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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Video Conference

Local business owners can help shape a small-business agenda, to be submitted to Congress this June at the Congressional Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C. Videoconference participants will vote to prioritize initiatives for Congressional action. The event will be held on May 29 from 9-11 AM at the Portland Community College's General Motors Training Center. Call 1 (800) 344-8888 to pre-register.

Mixed Media

Mixed Media works by Beverly Bizzell, paintings by Renee Zanagra, and photographs by Dick Bogle will be exhibited at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. on June 4-27. Gallery hours are from Monday-Friday from noon to 5:30 PM, and Saturdays from noon to 4 PM. Call 823-2000.

Free Acupuncture

The Oregon College of Oriental Medicine is offering free acupuncture clinics. The next available time to come in for Neck, Shoulder, Back and Joint Pain is on Saturday, June 13th. All clinics are walk-in clinics, open from 9-10:30 AM. No appointments are necessary. They will be held at our new clinic facility located at: 10541 SE. Cherry Blossom Drive. Call 254-3566.

Task Force

Do you have concerns about gangs, drugs, and violence in your neighborhood? Why is your voice not being heard? Please come share your experiences and questions at the following task force meeting for community citizens being held on June 17th at the King Neighborhood Facility (4815 NE. 7th). Meeting time is at 6:30 PM.

Shakespeare Festival

Mt. Hood Community College will again offer a summer tour to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon on July 8-12. The college offers transportation, lodging at Southern Oregon University, and tickets to several plays. Also available are a raft trip on the Rogue River and a backstage tour of the festival. Call 667-7260.

Computer Workshops

The American Association for Retired Persons and Microsoft are hosting four free computer technology workshops on June 1st and 8th. The presentations will include demonstrations of various software, the Internet and a hands-on activity using e-mail, in addition to information on how to purchase the right computer for you. Call (800) 922-8716. Seating is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Design A Mural

Student artists wanted to design a neighborhood mural. First prize is \$100 cash. Second prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Art Media. The first place design will be incorporated into a larger full scale mural located on the Big City Produce wall. Deadline is June 8 at 3 PM. Send artwork to Patrice Kelly at 4536 N. Kerby; Portland, Oregon 97217. The winner will be announced at 2 PM, on Saturday, June 13th at the vacant lot at N. Albina and Summer.

Pride '98

Pride '98 is a celebration of the positive accomplishments of lesbian, gay, bi, and trans people in Oregon and southwest Washington. It will be held in downtown Portland on June 20th and 21st in Waterfront Park, by the Burnside Bridge. This year's theme, "Family Matters," focuses on the importance of community in everyone's life. The Pride Northwest Hotline is 295-9788 or log onto their website at www.gaypdx.com/pride.

Visiting Author

Robert Hopcke, author of *There Are No Accidents: Synchronicity and the Stories of Our Lives* will be at Tower Books on Sunday, June 14th at 2 PM, for a discussion and book signing. Robert is a Jungian psychotherapist and director of the Center for Symbolic Studies. Call 253-3116.

Art Work At Two Westside Max Stations Celebrated



With the opening of Westside MAX only a few months away on Sept. 12 and 13, some of the nearly 100 art works are being installed at the stations. At Hawthorn Farm Station, Dennis Miller of Intel, who collaborated on the art, is shown with artist Patrick Zentz and electrician Bill Burkitt of Team Electric, who wired the work that shows the movement of wind on a topographic map.

In Hillsboro at the Washington/SE 12th Ave. Station, hundreds of neighborhood residents enjoyed looking at tiles that decorate a 140-foot wall. About 650 residents made tiles for the wall at workshops conducted by artist Linda Haworth, who then arranged the tiles on the wall.

Tri-Met photos by Tim Jewett

Northeast Seniors Gather For Urban League Health Fair

Senior citizens from North and Northeast Portland turned out for a health fair on May 21 that brought a number of free services to the Urban League Senior Center.

The following organizations took part in the health fair. Legacy Emanuel Hospital (free physician and dietician advice), Vision Northwest (free eye exams), Mt. Hood Hearing Clinic (free hearing tests), Portland Adventist Health Van (free health checkups), Oregon State University Extension Services (free nutrition advice) and information services from the Urban League's Breast & Cervical Cancer and Environmental Health Programs and Multnomah County's Adult and Senior Services.

"Our urban seniors need this kind of information about health," said Urban League Director of Senior Services Serena Stoudamire.

"This fair also helped those who serve seniors better understand their health needs."

The Northeast Multicultural Senior Center is a partnership of the Urban League of Portland, Loaves and Fishes and Multnomah County's Northeast Aging Services Branch.

The center serves a diverse population of seniors in North/Northeast Portland with case management, activities, nutrition, and programs to help them live independently in their community as long as it is safe to do so.



Left To Right: Toni Oldfield, Serena Stoudamire, and Arleta Ward.
(Photo by M. Washington)

King Garden Project Receives National Award

BY LEE PERLMAN

A local community garden project of the King Neighborhood Association received national recognition last week.

The group's Urban Green Spaces project was named Runner-Up in a national competition for "Physical Improvements" by community groups run by Neighborhoods U.S.A. The award, and a \$100 prize, was announced at the national group's annual convention last week at the Marriott Hotel in Portland.

The Green Spaces project uti-

lizes three properties donated by Multnomah County: a former parking lot on Northeast Killingsworth Street at Mallory Avenue, and two lots seized for non-payment of taxes, one on Northeast Seventh Avenue between Mason and Shaver Streets, the other on Northeast Roselawn Street at 12th Avenue. Initial financing came from a grant from the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Fund, given for the development of green spaces in areas "not served by traditional parks," according to Jennifer Siebold of King. There has also been exten-

sive local fundraising, she said; the Seventh Avenue project, dubbed Two Plum Garden, alone has received \$7500 in donations, she said.

Each of the gardens is being developed according to the desires of the people living around it, Siebold says. Two Plum Garden will have three raised beds for gardening by local residents. The Mallory site will focus on creating a colorful appearance, with bright perennial flowers and artwork, "because that's what people living around there wanted," she says. The artwork

will include tiles created by King School students. The Roselawn garden is still being designed, she says.

Other Portland neighborhoods have previously received awards from Neighborhoods U.S.A., a national organization of neighborhood activists. In 1992 northeast Portland's Sabin community received N.U.S.A.'s grand prize as Neighborhood of the Year. However, King was the only Portland community to win an award at this year's convention.

"It's quite an honor," King president Fred Stewart says.