

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Celebrating NAAM



Callie Vassall and Pamela Eakes, founding members of the Northwest African American Museum, attended a small celebration on March 8, in honor of the sixth anniversary of the museum's opening.

\$5 Arts Tickets for Teens

TeenTix, a Seattle-based arts access program for teenagers, is proud to announce that it facilitated the sale of 10,689 five-dollar arts tickets to teens in 2013.

TeenTix engages a consortium of Puget Sound region arts organizations in a collective effort to welcome and engage young audience members through a host of strategies, including making it possible for any 13- to 19-year-old to buy a five-dollar, day-of-event ticket. TeenTix currently has 53 partner arts organizations throughout the region, from flagship institutions like Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle Symphony, Seattle Opera, EMP Museum, ACT Theatre, Town Hall, and 5th Avenue Theatre, to smaller, community-based organizations like Taproot Theatre, CD Forum, Seattle Chamber Music Society, and Renton Civic Theatre. For a full list of TeenTix partners, visit www.teentix.org/partners.

'Alzheimer's 101' Health Forum March 14

The Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging & Disability Services and The Central (also known as Central Area Senior Center) are hosting "Alzheimer's 101", a community health forum featuring Bob LeRoy, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association of Western and Central Washington.

The event is Friday, March 14, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Central (also known as Central Area Senior Center) 500 30th Ave. S, Seattle.

Data released by the National Vital Statistics System last year shows that Washington state has the highest mortality rate for Alzheimer's disease in the U.S. Currently there are over 150,000 Washingtonians with Alzheimer's or a related dementia. The prevalence of dementia among older residents of the U.S. is growing rapidly. The Alzheimer's Association estimates a 40 percent increase by 2025 and that, by 2050, the

number of people age 65 and older with Alzheimer's disease will nearly triple.

A low-cost lunch is available. For lunch reservations (recommended), call 206-726-4926.

For more information, visit www.agingkingcounty.org.

Washington HealthPlanfinder Enrollment Event

Come out for a free enrollment event to learn more about Washington Healthplanfinder, Saturday March 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave. S., Seattle, WA. There will be refreshments and a free raffle.

This is the new health insurance online marketplace where you can: enroll in a plan that's right for you; compare brand new health plans side-by-side; find out if you are eligible for financial help; get answers to your questions.

In order to enroll, you will need to know your birth date, social security number, and income. Legal immigrants will need to supply a passport, alien, or other immigration numbers.

For more information, visit www.kingcounty.gov/coverage or call 1-800-756-5437, or go to www.cierrasisters.org.

Kent's Community Garden P-Patch: Open Registration Starts March 12

Kent's downtown Community Garden P-patch season runs April 1 through October 26 in its regular location on the corner of James St. and 64th Avenue S. Gardeners may rent a 20' by 20' plot for the season for \$45 plus a refundable \$25 deposit. There are 44 plots available, assigned on a first-come, first-served basis once the rental fee has been paid.

Register by calling the Kent Commons at 253-856-5000, or stop by in person at 525 4th Avenue N.

The downtown community garden P-patch has been offering organic community gardening since 1997. The program is a collaborative effort between the city of Kent and The Bishop's Storehouse, an extension of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which owns the property. For more information, call 253-856-5110.

For more information, visit KentWA.gov.

Volunteers Needed For Arbor Day-Earth Day Projects

Bellevue Parks & Community Services is looking for 400 volunteers to work on environmental improvement projects and help celebrate the important contribution of trees at the annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event on Saturday, May 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Preregistration is required by March 14. Registration is first-come, first served.

Projects will fill up fast. Volunteers of all ages invited. Individuals and groups are welcome.

Volunteers will plant trees, restore trails, remove invasive plants and otherwise help improve parks and open spaces. Following morning work projects, volunteers are asked to join in the Arbor Day Earth Day community celebration and participate in a community tree planting celebration, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410-130th Pl. SE.

Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt and complimentary lunch provided by Whole Foods Market.

To preregister or for more information, contact Curtis Kukal at CKukal@Bellevue-wa.gov or 425-452-4195.

Researchers Find 20 Percent Earnings Boost from a Bachelor's Degree

People who earn a bachelor's degree earn 20 percent more in the first two years after graduation compared to those who do not pursue a college degree, according to a recent study by the state Education Research and Data Center.

Based on seven years of data, researchers used a statistical method called propensity score matching to estimate the portion of increased earnings attributable to attaining a college degree.

The ERDC study found that college students forgo up to \$55,000 in potential earnings while in school, but those earnings can be regained in as few as six years. The study also confirms the earnings gap between men and women. After controlling for many factors, women still earn about 20 percent less than men after college graduation.

The full study is available at: www.erd.c.wa.gov.

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THE SKANNER.com

If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday March 13

NATURE PLAY – EVERY LITTLE THING. Share nature with your children. This is a special hike to look at all the little things in the forest. \$4 per person. 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Carkeek Park, 950 NW Carkeek Park Rd. Seattle, WA 98177.

LADIES NIGHT OUT. Grab your best friend and come out for an evening of relaxed shopping.

Ladies Night Out at Country Village features drawings, refreshments, fantastic finds and so much more fun. 6 – 8 p.m. 23718 Bothell Everett Highway.

Friday March 14

DR. JOSE RIZAL PARK WORK PARTY. Please join us for a volunteer work party clean up. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Dr. Jose Rizal Park, 12th Ave. S. Seattle, WA

Saturday March 15

SEATTLE TITH'S MARCH EDIBLE PLANT SALE. Join us at our FREE Spring gathering and get your garden growing! 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pacific Market Center Garage, 6100 4th Ave. S. (enter on 5th Ave. S.)

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE. Dads and daughters, climb into the rabbit hole and into a wonderland of dancing and desserts. 6 – 9 p.m. Pre-Registration required call 253-404-3939. Star Center, Tacoma, WA

Saturday – Sunday March 15 – 16

IRISH WEEK FESTIVAL. A snapshot of Irish culture with music, song, dance, history and much. Visitors may shop for authentic Irish products, create Celtic arts and crafts lots of fun things for all ages. Two day event at The Seattle Center.

Friday March 21

COMMUNITY DINNER. Come join us for a community meal and meet some of your neighbors. Your donations will fund the next dinner. Dinner prep begins at 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Dinner is served at 5:30 to 7 p.m. Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave. S.

Saturday March 22

LEIF- TO – LEIF 5K FUN RUN/WALK. Do the race then stay for the Tastes of Norway and Heritage Days at the lodge. You can come early and register or check in before the race. Adults \$10, children \$5. Ballard, 2245 NW 57th St. Seattle, WA 98107