

# WHAT'S happening



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You have your urban walks (see down below) and you have your wilderness walks, both equally refreshing, rejuvenating and retro-cool. Yeah – that’s right: Walking is retro these days. Unless you do it on a treadmill; then it just looks silly. But **Wilderness Week** is anything but silly. Oregon Wild partners with local volunteers to offer this week of guided hikes through Oregon’s wild and scenic areas, all of it free and informative. Some hikes offered in our area include the Upper Middle Fork Willamette, Brice Creek, Chucksney Mountain and Tidbits Mountain, all departing from the Park & Ride at Franklin and Walnut Streets. For RSVP and more information see [www.oregonwild.org](http://www.oregonwild.org) and Saturday Calendar.

In addition to “chess moves on an international checkerboard ... protesting ... political proselytizing, and ... getting global warming to chill,” says the press release for the **Awakening Our Human Greatness** community event at Unity of the Valley, we “also need to proactively restore our natural sense of optimism, confidence and collective self-respect.” Sounds like the organizers of this event have got a *secret* they’d like to share. Following opening remarks by Mayor Kitty Piercy and a short talk by Claes Nobel of the Nobel Prize family, renowned spiritual leader Dadi Janki (pictured right) will speak on rekindling greatness in America. Music will be played throughout by Shanti Shivani, Forrest “Miasha” McDowell and Halie Loren. This empowering event should be an evening of inspiration. See Tuesday Calendar.



Ever wander around a certain neighborhood, admiring a handful of its front yards but truly yearning to see their back yards, where gardens escape the public eye and become personal parks and sanctuaries for their creators? Yes, you have. And now you have your chance at the 14th annual **KLCC in Bloom Garden Tour**, where nine gardens clustered near the top of College Hill will be on full view for your inspection. Not too interested in topiary, clematis, rhodies or laurels? Then come for the social scene, livened up by a host of easy listening music provided by Sweet Papa Lowdown, David Rogers, Mark Harris and Elizabeth Cable. Garden art (some of it for sale) and massages round out the day in this benefit for the public radio station. See Sunday Calendar.



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