

WHAT'S HAPPENING

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23

SUNRISE 6:59AM; SUNSET 5:53PM
AVG. HIGH 52; AVG. LOW 35

GATHERINGS Refuge Recovery meeting, 7:30-8:30am today & Thursday, March 2, Cascade Center for Spiritual Living, 741 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

Legislative Committee, 10:30am-noon, Bob Straub Conference rm., 125 E. 8th Ave. FREE.

Downtown Public Speakers Toastmasters Club, drop-ins welcome, noon-1:05pm today & Thursday, March 2, Les Lyle Conference rm., 4th floor Wells Fargo Bldg., 99 E. Broadway Ave., 485-1182. FREE.

NAMI Connection Support Group for people w/mental health issues, 1-2:30pm today & Thursday, March 2, 2411 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. FREE.

Rush Hour Resistance, Progressive Coalition Rally, 5-6pm Monday through Friday, old Federal Building, 211 E. 7th. FREE.

Emerald Photographic Society Club Meeting, 6:45pm today & Thursday, March 2, Northwood Christian Church, 2425 Harvest Ln., Spfd. FREE.

Home Grown Community Radio Forming KEPW-FM, 7pm, today & Thursday, March 2, Growers Market, 454 Willamette St., 343-8548. FREE.

Standing Strong for Justice at Standing Rock, 7pm, First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. FREE.

HEALTH Stress & Anxiety Relief Group Acupuncture, 10-11:30am today & Thursday, March 2, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., 687-9447. \$10.

Senior Fitness Testing, 10:30am-12:30pm, Eugene Family YMCA, 2055 Patterson St. FREE-\$15.

Chinese Acupuncture Healing Circle, by appt only, 1:30-3:20pm today & Thursday, March 2, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., Ste. 300, 687-9447. \$15.

Mindfulness Group, 4-5pm, NAMI Resource Center, 2411 Martin Luther King Blvd., 520-3096. FREE.

LECTURES/CLASSES Conversations w/Funders: Oregon Cultural Trust, 1-3:30pm, downtown library. FREE.

Adult colored pencil drawing class, 2-4pm, Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St., Spfd. \$15.

Talks at the MNCH, 2pm today through Sunday, Tuesday through Thursday, March 2, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave., natural-history.uoregon.edu. FREE w/price of museum admission.

DanceAbility Class, creative movement for youth 4pm, adults 5pm, today & Thursday, March 2, all abilities & disabilities, Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard St., 357-4982. don.

Subcontractor vs. Employee: Learn the Law, 6pm, downtown library. FREE.

LITERARY ARTS Poet Rick Barot book reading, 8pm, UO campus

Knight Library browsing rm. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILIES 4J school choice visit week, tours & meetings offered at Eugene 4J schools, today & Friday, see schedule for details, 4j.lane.edu/choice, 790-7570. FREE.

Wonderful Ones Storytime, 1-year-olds w/caregivers, 10:15am & 11am today & Thursday, March 2, downtown library, 682-8316. FREE.

Preschool fun w/arts & science: collages, 10:30am, Spfd. public library, Spfd. FREE.

ON THE AIR "The Point," current local issues, arts, stories, 9-9:30am, today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, March 2, KPOV 88.9FM.

"Arts Journal," current local arts, 9-10pm today & Thursday, March 2, Comcast channel 29.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Pool Hall for seniors, 8:30am-4:30pm today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, March 2, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. \$0.25.

GEARs Bicycle Club: Clearwater Trail, 9:30am Alton Baker Park, eugenegears.org/wp-content/uploads/February-2017.pdf. FREE.

Tai Chi: Level 1, Ages 50+, 11am, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Tai Chi: Level 2, Ages 50+, noon, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, FREE intro.

Lunchtime Running Group, 3-4 miles, 12:15-12:45pm today &

Thursday, March 2, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

Duplicate Bridge, 1pm today, Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday, March 2; 9:30am Monday; 6:30pm Wednesday, Emerald Bridge Club, 1782 Centennial Blvd., Spfd. \$8.

SilverSneakers@ Classic, Ages 50+, 1:30pm, Bob Keefer Center, 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Zumba Gold, Ages 50+, 1:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Pi-Yo Live, combined Pilates & yoga, 5pm, Ridgeview Elementary School, 526 66th St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Cribbage Tournament, 5:30-7:30pm today & Thursday, March 2, Max's Tavern, 550 E. 13th Ave. \$2.

Nia Fusion Fitness, 5:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C. St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Tai Chi: Evening, 5:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 115 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Board Game Night, 6-11pm today, Tuesday & Thursday, March 2, Funagain Games, 1280 Willamette St. FREE.

Pi-Yo Live, combined Pilates & yoga, 6pm, Bob Keefer Center, 25 S. 32nd St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Femme-identifying & Women's Bike Maintenance, 6-8pm, UO Bike Program, UO Erb Memorial Union. \$10.

Yoga for Weight Management, 6:30pm, Willamalane Adult

Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Quizzo Pub Trivia w/Dr. Seven Phoenix, 9pm, Level Up, 1290 Oak St. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Rick, 9pm today & Thursday, March 2, Side Bar, 1680 Coburg Rd. FREE.

SOCIAL DANCE English & Scottish Country Dancing, 7pm today & Thursday, March 2, Vet's Club, 1620 Willamette St. \$7, first time FREE.

Music & Dance Workshops w/ Taller de Son Jarocho, 7-9pm today & Thursday, March 2, American Legion Hall, 344 8th St., Spfd. FREE.

Fall Dance Sampler Series, Tango, 7:30pm, In Shape Athletic Club, 2681 Willamette St. \$10.

SPIRITUAL Zen Meditation Group, 7-8am today & Thursday, March 2, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 439 W. 2nd Ave. FREE.

Insight Meditation, 6:30-8pm today & Thursday, March 2, Eugene Yoga Annex, 3575 Donald St. Don.

Intro to Zen Practice, 7-8:45pm, Zen W., 981 Fillmore St., zenwesteugene@gmail.com. FREE.

Zen Meditation, 7-8:45pm, Zen West (Jefferson Westside Neighborhood). FREE or don.

TEENS Japanese Manga & Cartoon Drawing Club! 4-5pm, Ophelia's Place, 1577 Pearl St. Ste. 100. sug. don. \$10-\$25 for the term.

Teen Book Group, 4pm, downtown library. FREE.

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THEATER *The House of Yes*, 7pm today through Saturday, South Eugene High School Theater, 400 E. 19th. \$7-\$10.

Oregon Contemporary Theatre: *Melancholy Play* preview performance, 7:30pm, 194 W. Broadway. \$15.

No Shame Workshop: Short-form theatre & improv! 7:30pm, Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave. FREE.

VOLUNTEER Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Native Plant Volunteer Work Party, 9am-noon today, Tuesday & Thursday, March 2, Native Plant Nursery, Buford Park, volunteer@bufordpark.com, 344-8350. FREE.

Care for Owen Rose Garden, bring gloves & small hand-weeding tools, instruction provided, noon-3pm, end of N. Jefferson St., 682-5025. FREE.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24

SUNRISE 6:57AM; SUNSET 5:55PM
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FARMERS MARKETS Spfd. Farmers Market outdoors w/entertainment, 3-7pm, Spfd. city hall, 225 5th St., Spfd. FREE.

FILM "Through a Lens Darkly" showing, 6:30-9pm, Jon Meyers Studio, 385 W. 2nd Ave. FREE or don.

FOOD/DRINKS Wine & Music, 4-10pm, Noble Estate Urban, 560 Commercial St. FREE.

Wine Tasting, 6-9pm, Sweet Cheeks Winery, 27007 Briggs Hill Rd. FREE.

GATHERINGS Yawn Patrol Toastmasters, 6-7:45am, LCC Downtown Center, 110 W. 10th Ave. FREE.

City Club of Eugene, Check in w/ Lucy Vinis, noon-1pm, UO Academic Extension at the Baker Center, 975 High St. \$5.

Nar-Anon Meeting, 12:30pm, Spfd. Lutheran Church, 1542 I St., Spfd. FREE.

Food Not Bombs, vegan meal, 2-4pm, 8th & Oak. FREE.

An Evening w/the Tar Sands Valve Turners, 6:30-8:30pm, First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. FREE, \$20 don.



In the wake of the Women's March on Washington this past January, local women-owned group Makeba Arts and Entertainment is keeping the party going with their upcoming Mardi Gras themed shindig. Makeba Arts and Entertainment is a decade in the making and consistently aims to create a diverse, female-centered arts and music culture in Eugene. The two women behind the scenes are Shea Baker, who spent 12 years in nonprofit women's healthcare, and Merrill Moore, a real estate broker whose passion lies in advocating for women's rights. Together, the women have put together music line-ups and events for the Oregon Country Fair, Dance for Africa, Kutsinhira Cultural Arts Center and more. And they aren't stopping now. Next on Makeba's to-do list is hosting Eugene's **First Annual Mardi Gras**, complete with a masquerade and dance party theme. The event is a mash-up of live music, poetry slams and visual arts. Hold tight to your masks with a line up like funk electronica band Soul Vibrator and the ever-groovy Eleven Eyes. What is most impressive about this show, however, is the number of local businesses eagerly standing in support. Twenty-four women-owned or co-owned businesses agreed to sponsor the event, including Tacovore, Hot Mama's Wings, WildCraft Cider Works and As You Like It. "What's so exciting about this event is how it reflects women actively participating in our communities from the local to the national level," Baker says, "We here in Eugene are coming together ... by organizing around support for nonprofit organizations on the local level." All proceeds from the event go to local groups who advocate, support and provide services for women's health and safety. Sexual Assault and Support Services (SASS), Planned Parenthood of S.W. Oregon, the Trauma Healing Project and Well Mama all make the list.

Don't forget to bring your beads to Eugene's First Annual Mardi Gras 7 pm Friday, Feb. 24, at Hi-Fi; tickets \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. — *Kelsey Anne Rankin*