

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2016

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#### THURSDAY – SATURDAY, JAN. 12 – 14

**BOOKAPALOOZA 2017:** Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation is hosting a used book sale. Thousands of books will be available to purchase for 50 cents to \$1. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fort Vancouver Regional Library Headquarters, Library Hall, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

**FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ON SELECTING TREES FOR YOUR HOME IN GRANT PARK AND HOLLYWOOD AREAS:** Are you wondering what to plant for the upcoming Friends of Trees planting day? Part discussion, part discovery, this workshop will have your community members excited about options for planting. 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Grant Park Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave.

**PORTLAND DAY OF SERVICE:** Need a smoke alarm? As part of its centennial celebration, the Red Cross Cascades Region will hold a MLK Day of Service of Fire Campaign Event. The goal! To install 1,000 smoke alarms in homes that need them in the Boise/Eliot neighborhood of NE Portland. If you are in those areas and in need of a smoke alarm please call (503) 528-5783 to schedule an appointment. Also please review the fire safety information and help create a fire plan. Volunteers are also needed for this day of service. 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Red Cross Fixed Site, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION:** The public is invited to come and enjoy the music of the Portland Peace choir, and listen to the keynote speaker Verna Bailey her speech is titled "What Happened to the Dream?" 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., Southminster Presbyterian Church, 12250 SW Denny Rd., Beaverton.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 16

**"THE TIMES ARE CHANGIN'": MLK, JR. DAY COMMUNITY SONG CIRCLE & CELEBRATION:** Singers, instrumentalists and music lovers are invited to gather beginning at 3 p.m. for a song circle led by Artichoke teacher John Richter. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. smaller song circles and jam sessions will be hosted for lovers of bluegrass, gypsy jazz, old time and much more. The event is free and open to the public. Lagunitas Brewing Community Room, 237 NE Broadway, Suite 300.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

**INTERESTED IN ATTENDING WSU VANCOUVER?** Join us Saturday to learn about what WSU has to offer. Hear about academic programs, the application process, paying for college and campus life! 1 p.m., Dengerink Administration Building, Room 110, Vancouver, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave., Vancouver.

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## Astoria

Peter Stark's bestselling book "Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire; A Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival" comes to life on stage at The Armory in a world premiere production directed and adapted by Chris Coleman Jan. 20. "Astoria: Part One" is the first world premiere to debut as part of the company's new Northwest Stories series. This monumental piece of American history will be told in two parts over the course of two seasons. Select dates will be presented as part of Fertile Ground, a city-wide festival of new works held every January in Portland. "Astoria: Part Two" will be presented during the 2017-2018 season. For more information, visit <https://www.pcs.org/astoria>.

## Portland News Briefs

### AMA Plans March for Justice

**Demonstration through Northeast Portland will end with rally, NAACP meeting**

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Peace Reform is sponsoring a March for Justice and Equality through Northeast Portland the morning of Jan. 28.

The march will begin at the Martin Luther King Jr. statue at the 1000 block of Northeast MLK Blvd. near the convention center and end with an 11:45 a.m. rally at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave. At 1 p.m., participants are invited to attend the Portland NAACP's monthly general meeting at Maranatha Church.

"In light of many of the things that are happening in society today, around the election and the protests that have been happening, even the protests that were happening here in Portland, we wanted to allow people of our community – African American, African brothers and sisters – the opportunity to express their own voice in a very safe, family-friendly atmosphere. We wanted to march in North/Northeast Portland to allow the community to have that type of voice and that type of atmosphere. So our plan is that it's very peaceful," said the Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel, pastor of Maranatha Church and longtime member of the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

Bethel said the rally would include a short program of speakers and would provide the opportunity for members of the community to fellowship with each other and talk about their concerns and the issues that matter to them – including police accountability, housing and voting rights.

"I want to actually say to our community that there's an opportunity to express your feelings, have your voice going in, continuing to be aware of things that are happening to our country, to our people, our community and realizing that as we come together. As one we can accomplish a whole lot more than being divided or opposing one another. We want to do what is going to be good for the whole community," Bethel told *The Skanner News*.

Along with the Portland NAACP, the march is endorsed by the Urban League of Portland Portland Copwatch.

The march coincides with the Portland NAACP's regular monthly meeting time, although the organization typically meets at the Oregon Trail chapter of the Red Cross on North Vancouver.

The rally also comes the week after a series of large marches for social justice causes, most of which are scheduled for downtown Portland. The Portland Women's March is scheduled to take place Jan. 21, preceded by a Jobs With Justice-sponsored march called United Front Against the Trump Agenda.

—Christen McCurdy

### Literary Arts Announces Oregon Literary Arts Award Fellowships

This week Literary Arts announced the Oregon Literary Arts award fellowship recipients:

#### NONFICTION:

Santi Elijah Holley, Oregon Arts Commission Fellowship  
Rebecca Owen, The Walt Morey Fellowship

#### POETRY:

Stephanie Adams-Santos, Oregon Poetry Community Fellowship  
Shayla Lawson, C. Hamilton Bailey Fellowship

#### FICTION:

Aja Gabel, The Leslie Bradshaw Fellowship  
Amber Keller, Oregon Arts Commission Fellowship  
Joshua Nathan, Writer of Color Fellowship

#### YOUNG READERS:

Kathleen Lane, Edna L. Homes Fellowship in Young Readers

#### DRAMA:

Tamar Shai Bolkvadze, Women Writers Fellowship

#### PUBLISHERS:

Future Tense Books  
Perfect Day Publishing

The recipients and Oregon Book Award finalists will be honored at an April 24 ceremony at the Gerding Theater at the Armory. Reserve your seat today and look forward to cheering on the remarkable work being created in our local community.

### African American Health Coalition Celebrates 24th Annual Health Disparities Luncheon

The African American Health Coalition invites the public to the Health Disparities Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 20 at New Song Community Center. This year's theme "Health Equity: What Do We Want? What Must Be Done?" will address the principles of practice towards equity and the rationale for equity. Two of the country's leading experts will be keynote speakers—Dr. Brian Gibbs, vice president, Equity and Inclusion, Oregon Health Sciences University and Dr. James Mason, chief diversity officer, Oregon Region, Providence Health & Services. Please call (503) 413-185 to reserve tickets.

The coalition will also be celebrating its 24th Annual Wellness Village on Jan. 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also at

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