

Jefferson Students Hold PDX Peace Prize, May 26

For the second year in a row, students from Jefferson High School's Senior Inquiry class have organized the annual Portland Peace Prize to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 26 at the Ecotrust Building, 721 NW 9th Ave. in Portland.

Mirrored after the International Nobel Peace Prize, student Meliss Wood said they wanted to honor local leaders for their contribution to peace. The class of 33 students has been working to identify, interview and nominate persons and organizations that promote peace, democracy and sustainability in Portland, as well as organizing and promoting the event. The event is free.

The event will feature Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman as a keynote speaker, music by activist singer/songwriter David Rovics and information booths from local community organizations.

During a silent auction, more than \$400 worth of items from Patagonia, Laughing Planet Café, OMSI, Salty's Dog and Cat Shop, and Yoga Shala will be distributed. Proceeds will benefit the Portland Peace Prize winner's nonprofit of choice.

"Jefferson has been for the past 100 years thriving and accomplishing the unthinkable. We a diverse family that values our community and city, and the Portland Peace Prize uncovers how great we as a whole are," Student Iyesha Rosser said.

The nominees include:

- Growing Gardens
- Black Parent Initiative
- Brian Heron, Minister Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- Ceasefire Oregon
- Immigrant and Refuge Community Organization (IRCO)
- National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) of Multnomah County
- Northwest Earth Institute
- Oregon Student Association
- Powerhouse Mentoring Program
- Raphael House
- Reach Community Development
- David Rovics, folk musician and activist
- Self Enhancement Incorporated
- Peace and Justice Works
- Transition Pdx
- Urban Gleaners
- World Arts Foundation Inc (WAFI), Ken Berry
- Youth Organized and United To Help (YOUTH), Imani Muhammad
- Somali Youth of Oregon
- Shane Endicott



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Ken Berry and Kurt Green perform with an unidentified singer at the World Arts Foundation's celebration of Portland's African American artists held last weekend. Ken Berry of the World Arts Foundation is nominated for a Portland Peace Prize.

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Friday May 20

JOB FAIR AT VOLCANOES STADIUM! Spice Islands Catering, the concessionaire for Volcanoes Stadium, will be conducting a Job Fair. Noon until 6 p.m. 6700 Field of Dreams Way NE Keizer, OR

Saturday May 21

FOOD SHARING WORKSHOP: Seed cycle, Kombucha & herbal teas, house holding talk, container gardening, fruit production FREE workshops. Please RSVP to 503-546-7499 or email outreach@ourunitedvillages.org. Lunch included 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Brentwood Darlington Community Center, 7211 SE 62nd Ave.

Saturday & Sunday May 21 & 22

DOZER DAYS! The fun begins with a ride into the event on a gigantic articulated hauler. Admission is \$5 ages 2-12 and seniors (55+) \$7 for adults and free for those under 2. Tickets on the day of the event are \$8 for kids and seniors, \$10 for adults. Cemax/Fisher Quarry on the west side of 192nd and Brady Rd in Vancouver. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Both days. For ticket information go to www.nutterfoundation.org or any IQ Credit Union, First Independent Bank, Riverview Community Bank or OnPoint Community Credit Union.

Wednesday May 25

FREE DIABETES WORKSHOP! SW Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities will provide a free workshop on preventing and managing your diabetes. To register call 360-694-8144. 10 – 11:30 a.m. 201 NE 73rd St. Vancouver.

Friday May 27

ROSE FESTIVAL CITY FAIR OPENS! Rose Festival City Fair (formerly Waterfront Village), part of Portland's official festival is open for three full weekends starting Memorial Day Weekend 5 – 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday hours will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday May 29

FREE CONCERT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WITH AMERICA'S FIRST YOUTH ORCHESTRA! Celebrating its 87th season, The Portland Youth Philharmonic is offering a free concert. 4 p.m. Lewis & Clark College, 1615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. Portland in Evans Hall.

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