

Events & Announcements



Liberty Bank Building Open House

Artist Aramis O. Hamer listens to the speakers at the Liberty Bank Building Art Open House April 26 at Centerstone. Art by community artists will adorn the community development project which will be located at the former site of the Liberty Bank Building. The project is being developed through a collaboration between Africatown, the Black Community Impact Alliance, Capitol Hill Housing and Centerstone. There will be 115 affordable apartments and commercial space. Nine artists, Al Doggett (Project Curator), Aramis Hamer, Ashby Reed, Esther Ervin (Project Curator), Inye Wokoma, Lisa Brown, Lisa Myers Bulmash, Minnie Collins and Troy Miles were selected to create installations that honor the neighborhood history.

Briefs cont'd from pg 4

tive and informative dialogue.

The goal is to educate community members about all sides of this issue and move towards a more peaceful city. The event will take place at the CENTER, located at 3510 N. Vancouver Ave.

Space is limited so please RSVP if you are interested, on Facebook: @policepeacepdx.

Seattle News Briefs

Mayor Murray Signs \$1 Million Immigrant Legal Defense Fund

Last week, Mayor Ed Murray was joined by Councilmembers M. Lorena González and Tim Burgess in signing an ordinance creating a \$1 million legal defense fund for Seattle residents and workers who cannot afford legal representation or services in immigration proceedings. The measure was introduced in response to the Trump administration's actions in its first 100 days against immigrants and refugees, which will likely increase the number of people in need of legal services in court.

The legal defense fund will be structured as contracts that eligible community-based organizations can apply for to hire immigration attorneys, legal staff, and services to aid immigrants who are detained, as well as those who are not detained but facing deportation and other complex cases. Unlike other courts, people in immigration proceedings do not have the right to a court-appointed attorney. The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs will administer the program, which will become available this summer.

Recent incidents at SeaTac International Airport, where refugees and immigrants from several majority-Muslim countries were denied entry into the U.S., and the detention of Daniel Ramirez-Medina, a young man who was brought to the U.S. as a child, highlight the need for legal assistance for people facing immigration proceedings initiated by the Trump administration. In the first national study of access to counsel in immigration courts, the American Immigration Council found that immigrants who were represented in court were up to 10 times more likely to obtain relief than those without representation.

'Library Announces New Artistic Partnerships for 'Meet the Author'

The Seattle Public Library will present three featured "meet the author" events this May with Angela Flournoy, author of the 2017 Seattle Reads selection "The Turner House," with special performances by Northwest Tap Connection, a dance studio with a race and social focus, and the African-American Writers' Alliance, a collective of Seattle-area writers of Afri-

can descent.

Seattle Reads is an annual citywide reading and community discussion program that concludes each year with a series of author events including readings, performances, book signings and discussions.

The Library's literature and humanities program manager, Stesha Brandon, is newly overseeing the program in its 19th year and is excited about the potential these new partnerships bring to the program.

Other community partners working with the Library on this year's author events are Langston, Northwest African American Museum and the Black Heritage Society of Washington.

Library events are free and open to the public. Registration is not required for these events but are first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes prior to event start times.

FEATURED EVENTS THIS MAY

Meet Angela Flournoy at the Columbia Branch of The Seattle Public Library

Flournoy will discuss "The Turner House" from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 8 at the Columbia Branch, 4721 Rainier Ave. S., 206-386-1908. The African-American Writers' Alliance will perform poetry based on the themes of home and family, in keeping with themes from the novel. A book signing will follow the program and books will be available for purchase through Third Place Books. Limited parking available.

Meet Angela Flournoy at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute

Join the conversation about this year's Seattle Reads selection, "The Turner House," from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 at the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, 104 17th Ave. S., 206-684-4758. This event will feature a discussion and audience Q&A with Flournoy in conversation with visual artist Inye Wokoma and moderated by community arts leader Vivian Phillips. Northwest Tap Connection will perform dance pieces inspired by "The Turner House." A book signing will follow the program. Several options for free lot and street parking are available.

Meet Angela Flournoy at the Central Library

Flournoy will read from "The Turner House," and take audience questions, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 1, Microsoft Auditorium, 206-386-4636. Northwest Tap Connection and the African-American Writers' Alliance will perform dance and poetry inspired by the novel. A book signing will follow the program and books will be available for purchase through Elliott Bay Book Co. Garage parking is available for \$6 after 5 p.m.

"The Turner House" is a consideration of the price we pay for our dreams and the ways in which our families bring us home.

Community Calendar 2017

cont'd from pg 4

Western Episcopal District will bring these messages nightly. 7 p.m., First A.M.E. Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver Ave.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY: Come celebrate World Friendship Day along with members of Friendship Force Columbia Cascade as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Friendship Force International. We'll celebrate the event with live music and savor international foods from the World Food Sampler. The event is free however donations are welcome. 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., The World Food Sampler costs \$20 and must be arranged by calling (503) 504-0408. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock St.

20TH ANNUAL CAMAS PLANT & GARDEN FAIR: Held the day before Mother's Day each year. The plant fair draws thousands of people. Explore plants, trees, garden art, supplies and more provided by local vendors, fun activities for the kids, live music, fresh food, and shops and restaurants. This is an all-day event starting at 9 a.m. Downtown Camas Washington, NE 4th Ave. between Adams & Everett St., Camas.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

THE MOTHER OF ALL PROTESTS: March and rally to reclaim Mother's Day for Peace Walk of Heroines. This is a peaceful march & rally, to foreground women and women's role in creating Mother's Day more than 100 years ago as a day for world peace. 2 p.m., Portland State University, SW Harrison and 10th St.

Seattle Metro

FRIDAY, MAY 5

FINE ART SHOW DAY ONE: Come see work done by seniors in watercolors, oil/acrylic painting, pastels drawings and much more! Ongoing demonstrations of various arts, vote for People's Favorite. Free and everyone is welcome to come browse. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Northshore Senior Center, 10201 E. Riverside Drive, Bothell.

TASTE OF CREATIVITY: Central District forum for Arts & Ideas is proud to announce our forthcoming fundraiser. Taste of Creativity an evening of food, performance, and community. This evening will include a delicious three course meal by highly acclaimed local Black chefs. There will also be live performances after dinner. 5:30 p.m. cocktail hour., Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center, 104 17th Ave. S. Seattle. For more information please call (206) 684-4757.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

MAYFEST: Come celebrate the annual time of Spring and all the things that garden. A week of Ikebana displays, pottery demos, exhibits and activities. Admission is \$9 general, \$7 seniors, military and students, children under 12 are free. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lakewood Gardens, 12317 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW, Lakewood.

CINCO de MAYO CELEBRATION: Our celebration will include a bazaar, music, food, resource booths and much more. Come join in all the fun at this free event. Noon - 4 p.m., El Centro de la Raza, 1660 S. Roberto Maestas Festival St.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 7

TILTH ALLIANCE'S MAY EDIBLE PLANT SALE: Grow your own food! Join us for Tilth Alliance's May Edible Plant Sale and take your pick from the region's largest selection of organic edible plant starts, perfect for summer gardening, gardening books and supplies for sale also. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Meridian Park behind the Good Shephard Center, 4850 Meridian Ave. N.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

CAPITAL INDIE BOOK CON 2: Best selling and award - winning authors and publishers will have books at the Capital Indie Book Con 2 at the Olympia Center. Free Admission. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., 222 Columbia St. NW, Olympia.

HALF - PRICE MOMS DAY: Bring your mom to the zoo for a special day that will make her smile. Meet animals up close or sit and enjoy a drink at the café! All moms will receive half-off general admission. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Point Defiance Marina, 5912 N. Waterfront Drive, Tacoma.

