

Seattle and NW Washington

SPOTLIGHTS

Free Teen Arts Space in Bellevue

Gage Academy of Art today announced the launch of the Gage Teen Art Studios at Bellevue Arts Museum next month. The new activity is a free weekly drop-in program that introduces new mediums and skills, and inspires creativity through the guidance of professional teaching artists.

On Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. at Bellevue Arts Museum, TAS is open to teen artists ages 13-18, and includes free art materials. Each month will present a new topic for artistic exploration, inspired by exhibitions at BAM. Teen artists will experience hands-on learning in a casual and supportive environment, and will enjoy access to museum exhibitions, as well as opportunities to exhibit their own work at the annual Best of Gage show, and other exhibitions at Gage and BAM throughout the year.

TAS@BAM is free and open to all students ages 13-18, and includes all art materials free of charge. Learn more at GageAcademy.org/bam.

Seattle Japanese Garden Celebrates Children's Day, May 31

Experience family-fun surrounded by the beautiful scenery at Seattle Japanese Garden Sunday, May 31, when the garden hosts its annual Children's Day event.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. there will be live entertainment and a variety of hands-on activity stations to give visitors of all ages an opportunity to enjoy Japanese cultural traditions. The Seattle Japanese Garden is located at 1075 Lake Washington Blvd S.

Children's Day is a Japanese national holiday that traditionally takes place on May 5, the fifth day of the fifth month. It is a day set aside to respect children's personalities and to celebrate their happiness. It was designated a national holiday by the Japanese government in 1948.

Admission is free for all children age 12 and under. Ticket price for adults is \$6; for youth 13 and over, seniors ages 65 and older, and students with ID, it is \$4. Annual passes are accepted for event admission; with no additional charge.

For more information, including the exact time of the performances, visit www.seattlejapanesegarden.org.

Build a Kite at The Seattle Public Library June 3

School's out early! Come build a colorful kite or pinwheel from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 3 at The Seattle Public Library, Wallingford Branch, 1501 N. 45th St., 206) (684-4088.

Library programs are free and everyone is welcome. Registration is not required. A limited amount of parking is reserved for Library users in the adjacent parking lot. Street parking is free and available near the branch.

On Wednesday, June 3, all Seattle Public Schools have a two-hour early dismissal. All materials for building kites

Northwest Tap Connection



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Northwest Tap Connection presented Rhythms of the Sole May 16 to showcase their talented students, who range in age from three to adults, and to help raise funds for their "Close the Gap" scholarship program. The students performed a variety of dance, from tap, hip hop, and modern to ballet. The funds raised also help with discounted classes and participation in local and national dance festivals.

and pinwheels will be provided. This program is designed for children ages 6 and up.

For more information, contact the Library at 206-684-4088 or www.spl.org.

Fashion Exhibition Showcases Apparel Design Students

Seattle Central College's School of Apparel Design & Development presents its 36th annual apparel design fashion exhibition on Tuesday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Seattle Central College's Atrium, on the first floor of the main Broadway Edison Building. Enter at 1716 Harvard Ave.

It's free of charge and open to the public

Each student in the program produces a collection in just 11 weeks, from the design of concepts to the construction of final garments.

A gallery of individual vignettes will showcase lines of sportswear, resort clothing, couture styles, and outerwear and will highlight graduate design portfolios showing work from two years of study.

Each year, the highly-respected apparel design program enrolls 40 students in its two-year, associate of applied science degree program.

Graduates go on to work in many aspects of the apparel design and fashion industry, including as designers, stylists, product engineers and more.

For more information call Leah Watkins, 206-934-3223, or write leah.watkins@seattlecolleges.edu

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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

Friday – Saturday May 29 – 30

HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR IN MONROE: Join us at Rairdon Dodge Chrysler, Jeep Ram of Monroe Auto Dealership for free FBI digital fingerprints and photos from one of the top child safety programs in the country! Lots of important information every parent or guardian should know. 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday. 16413 W. Main St., Monroe, WA.

Saturday, May 30

PUGET SOUND FAMILY FUN DAY! Come join us! A day of full free, family fun events at the Foss

Waterway Seaport! Come see marine animals and enjoy a wide variety of kid friendly activities, eat organic food. Yes, we will have prizes for the whole family. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 705 Dock St., Tacoma.

SPRING FAIRY FESTIVAL: This is a fantasy-themed festival of art, music, dance, vendors, workshops and entertainment. A full day of FREE family friendly fun for all ages. This is an indoor/outdoor block party event that is for to the public! 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Crescent Moon Gifts, 2502 6th Ave. Tacoma.

Sunday, May 31

5TH ANNUAL TOUCH-A- TRUCK: This family-centric event offers children hands-on opportunity to explore working trucks of all types and to meet the people who build, protect and serve the greater Seattle community. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Warren G. Magnuson Park, Sandpoint Way NE & NE 65th St.

Tuesday, June 2

SAFE STREETS CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION FORUM:

Learn the necessary hands – on and practical skills to create a cybersafe environment for children, both at home and on the go. This is a family friendly event, we will be providing a light dinner and childcare for attendees at no cost. 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Stewart Middle School, 5010 Pacific Ave., Tacoma.

Saturday, June 6

MEN'S HEALTH FAIR: Nothing better for Father's Day than a healthy dad. Join Pyramid for a free men's health fair. Free informational booths from health organizations, wellness centers, gyms and much more, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Pyramid Alehouse, 1201 First Ave. S.

Saturday – Sunday, June 6 – 7

PAGDIRIWANG PHILIPPINE FESTIVAL: The 26th annual Pagdiriwang Philippine Festival takes the theme "Mindana, Island of Varied Hues." Dances, musical Instruments and much more. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Both days! Seattle Center Armory and Mural Amphitheatre, 305 Harrison St.