

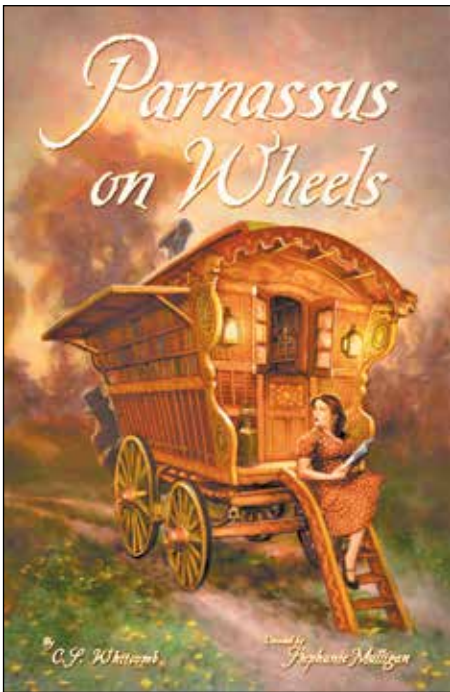
COMMUNITY LIFE

By KC Cowan
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5 A Play for Booklovers: Lakewood Theatre Company opens 2018 with the play, “Parnassus on Wheels,” in which 40-ish Helen, fed up with life on the farm, impulsively buys a caravan filled with books from an Irishman and abandons her chickens for life on the road as a traveling bookseller. “Parnassus” plays Jan. 5 – Feb. 11 at the Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St., Lake Oswego. For tickets, call the box office at 503-635-3901.

Artists Chas Martin and Consu Tolosa share the gallery space at the Multnomah Arts Center for the first show of 2018 featuring whimsical sculpture, bright watercolor and mixed media on canvas. Meet the artists at the opening reception, Friday, Jan. 5 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the MAC gallery, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. The show runs through the end of the month.

11 The world’s a stage: Drama students at Wilson High School will show off what they’ve learned this year in the Advanced Acting Lab Performance on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 7:30 – 10 p.m. The show takes place in Studio 108 at Wilson High School, 1151 SW Vermont St. Come see the future stars!



13 Happy Trails: This month’s Southwest Trails walk takes place Saturday, Jan 13 and is 5.4 miles long. It will explore the Marquam Trail to the Waterfront Trail. Meet at 9 a.m. behind the bleachers, near the food carts, at Wilson High School, Southwest Sunset Boulevard and Capitol Highway. For more information, visit www.swtrails.org or contact Sharon Fekety at fekety@hevanet.com.

16 Bullet Journaling 101: What is a bullet journal? A journal. A to-do list. It’s even an art project that leads to mindfulness and productivity for 2018. This workshop is led by Jennifer Willis. Bring a journal (can

be anything) and a pen. This event takes place on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Garden Home Community Library (Annex), 7306 SW Oleson Road. Free.

20 Reflecting on Dr. King: Each third Monday in January, the nation pauses to remember the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Bill Thierfelder explores King’s life as well as facts that you may not have known about this iconic figure. This event takes place on Saturday, Jan. 20, 3 – 4:30 p.m., at the Capitol

Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Highway. Free, but registration is required. Register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5123.

27 Melodies of Brazil: Choro da Alegria, a Portland-based ensemble dedicated to playing the wonderful melodies of Brazil, will perform a free concert Saturday, Jan. 27, from 1 – 2 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Enjoy classic tunes from Bossa Nova and Musica Popular Brasileira. Free. For more information, call 503-988-5123.

Local illustrator creates whimsical calendar of Multnomah Village

Local illustrator Veronica Casson has created a calendar depicting a whimsical Multnomah Village with conceptualization by Sara and Morgan Le Meitour.

The Le Meitours came up with ideas of capturing the feeling of the village with images of places most would recognize. Casson, who lives in Multnomah Village, spent a lot of time drawing last summer at the French Quarter.

“Together, we crafted ideas for each month,” Casson told *The Post*. “I was thrilled to be commissioned to be the illustrator.”

For example, January features a snow-laden village with a horse drawn sleigh and an igloo in the middle of the road. August depicts



a woman riding a horse in a desert scene in front of several storefronts. Casson said she has received many lovely compliments on the calendar.

Calendars are available for sale for \$20 at the French Quarter and other boutiques in Multnomah Village.
– Erik Vidstrand

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