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11-YEAR-OLD FIRE KNIFE DANCER NAPU DISPLAYS SKILL AND PRECISION TO CLOSE OUT THE SHOW.

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AUGUST 23

This weekend, the 4th annual **Oregon Aloha Festival**, a lively, family-friendly event, is coming to Eugene with traditional hula, fire knife dancing and island drumming. The festival is at Alton Baker Park, where there will be food, music and much more. You will quickly be thrown into the cultures of Pacific Islanders through an animated display of traditions and festivities. This event provides activities for the whole family, making it easy for all to enjoy. Foodies can indulge in traditional island food and drinks ranging from authentic poke to kālúa pork. For music lovers, test your hand in traditional island instruments at one of the various workshops, or just stop by to enjoy live music. “Bring your whole family, bring your blankets and chairs, cop a spot and enjoy the show,” says co-founder Naomi T. Hunkin. Even if you’re more of the sit back and relax type, you can enjoy live music and performances or simply sit at the Aloha Lounge and take in the ambiance of the festival. More than anything, though, the Aloha Festival is a safe space for all people to feel welcomed. “Right now in America, we need Aloha,” Hunkin says. As Hunkin puts it, the festival is a perfect display of neighbors loving each other through educational, vibrant and energetic activities and displays. For her, the festival is a way to represent the cultures and traditions of Polynesians and Pacific Islanders, while building a connection to her community who may not share the same traditions. — *Maggie McMillen*

Oregon Aloha Festival runs noon to 8 pm, Saturday, August 23, at Alton Baker Park, 100 Day Island Road. Opening ceremonies begin at 11:30 am. Free admission; however, cash or card is needed for shopping or food. There is both free and paid parking available nearby.

August 21

THURSDAY

Art/Craft

Paint & Sip: Van Gogh Seascape at Saintes-Maries, 2-4pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$35.

Festival

Annual Mule Fest, 11:30am-10pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

Film

To Kill a Wolf w/ Filmmaker Q&A, 7pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$12.

Food/Drink

Endless Summer Beach Cocktail Event, 11:30am-10pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th Ave.

Thursday Tasting w/ Migration, 5pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th Ave.

Thursday Tasting Series, 6-8pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

Gatherings

Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club Meeting, noon, Countryside Pizza & Grill, 645 River Rd.

All-Ages Board Game & Puzzle Swap, 5:30-7:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Peace Vigil, 5:30-5:45pm, Peace Pole at Bob Keefer Ctr., 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd.

Kids/Family

Preschool Playtime, 10:15am, Bethel Branch Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.

Kids' Comic Book Club, 2-3pm, Books w/ Pictures Eugene, 296 E. 5th Ave., ste. 224.

Sensory Playtime, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Lectures/Classes

Hablemos Español: Spanish Conversation, 4pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Nerd Nite, 7pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette.

Markets

Thursday Night Markets, 5-9pm, Farmers Market Pavilion, 85 E. 8th Ave.

Nightlife

Cat Bingo Night, 5:30pm, Eugene-Spfd. Cat Lounge, 537 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd. \$25.

The Office Trivia w/ Geo, 6:15pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd.

Trivia w/ Brett, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Brewing W., 520 Commercial St., ste. F

Bingo, 7pm, Twisted Duck Pub, 529 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd.

Bingo w/ Jen Jay, 7-9pm, Wetland Brew Pub, 922 Garfield St.

Trivia, 7pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave. (corner of 8th & Ferry).

Karaoke w/ Crystal, 8pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

Karaoke, 8:30pm-12:30am, The Barn Light, 924 Willamette.

Outdoors/Recreation

Gentle Chair Yoga w/ Clark Stacer, noon-1pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 1465 Coburg Rd.

Thrifty Thursday Tee Times, 5pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th St. \$50.

Social Dance

Latin Dancing, 7-10pm, Claim 52 Brewing, 232 Lincoln St. \$5.

Spiritual

Higher Self Meditation, 5-5:30pm, Online, visit SpiritualArts.Org for more information.

Refuge Recovery, 5:30-7pm, Sacred Connections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

Theater

The Tempest, 7:30pm, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove. \$15-29.

August 22

FRIDAY

Art/Craft

FabFeltmaking: Beads & Riverstone Paperweights, 2-4pm, McNeil-Riley House, 601 W. 13th Ave. \$5-15.

Make Found & Undead Art, 2:30-5:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Paint & Sip: Mermaid Tail, 6:30-8:30pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St., ste. 104. \$45.

Comedy

Rodney Norman, 5pm, Whirled Pies, 199 W. 8th Ave. \$20-25.

Film

Modern Times (1936), 7pm, Venue On Broadway, 28 E. Broadway.

Food/Drink

Stern Mama Rum Tasting, 5pm, PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th Ave.

Gatherings

All-Ages Board Game & Puzzle Swap, 3-5pm, Bethel Branch Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.

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