

## Great places happen\*

*\*when people like you get involved*

We are looking for:

- Neighborhood project leaders
- Artists
- Neighborhood Organizations
- Natural Builders
- Volunteers
- Host sites for placemaking projects
- Event spaces for celebrations!



Community gardens provide food and connection

## Who are these Village Builders?

The Olympia Village Builders is a diverse coalition of placemakers and community organizations joining together to share their time, skills, and resources to transform public spaces into friendly neighborhood places.

## How do I get involved?

\* Visit our website:

**village-builders.org**

\* Like or Join us on Facebook.



The Commons@Fertile Ground Welcome Gate

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Community creativity inspires -  
NE Neighborhood Welcome Mural



A downtown parklet creates opportunity that streets and sidewalks lack

## What does transforming public spaces look like?

A placemaking project is only limited by the imagination, access to a space, and the enthusiasm of the people involved.

### Successful projects include:

- intersection murals
- downtown parklets
- street-corner benches
- urban farms & gardens
- food forests
- neighborhood info kiosks
- tiny free libraries
- outdoor classrooms
- public art and music
- earthen buildings
- sharing skills
- parks
- pathways

## Why Placemaking?

Car-centric urban design, transportation, and suburban sprawl isolates people and undermines community.

Placemaking projects reimagine our community as a web of sustainable, resilient places.

*Placemaking is turning a neighborhood, town or city from a place you can't wait to get through to one you never want to leave.*

*Placemaking is an overarching idea and a hands-on tool for improving a Neighborhood, City or Region. It has the potential to be one of the most transformative ideas of this century.*

-Chicago Metropolitan Planning Council

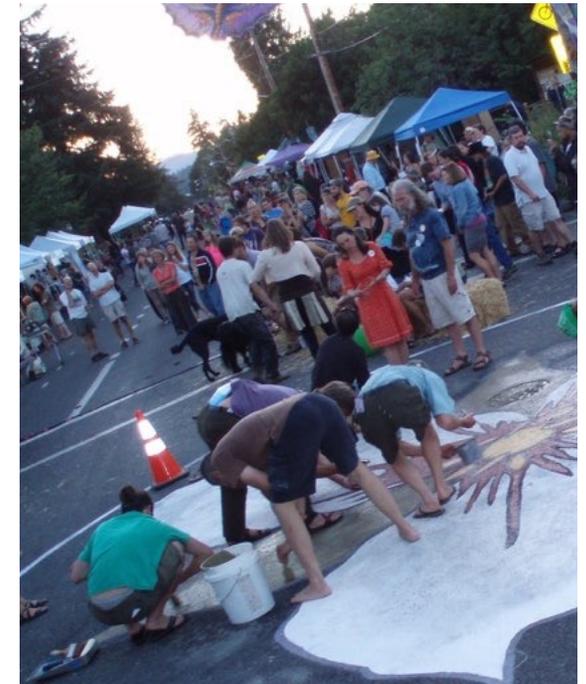
Placemaking in the South Sound continues all the time - dozens of local groups doing similar work, by now more than 1000 skill shares, food forests, urban gardens and tiny parklets have been built in the past 12-15 years. Together we are truly transforming our community.

## You are "Converging"?

Yes. The Olympia Village Convergence has happened before, and it is happening again - bigger and better than ever.

Look out for monthly events culminating in a 10-day extravaganza of placemaking and celebrations in August 2015.

Find out more at:  
[village-builders.org](http://village-builders.org)



Love Our Local Festival continues as one of many Convergence celebrations