

Join one, join them all Museums join forces for reciprocal memberships



Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland.



Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville.



Deepwood Museum & Gardens in Salem.

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Columbia River Maritime Museum and the Oregon Coast Aquarium have joined forces with a group of Portland area attractions to offer a reciprocal membership program in 2018.

CRMM members, for instance, can get free admission into 11 other museums and attractions at various times of the year.

The program was created in 2015 by the Portland Attractions Marketing Alliance and the two coastal attractions jumped on this year.

"This special promotion was initiated as a way to show appreciation for each attraction's loyal members as well as to highlight the important role that cultural attractions play in the community," the alliance wrote in a press release announcing the program.

CRMM members can get free admission for up to four people at the attractions during the following months. The attractions are in Portland unless oth-



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A visitor looks at a collection by photographer Minor White on display at the Architectural Heritage Center in Portland.

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January: Oregon Zoo.

February: Oregon Historical Society.

March: Deepwood Museum & Gardens in Salem.

April: Lan Su Chinese Garden.

May: Architectural Heritage Center.

June: Columbia River Maritime Museum.

July: World Forestry Center.

August: Clark County Historical Museum in Vancou-

ver, Wash.

September: Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks & Minerals in Hillsboro.

October: Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville.

November: Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport.

December: Washington County Museum.

The Portland Attractions Marketing Alliance is a professional organization of marketing representatives.

County seeks grant proposals

The Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council seeks programs for grants.

The council has \$15,000 available for local social and human services agencies that assist people in need.

The purpose of the funding is to provide an investment in programs that target population groups most in need socially and economically.

Grant proposals no greater than \$5,000 will be eligible for funding; preference is given to programs that:

- Provide services available to all county residents, as opposed to a specific geographic area;

- Serve the largest number of county residents;

- Work collaboratively with other groups and receive significant portions of their funding from sources other than the county;

- Address a need not being addressed by other groups;

- Have missions consistent with the board's priorities as identified in Clatsop Vision 2030 Together.

The grant packet is available at www.co.clatsop.or.us.

Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 12.

Sheriff's Office warns of jury duty scam

Scammers have been calling local medical professionals with a "Failure to report for jury duty" scam, the Sheriff's Office reports.

The caller says he or she is a Clatsop County Sheriff's deputy and tells the person that, because they failed to report for jury duty, a warrant has been issued for their arrest unless a fine is paid.

The caller is very convincing, knowing the names of the local judges and the sheriff. They even offer to meet people at the Sheriff's Office

in Warrenton to take care of the issue, although they prefer to have their victim go to Rite Aid and purchase money cards to pay the fine.

While the scam has been around for a while, the scammers are getting bolder and seem to have enough information to be very convincing, the sheriff's office reports.

"Please understand the Sheriff's Office does not operate in this fashion," the agency wrote in a public warning this week. "We will not call you with an offer to settle up

a warrant for cash."

If you receive a call like this, don't engage with the person and hang up. Other variations of the scam include a distant relative who needs cash for bail (usually in a Canadian jail) or perhaps a failure to show up in court for a ticket and a warrant has been issued.

Be skeptical of any calls requesting money transfers. If you have any concerns, call your local police department or the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office at 503-325-2061.

Whatever tradition you celebrate,
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a joyous holiday season filled with happiness and love.