

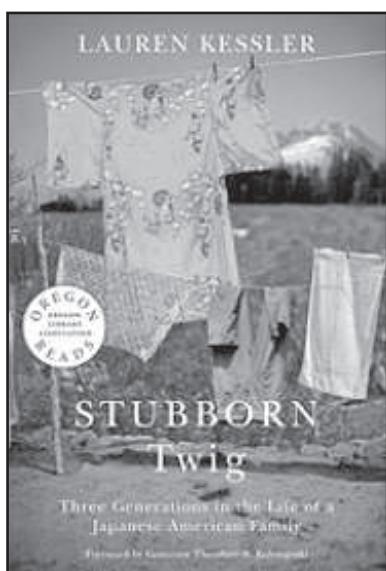
COMMUNITY LIFE

By Don Snedecor
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4 Hillsdale Neighborhood Association meets again on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Barnabus Episcopal Church, 2201 SW Vermont St. Contact the Southwest Neighborhood office at 503-823-4592 for agenda information.

5 Pageturners are reading *Stubborn Twig: Three Generations in the Life of a Japanese American Family* by Lauren Kessler. Join in for "Everybody Reads," Multnomah County Library's annual community-wide book discussion.

Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Thursday, February 5, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 10, 7-8 p.m. at Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy, 503-988-5385.



7 Give Your Heart to Art is a benefit auction for the Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy in Multnomah Village). Enjoy an evening of food, drinks, fellowship, live entertainment and get a chance to bid on fabulous auction items including a trip to Italy. Saturday, February 7, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Funds raised go directly to the arts center to maintain and improve studios and facilities, to expand programming, and to keep fees affordable for students. Tickets are \$45 and are available at the MAC or online. To preview auction items visit <http://mac2009.tofinoauctions.com>.

8 Chess at the Hillsdale Library Here's one for the whole family. Play a game or get tips from a tutor. Chess sets provided or bring your own. Sundays, throughout the month of February, noon-2 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 S.W. Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388. Players of all levels welcome.

10 Multnomah Neighborhood Association meets again on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Center, Capitol Room, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Contact the Southwest Neighborhood office at 503-823-4592 for agenda information.

13 Volunteers will deliver Valentine-A-Grams to individuals and businesses on the morning of Friday, February 13, to benefit the more than 5,000 Portland and Vancouver area seniors served by Loaves & Fishes Centers daily. Each gift box contains famous maker cinnamon rolls and chocolates.

Valentine-A-Gram relies on more than 450 volunteers to deliver the gift boxes. Deliveries take about an hour and begin at 7:30 a.m. Pick-up points are available on both the east and west sides of Portland and in Vancouver. To order Valentine-A-Grams by February 9 or to volunteer to deliver, go to www.valentine-a-gram.org or phone 503-736-6325.

14 I ♥ Oregon: A Birthday Celebration Reflections and refreshments to celebrate the state we're in! Librarians will help you upload your Oregon story (print or audio) to the Oregon 150 website, to be archived for future generations. For more in-

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