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Artists for Social Awareness

Artists! Artists for Social Awareness is a networking of artists interested in using their skills and talents towards progressive social change, now in its formative stage. A.S.A. will be dedicated to perpetuating and expanding the use of all art forms as tools for the construction of a healthy planet. They believe in achieving social change thru non-violent and non-oppressive means. A.S.A. believes art has the power to educate, enlighten, and facilitate positive social action. A.S.A. welcomes all artists who share these beliefs to come to a meeting Jan. 8 at 7 pm at 1991 Garfield. They'll develop a plan of action and begin compiling a directory of artists to be made available to local social change groups. If you can't make the meeting or want more info, call 345-9599 or 345-6396.

Contact/Dance Demo

On Sunday, Jan. 8 at 2 pm, Joint Forces members Alito Alessi and Karen Nelson will informally show contact improvisation at the Amazon Kung Fu Kwoon (W. 2nd & Jackson). Sometimes called an "Artsport" this dance has been evolving over the past 12 years. Contact dancing includes partners rolling, falling, jumping, catching and more, with the sensitive awareness of improvisation. Free admission and for information call 342-3273.

Listing Service

Computer Switchboard is a new listing service in Eugene. It is a home-based enterprise recently established by Mike Stevens. Listings include: buy/sell of used home/business computers and computer extras, user club information, buy/sale of any item over \$50, a friends listing where people may locate old friends or make new ones, a rides listings, buy/sell of used comic books, tourist information center and other.

The aim of Computer Switchboard is to become the local contact for any information that may help solve your business or other needs. For further information call Computer Switchboard at 688-7407.



Voluntary Action Center

The Voluntary Action Center, a local clearinghouse for volunteers, is currently in need of persons wanting to direct time and energy to local non-profit agencies that use volunteers. The opportunities available are: Advanced Swim Instructor, Sports Tournament Persons, Educational Liaison, Warehouse Work/Sales, Potter, Woodshop Assistants. Call 342-4451 or stop by at the VAC office in the YMCA.

Rape Support Group

Rape Crisis Network is offering a free support group for women who have been raped or sexually assaulted. This group can be a forum to talk about and share your experiences with other women. It is free and will begin in late January. Call 485-6700 for more information.

Back Forest Too

Do you enjoy bluegrass, rock 'n reggae and blues? Stop into the neighborhood atmosphere of the Black Forest Too Tavern, right across from the basketball courts in Washington-Jefferson Park, just west of Skinner Butte. The building's wood ceiling carries the tunes clearly to any part of the room, making every seat front row. The Porcupines have played there several times recently, and other good local bands being booked are the Party Kings and the Johnny Quest Band. Owner Dennis Short succeeds at creating a comfortable neighborhood get-together ambience where folks 21-71 will enjoy themselves, even have boisterous fun over a close pool shot or a 50-yard pass on the wide-screen TV.

The tavern has been extensively remodeled since its days as the Locker Room, with a conversation area, TV area and game area. There's free pool from 11 am to 1 pm weekdays.

There are lunch specials daily, appetizers, and sandwiches and an amazing plate of nachos with melted cheese, sour cream, salsa and refried beans. So treat your tastebuds, treat your ears, and try your hand at one of the friendly games going on today at the Black Forest Too, 211 Washington.

Classes

The Eugene Parks and Recreation Dept. is accepting registration for winter classes and activities which include skiing, fitness, dance, cuisine, and more. Call 687-5333.

The EMU Craft Center announces its Winter Craft workshops in fibers, woodworking, stained glass, pottery, jewelry, drawing and graphic arts, photography, and bike and ski repair. A unique class being offered is called Painting on Silk, using the French tinfix dyes and to be taught by Christine de Laage. Registration begins Jan. 6 for U of O people and Jan. 7 for the public at the Craft Center in the EMU. 686-4361 for more information.

Progesterone?—The January session of the ongoing series of menstrual information and education meetings will feature nurse practitioner Natty Hope-well, who will speak about some of the treatments used by the medical professional in treating premenstrual symptoms. Hope-well will be focusing on the issue of progesterone as treatment. The meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 pm at 33 East 20th St. The cost is on a sliding scale from \$4.00 to \$6.00; the public is welcome.

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