

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

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**2 Gardening Fun:** Kids love the dirt, but take them to the learning garden to find out about plant parts and life cycles, seeds, flowers and pollinators, the role of insects, and much more. Each time features new topics and projects. Growing Gardens will bring supplies for the hands-on lessons. For kids in grades 2-5. Tuesdays: May 2, 16, and 30 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Highway. For more information call 503-988-5123.

**5 Oregon Landscapes:** Our state is so beautiful, who wouldn't want a painting of it to hang on the wall? Artist Jeanne Chamberlain will exhibit her oil paintings: "Oregon Landscapes," at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery beginning May 5. An opening reception will be held in the gallery Friday, May 5, 7-9 p.m. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month.

**Cinco de Mayo Fiesta:** It's one of the nation's most spectacular celebrations, with fireworks, fire dancing, and luche libre wrestling on May 5, 6 and 7 in Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland. Visit [cincodemayo.org](http://cincodemayo.org) for more information.

**First Friday:** Come to First Friday, on May 5, and enjoy this monthly event in Multnomah Village with music and merriment and stores staying open late, some until 9 p.m. For more information, visit [www.multnomahvillage.org](http://www.multnomahvillage.org).

**6 Local History:** Even if you've lived here a long time, there's a lot about this side of town you probably don't know! Learn about the history of outer Southwest Portland, from donation land claims to the early 1900s, in a visual presentation by Tim Lyman from the Multnomah Historical Association. Saturday, May 6, 2-3 p.m. at Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Free. For more information, call 503-988-5123.

**Pancake Breakfast:** A fundraiser pancake breakfast to benefit the Southwest Community Health Center is being held at the Lucky Labrador Public House, 7675 SW Capitol Highway, on Saturday, May 6, from 8-11 a.m. Visit <http://swch-pdx.org> for more information.

**Spring Cleanup:** Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. is sponsoring a spring cleanup on Saturday, May

6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Portland Christian Center's parking lot, 5700 SW Dosch Road. Acceptable items include bulky waste, scrap wood, scrap metals, household items, and furniture. No curbside recycling accepted. Call 503-823-4592 for details.

**7 Historic Preservation:** A special meeting will be held by the Multnomah Historical Association, on Sunday, May 7, 1-3 p.m., at Riversgate Church, 7634 SW Capitol Highway. This meeting is for anyone with an interest in historic preservation or local history. Contact [www.multnomahhistorical.com](http://www.multnomahhistorical.com) for more information.

**13 Happy Trails:** Now that the weather is improving, the Southwest Urban Trails walk that was postponed due to weather in January is getting a do-over! This six-mile walk will start at Wilson High School and travel up into the West Hills. Meet behind the bleachers, near the food carts, at Southwest Capitol Highway and Sunset Boulevard, on Thursday, May 13, at 9 a.m. Well-behaved dogs are allowed. For more information, or to volunteer to lead a walk in your neighborhood, contact Sharon Fekety, [fekety@hevanet.com](mailto:fekety@hevanet.com). Or visit [www.swtrails.org](http://www.swtrails.org).

**Rock 'n' Roll:** Musician Mo Phillips is so entertaining you won't know whether to laugh or dance, so do both! Catchy fun time jams rooted in the American folk rock tradition.



Rocky Creek Light is one of many paintings by Jeanne Chamberlain highlighting Oregon's beauty. See Oregon Landscapes event at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery beginning May 5.

This free event takes place on Saturday, May 13, at 1 p.m. at the Garden Home Community Library Annex, 7306 SW Oleson Road. Contact the library for details.

**20 Free Medical/Dental Clinic:** Need a checkup? Bring your friends and family to this annual free medical and dental clinic at Wilson High School, 1151 SW Vermont St. Free refreshments and smiles! For details visit [www.compassionsw.org](http://www.compassionsw.org).

**23 Holocaust Remembrance:** As part of an international project, Jewish centers are painting ceramic butterflies to

commemorate the children lost to the Holocaust. The local completed Butterfly Project will be unveiled at an installation ceremony on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway. Holocaust survivors will speak, as will teens involved in the project. There will also be a tour of the installation.

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Butterflies painted during Good Deed Day at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center will be put in a new holocaust remembrance installation this month.

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