

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

The Links' 45th Gala



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The Portland Chapter of the Links, Inc., celebrated their 45th annual Diamonds and Denim Gala, Saturday, April 18 at the Benson Hotel. The group honored longtime members and gave out scholarships to (not in order) Channelle Crittenden, Lillie Jones, Naomi Likayi, Zhane Richardson, Evan Tewelde, Manuela Tshala, Trevon Brazile and Ariel Shaw.

Cross, Oregon Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.
Please come ready to discuss and bring ideas.
Please do not hesitate to come up to any member of the Executive Committee to offer to volunteer. What is your passion?
For more information call 503-284-1234.

Tapping Fresh Talent Career Expo

The Eighth Annual Tapping Fresh Talent Career Expo for job seekers with disabilities will take place at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Ballrooms 256-257 on April 23, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The event is free to any job seeker with any type of disability, including veterans with disabilities.

Resume review is available from 10 a.m. to noon. Workshops on empowerment and networking take place at 9 and 9:30 a.m. Student Central, an event for students and young adults with disabilities, will take place from 10 – noon.

2015 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In 1990, when the ADA passed the unemployment rate for people with disabilities was twice that of the non-disabled population.

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters will be available for attendees who are hard of hearing or deaf. Interested participants who would like to attend, but need accommodations may contact Incight at employment@incight.org. For more information including all exhibiting employers, directions, specific instructions on public transportation please visit: www.tappingfresh talent.org.

May Day Fundraiser for Black Midwives

Come celebrate International Midwives Month with a special screening of "Bringin' In Da Spirit," narrated by Phylicia Rashad. It's a documentary celebrating the history of the Black midwives who committed themselves to holistic answers in the face of powerful misconceptions about the practice.

The event is Friday, May 1, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Terrell Hall, Room 122PCC Cascade Campus, 72 N Killingsworth St.

After the film, Shafia Monroe will moderate a panel discussion with Pastor E.d. Mondiane, Mariah Taylor and Willie Poinsette with reflections on the film and their stories about the midwives in their lives, the role that Black midwives play today and how to get more women to become midwives. After the discussion join the panelist, guests and the ICTC members for refreshments, socializing and purchase ICTC -T-shirts.

This is a fundraiser, reserve your spot by April 28 at www.ictcmidwives.org.

Spit/WRITE Writing and Spoken-Word Performance Workshops

An informational meeting about the city-sanctioned Youth Poet Laureate Project is Monday, April 27, 5-6:30 p.m. at Artists Repertory Theatre, 1515 SW Morrison St.

This week, dozens of high school students performed poetry on the Newmark theater stage for Verselandia. Now organizers want to continue the poetry project with educational workshops and events called Spit/WRITE, mentored by Portland artist Renee Mitchell and others.

With the support of the City of Portland, Multnomah County Library, Portland Public Schools, Literary Arts, Regional Arts & Culture Council, Artists Repertory Theatre and more than a dozen local, youth-oriented non-profits, we've created an opportunity to continue to showcase youth writers, rappers, emcees and poets with the inaugural Portland Youth Poet Laureate project.

The winner of this competition, which started in NYC and is spreading to urban cities around the country, will receive a national book deal and the opportunity to do a regional book tour.

The deadline to apply is through the end of June. So, to prepare teens - ages 13-19 - for the opportunity to be THE regional youth ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression, Spit/WRITE will be organizing FREE writing and spoken-word performance workshops - led by local professionals. We will also promote information about age-appropriate, open mic opportunities so youth around the metro area can practice their spitting-into-the-mic skills.

For more information write to info@spitwrite.com.

Portland NAACP Meeting

The monthly NAACP members meeting is Saturday, April 25, noon - 2 p.m. in the first floor boardroom, Red

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Saturday April 25

82ND AVENUE OF ROSES PARADE & CARNIVAL DAYS. Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by Carnival days until 4 p.m. Parade route 82nd & Boise to Yamhill & SE 80th Ave. Carnival and car show will be at Eastport Plaza.

FIRST EVER CAMBODIAN/LAO/THAI NEW YEAR IN THE PARK. This is a chance to celebrate with Portland's Cambodian, Lao and Thai communities, who celebrate New Year each April. All are invited to this free and vibrant cultural celebration. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Glenhaven Park, NE 82nd Ave. at NE Siskiyou Ave.

Tuesday April 28

FILM SCREENING. "ARRESTING POWER: 50 YEARS OF PORTLAND POLICE REPRESSION." This documentary features interviews with families of people killed by police and victims of harassment and intimidation, as well as local activists, historians and community organizers. 7 – 9 p.m. First Unitarian Church, Eliot Chapel SW Salmon at SW 12th Ave.

Friday May 1

MAY DAY CELEBRATION WITH MORRIS DANCING AT DIRECTOR PARK. Come watch ritual Morris

Dancing and celebrate May Day! 10 a.m. – noon. Director Park, Lower Terrace.

Saturday May 2

RHS GROUNDBREAKING AND BBQ. Following the ceremony there will be a free BBQ lunch and self-guided tours of the campus. 11 a.m. Roosevelt High School, 6941 N. Central St.

18TH ANNUAL MAY DAY CELEBRATION. Mother's Day gifts for sale, bake sale, Flower Baskets for sale, handmade outdoor items for sale, rummage sale and much more. Fun for the whole family. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 2500 NW 129th St. Vancouver.

Saturday – Sunday May 2 – 3

2015 DOUBLE ALL – DAY SHAPENOTE SINGING. Come sing early American Shapenote music with us! Beginners are welcome! 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. both days. The Little Church, 5138 NE 23rd Ave. Portland. This event is free and open to all ages.