

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Home Garden Tours Return

Focus is on organic gardening

Gardens of Natural Delights tours are back! After the program ended in 2009, third-generation sustainable gardener Lucy Hardiman, whose yard was featured for years on Metro's garden tours, has pushed to resurrect her passion for growing organically and share her ideas with others.

May through July, the tours bring beginning and experienced gardeners together to view and discuss organic home gardens around the region.

From high-volume composting to low-use water systems, hosts like Hardiman and other experienced gardeners will share their tips and tricks for growing a garden that's beautiful, abundant and chemical-free, making it safer for people, pets and the planet.

This year's tours include the home gardens of

Oregonian garden writer Kym Pokorny, "Garden Diva" Laura Crockett, Lucy Hardiman, Debbie and Jim Krekos and many more. One great organic garden will be featured most Sundays.

"So many people are afraid of starting because they don't know where to begin," Debbie Krekos said. "But if you think about you want in your backyard, start your compost pile early and do one project at a time, it will get done."

Participants will learn how to improve soil health, create low-maintenance landscapes and bring helpful birds, bees, and butterflies to their backyard. Host gardeners will also share their reasons for gardening organically and strategies for success.

Participants can register on Metro's natural gardening website, oregonmetro.gov/garden, or by phone through the Metro's recycling hotline at 503-234-3000.

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Children's Theatre -- In the spirit of Narnia and Harry Potter, Oregon Children's Theatre presents,



A Wrinkle in Time, a new adaptation to a classic science fiction novel by Madeleine L'Engle. Shows continue through Sunday, June 5 at the Newmark Theater, 1111 SW Broadway. Tickets are \$13-\$26.

For more information, contact the box office at 503-228-9571 or TicketMaster.

African Dance Troupe Fundraiser -- Kúkátónón Children's African Dance Troupe invites you to its Spring Annual Fundraiser Friday, June 3 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center for Self-Enhancement, 3920 N. Kerby St. Purchase tickets in advance: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children under 12 by contacting Lionel Clegg at 503-380-8482 or lclegg@pps.k12.or.us.

Miracle Theatre -- Lazarillo is a new, bilingual adaptation of the classic Spanish book, Lazarillo de Tormes, and will premiere onstage through Saturday, May 28 at Miracle Theatre on 528 S.E. Stark St. Admission is \$14-\$25; discounts for students, seniors, and advance purchases. For more information and purchase of tickets, visit milagro.org or call 503-236-7253.

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom -- Julianne Johnson stars in the Portland Playhouse production of Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, a play about the legendary blues singer known for both her music and her attitude. The story by Pulitzer Prize playwright August Wilson is set during the Chicago Black Renaissance. Shows have been extended

through the month of May, at Portland Playhouse, 602 N.E. Prescott St. Call the box office at 503-205-0715 or visit portlandplayhouse.org.

Ethos Theatre -- Compass Repertory Theatre's presentation of 'Tis Pity She's a Whore' will shock mores and prissy tastes with

an almost 400 year old play about incestuous love: an obsessed boy intent on getting what he wants: a girl,



wise yet captive to the passions of men. Play runs through May 29 at the Ethos Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340

N. Interstate Ave. Shows are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20; and \$10 on Thursdays. Call 1-800-494-8497 or visit compassrep.org.

IMAX Film -- OMSI's largest IMAX Film Festival, now open through June 26, will highlight 24 giant motion pictures including the heart-warming new hit Born to be Wild, narrated by Morgan Freeman. The film looks at orphaned orangutans and elephants and the extraordinary people who rescue and raise them. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$6.50 for youths and seniors. Visit omsi.edu/filmfestival, for schedule and specials.



King Farmers Market -- For a third season of farm-fresh produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses, seafood, and other specialty foods, visit the King Farmers Market on the intersection of Northeast Seventh Avenue and Wygant Street in the parking lot adjacent to King School Park. Now open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mel Brown Live -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown has a career spanning over 40 years.

Curious George: Let's Get Curious! -- Portland Children's Museum exhibit introduces children to the world of that unforgettably nosey monkey Curious George, leading visitors on a fun, interactive math, science and engineering-based adventure. Show runs through Sunday, June 5.

Discount Tickets -- Local low-income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

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