

COMMUNITY LIFE

By KC Cowan and Don Snedecor
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2 Classic Comedy: Lakewood Theatre Company brings to the stage the Portland premiere of the legendary, classic comedy, *El Grande de Coca*. Señor Pepe Hernandez persuades the local Coca-Cola bottling plant to back a big show in exchange for some blatant product placement. When no stars arrive to perform, Pepe is forced to hire his family, whose antics wreak havoc upon the stage. Opens March 2, and continues through April 8. This event takes place at Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St., Lake Oswego. For tickets call (503) 635-3901 or visit www.lakewood-center.org.

Artist Annette Sabater displays new paintings and drawings in her exhibit: “An Iris Stands Tall: a mother’s journey, a daughter’s transition.” It depicts her child’s transition from adolescent boy to woman. Opening reception is Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery, 7688 SW Capitol Highway. The show will be up through the month.

For more information, visit www.MultnomahArtsCenter.org or call (503) 823-2787.

3 Ivy Pull: Join Portland Parks and Recreation and the Bridle-mile Neighborhood Association on Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to noon and help enhance the riparian area at Albert Kelly Park. Volunteers will be pulling ivy and removing old fencing along the natural area. All are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Southwest Mitchell Street across from the Timberlee Apartments. For more information visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/.

4 Familiar Voice: You’ve enjoyed her on the radio for years. Now see and hear her in person. Susan Stamberg, nationally renowned broadcast journalist, will be the speaker at a brunch to support the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway, on Sunday, March 4 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$36 – \$54. Register at oregonjcc.org/brunch or call 503-244-0111 for more information.

10 The Southwest Trails walk this month will explore Raleigh Hills. Participants will carpool to Bridlemile School, then

walk west through Raleigh Hills into Washington County, hiking about 6 miles in all. Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School, Southwest Sunset Boulevard at Capitol Highway, on Saturday, March 10, at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.swtrails.org. To volunteer to lead a future walk in your neighborhood, contact Sharon Fekety (fekety@hevanet.com).

Celtic Music: Honor St. David (patron saint of Wales) and St. Patrick (patron saint of Ireland) at a Celtic Music Fest. Enjoy lively reels, jigs and polkas, Irish songs, and a rare opportunity to hear songs performed in the Welsh language. This event takes place on Saturday, March 10, at 1 p.m. at the Garden Home Community Library, 7475 SW Oleson Road. Free. For more information, contact Katrina Ehrnman-Newton at the Garden Home Community Library, (503) 245-9932.

17 Pamper Yourself: Enjoy the gray days of winter with a new herbal project involving peppermint and lavender. After discussing both herbs, learn how to make your own luxurious lip balm to help lift the spirits and a calming,

lavender lotion to soothe dry winter skin. Saturday, March 17, 2–3:30 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Free, but you must preregister by calling (503) 988-5123.

25 Garbage into Gold: Get the real dirt on how simple it is to turn garbage into compost, aka: “Gardener’s Gold.” Learn the do’s and don’ts of composting yard waste and kitchen scraps through different methods and the best ways to use it in your garden. This event takes place on Sunday, March 25, 2–3:30 p.m., at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Highway. First come, first served. For more information call (503) 988-5123.

29 In My Time: Paul Pinterich (1938-2011) recounted his boyhood adventures growing up in Southwest Portland in a series of local newspaper columns from 1996 to 2002. Rick Seifert, former editor and publisher of The Southwest Community Connection, is editor of *In My Time*, a collection of Pinterich’s essays and feature stories. Seifert will discuss his book on Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at Annie Bloom’s Books, 7834 SW Capitol Highway.

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