed at-home entertainment during the pandemic for Erin and her family so they created a beautiful jigsaw exchange in 2021! Don't forget to leave a puzzle if you want to take one!



## Sleepy Hollow

*Near NE 52nd Ave and Hancock St*

Epic, seasonally decorated yard display including a covered bridge, small movie theater, horse-drawn wagon with a viewing window, a front porch facade, and a swamp.



## Tiny Creature Swap

*On NE 21st Ave, just north of Knott St*

Bring a toy critter & walk away with a new friend at this charming small toy swap. The Tiny Creature Swap was the brainchild of then-seven-year old Ava to bring some pandemic joy.

IG: [@tinycreatureswap](#)



## South Tabor Puzzle Library

*On SE 63rd Ave near Tibbets St*

This puzzle library was a dream of Charlotte and Rick, who fell in love over swapping jigsaws. They dedicated this beautiful exchange to their rainbow baby, Remy, and it was installed in August 2022 with the help of Remy's grandparents.



## Tiny Toy Trade

*Near NE 55th Ave and Alameda St*

Cheery yellow Tiny Toy Trade maintained by Quinn (9) and Ben (12). Inspired by the Tiny Creature Swap and a great place to bring small party favors and tiny delights.



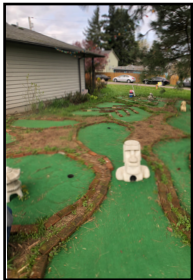
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## Toy Library

*On Brazee St btwn 28th & 30th Ave*  
Bring a toy and swap for another one at this salvaged phone booth. This installation was also created by The Car Library's Lauren Varney (Just So, LLC). Kids will enjoy the permanently installed red, corded phone.



## Twin Pines Country Club

*Near SE 85th Ave & Clay St*  
Free, outdoor 6-hole mini golf course in a formerly unused side yard. Clubs and golf balls available to borrow onsite. Call the number on the locker for the code.  
IG: [@twinpinescountryclub](#)



## Wishing Tree

*Near NE Morris St & 7th Ave*  
The OG Wishing Tree in Portland. Founded in 2013 when Nicole Helprin left a few of her own wishes on the horse chestnut tree before a trip and came home to it covered with wishes. Marker and blank tags are at the tree.



## Yamhill Seed Library

*Near SE Yamhill St & 86th Ave*  
Take seeds and/or leave seeds at this repurposed lantern in SE. And make sure to enjoy the sidewalk chalk station to leave art and joy.

## SEASONAL SIDEWALK JOY



## Free Flowers

*On SE 58th Ave near Lincoln St*  
*Active: ~April to October*  
Brighten your day with a free bouquet from artist Georgina Ottaviano. She creates lovely floral arrangements most mornings using mostly her own garden's blooms! Don't forget to bring back the jar.  
IG: [@geordina.ottaviano](#)

## QUESTIONS/CORRECTIONS

Please submit questions or corrections to [@pdxdinorama](#) (IG) or [pdxdinorama@gmail.com](mailto:pdxdinorama@gmail.com)

## SIDEWALK JOY SUGGESTIONS

Do you have a suggestion for a spot to add to the Sidewalk Joy Map? Please submit the installation details to: [bit.ly/SidewalkJoyAddForm](https://bit.ly/SidewalkJoyAddForm)