

BLACK HISTORY

PCC Observes Black History Month

Portland Community College will celebrate Black History Month during the month of February. A number of events are sponsored on PCC campuses and in the community.

Black History month began as a one-week celebration 65 years ago and is now a month-long nationally recognized tradition which honors and celebrates the achievements and cultures of African and African Americans.

The celebration opens Wednesday, Feb. 1 with reggae music at the Sylvania Campus, cafeteria stage.

Thursday, Feb. 2, is opening day of the Fifth Annual Cascade Festival of African Films at Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby, 7:30 p.m. the festival opens with the first

Portland showing of the critically acclaimed film, "Sankofa," which depicts the experience of American slavery from the African and African-American point of view. Haile Gerima, director and producer, will be presenting the film. Gerima is an award-winning film maker and professor at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

The festival continues on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. during the month of February and on March 2 with two showings, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A Saturday family matinee is scheduled for Feb. 25, 2 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 6, Ollie Murray, a craftsman and "wood turner" will demonstrate his craft from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the upper College Center Mall, Sylvania Campus. Also featured is the television documentary, "Eye on the Prize," with excerpts from the Civil Rights movement, at noon in the Sylvania Campus St A-1 auditorium.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Ann Sweet, offers a Racism Workshop at the Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth, Jackson Hall, Room

114, 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop explores some of the reasons why racism exists in Portland and how we as individuals and a society contribute to its existence.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, is Poetry Day at Sylvania Campus and an invitation to share African-American poetry -- either your own or a poem which has inspired you, Learning Resource Center, Room 204, noon to 1 p.m.

Please contact PCC student Sonia Key-Fender for more information at 295-2944.

'AFRICAN ROOTS' OPENS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Plans are underway at Portland State University and across the nation to recognize February as Black History Month and to celebrate the contributions of black cultures and customs throughout the world.

At PSU, the celebration begins early, Tuesday, Jan. 31, with a series of events entitled the African Roots of Caribbean Cultures, featuring Trinidadian dancer/choreographer Wilfred Mark.

Mark and fellow dancer Robbin Frey, will present Caribbean dance and drumming workshops, demonstrations and lectures about the Trinidad Carnival and African and Caribbean cultures Jan. 31 through Feb. 4.

Catherine Evleshin, herself a dancer, performer and instructor of Caribbean dance said Mark is brilliant.

"I've taken classes from him myself and it's both physically demanding and a lot of fun," she said. All events are on the PSU campus.

You can call 725-5670 for more information.

The scheduled workshops and demonstrations are:

Caribbean Drumming - Tuesday, Jan. 31, 4-5:30 p.m. Basics of Caribbean dance movement. Bring your own drum.

Caribbean Dance - Wednesday, Feb. 1, 3:30-5 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 2, 3-6 p.m.; and Friday, Feb. 3, 2-4 p.m. Warm-up, movement across the floor, technical/stylistic instruction and choreographed festive and one ceremonial dance.

Caribbean Culture, Customs and Beliefs - Wednesday, Feb. 1 and Friday, Feb. 3, 10-11 a.m. Discussion of Caribbean culture, the arts, religion and its descent from African roots.

Trinidad Carnival - Thursday, Feb. 2, 12-1 p.m. Discussion of the place of the Carnival in the history and contemporary life of Trinidad. Carnival costumes will be demonstrated.

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riders will benefit from changes, committee members said.

The seniors also testified of problems they and others have had with the Tri-Met LIFT program, including scheduling and the length of time required to ride the lift to desired destinations. The group said riders have missed meals and medical appointments as a result of these problems.

Committee members said Tri-Met should consider their needs because they represent a major population of public transportation users. A survey by the group indicated that 42 percent of able-bodied citizens over the age of 65 depend on bus services for transportation. The number does not include those who are physically impaired and require special transportation services.

Oregonians over 65 are expected to double by the year 2020 and in Multnomah County that number already stands at 102,000 persons older than 60.

Older people represent a stable, growing group of Tri-Met customers who are consistent in their service usage and are likely to ride during non-peak hours of the day, group members said.

The Portland/Multnomah Commission on Aging is a consumer group charged with advocating for the needs of elderly and disabled individuals throughout Multnomah County.

Managed by a 31-member volunteer board of older individuals, the group works to provide public education and develop new services and resources.

Current issues include elder safety and abuse prevention, senior center development and access to services.

Even as O.J. Simpson sits in jail, accused of murder, legal tender postage stamps commemorating the football superstar are being used to post letters around the world.

In circulation since 1993, the O.J. stamp is in full color, and is about twice the size of a regular U.S. postage stamp. It is contained within a sheet of 9 stamps honoring international sports stars such as Pele (soccer), Wilt Chamberlain (basketball), Nadia Comaneci (gymnastics) and Steve Ballesteros (golf). The O.J. stamp has a face value of \$50 Guyana and is quite stunning with rather remarkable artwork of O.J. both in a closeup pose and running down the football field wearing his famous number "32" uniform.

"Only a few thousand sheets were originally issued in 1993, and many of them have already been used for postage," remarked Scott Tilson of The International Collectors Society in Owings Mills, Maryland, who was able to obtain the entire remaining inventory, which is in pristine condition, from the Guyana Postal Authorities.



knew what they had," Tilson remarked. "In fact, they called it the 'Pele Issue'. So I just played along, not mentioning that I was really after the O.J. stamps."

The stamps are legal for postage in Guyana, and are recognized by every postal authority throughout the world.

"These stamps were rare to begin with," indicated Tilson, "but with so much news about O.J. and the trial now, we expect the remaining sheets of stamps to disappear quickly. I wouldn't be surprised if virtually all of these stamps will be in the hands of collectors in a matter of weeks." The stamps were originally issued in 1993, as Limited Edition of only a few thousand sets worldwide and are the only stamps ever issued in commemoration of O.J.

Gotta have 'em? They are available for a short time at their original offering price of \$9.95 U.S. (plus \$3 p&h) for the set which is accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity. You'll also get a free pocket guide containing all of O.J.'s football records, and a chronological history of the O.J. trial. The most you can buy is 6 sets. Contact The International Collectors Society, 10045 Red Run Blvd, Suite 170PRS, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117, or you may call toll free 1-(800) 624-4427.

Valentines Lunch

The Fannie Cook Womens Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E. Church will host its Annual Valentines Lunch on Saturday, February 11, 1995, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 5828 N. E. 8th Avenue. Donation is \$5.00 per person. A special Valentines program during the lunch will be held. For More Information, call 288-5420.

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