

COMMUNITY LIFE

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Researching your house's history

The Portland area is full of beautiful old and not-so-old houses, and preservation of local architecture is a passion here. Have you ever wondered about the history of your house? Who built it? Who lived there? What did it look like when it was new?

In this class, Multnomah County reference librarians Emily-Jane Dawson and Arden Shelton explain some methods for local architectural history research, talk about neighborhood history and mid-century houses, and introduce library and community resources that can help you answer your questions about your own home! This program is cosponsored by the Multnomah County Library and the Multnomah Historical Association.

The event takes place Sunday, **July 20, 12:30 to 2 p.m.** at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388.

Tai Chi in the Garden

The serenity of Berry Botanic Garden (11505 SW Summerville Ave in Portland) is a perfect environment for the moving meditation, Tai Chi. This gentle martial art is invaluable for reducing stress and increasing energy, creativity and overall well-being.

In this series of four classes participants can easily learn the basics of this powerful Chinese system of exercise. Classes will be held in the Pamplin Center with instructor Mark Hodges. Four Sundays—July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. \$35, space is limited, registration required.

To register call 503-636-4112 ext. 102

or e-mail register@berrybot.org. For more information, visit their website, www.berrybot.org.

Annual bicycle racing scheduled for Alpenrose Velodrome

The Alpenrose Velodrome Challenge will return for a 10th year at the Alpenrose Velodrome (at Alpenrose Dairy, 6149 SW Shattuck Road). The racing takes place the weekend of July 18-20.

Racing kicks off Friday with pursuits, kilos and qualifying points races. Saturday and Sunday will feature keirins, miss and outs, points races, team pursuits and a Madison. There is also a "kiddie kilo" at the beginning of each evening session.

Over the past 10 years, AVC has produced some of the best racing and largest crowds in the nation. The AVC will offer over \$12,000 in cash purse plus prizes for elite men, elite women, and masters. More details, including the race flyer are available at their website, www.alpenrosechallenge.com.

Free Willamette Park concerts due

This year's schedule of free concerts at Willamette Park, brought to you by the Portland Park Bureau and the South Waterfront Neighborhood Association, begins this month. The groups performing will be Michael Manning and the Alabama Pump Station on July 9, The Buckles on July 16, the Touchables on July 23, and the Free Mountain Ramblers on July 30. All concerts will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There should be food to purchase from concessions.

Adults only spelling bee scheduled for Central Library

Challenge yourself or cheer for your friends in this adults-only spelling bee, hosted by Portland Spelling Bee master Katherine Woods-Morse. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be

served. Spellers register, starting June 13, by phone at 503.988.5236; or by sending e-mail with the subject line "Spellapalooza," along with your name and contact information to alisonk@multcolib.org.

Made possible by The Library Foundation. This event takes place Saturday, July 19, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave., 503-988-5123.

Multnomah Outdoor Cinema returns for third season

At press time, here was the summer schedule for the popular Multnomah Outdoor Cinema movies, held at the outdoor basketball court at the Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy near 34th Avenue).

Friday, June 27, "Men In Black" starring Tommie Lee Jones and Will Smith. Rated PG-13. Friday, July 11 "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" starring Matthew Broderick. Rated PG.

Friday, August 1, "The Princess Bride" directed by Rob Reiner. Rated PG. Friday, August 15, "School of Rock" starring Jack Black. Rated PG-13. Live Kids's Band at 7:00 p.m. before the movie.

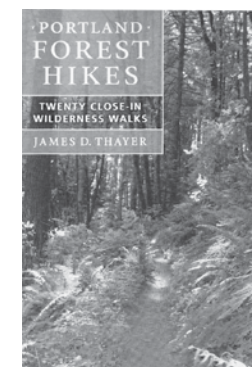
Admission is free. Gates open 45 minutes before dusk. Shows begin between 8:15 and 9:00 p.m. Located in Multnomah Village. Volunteers are needed to help staff the shows. For more information, contact Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. at 503-823-4592. Or visit their website, www.multnomahoutdoorcinema.org.

Two free dance performances in South Waterfront

Linda K. Johnson, artist in residence for the South Waterfront, offers two free dance events this summer. On July 19 choreographer

Bill Will will present his Promenade, a dance performed by 30 performers, beginning "an hour before sunset" at the district's future neighborhood park, Southwest Moody Avenue and Curry Street.

On August 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., 10 different choreographers will perform dances at various locations in the district, rotating their locations every 15 minutes, with maps available at Moody and Curry. For more information call 971-998-4810, or visit artistinresidence@southwaterfront.com.



Jim Thayer, former Southwest Hills Residential League chair, has written a new book, Portland Forest Walks - 20 Close-In Forest Walks (192 pages, 40 black & white photos, 21 maps, paperback, \$16.95) published by Timber Press. There are 20 wilderness hikes within 20 miles of downtown Portland. A devoted advocate for Portland's wilderness areas, Thayer has surveyed the Tualatin Hills from Forest Park to Scappose and halfway to Vernonia--on foot.

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