

Portland and SW Washington

SPOTLIGHTS

Young Poets



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Alexis Cannard (left), 17, Roosevelt High School and Sekai Edwards, 18, Jefferson High School, Portland's two inaugural Youth Poet Laureates, pose with S. Renee Mitchell following this week's competition. The two were selected from 12 finalists and will receive a national book publishing and distribution deal from New York City-based Penmanship Books, and a regional performance tour, which includes Wordstock, the city's premier annual literary festival.

PAALF to Hold Second Meeting Oct. 1

The Portland African American Leadership Forum's Housing Committee is holding its second meeting from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 1 at Urban League, 10 N. Russell St.

At its second meeting the organization will discuss existing efforts on housing and anti-displacement. Those interested are welcome to come with any questions, knowledge

or thoughts, and then we'll talk about how we should make decisions as a committee.

Event to Celebrate Women in the Power Circle Oct. 4

The Civil Building Leadership will host an event, "Building a Power Circle for Women," at 6 p.m. Sunday at the

Nines Hotel, 510 SW Morrison St., 8th Floor. The event will celebrate community members who were part of the 100 Influencers of the Pacific Northwest, including Dr. Summer Reed, Dr. Christina James, Shelley Secrest, Erin Jones, Nkenge Harmon Johnson, Monique Joseph and Lucy Mashia. These women make a difference in their families and in their lives and in the world.

Les Femmes Organization to Host Annual Open House

Les Femmes Organization's will host their annual Open House for the community on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 from 3-5pm at the Legacy Emanuel Hospital – Lorenzen Center – 2801 N Gantenbein Ave. This is a free informational session for young girls in the 6th – 12th grade and their parents.

This is an opportunity to hear about the organization current program offerings for youth and its longstanding history in the Portland community since 1951.

The Les Femmes Organization is also seeking committee volunteers and sponsorships to assist in the development of young women leaders.

For More Information – Please Contact: Carmen Pettiford, Les Femmes President at (503) 890-5732 or thelesfemmesdebutantel@gmail.com

Online Survey for 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment

The Healthy Columbia Willamette Collaborative (HCWC) has published an online health survey to solicit community feedback for its 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). To access the survey, visit www.healthycolumbiawillamette.org.

Opinions about the health of the community will be used, alongside other data, to identify the health issues people experience in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington.

This information will directly inform the HCWC member organizations' community health improvement plans and activities that leverage collective resources to improve the

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Thursday, October 1

CALLING BLACK FOLKS WHO WANT TO WORK ON HOUSING & ANTI – DISPLACEMENT ISSUES: At the second meeting of the Portland African American Leadership Forum, there will be overviews of existing efforts and interested parties are welcome to bring knowledge, questions or thoughts. 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. Urban League, 10 N. Russell St.

AN EVENING WITH ELLEN BRAVO, AUTHOR OF "AGAIN AND AGAIN": Join activist and author Ellen Bravo for a free evening event as she speaks about her debut novel. When the man who raped her roommate in college becomes a Senate Candidate, women's rights leader Deborah Borenstein must make a choice. 5 p.m., YWCA of Greater Portland, 1111 SW 10th Ave.

Friday, October 2

WRITE AROUND WASHINGTON COUNTY BOOK RELEASE & FREE PUBLIC READING: The public is invited to attend this reading, our first in Washington County. Come hear the powerful work written by participants in our writing workshops. 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. P.C.C. Willow Creek Center in the Great Room, 241 SW Edgeway Dr., Beaverton.

TEACHER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION AT FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY IN VANCOUVER! Quan Ren is hosting these performances in honor of our teachers as Teacher Appreciation Celebration. This year there

will be a special Peacock Dance. Suggested donation at the door is \$5 for adults & \$2 for children. 6:30 p.m., Franklin Elementary School Gymnasium, 5206 Franklin St., Vancouver.

Saturday, October 3

BENEFIT BREAKFAST: Leading the fight to treat ALS through global research and nationwide advocacy. All net proceeds go to the ALS foundation. 8 a.m. – noon North Portland Eagles Hall, at Portsmouth and Lombard St. Donation is \$8 per person.

PORTLAND ARCHIVES CRAWL: Take a behind the scenes tour of the City's archives and see history up close and personal. Talk with local area archivists representing 11 different archives. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Portland Archives & Records Center, 1800 SW 6th Ave. Suite 550. Free and open to the public.

TASTE THE FALL BOUNTY AT THE WILD MUSHROOM COOK-OFF: 7th Annual Wild Mushroom Cook-Off. Professional chefs from around the Pacific Northwest will craft dishes highlighting this signature fall ingredient, the wild mushroom and have them available to sample for free. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Culinary Center, located on the fourth floor of City Hall, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City.

Tuesday, October 6

11TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – A FUNDRAISER FOR THE NORTH PORTLAND LIBRARY: Pause is generously donating 25 percent of all food and beverages sales from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. to the North Portland Tool Library (NPTL). Additional donations to NPTL are greatly welcome. There will be raffle drawings for items and gift cards from local businesses. Pause, 5101 N. Interstate Ave.

STACY BANNERMAN'S HOME FRONT 911 BOOK SIGNING AND READING: Returning Veterans Project (RVP) is pleased to announce Stacy Bannerman,

accomplished author and champion for military families, will be performing a reading and signing her new book, Home Front 911. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at Tabor Space, 5441 SE Belmont St.

Wednesday, October 7

COMEDY IN SPACE! A new monthly comedy event featuring standup, videos and much more. At Comedy In Space the audience will be treated to an experience at mission control. McMenamins Mission Theater, 1624 NE Glisan St. Portland, OR 97206. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. \$6 advance, \$8 at the door. 21 and older.

EVERGREEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOST COMMUNITY TOURS: Tours include visits to a high school, middle school, elementary school and one program at the Clark County Skills Center. Tours begin at 8 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. The tour begins at the Skills Center and attendees are bussed to each school. Please register by calling (360) 604-4088. Skills Center, 12200 NE 28th St., Vancouver.

Saturday, October 10

LAKEWOOD THEATRE COMPANY TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY OLAY PRODUCTION OF "THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER": This is for speaking roles only. Materials needed photo/snapshot and resume and be prepared to read from the script. Director is casting four men, six women (various adult ages), eight boys, nine girls (ages 9 to 15). Please call (503) 635-3901 to reserve a time.

Sunday, October 11

CALL OUT FOR JUSTICE: END THE WARS, RALLY AND MARCH: Over 35 peace and social justice groups from the Portland area will be mobilizing around the 14th anniversary of the US invasion of Afghanistan. The event will begin at 1 p.m. at Shemanski Park (the south park blocks at Salmon St.).