

My Pen Pal

by Aileen McPherson

I once was asked if a favorite pen I had?

The one in hand is my Pilot friend,
He writes so nice and always precise
With a rolling V5 and an extra-fine ball,
He is the one with whom I share all.

My friend is usually quiet
Until my brain is in a riot
Then he scribes vigorously to describe it
Which is when I have survived it.

This pen pal of mine is so dear
But someday soon his blood will run clear,
He'll be no more with words so sincere
So when it happens that another friend must be
It does not always bring glee.

A fine new friend whose life ambition is no sin
Merely to live free, love deep, and breathe happiness
again.

There are so many things to be penned
Within the heart of our family pen
With all my lovely pen pals to the end.

The Great Smoking Mirror

by Bryant King

The Great Smoking Mirror reflects the
Lesson of leaving the myth behind.
I am what I decide I am.
Remove smoke screen that hides my natural
Talents of worth, and stand tall.

Another Altercation

by Ron Sanford

People may project their faults on others,
And be extra critical of them
But remember whose life you must live.
We must expose the hate and yet love
When people's actions affect others,
I see watch dogs coming to their aid!
I would prefer the bark, not the bite
Thank you so much for giving me space.

Life

by Daniel Cox

Forest burns slow at midnight
For it is at rest from a long day
Of eating and breathing
It dreams its dreamless night
Away, soon it will arouse
With new hunger and will
Eat and consume more air
Until it is satiated.

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110 Beaver Creek Rd, Suite 100
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Feb 28..... 9-11 a.m.

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Community Center
19600 S Molalla Ave, Oregon City
Feb 7..... 9-11 a.m.
Feb 21..... 9-11 a.m.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

SACAGAWEA HEALTH CENTER
1060 Eisenschmidt Ln, St Helens
Feb 5 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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CAREOREGON
315 SW 5th Ave, Portland
Feb 01..... 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Feb 02 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Feb 05 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Feb 07 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
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Feb 26 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Feb 28 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Mar 02 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

CLACKAMAS SERVICE CENTER
8800 SE 80th Ave, Portland
Feb 13 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

50 SW 2nd Ave, Portland
Feb 6 9-11 a.m.
Feb 13 9-11 a.m.
Feb 20 9-11 a.m.
Feb 27 9-11 a.m.

HUMBOLDT GARDENS APARTMENTS

5033 N Vancouver Ave, Portland
Feb 22 1-3 p.m.

JOIN

1435 NE 81st Ave, Ste 100, Portland
Feb 8 12-2 p.m.

PCC CASCADE

Student Union
705 N Killingsworth St, Portland
Feb 15 9-11 a.m.

PCC SYLVANIA

College Center
1200 SW 49th Ave, Portland
Feb 14 12-2 p.m.
Feb 28 12-2 p.m.

PORTLAND RESCUE MISSION

111 W Burnside, Portland
Feb 08 8-10 a.m.
Feb 22 8-10 a.m.

ST. HENRY'S CHURCH

346 NW 1st St, Gresham
Feb 20 2-4 p.m.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

3 NW 3rd, Portland
Feb 27 2-4 p.m.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY
12375 SW 5th St, Beaverton
Feb 1 2:30-4:30 p.m.

VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY INN

8439 N Columbia, Portland
Feb 18 12-5 p.m.

CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE DOG OREGON CONVENTION CENTER

777 NE MLK, Portland
Feb 10 10 a.m.-6 p.m.