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A Festival of Cultures

Looking for a different way to celebrate the holidays?

The second annual Festival of Cultures: Traditional December Celebrations of Lane County's Ethnic People will be presented at the Lane County Historical Museum on Sunday, December 8, from 2-5 pm. The colorful event will honor various ethnic groups who have settled in Lane County.

Representatives from the Ukrainian, Greek, Jewish, Scandinavian, Chinese, Native American, Anglo Saxon and Black cultures will demonstrate traditional methods of celebrating their various winter festivals. Activities will include music, dancing, rituals, costumes and sampling of ethnic holiday foods.

To be included in the festival, an ethnic group must have been in Lane County at the turn of the century, must celebrate some type of winter festival, and must still be a cohesive group today.

Last year's festival, which drew over 300 people, ended with a Native American friendship dance, in which all were invited to participate.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lane County Historical Museum, and will appeal to all ages. There will be no admission charge; hot cider will be sold.

The museum is located at 740 W. 13th, just east of the Fairgrounds.

Art Center has festival

Holiday shoppers will be able to find a wide assortment of hand-made art, craft and greenery items at the 17th Annual Maude Kerns Christmas Sale and Festival starting Dec. 6. The celebration features an entertainment schedule that includes everything from a reading of the classic children's story *A Child's Christmas in Wales* to a repertoire of Oregon musicians and choirs who will be performing every weekend of the festival.

The festival begins with a special gala opening reception on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 pm. Visitors will be able to sip champagne, snack on hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy the music of the Quintessant Brass Ensemble and classical guitarist J. Maxwell. There is a special admission charge for this evening of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

The first weekend will be oriented toward children. There will be a Santa's workshop and a special shopping section with gifts priced under \$5.00. Adults will be able to enjoy the music of the Women's Choral Society and the University Singers.

On Friday, Dec. 13 from 7 to 8 pm there will be a reading of *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. The following Saturday and Sunday will feature a special greenery sale and a stained glass workshop.

On Dec. 8 and Dec. 22 bargain hunters may enjoy a Sunday "Cracked Pot" ceramics sale with quality "seconds" at very low prices.

Other activities include a stained glass workshop Dec. 14 and 15, an author's autograph party featuring Lane County authors Dec. 14, and a "Men Only Night" on Friday, Dec. 20 from 6 to 9 pm. The festival and sale runs through Dec. 22.

Maude Kerns Art Center, 1910 E. 15th Ave., is a nonprofit organization. For schedule information call 345-1571. This event is being co-sponsored by KMTR, KUGN, The Eugene Hilton, and Oakway Wine & Deli.

UO Crafts Fair

Jazz pianist Michael Harrison and guitarist Eagle Park Slim are among entertainers scheduled to appear at the annual EMU Christmas Crafts Fair Dec. 9, 10 and 11 in Room 167 of the Erb Memorial Union on the University of Oregon Campus.

Harrison, who recently appeared in concert at the Hult Center, has his piece *In Flight* as the lead cut on the new Windham Hill Piano Sampler. His performance at the fair is scheduled from 10 am-noon Dec. 11.

Locally popular Eagle Park Slim will entertain from 11 am-noon Dec. 10. Other entertainment will fill the fair schedule from 10 am-5 pm daily. The fair is free and open to the public.

Area artists and crafts people will offer their wares, ranging from handmade Christmas cards to wood furniture. Items, which run in price from \$1 to about \$35 and up also include pottery, stuffed toys, handknit sweaters and hats, jewelry, leather hats and bags, stained and fused glass, hand-painted eggs, and ceramic castles and creatures.

Fairgoers are invited to sip free hot cider throughout the fair and to watch Santa and his helpers from the University's two child care centers decorate the Christmas tree between 10 am and noon the opening day.

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