

Events & Announcements

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

'HAZARDOUS BEAUTY' OPENING NIGHT: PassinArt presents "Hazardous Beauty," a provocative, often very funny, guide to making friends with people who are different from us. The play will show at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from Jan. 25 through Feb. 17. There will also be matinee showings at 3 p.m. Sundays. Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 340 N Interstate Ave.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

'THE DANGER OF A SINGLE STORY' SCREENING & DISCUSSION: View Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's TED talk, "The Danger of a Single Story," then join a discussion led by PCC instructor Tim Krause. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Kenton Library, 8226 N Denver Ave.

NATIVE PLANT CENTER VOLUNTEER VENTURES: Volunteer at Metro's Native Plant Center in Tualatin and help care for rare native seeds, bulbs and plant materials that support regional restoration projects. Winter activities include: harvesting native bulbs, planting seeds and plants for prairie and understory seed amplification and helping with nursery maintenance. No experience is needed. Gloves, tools, water and snack provided. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Native Plant Center, 2661 SW Borland Road, Tualatin.

AMPHIBIAN SURVEY ORIENTATION: Learn the basics to volunteer as an amphibian survey volunteer. From late January through April, volunteers pull on chest waders and visit wetlands throughout the region to search for four types of frog and salamander egg masses. The four amphibians serve as indicator species, which can be used to help gauge whether regional restoration efforts are helping more native amphibians thrive. It also helps scientists survey their numbers as well as the overall health of wetlands in the region. 9 a.m. - noon, Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTRY GROUP: Interested in African American genealogy? You don't have to be a GFO member to participate. The African American Ancestry group meets on the 4th Saturday of month at 12:30 p.m., Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 2505 SE 11th Ave, Suite B-18.

LICHEN OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Diminutive but darling, Northwest lichens are renowned for their abundance and diversity. Grab your hand lens and join a naturalist in taking a closer look into the enchanting world of lichens. Learn about their ecology and how to identify them. 10 - noon or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Orenco Woods Nature Park, 7100 Northeast Birch Street, Hillsboro.

NAACP KICKOFF TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Join the kickoff for an action-packed lineup including African drumming and folktales with Habiba, The Buffalo Soldiers of Fort Vancouver, a performance by Maima Fahnbulleh, viewing and discussion of the Art and Historical Memorabilia Display featuring talks by local Vancouver artists Russell Ford on his work and studies in Zambia and Claudia Carter on her artwork. From 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Fort Vancouver Regional Library, 901 C St., Downtown Vancouver.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

THE BOYS IN THE BOAT: A DAUGHTER REMEMBERS: The critically acclaimed non-fiction novel, *The Boys in Boat* by Daniel James Brown, celebrates the 1936 U.S. men's Olympic eight-oar rowing team - nine working class boys from the Pacific Northwest who stormed the rowing world, transformed the sport, and galvanized the attention of millions of Americans. Join us for an explanation of the book's genesis and stories from the daughter of Joe Rantz, one of those working class boys who made history. Free, 7 - 9 p.m., Kennedy School Theater, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

LIVING THE LEGACY: CONFRONTING ECONOMIC INJUSTICE IN TIMES OF CRISIS: Rukaiyah Adams - native Portlander, community activist and chief investment officer at Meyer Memorial Trust - will speak about economic inequities and how to advance social change in our communities. Celebrate Dr. King's legacy and consider the link between his work and confronting economic injustice. Doors at 5:30 p.m., Smith Memorial Student Union, Portland State University, 1825 SW Broadway.

CHRISTOPHER KALONJI ANGELVERSARY: On the third anniversa-

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St. Andrew's Announces 2019 MLK Awards

St. Andrew Catholic Church presented its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards at Mass on Sunday, January 20. This year, Louise Kasper, a parishioner of 40 years at St. Andrew. The Community Service Award went to Bobby Weinstock and Susan Emmons of Northwest Pilot Project, who have a combined 60 years of service to elderly people who live in Portland's downtown.

Portland News Briefs

Markisha Smith, Ed.D, Named Director of Office of Equity and Human Rights

After an extensive search and interview process informed by input from community stakeholders, Commissioner Amanda Fritz is pleased to announce that Markisha Smith, Ed.D, will be the next Director of the City of Portland Office of Equity and Human Rights.

Dr. Smith comes to the City after serving as Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for the Oregon Department of Education for the past five years. In that role, she provided leadership, guidance, professional learning, and support to school districts, various education partners, and community-based organizations on education equity throughout the state. A resident of Oregon since 2011, Dr. Smith served as professor at Warner Pacific College and Western Oregon University, and as an equity trainer and strategic consultant for Metro and the Camas, WA school district, among other local contracts. Dr. Smith also brings nationwide experience from working in Michigan, Texas, and other states, in addition to her focus on equity issues in Oregon.

The mission of the Office of Equity and Human Rights is to provide education and technical support to City staff and elected officials, leading to recognition and removal of systemic barriers to fair and just distribution of resources, access and opportunity, starting with issues of race and disability. As Director, Dr. Smith will initially lead a team of eleven staff and manage a 2018-19 budget of \$1.9 million.

Dr. Smith will begin her new role on February 11, 2019.

BlackProGen Host to Speak at GFO Jan. 26

Genealogist Nicka Smith to give remote presentation for monthly African American Interest Group at GFO

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is pleased to welcome BlackProGen host Nicka Smith to its next African American Ancestry Group meeting on Saturday, January 26 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Smith is a professional photographer, speaker, and documentarian with more than 20 years of experience as a genealogist. She is the host of BlackProGen Live, a web show focused on people of color genealogy and family history. She will speak on "The Future of African American Genealogy."

With rapid digitization of crucial record sets to the explosion of DNA testing, the landscape of African American genealogy and family history research is constantly evolving. Attendees can discover why these advancements are key for all types of genealo-

gy and how they can help break down years-long barriers in personal research efforts.

The meeting is free and open to the public at the GFO Library in the basement of the historic Ford Building at S.E. 11th Ave. & Division in Portland.

The GFO is the largest genealogy library in the Pacific Northwest providing 50,000 holdings, access to nine subscription databases and 180 free classes each year.

Jesse Beason Named President and Executive Officer of Northwest Health Foundation

This week the Northwest Health Foundation announced that Jesse Beason has been named, effective immediately, the organization's new president and chief executive officer.

Beason has been with Northwest Health Foundation since August 2013, most recently as Vice President of Strategy and Public Affairs. He was selected to be its next president after a thorough national search conducted by Nonprofit Professionals Advisory Group with guidance from the NWHF board of directors' Presidential Search Committee. NPAG connected with hundreds of community partners and potential candidates before developing a short list of finalists.

Portland Scholars and Activists Make Connections to Dr. King Jan. 29

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, Portland scholars and activists will connect Dr. King's speech to today. "The Three Evils of Society: Racism, Poverty and Militarism" will be held at Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom, 3rd Floor, 1825 SW Broadway. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., program starts at 6:30 p.m.

Panelists scheduled to appear include Lisa Bates and Marisa Zapata from the PSU College of Urban and Public Affairs, Tom Hastings from the PSU Conflict Resolution Program, Reverend E.D. Mondainé, President of the Portland NAACP and pastor of Celebration Tabernacle Church, with Winston Grady-Willis, director of the PSU School of Gender, Race, and Nations, moderating.

Get tickets online, in person at the PSU Box Office, or by calling (503) 725-3307.

Clark College Hosts Free Children's Dental Health Day Feb. 2

The Clark College Dental Hygiene Program will hold a free children's dental clinic from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 2 on the main campus of Clark College. The event will take place in the Firstenburg Dental Hygiene Education and Care Center in the Health Sci-

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