

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

SHOWING OF "LIFT EV'RY VOICE": Woodlawn school would like to invite you to celebrate Black History Month with us as we screen Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Lift Ev'ry Voice." Please join us for a family-style dinner with our community at 5:30 p.m. Then our showing will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Woodlawn School, 7200 NE 11th Ave. For more information call (503) 916-6282.

BOOK READING: "THE UNWANTED SERIES": Mother daughter writing team, Sandra Denbro and Tamarine Vilar, will be reading from their series, The Unwanted Series, including recently published, Unwanted Agenda. Please join them from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Another Read Through, 3932 N. Mississippi Ave.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

VALENTINE BALL & DINNER: Good music, split raffle, fun for all! Music by Michael Morris, raffling off two Valentine baskets, After Five Attire. Tickets are \$20 (\$25 at the door) Tickets can be purchased at AAMC Elk Lodge (503) 284-4853 or call (503) 504-0640. 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Elks Lodge, 6 North Tillamook St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

LOVE THYSELF: Sex trafficking survivor Jeri Jimez speaks on "Re-affirming Your Value By Loving Yourself And Others." Today Jeri is a highly successful government official fighting for the future of young women across Portland. Join Jeri at Celebration Tabernacle Church at 11 a.m. on Valentine's Day. 8131 N. Denver Ave.

OREGON STATEHOOD DAY: Celebrate Oregon's birthday in style at the Oregon Historical Society! Cake will be served at 1 p.m. and admission is free all day! Don't miss the chance to celebrate Oregon's 157th Birthday. Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

GREEN BEAN BOOKS WILL BE HOSTING AUTHOR KRISTEN KITTSCHER: Kristen will be celebrating the launch of her Tournament of Roses - inspired mystery for young readers. "The Tiara of the Terrace." 2 p.m., Green Bean Books, 1600 NE Alberta St. Free Event.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

BLACK LIVES MATTER FOUNDERS: A VISION OF JUSTICE FOR ALL: With a vision of justice for all, the founders of Black Lives Matter. Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi, engage audiences in discussion about race relations in America. Doors open at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m. Please call (503) 725-3307 for free tickets. Portland State University, Peter Scott Center, 930 SW Hall St.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

RECEPTION FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS: The Freedom Fighter's exhibit has provided an abundance of knowledge about individuals in this community. Please invite family & friends to join us as we celebrate their work! 5:10 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Please RSVP by email to rhsfreedomfighter2016@gmail.com Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

29TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD FIX-IT FAIR! Healthy families, healthy homes. Fix-it Fair is a free event where you can learn simple ways to save money and be healthy at home this winter. Free: Great giveaways, onsite child care, exhibits, lunch, raffle & hourly workshop. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. George Middle School, 10000 N. Burr Ave.

10TH ANNUAL CHOWDER CHALLENGE: A dozen regional restaurants and pubs will vie for the coveted Chowder Cup at the 10th Annual Chowder Challenge. Portions (ages 12 and up) pay \$10.00 for a tasting tray featuring a dozen two-ounce samples of New England style clam chowder. The event also features live music, a beer garden, raffle and much more. Noon - 3 p.m. Lompoc Fifth Quadrant, 3901 N. Williams Ave.

HEART HEALTH AND DIABETES PREVENTION: Learn about natural

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PHOTO BY ALEXIS ROBERTO COURTESY OF DISJECTA CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

Portland2016 Biennial Exhibition

Thirty-four artists and artist teams have been selected by curator Michelle Grabner (shown here in conversation at the studio) for Disjecta Contemporary Art Center's Portland2016 Biennial exhibition. The artists selected range from emerging to mid-career and work in a variety of media from installation, film/video, painting, craft and social-based practices, to site-specific works that challenge the viewer's contemplation of space. Artists selected from the Portland area include Avantika Bawa, Pat Boas, Julia Calabrese & Emily Bernstein, Cherry / Lucic, David Eckard, Howard Fonda, Midori Hirose, Jessica Jackson Hutchins, Colin Kippen, Michael Lazarus, Giles Lyon, Ellen McFadden, Brenna Murphy, Rebecca Peel, Lisa Radon, Jon Raymond, Heidi Schwegler, Storm Tharp, Weird Fiction and Ryan Woodring, Portland.

Portland News Briefs

Volunteers Needed to Assemble 3,000 Valentine-A-Grams Feb. 11

More than 100 volunteers will be at Meals on Wheels People's Central Kitchen on Thursday, Feb. 11, to package 3,000 Valentine-A-Grams. The special gift boxes include heart-shaped brownies, Moonstruck Drinking Chocolate from Sunshine Dairy, Meals on Wheels People Delivers Salted Butter Toffee Popcorn, Dark Chocolate Nuts and Sea Salt KIND Bar, Benzel's Twist Pretzels, Tillamook Cheese Snack, Beaverton Foods Napa Valley Sweet Hot Mustard, Kobos Coffee, Stash Tea Sampler and a Jamba Juice Free Smoothie Coupon. Sold for \$29.95, Valentine-A-Grams will be delivered throughout the metro area on Friday, Feb. 12. Now in its 21st year, this fundraising event raises more than \$140,000 annually to provide hot meals for seniors.

Employees from Sunshine Dairy, Kobos Coffee, Portland Pride of Portland and others will be part of the volunteer crew at the Central Kitchen between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Valentine-A-Grams with free delivery on Feb. 12 will be available for purchase online at www.valentine-a-gram.org through Monday, Feb. 8.

Orders placed after Feb. 8 can be picked up at several locations throughout the area.

Additional volunteers are still needed to help make the deliveries.

It takes just 90 minutes and pick-up locations are available both the East and West sides of Portland as well as in Vancouver and Beaverton.

To volunteer or for more information, call Ed Menashe at (503) 953-8132 or email ed.menashe@mealsonwheelspeople.org.

Bureau of Emergency Management Seeks Survey Participants

The City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management has released a simple preparedness survey (www.portlandoregon.gov/PBEM) to get a better understanding of how Portlanders prepare for emergencies and what they worry about when it comes to natural hazards. The information will be used to help the City better understand the work that needs to be done to get Portland ready for those events.

The survey is available in Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Survey participants may enter to win one of five \$150 emergency preparedness kits or a mini-emergency kit.

PBEM is working with a wide range of community and government partners to update the City of Portland's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). More information about the NHMP can be found here: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/PBEM/67578>.

Meetings of the NHMP Steering Committee are

open to the public. The next meeting will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 in the Wy' East Conference Room of the Portland Public Schools Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St.

Founders of Black Lives Matter to Speak at PSU on Feb. 16

Two of the founders of the Black Lives Matter movement will speak at Portland State University on February 16 as part of Black History Month and the "Living the Legacy" series of campus and community events honoring the memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi created the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag on Twitter in 2013 in response to the acquittal in Florida of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

Spurred by the police shooting death of Michael Brown in Missouri and other deaths of black people, Black Lives Matter has emerged as an international movement promoting social justice and civil rights and condemning racial violence.

Black Lives Matter has grown to more than 25 chapters across the nation - including a Portland chapter - that organize rallies and other events.

The group relies on local chapters to focus on issues such as police brutality, racial profiling and inequities in the criminal justice system.

The organizers will speak at a public event 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Peter Stott Center at PSU.

Every winter, Portland State hosts speakers as part of events that honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Recent speakers have included activist and author Angela Davis, Dr. King's daughter and activist Bernice King, and scholar and author Dr. Cornel West.

Tickets for the event in the Stott Center are sold out, but PSU will livestream it to the Smith Memorial Student Union to accommodate more attendees. Overflow tickets are free; contact the PSU Box Office at (503) 725-3307 or www.pdx.edu/boxoffice/tickets

Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church Easter Choir Rehearsals Open

Boys and Girls ages 4 to 14 are invited to participate in a special 60-voice children's choir and play for Resurrection Sunday under the direction of Brother Raymond Burell III & Sisters Julianne Johnson-Weiss, and Brother Kenneth Berry.

The choir will rehearse from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. March 5, 12, 19 and 26 and transportation is available.

For More Information and/or to sign your child up contact: Raymond Burell, Elder Twauna Allen, Sisters Diane Ward, Antoinette Saunders, Roberta Hall, Ali Spriggs, Barbara Williams, Julianne Johnson Weiss, Brothers Michael Booker, Michael Tabor at the Church Office, (503) 282-9496, or Raymond Burell at (503) 593-5285.