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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

BLACK UNITED FUND OF OREGON 2015 COLLEGE FAIR: Open to all high school juniors, seniors and their parents. This event will feature Historically Black College & University representatives, FAFSA and college access workshops and much more! 9 a.m. – noon, Hagen Campus Center, Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St.

PACIFIC NW WINTER WONDERLAND AT ALBERTA STREET GALLERY: Local artists, one-of-a-kind gifts. Season opener featuring ornaments from sixth-grade students from Sauvie Island Academy after the tree lighting ceremony. 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Alberta Street Gallery, 2724 NE Alberta St.

FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Kick-off the holidays in style and exhibit your crafts. This is an opportunity to build community relationships while showcasing the talents of friends. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Community Enrichment and Learning Center, 18320 SE Oatfield Rd., Gladstone.

1ST ANNUAL VERNON MAKERS FAIR: Just in time for the holiday gift giving season. There will be authentic, unique gifts handmade by Vernon students, staff, alumni and family members. 1 to 5 p.m., Vernon School, 2044 NE Killingsworth St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

HOLIDAY CHEER! A CELEBRATION OF OREGON AUTHORS: Join the Oregon Historical Society for its 48th Annual Celebration of Oregon's Literary Talents at its holiday book sale and signing. Chat with more than 80 authors, and make a dent in your holiday shopping by picking up perfect personalized gift, sip on hot cocoa, listen to holiday tunes and much more. Free admission. Noon – 4 p.m. , Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

TUESDAY – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – 11

PORTLAND SATURDAY MARKET PRESENTS ARTISAN MARKET AT THE SQUARE: Join Pioneer Courthouse Square and Saturday Market for a special holiday market on the square. Forty Vendors from Portland Saturday Market will be selling their wares. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

LEAD-SAFE HOME PROJECT WORKSHOP: Before and demo, scraping, sanding or remodeling in pre-1978 housing check out this class. Great for people wanting to do small projects that may involve exposure to lead paint. Register for workshop at www.communityenergyproject.org or call (503) 284-6827, ext. 109. 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St. Suite A.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

WRITE AROUND PORTLAND 49TH BOOK RELEASE & FREE PUBLIC READING: Write Around Portland invites the public to attend this reading of the powerful work written by participants in its fall 2015 writing workshops. Free. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Collins Hall at the back of the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

WE ARE WHAT WE EAT: Oregon is famous for its food! This program, facilitated by Wendy Willis, poet, essayist and executive director of Policy Consensus Initiative at Portland State. Please join us for some information about food. 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Kenton Library, 8226 N. Denver Ave. Portland, OR 97217 First come, first seated.

Seattle

MON. - WED., NOV. 30 - DEC. 23

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE: See web link or contact The Mountaineers for more details. Book sale hours will be , T, W, TH, F 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., www.themountaineers.org Magnuson Park, 7700 Sandpoint Way NE.

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King School Museum Exhibit

A new exhibition featuring four projects created and curated by K-8 students at the King public school in collaboration with Art & Social Practice students from Portland State University opened Dec. 2 at King School. Students from King led tours of the museum during the opening reception. In “Our Civil Rights History, Revisited,” fifth grade students re-created historical photographs depicting pivotal images in the civil rights movement, both locally and nationally. King School Museum of Contemporary Art (KSMoCA), a contemporary art museum set inside of King K-8 public school in Northeast Portland, is a collaborative project by students and faculty at Portland State University’s School of Art + Design.

Portland News Briefs

Oregon Commission on Black Affairs (OCBA) to Meet Saturday

The Oregon Commission on Black Affairs will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dec. 5 in room 202 at Terrell Hall at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

The meeting will cover Commissioners’ reports and other topics of interest to the Commission.

Invited guest speakers include Mary Moller, director of executive appointments; Serena Stoudamire, policy director of equity and community engagement; Maggie Tallmadge, environmental justice manager, Coalition of Communities of Color; Nafisa Fai and Tia Henderson, chronic disease prevention program, Upstream Public Health.

This meeting is open to the public. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Requests for accommodations for people with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours in advance. Contact Nancy Kramer at nancy.kramer@oregon.gov or (503) 302.9725 regarding accessibility or any other concerns.

Maranatha Church Hosts Taste the Tropics Event Saturday

This Saturday, Maranatha Church will host a Taste the Tropics fundraiser event. Admission is free, and \$30 provides a complete catered African meal by Delights of Africa – \$15 for children under 11. There is a hands-on activity area for children, and all ages are warmly welcome. To-go food boxes are also available. Proceeds will help get mobile medical clinics run by local clinicians and staff in Haiti and Africa.

The event includes flavorful dishes, speakers, African drumming, African dancing, a professional DJ spinning Motown records -- or do some Christmas shopping for an array of products in our auction.

This benefit will be held from 5:30-9:30 pm, Dec. 5, at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave.

Oregon Historical Society to Hold Book Sale, Author Signings

The Oregon Historical Society will hold its annual Holiday Cheer event Dec. 6. Holiday Cheer is a festive book sale and literary celebration. Customers will be able to chat with 85 local authors and make a dent in their holiday shopping by picking up the perfect personalized gift.

Holiday Cheer begins at noon at the Oregon Historical Society (1200 SW Park Avenue, downtown Portland) and authors will be signing until 4 p.m. Admission is free to both the book sale and to the museum.

A Portland tradition for nearly 50 years, Holiday Cheer is a chance to celebrate the rich literary talents

in Oregon, and marks the start of the holiday season at the Oregon Historical Society. Authors are spread throughout the museum, selling everything from cookbooks to children’s books, and of course, history books. All featured authors have published a book in 2015, though many will also have past titles available.

Notable local authors in attendance include mystery writer Phillip Margolin, historical fiction author Kristina McMorris, former Governor Barbara Roberts, and the one and only Gerry Frank.

At Holiday Cheer, customers will find a book for everyone on your shopping list, with works covering local brews and the best Portland food carts, to guides to hiking the Columbia Gorge and Oregon Coast, to the clever illustrated works like *Portlandness: A Cultural Atlas* (a Powells.com pick of the season). A full list of featured authors can be found at on our website at <http://ohs.org/events/holiday-cheer.cfm>.

Local favorite “The Dickens Carolers” will be strolling through the museum from 1 to 2 p.m. Customers can sip on a cup of hot cocoa and pick up a cookie as they chat with writers.

Admission to Holiday Cheer is free, and all museum exhibits will be open from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

North Portland Library Offers Computer Classes in December

The North Portland Branch of the Multnomah County Library will offer the following computer classes in the month of December. Sign up in the library, online at www.multcolib.org or by calling (503) 988-5394.

The library is located at 512 N. Killingsworth St. The computer lab at the North Portland location will be closed between Dec. 21 and Jan. 3.

Introduction to Spreadsheets: Intro to Microsoft Excel 2007. Thursday, Dec 3, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm.

Android Tablet Essentials: Basic Android tablet skills: settings, apps, and more. Mons, Dec 7 & 14, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Securely Shop, Surf and Socialize: How to feel more secure online. Wednesday, Dec 9, 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

Using Craigslist: Get to know the local free classified ads. Sunday, Dec 13, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm.

Spreadsheets 2: If you can create basic formulas and sort and filter data, this is the next step. Thursday, Dec 17, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm.

Email 101: Want to set up email? We’ll get you started with a free Gmail account. Saturday, Dec 19, 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

Make a Basic Website: Learn how to build a basic website using the Google Sites application. Sunday, Dec 20, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm.

Computer Help Lab: For one-on-one assistance with computer/technology questions, help with resumes and other projects we have the Computer Lab. The lab has a scanner and color printer, and options for free faxing through the internet. The Lab is open Monday and Tuesday 1 – 5 p.m.