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James Maguire serves as chairman of the Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission

promote economic justice at home, civil liberties for all and funding for schools, services and human needs. Activists will gather for a training on issues and tactics, then grab signs and head up the street to confront the Legislature.

ROP's 11th annual Rural Caucus and Strategy Session, a day of gathering human dignity and peace activists from around the state, will be held May 17 in Stayton, which is 15 miles outside Salem. It's a chance to come together and talk about issues affecting social justice, the peace movement and participatory democracy and to share organizing skills and strategies.

Workshops will focus on Oregon's budget crisis, the rural peace movement, civil liberties, leadership skills for grassroots organizing and mobilizing people to be active in state and local politics. Organizers promise a fun, interactive and entertaining day packed with information.

ROP's Jamboree, a dinner campfire social, will be held May 16 near Stayton for people staying overnight for the strategy session. The site can house people in cabins and has room for tents and RVs.

To register or to make housing and carpool arrangements, call 503-543-8417 or e-mail kirsten@rop.org.

BEAVERTON DIVERSITY AWARD CREATED

The Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission is accepting nominations for the city's first Diversity Award, which was adopted April 14 by the City Council. It recognizes an individual's or organization's outstanding accomplishments and sustained commitment in promoting local diversity, human rights and cultural understanding.

Gay commission chairman James Maguire says the award demonstrates that Beaverton recognizes a mutual commitment to bettering the community through cultural diversity. "By getting citizens involved, we make them stakeholders in the process," he told *Just Out*. "I think this is a big step for the city."

Examples of individual achievement include advocating and protecting human rights, fighting discrimination and prejudice, and fostering positive communication among various groups, including sexual minorities. Business achievement could be reflected in equal opportunity or affirmative action programs, while nonprofit

organizations might demonstrate accomplishments through programs that educate and inform the community about civil rights.

The 10-year-old commission will judge the nominations, which are due Oct. 31. Nominees must live, work or be located within the Beaverton Urban Services Boundary. A reception and presentation will honor the recipient at a January 2004 City Council meeting.

For more information call 503-526-2569 or visit www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/hr/diversityaward.html.

AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN ARTISTS

Performance artists and artists working in film and video are eligible to apply for the 2003 Lilla Jewel Award for Oregon Women Artists in the category of Media/Multi-Arts. People who have been marginalized because of sexual orientation, gender identity or race especially are encouraged to apply.

The award of up to \$3,000 will be made by the end of June. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. May 23.

The award is a special project of the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, which pools the financial resources of Oregon's progressive community and distributes it back to grassroots groups employing innovative strategies to eliminate the root causes of racism, poverty, violence, militarism and environmental degradation. It has distributed more than \$7 million in its 26-year history.

To receive an application, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to 2705 E. Burnside St. Suite 210, Portland, OR 97214. For more information visit www.mrgfoundation.org.

FAIR HELPS WOMEN FIND FAMILY-WAGE CAREERS

Job seekers can meet apprenticeship coordinators, community college instructors and employers from more than 60 organizations during the 11th annual Women in Trades Fair on May 3 at the Local 290 Plumbers & Steamfitters Training Center, 20220 S.W. Teton Ave. in Tualatin. Attendees also will be able to participate

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