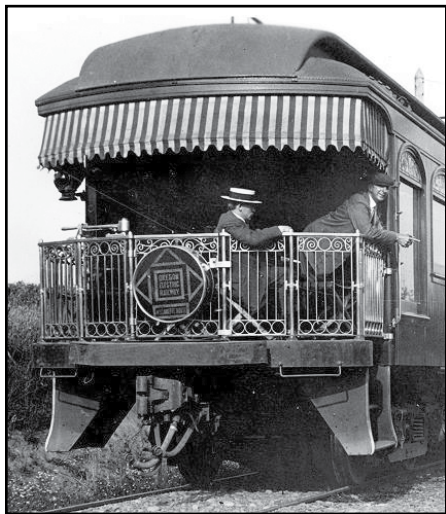


COMMUNITY LIFE

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6 Meet the artists: The Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) will hold a reception for the artists of its March exhibit on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm. The show features figurative works by Isabel Deaver, Poppy Dully, Nancy Gillespie, Gail Simmons and Sue Svoboda. “Encountering the Figure” runs through March 31.

7 Metropolitan Youth Symphony will hold a community concert featuring Year Two Beginning Strings,



Author Richard Thompson will give an illustrated presentation based on his book on the history of the Willamette Valley interurbans in the early 20th Century. Long before modern light rail transit, electric trains provided Portland and beyond with reliable, elegant transportation. His one-hour talk takes place Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Home Community Library, 7475 SW Oleson Rd. (Above, Oregon Electric Railway stops at Fulton Park circa 1912. Photo courtesy of pdxhistory.com)

Vivaldi Strings, and Concert Orchestra on Saturday, March 7 at Lewis & Clark College, Evans Auditorium. Tickets Are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To purchase tickets online or for more information visit the MYS website www.playmys.org.

Help plant a new garden: On Saturday, March 7, a work party to help create a new community garden for the Multnomah-Hillsdale area will take place at the Hillsdale Community Church, site of the proposed garden. The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 6948 SW Capitol Highway. For more information contact Leslie Pohl-Kosbau at info@portlandcommunitygardens.org or David Sexton at 503-452-7538.

8 Book sale: Admit it; you can always use a few more books. The Mittleman Jewish Community Center will hold a used book sale Sunday, March 8 through Tuesday March 10 at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy.

The value of the local paper: In 2009, American writer Clay Shirky predicted that “every town in this country of 500,000 people or less” was likely to sink into “casual, endemic, civic corruption” fostered by the decline of local newspapers. How does this prediction stack up against what is actually happening nationwide and here in Oregon? Come hear journalist Michael Andersen explore why information is changing, who’s winning, who’s losing, and what the future holds for local news. Sunday March 8, 2:00 p.m. at the Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave. Free.

14 Nashville singer-songwriter Buddy Mondlock and Texas-based bassist, Mike Lindauer perform in concert. Mondlock’s songs have been



“Hairspray,” the Broadway musical, is where 1960s-era teenagers fight bigotry and cookie-cutter conformity to make the world a better place. This 2007 adaption of John Waters’ 1988 film features a cast and crew of 100, and 20 dance numbers. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday March 6 for a six-day run at Portland Community College’s Sylvania campus (performing arts center). Tickets are \$10 general admission, or \$5 for groups of 12 or more, and are available in advance at the PCC Sylvania Bookstore or at the door. For more information call 971-722-4323.

recorded by the likes of Joan Baez and Peter, Paul and Mary. Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 pm at O’Connor’s Vault, 7850 SW Capitol Hwy. Tickets are \$12 in advance. For more information, contact Matt Miner at 503-484-8196.

17 Tax talk: Have some questions about your taxes? H&R Block will offer general tax advice and answer tax related questions. Tues., March 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. Registration is required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

24 Life in Madagascar: Corie Hinton will share her experiences living and working in Madagascar as a

Peace Corps volunteer with a talk, slideshow and an exhibit of her own paintings about the country. Prints of her work will also be available for purchase. Tues., March 24, 7:00 pm at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy. It’s free and open to everyone.

31 The man behind the store: Fred G. Meyer changed the way we shopped when he opened his grocery stores and supermarkets. Learn about his life and the stories behind this retailer on Tuesday, March 31, at 6:30 pm at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. The presentation is based on Fred Leeson’s book, *My-Te-Fine Merchant: Fred Meyer’s Retail Revolution*. Free.

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