

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Oregon Tradeswomen's 20th Annual Women in Trades Career Fair

The Northwest's largest non-traditional career fair celebrates its 20th year with a weekend of events including an open activities day for women and girls at the NECA-IBEW Electrical Training Center, 16021 NE Airport Way in Portland.

Admission is free, with free parking, childcare and a free shuttle from the Gateway Transit Center located at 9900 NE Multnomah.

The Fair's two student days on Thursday, May 17, and Friday, May 18 required pre-registration and are already full. Saturday, May 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., however, is open to women and their families and will focus on events and activities offering information about how to get started in these blue collar careers. A special information session about OTI's free 7-week pre-apprenticeship class for women takes place at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 19.

More than 2,000 girls and female job seekers are expected to participate in hands-on activities and learn about apprenticeship and job training opportunities in the building, construction, mechanical, technical and utility related trades.

For more information about the

20th Annual Women in Trades Career Fair, including scheduled workshops, drop-in workshops, expected exhibitors, and special events, please visit www.tradeswomen.net/Fair_2012

Seeking Nominations for The Val Joshua Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2012 Val Joshua Racial Justice Award and the Val Joshua Youth Social Justice Award.

The Val Joshua Racial Justice Awards are presented annually to individuals, businesses, or organizations who have demonstrated leadership working to eliminate racism and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people. The first award was given in 1989 to Val Joshua in recognition of her lifelong commitment to and work for the elimination of racism.

Who's eligible?

-Any adult or youth who is practicing racial justice in Clark County.

-Val Joshua Racial Justice Award (18 years or older)


-Youth Social Justice Award (14 to 20 years)

-Any Clark County business or organization that promotes and/or practices racial justice.

selection award recipients will have

-Demonstrated leadership in

Financial Literacy



Financial empowerment was the topic of a free workshop sponsored by the Portland chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on April 28. Topics included Women and Wealth, Retirement and Higher Education Planning and more. The committee is already planning for next year's workshop. From left, workshop committee members with presenters, Lela Triplett Roberts; Francetta Cross; Carolyn Richardson; Andy Pollack, Ameriprise, Inc.; Marian Gilmore and Jane Bergin-Miller, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Not pictured, Bobbie Dore Foster, committee chair.

civil rights and working to eliminate racism

-Exhibited significant involvement working for peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people.

-Demonstrated commitment to self-determined social change for all people.

The nomination form is available at ywcaclarkcounty.com/val-joshua-

awards or you may pick up a form at YWCA Clark County, 3609 Main Street, Vancouver, WA 98663. All nominations must be received by 5:30 pm, May 31.

The Social Change program hosts a number of social change workshops and events throughout the year. Contact Michelle Hurdle-Bradford at 360 906 9129 for more information on how you can get involved.

Local Small Businesses Acknowledged for Economic Success

Portland State University's Business Outreach Program (BOP) is holding a luncheon for clients, students, community partners,

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Thursday May 10

STANFORD ECONOMIST GAVIN WRIGHT TO PRESENT: THE CIVIL RIGHTS REVOLUTION IN THE SOUTH, WHO WON, WHO LOST. This event is sponsored by the Department of Economics at Portland State university, and is free and open to the public. Gavin Wright's talk will be followed a question and answer period and reception. Gathering Room, Native American Student and Community Center, PSU, 710 SW Jackson St.

Friday May 11

BLACKWOOD LEGACY GOSPEL QUARTET. Live from Nashville. They are dedicated and excited to revisit Portland. 7 p.m. Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church, 111 NE Failing St. Admission is free – a love offering will be received.

Saturday May 12

PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS 2012 FESTIVAL OF THE BIRDS. This is a free festival for the whole family to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day! No registration is required except for the Early Bird Walk. Walk begins at 7:30 a.m. to register call 503-823-2525. Free guided bird walks start at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sellwood Park, SE 7th & Miller.

AFRICAN MARIMBA CONCERT. Put on your dancing shoes and come hear six Marimba bands play high energy music Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa. Noon – 4 p.m. Portland Foursquare Church, 2830 NE Flanders St. Free for all ages.

Tuesday May 15

MARK O HATFIELD DISTINGUISHED HISTORIANS FORUM. Rex Ziak, The Tragic and Lonely Life of a Sailing Captain's Wife. 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. Tickets on sale through Boxofficeickets.com.

Saturday May 18

FREE ROLFING & CLINIC FOR CHILDREN. Rolfing provides gentle bodywork to insure healthy growth and movement patterns. Treatment for concerns such as scoliosis, growing pains, pigeon toes and more. Reserve a space on-line at www.portlandrolfer.com or call 503-230-0087. 2 – 4 p.m. People's Food Co-op Community Room, SE 21st and Tibbets, just North of Powell.

Saturday May 19

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION. Learn what to do during an emergency big or small. Our Fire & Police Departments, the Red Cross, Homeland Security & area NET Team will be present to answer your questions. Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave. Seating is limited. RSVP to bsimonen@yahoo.com

Sunday May 20

POLITICS OF PUGS COMES TO PORTLAND FOR THE PUG NATION PUG CRAWL. Pug Nation 1 – 4 p.m. Parade of Pugs begins at 2:30 p.m. register on-site for the parade beginning at 2 p.m. (no fee for entering parade) which is open to all Pugs! Leashes required. MacTarnahan's Taproom, 2700 NW 31st Ave.