

COMMUNITY LIFE

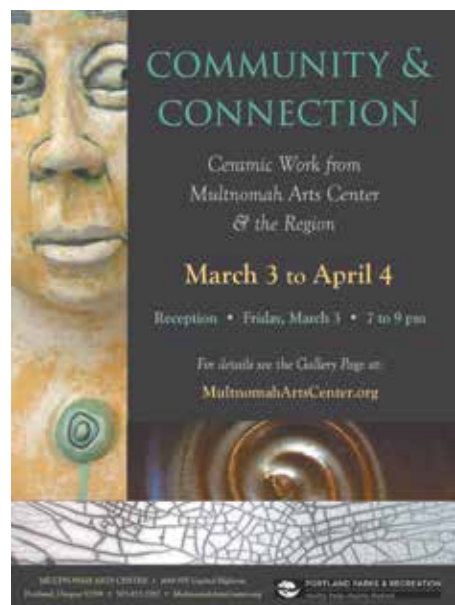
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3 Live and Local

They've been called the "keepers of the flame" for American roots music. Hear them live when O'Connor's Vault in Multnomah Village welcomes Rich Layton & the Troublemakers, with special guest Jon Koonce, Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Matt Miner at 503-484-8196 or mattminermusic@gmail.com.

Serious Comedy

Lakewood Theatre Company presents the modern French dramedy, *God of Carnage*. When two 11-year-old boys get into a fight at the park, their parents meet for the first time to discuss the disastrous outcome. It doesn't go well. Performances are Thursday – Sundays, March 3 through April 9. For tickets, call 503-635-3901 or order online at www.lakewood-center.org.

**Ceramics Showcase**

"Community & Connection," an exhibit of ceramic works from the Pacific Northwest, goes on display Friday, March 3, at the Multnomah Arts Center gallery, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. The show coincides with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts conference, being held in Portland March 22 through 25. For more information, contact the MAC at 503-823-2787.

4 History Talk

The Garden Home Community Library will host author Don Nelson for a history presentation about "The Sons of Slabtown & Tales of Westside Sports." This free event is Saturday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Garden Home Community Library Annex, 7306 SW Oleson Road. The book is available for purchase. For more information, contact Heather Waisanen at 503-245-9932 or heatherw@wccls.org.

Blood Drive

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to donate at numerous blood drives including Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer store, 7700 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. Make an appointment to become a hero to patients in need by downloading the free Red Cross blood donor app, visiting www.redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

10 Hip Hop Musical

Portland Community College departments of Visual Arts, Performance Arts and Design



present the Tony Award-winning musical "In the Heights." This high-energy show features hip-hop dancing and Latin-flavored music that will have you dancing and singing along. Opening night is Friday, March 10, and runs through March 19 at the PCC Sylvania Performing Arts Center Theater, 12000 SW 49th Ave. For tickets and show times, visit www.pcc.edu/about/theatre.

11 Seed Celebration

If you are a seed saver, gardener, farmer, earth-lover, artist, or pollinator, come to the community seed exchange, music, and story-telling event at the Tryon Life Community Farm, 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road. The event is a fundraiser for TLC Farm's new Ethnobotanical Education Program designed to support youth in exploring and understanding the beauty and necessity of our relationship to plants as humans.

Saturday, March 11, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10-20 per person or family. For parking or more information visit www.tryonfarm.org.

SW Trails

The walk on Saturday, March 11, will head west mostly along the route of SW Trail #3 through several natural areas and parks to the new April Hill Park Natural Area where hikers will pause at the new overlook wetland viewing stand. The walk is about 6 miles. Meet behind the bleachers, at Wilson High School (Southwest Capitol Highway at Sunset Boulevard) and be ready to go by 9 a.m. For more information, or to volunteer to lead a walk in your neighborhood, email Sharon Fekety, fekety@hevanet.com or visit www.swtrails.org.

21 Read to the Dogs

Improve your reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to a therapy dog at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Highway, on Tuesday, March 21, 4 – 5 p.m. The dogs and handlers are from Pet Partners®. Registration required; call 503-988-5123.

28 Collage and Assemblage

Create a collage with exciting and unusual materials from SCRAP! Participants will have access to a variety of paper and small objects to re-purpose into a work of art. Find your inner artist! Tuesday, March 28, 11 a.m. to noon at Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Highway. For more information, call 503-988-5123. Free.