

Your Favorite PDX Date

What is your favorite inexpensive Greater Portland date? Let us know; we will publish the top winners in our June issue. The top three entries will receive copies of the book “**52 Fantastic Dates for You and Your Mate**” by David and Claudia Arp. Judging will be done by a panel of romantically inclined women.

Every Marriage Matters has published fun Portland dates in our June and July issues for several years. Our very favorite, it’s one we enjoy often, was suggested by Bob and Theresa Pulford: “Our love of the outdoors and exercise takes us downtown on MAX for the beginning of a 3-mile walk that loops the waterfront, using the Hawthorne and Steele bridges.” You might start at a parking lot near OMSI, or park downtown (easier to find on Sunday afternoon than on early evenings) near a favorite restaurant to complete your date, to reflect on the sights and sounds of a most delightful city built on a river, and the Lord’s blessings poured out upon you.

e-Mail your favorite date to: tomdressel@comcast.net by May 20th.

– Tom and Liz Dressel
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RESOURCES FOR COUPLES

Did you know that your marriage can be one of your life’s most rewarding relationships?

It is a challenge to build a strong, God-honoring relationship. Whether you are 18 or 80, dating, engaged, or married, there is a class or seminar for the two of you.

SELECTING A WEDDING GIFT

China? Silverware? Pots and pans? A silver frame for their wedding photo? Perhaps a honeymoon in Fiji?

Every couple going into marriage believes that in their heart of hearts their marriage will beat the odds. After all, even if 50% of marriages end in divorce, that means half of them do make it. That’s better odds than the casino offers, but when a lifelong relationship is at stake, why not help a couple improve the odds?

Instead of the traditional gifts, give a marriage conference, or a book that will encourage some aspect of the couple’s relationship: communication, prayer, intimacy, or build their understanding about finances. Suggestions:

FamilyLife’s “Weekend to Remember Get-Away,” returning to Portland Nov 22-24. For other locations and registration, see Web site www.familylife.com.

The Meaning of Marriage, by Timothy Keller (from a Christian perspective)

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts, by Drs Les and Leslie Parrott

Check www.EveryMarriageMatters.org for other suggestions.

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