

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Join Francisco Bautista, a 4th generation Mexican weaver, at the PDX Culture Keepers Festival, Sunday, June 11 at the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 S.W. Park Ave.

## Festival of Cultural Traditions

Five folk artists will perform or demonstrate a variety of cultural traditions, from traditional Kenyan cooking techniques to Estonian folk dance at the PDX Culture Keepers Festival, Saturday, June 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oregon Historical Society, downtown.

Rounding out the free, family-friendly program will be interactive demonstrations of Oaxacan weaving, Coquille/Coos canoe

paddle carving, and intricately woven nautical rope mats.

The featured artists include Francisco Bautista, a fourth-generation weaver from a village near Oaxaca City, Mexico, known for its weaving tradition, and Dennis Best, a maker of traditional nautical rope mats who will demonstrate his knotting techniques and invites guests to tie a few themselves.

Wambui Machua, a Kenyan

chef and local business owner who teaches African cooking classes, will prepare typical Kenyan dishes including ugali, a corn meal based dish, and samosas. And both the adult and youth members from the Estonian folk dance troupe, will perform, and visitors are invited to learn some steps and join in!



Participants learn the basics of composting at a Composting 101 workshop at the Columbia Springs urban natural area in Vancouver.

## Turn Your Spoils into Soil

Want to begin composting your yard debris and some of your kitchen waste? A two hour class at the Columbia Springs urban natural area in Vancouver can help you turn your green matter into black gold and save money on your garbage bill.

The instruction will give you an introduction to the science

of composting and a close up demonstration of composting bins and systems in action. The next class is Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. at the Columbia Springs Swift Classroom, 12208 S.E. Evergreen Hwy. Cost is \$5 and pre-registration is required. Visit [columbiasprings.org](http://columbiasprings.org) or call 360-882-0936.



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