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Asking Your Support for Eco-Earth

Summer 2023

Please Give to Eco-Earth!

The Eco-Earth Globe once stood as a proud symbol of Salem's community spirit, commitment to the health of planet Earth, world peace and cultural awareness. This once beautiful work of art has been allowed to fall into disrepair. Salem Parks Foundation has taken on the task of a Capital Fund Drive to raise \$300,000 for the restoration. There is encouraging news:

- Public support has reached over \$56,000.
- Artists are creating new icons for the restoration.
- Grant applications are in progress.

Please share this important issue with family and friends. Eco-Earth donors are our Park Heroes for this summer issue. Add your name to this list to make the Eco-Earth restoration possible!

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Ways to Give to Eco-Earth

- Be sure to indicate that your gift is for the Eco-Earth restoration.
- **Mail** a check to Salem Parks Foundation at P.O. Box 5764, Salem, OR 97304 or donate online at 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.
- **Bottle Drop/Give** Fill pre-labeled blue bags with cans and bottles. Drop them off at a Bottle Drop site. Send an e-mail to info@salemparksfoundation.org. We will arrange to get the bags to you. Half of the proceeds from BottleDrop go to the Eco-Earth project.
- **Consider gifting** the park lovers on your list with a donation to Eco-Earth in their honor.





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Thank You!**

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Donors giving \$500 or more will be listed on an honor plaque located near Eco-Earth.

Have you seen this poster?

Several of these posters are attached to the fence surrounding the Eco-Earth Globe. Many visitors to Salem have read it and contributed to help restore the mosaic to its former beauty. Visitors to Riverfront Park and Eco-Earth from Idaho, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and California have responded and shared their stories.



One story especially caught our attention and we thought it might inspire other potential donors. It was a donation from a young visitor from Denair, California. Megan Arteaga shared the story about her 7- year old son Lukas's desire to help restore the Eco-Earth.

"My husband, 3 young children (7, 7, & 5), and I live in California. We were visiting my mom, who lives in Stayton, for our Easter spring break. We came to the park because there was a break in the rain, and they hadn't been to the carousel since my twins were 1.5 and I was pregnant with my youngest. We spent the afternoon going back and forth between the park, the carousel, and walking the grounds. When we arrived to the globe, we were spotting things we knew and reading the signs. I read the donation sign to my kids, and pointed out the areas that were falling apart. That is when my 7 year old son Lukas said, "We should donate!" I told him that this was a great idea, and if wanted to use his own money to do so it would mean more to him. He happily agreed, and even told me how much to donate (based on the amount of allowance and birthday money he had in his account)." **Thank You, Lukas! We appreciate your help!**

Please follow Lukas's example and help support the restoration of the Eco-Earth. Eco-Earth has gone from a symbol of pride in Salem's community spirit to a sad reminder of what can happen when signs of failure are ignored. Eco-Earth can once more stand as a symbol of Salem's commitment to the environment, world peace, and cultural awareness. It will take a demonstration of the same spirit that converted the acid ball into a work of art! It will take your help. Please give!

Eco-Earth: Why It Matters

Carol Snyder, President, Salem Parks Foundation

Eco-Earth is a local treasure, a celebration of Salem's community spirit. More than 30,000 hours of volunteer labor over five years went into the creation of this colorful piece of public art. Visitors are drawn to it; a favorite spot for selfies and group photos.



Eco-Earth also celebrates the culturally diverse community that Salem has become. 86,000 tiles make up the oceans and continents of the world, and over 200 hand-crafted clay icons represent cultures, religions, historic events, animals, and monuments that are special to the citizens of Salem. Some of those icons have fallen and are now being re-created by some of the original artists along with current art students.

Eco-Earth is still stunning at a distance, but up close, the effects of time and weather are obvious, and it is becoming an embarrassment. Together, we can fix it. Please help us make Eco-Earth a source of community pride again.

Why we support Eco-Earth

Dan and Kathleen Saucy, major donors

Eco-Earth, the big blue marble, is an eye magnet for anyone visiting our Riverfront Park. With the new Gerry Frank / Salem Rotary Amphitheater and the Peter Courtney Bridge, the number of local and out of town visitors in this area of the park has really grown. The Salem's Riverfront Park has been called Salem's living room and the Eco-Earth is a major feature for anyone visiting.



Maintenance hasn't been kept up and it is starting to look shabby, not an image that I would like in my living room. The deterioration is growing and needs to be stopped. The Salem Parks Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, has volunteered to raise the money needed to restore this iconic emblem of Salem. If you have already donated, thank you. Could you consider donating again this year? Large grants are applied for, but it is our Salem citizens that can help meet the Salem Parks Foundation's goal. If you haven't donated, please join Kathleen and me in donating money to restore Salem's Eco-Earth.



In 1999, it took vision, determination, and hard work to turn a black industrial acid ball into a beautiful mosaic map of the Earth.

In 2023, it will take an effort of that scale to raise the revenue necessary to hire artists, art conservators, and construction companies to carry out the delicate task of bringing this work of art back to its original beauty.

We believe the community is capable of this effort and it is gratifying to see a good public response so far. Please continue to support the restoration of Eco-Earth!

The QR code will take you to our website to send your gift. **Thank You!**

