

the
couve
zine
swap
yearbook

2025

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a note from mintie and fae

We are so immensely grateful for everything the Couve Zine Swap has given us this year! Hundreds of zines, dozens of friends, three printers, and one rambunctious kitten.

If you've been shy about reaching out, don't be! We're just two zine nerds with an email address.

And remember, the Couve Zine Swap isn't just Mintie and Fae—
it's all of us.

special thanks

Every zinester who has ever contributed a zine
to the Couve Zine Swap

Adriana Baer of the I'm Into This Place podcast

Alyssa Nicholas of Paper Cut Society

Armin Tolentino

Brett Bird

Christine Richardson of The ARTScentered

Clark County Poet Laureate Susan Dingle

DC Klein

Ghost Town Poetry Open Mic

Laura Sheppard of Little Wings Library

Ophelia

Piehole Pizza

Sarah Logan, Librarian at Dorothy Fox
Elementary

Vancouver Mall Library

Washougal Community Library

Woodland Community Library

Writstrom of Shut Up & Write

our distros



Birdhouse Books

Dandelion Teahouse &
Apothecary



Eryngium Papeterie

Kindred Vancouver



Metallion Cafe

Our 3rd Space



Ronald Records

White Oak Books

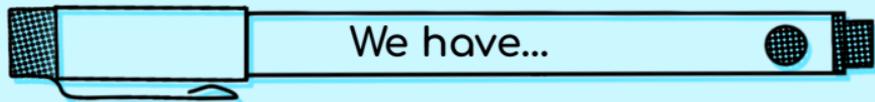


Wild Camp Goods

We cannot do this without you!

Lucas Gubala • Kat Stein • Crystal Humble Lary
• Alex Luna • Rachel Hunter • Joshua Egan &
Rio Roman • Kelsey Jennings • Sara & Peter
Glavin • Leland Duck & Chelsea Howard

year in review



over

200

zines in our
publication roster

over

30

contributing
zinesters

over

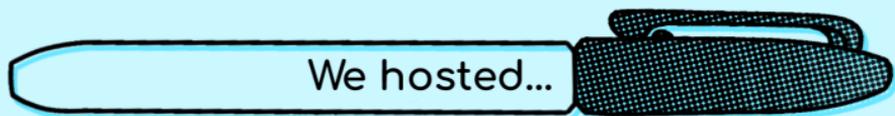
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folks on our
mailing list

distributed over

3,000

zines



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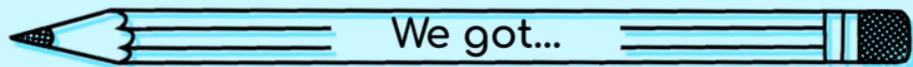
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zinester successes

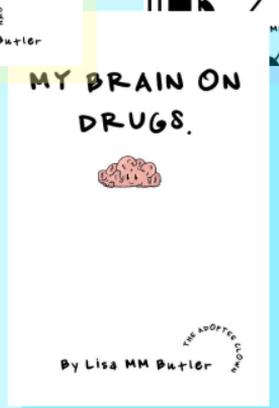
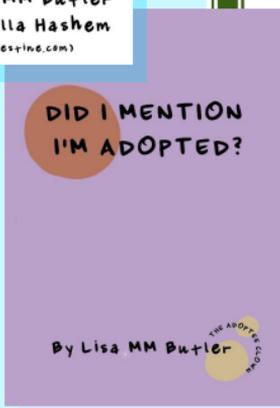
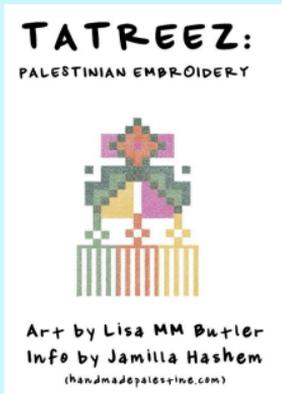
We asked our contributing zinesters to share some highlights and accomplishments from this year, and this is what they said!

If you ever want to share your zines or want any of the zines you see here, just shoot us an email.

the adoptee clown



My zinester success was sharing about Gaza in a meaningful way. My zines about Gaza have been all over the world and one is even on a cartoonists for Palestine website!



Brianna

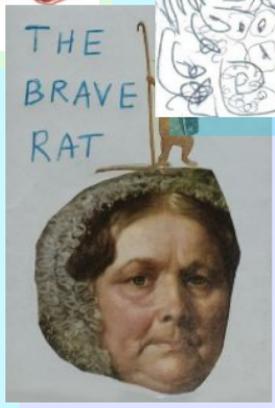
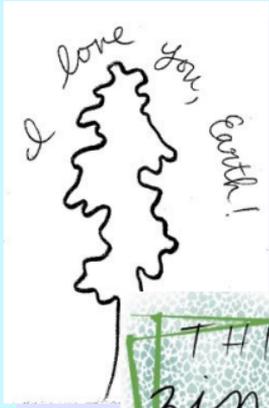
For my zine success, I mean beside meeting the CZS squad, I would say the best things have been discovering that the Multnomah libraries allow for 100 free pages a day, and getting my hands on a used ecotank printer from eBay with easily refillable ink tanks.

I sometimes stock zines at Revolutions bookstore in St. Johns, and one time a zine I hadn't stocked there for months re-appeared on the shelf. So someone else had put it there. I thought that was cool to see!



celeste

Celeste was the first contributor to the Couve Zine Swap, and for that, we will always be grateful. We would not be where we are today without the momentum we gained from her enthusiasm and talents in those first few months.



charlie fairfield

Alright, here's my zine successes: In 2025, I made my very first zine, went on to make several more, tabled at my first zine fest, won the Washington State Zine Contest, read countless beautiful zines by others, and made lots of zine friends near and far.



Washington State
Zine Contest
Award Winner!





fae

Zines have helped me connect back to my love of storytelling. As a kid, I was constantly writing little stories, churning through ideas with abandon. Many years of English majoring and adulting later, I fell off writing, but I always felt an absence where that passion used to nest. Since cultivating the CZS, both as an organizer and contributor, I've felt more inspired to write and create than I have in years. Zines are also a wonderful medium to share knowledge, and I'm very proud of my *How to Use Scrap Fabric* series, which is inspired by my personal commitment to recycle textile waste.



ha!

The Pete Digest is a little taste of the of the collaborative writing community here in the Couve. This mini-zine is a collection of our favorite short poems which were fed to Pete the Poetry Piñata between Jan-Sept 2025. Some of his favorite places to nosh on poems include Shut Up & Write Vancouver, Ghost Town Poetry, Poetry Street PNW, Humble Poets, and poetry workshops around town.





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kindred spirit

I absolutely love how y'all have cultivated zine culture here in the Couve! We've had so much success with our zines and are still planning to make more but so far our most popular are the Harm Free Home and Elderberry Syrup.

TOXIN FREE CLEANING • GREEN WATER SAFE • SEPTIC SAFE • ALL NATURAL WAYS

HARM FREE HOME

a Kindred Spirit Zine!

TO KEEP YOUR HOME FRESH + CLEAN!



A Kindred Spirit Zine

How to make: Elderberry Syrup



a yummy way to boost your immune system.

How to make
Elderberry Cider

How to make:

BATH SOAKS



AND OUR OWN

Kindred Spirit Zine



a kindred spirit zine

m klein

I published my first poem zine, "Called" with Sandwich Press! More info can be found on their instagram, @samwchprss.



Puppet
Poetry
in the
Park





mintie

While the zine success I'm most happy about this year is the work for the Couve Zine Swap as a whole, I had some personal zine moments that I'm also really proud of! I met the research librarian at the Chachalu Tribal Museum in Grand Ronde, and she offered to put some of my zines in their archive! I traded a bunch of zines at the Portland Zine Symposium. We bought an ecotank printer at Goodwill for \$13. And I also think I made some cool innovations of the mini zine format.



the paper marmot

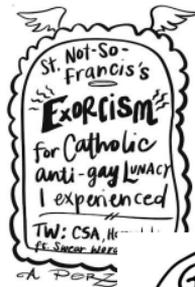


THE PAPER
MARMOT

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I never thought I would get such joy from a community of like-minded humans and see my work being enjoyed by people in the wild! I've been consistently making things on my own but having a group who can support and distribute has been amazing! Just this year I've made over 20 zines! Many thanks to all who make this great community and readership possible.

- Paper Marmot Zines -
presents



The
Unbear
grumpy



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The Hidden
of
Black
Cai

Look
Adze-
olutely
gorgeous
with
minimal
or
no
makeup!



Neolithic
Digest

For teens
who (ne)
ROCK

Get to
know
your

BEANS
and also Legumes

Plus recipes:
make a 3 course
bean meal



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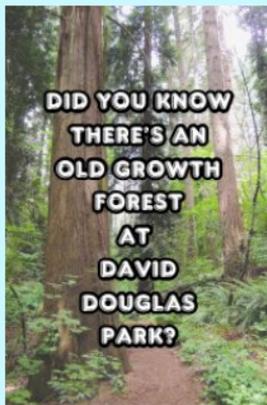
I'm really thrilled that there's a *local* focused zine library available for all, and that it led to an amazing and fun collaboration that brings the community together IRL. Another reason for folks to connect and get out of isolation.

Can't wait to see all the other heartfelt bridge building initiatives that will come from this newfound friendship.



tawny / vancouver forest keepers

Success! I connected with you all at the zine swap table [at the October Mutual Aid Community Fair] and got inspired to work on quarter zines. Yay!





yappy

Yappy is Fae's 82 year old grandpa, a retired architect with a lifelong passion for watercolor. I (Mintie) admire him immensely, particularly for his commitment to lifelong learning. When we taught him how to fold a mini, he, like all the rest of us, caught zine fever.

KNOTS
FOR
Camping

Ropes
101

Sketch
a
head

(LOUIS METRO)

Sketch
a
face

THE
6-KNOT
CHALLENGE





your shoulder devil

This year I established my pseudonym, got a web presence up and running, and ran THREE zine workshops as part of my day job! Through socials, I officially got queried for my first mail trade, and it was delightful! I was also featured in Charlie Fairfield's Weeping Willow 2 mailbag section, which was great fun and for which I am very grateful. I am also proud to have connected a community member looking to distribute whistles for our community to CZS. Some of my favorite zine memories though are the zine making party I had with Charlie and the one I attended with Mintie and Fae at Dandelion, as well as a get-together Charlie and I did where we brought some of our favorite zines we own over and spent an afternoon just reading zines and talking about them. I



Highly Recommend quiet zine reading time as a slow and low-pressure social opportunity! I'm looking forward to more zine adventures in 2026!



mintie's maxims

"Everyone is *this* close to making a zine, and our job is to get them there."

"Zines are half paper and half people."

"I'll quit when I run out of ideas, and I have more ideas every day."

"Just a marker and a dream."

"There's nothing I love more than a first zine."

"Some people's passion is zine making. My passion is zine administration."

"Your zine collection starts today!"

"This is an 'audience-of-one' zine."

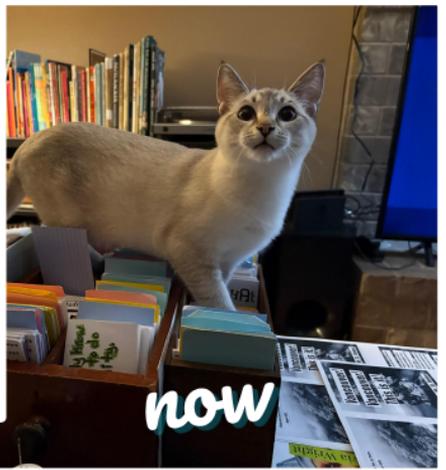


photo album

In July, we arrived at Kindred Vancouver's Cruise the Couve Market and heard distressed meows coming from... somewhere. We noticed a small group of people removing a tire from a truck, with one or two people reaching into the wheel well from above. A moment later, out shot a small gray speck. The noble volunteers scooped up this kitten and placed her in Fae's hands—where she has been ever since. She is Pepper the Zine Cat, the official mascot of the Couve Zine Swap!



then



now



Ghost Town Poetry Open Mic

Dandelion's Pride Block Party





Camas School District's
annual Book Bowl
READ-gionals



Zine Craft Table at
Synergy Society's
Mutual Aid
Community Fair



Shut Up & Write's
Open Mic Fundraiser

(R.I.P. Pete the
Poetry Piñata)

Send us an email if you want a sticker!



Where are you going to put your sticker in 2026?





Ophelia
Quality Control
Supervisor

