

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#iconic: Power and Pop Culture

Through Apr 13 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View #iconic: Power and Pop Culture, an exhibit exploring how Asian-American pop icons are made and what it means to look up to — or challenge — them. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Free ESOL class

Through Apr 30 (Wed), 6:30-8:30pm, Multnomah University, Mitchell Library (8435 NE Glisan St, Portland). Take part in free Community ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes presented by Multnomah University. Drop-ins are welcome and materials are provided free of charge. No class is held during spring break (March 26). For info, call (503) 349-1671 or e-mail <jruncie@multnomah.edu>.

Capturing a Generation through the Eye of a Lens

Through June 15, 11am-3pm (Tue-Sat), noon-3pm (Sun), Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (121 NW Second Ave, Portland). View Capturing a Generation through the Eye of a Lens: The Photographs of Frank C. Hirahara, 1948-54, a collection of never-before-seen photographs taken of Portland's Nisei (second-generation Japanese Americans). Taken between 1948 and 1954 by Frank C. Hirahara, an avid amateur photographer who worked for the Bonneville Power Administration, the images provide a revealing glimpse of the community and the lives of Japanese Americans after World War II. Hirahara captured hundreds of photographs depicting community picnics, beach trips to the Oregon coast, teen socials and dances, wedding receptions, and life in the heart of Portland's Japantown. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>.

"Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide"

Mar 18, 11pm-1am; repeats Mar 20, 4-6am & Mar 27, 4-6am; Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide," a Public Broadcasting Service special following a journey to 10 countries to discover how the oppression of women and girls is being confronted. Introduced by George Clooney, the program follows *New York Times* columnist Nicholas D. Kristof and celebrity advocates as they encounter inspiring individuals facing challenges and experiencing triumphs. The show is based on *Half the Sky*, a book by Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn that revealed meaningful solutions being fashioned through healthcare, education, and economic empowerment. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

OCAPIA public meeting

Mar 19, 10am-noon, Oregon State Bar, Sandy Meeting Room (16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, Tigard, Ore.). Attend a public meeting of the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA). The meeting agenda includes commissioner reports, other subjects of interest to the commission, and guest speaker Andrea Morgan, an education specialist with the Oregon Department of Education, speaking about the Oregon Studies Project. For info, call (503) 302-9725, e-mail <OACO.mail@das.state.or.us>, or visit <www.oregon.gov/OCAPIA/contact_us.shtml>.

"Tomorrow: Japan Beyond 3/11"

Mar 19, 8-9pm, Oregon Public Broadcasting Plus (OPB Plus). Watch "Tomorrow: Japan Beyond 3/11," a show focusing on the changes taking place in Japan and the scientists and specialists seeking to rebuild the country and fortify its future following the Great Japan Earthquake. The series follows some of the survivors from the disaster-hit communities of the Tohoku region who are overcoming obstacles and treading new paths. To verify showtime, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

Make Me a Mother

Mar 20, 7:30pm, Powell's Books on Hawthorne (3723 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland). Join Susanne Antonetta as she presents *Make Me a Mother*, a memoir about lessons learned by all parents, but also the tricky steps required to navigate race in America. For info, call (503) 238-1668 or visit <www.powells.com>.

"End Profiling" intake session

Mar 21, 4-8pm, Center for Intercultural Organizing (700 N Killingsworth St, Portland). Members of the community are invited to participate in one-on-one interviews held by the Oregon Justice Resource Center and facilitated by trained law students who are gathering the experiences of community members who feel they have been unfairly profiled or mistreated by the Portland Police. For info, or to register to participate, contact Andrew (503) 936-9430 or e-mail <info@ojrc.org>.

"Laksa" cooking class

Mar 23, 10am-1:30pm, West Linn Adult Community Center (1180 Rosemont Rd, West Linn, Ore.). Learn the ins and outs of making "Laksa" (Southeast Asian curried noodle soup) at a class taught by Indonesia-born chef Surja Tjahaja. For info, or to register, call (503) 557-4700 or visit <www.westlinnoregon.gov>.

Chinese Chess

Mar 23 & 30, 2:30-4:30pm, Holgate Library (7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland). Learn Chinese chess from a master player at an all-ages class taught in Cantonese and Mandarin. Boards and pieces are provided. For info, call (503) 988-5389 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Disastrous Consequences"

Mar 25, 6-8pm, University of Portland, Buckley Center, Room



THROUGH THE EYE OF A LENS. *Capturing a Generation through the Eye of a Lens: The Photographs of Frank C. Hirahara, 1948-54, a collection of never-before-seen photographs taken of Portland's Nisei (second-generation Japanese Americans), is on display through June 15 at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center in Portland. (Photo courtesy of Washington State University MASC George & Frank C. Hirahara Collection)*

163 (5000 N Willamette Blvd, Portland). Attend "Disastrous Consequences: Ecology, Economics, and Relief after Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines," a panel presentation and discussion. For info, call (503) 869-2361, e-mail <pdxrelief@gmail.com>, or visit <www.pdxrelief.wordpress.com>.

"TB: Silent Killer"

Mar 25, 10-11pm; repeats Mar 27, 3-4am; Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch "TB: Silent Killer," an episode of Frontline focusing on tuberculosis (TB), once thought to be a disease of the past. With new drug-resistant strains emerging faster than ever, the illness — which can be passed from person to person by a cough or a sneeze — is the second leading cause of death from infectious disease on the planet. The show focuses on people whose lives are at the pandemic's epicenter. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

"Elevate: A Basic Needs Resource Fair"

Mar 26, 10am-2pm, Roosevelt High School (6941 N Central St, Portland). Attend "Elevate: A Basic Needs Resource Fair," a free event helping members of the community locate a range of social services, including job training and placement, senior advocacy, parenting resources, housing and food assistance, clothing, low-cost healthcare, pet resources, and more. For info, call (503) 823-2102 or visit <www.sunshinedivision.org/events>.

"4-H Outreach Leadership Institute II"

Mar 28-29, Oregon State University (Corvallis, Ore.). Asians, Pacific Islanders, potential first-generation college students, and others are invited to attend the "4-H Outreach Leadership Institute II," a new program coordinated by the Oregon State University Extension Service that prepares high school students from diverse cultural backgrounds to attend college and pursue a variety of career paths. Students receive hands-on practice filling out a college application, writing a college admissions essay, creating a personal biography, filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and more. For info, or to apply, contact Mario Magaña at (541) 737-0925 or e-mail <mario.magana@oregonstate.edu>.

"Cherry Blossom Bazaar"

Mar 29-30, 10am-4pm, 118 NW Third Ave (Portland). Attend the "Cherry Blossom Bazaar," a rummage sale of Japanese treasures — collectibles, objects, furniture, and more. Items are available for people of every age, taste, and budget. Proceeds from the bazaar benefit the Oregon Nikkei Endowment. Early shoppers are able to attend a special preview night (March 28, 6-8pm) by preregistering by phone or online. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>.

Free tai chi classes

Mar 29-June 9; noon-1pm (Mon), Portland State University (PSU), outside the Millar Library (1875 SW Park Ave, Portland); 5:30-6:30pm (Mon), PSU Student Rec Center Lobby (1800 SW Sixth Ave, Portland); noon-1pm (Wed), Pioneer Courthouse Square (SW Sixth Ave between SW Morrison St & SW Yamhill St, Portland); 11am-noon (Sat), PSU, outside the Millar Library (1875 SW Park Ave, Portland). Attend drop-in tai chi classes offered through the Confucius Institute at PSU. The classes, which are offered four times per week at three locations, are free and open to the public. For info, call (503) 725-8576 or (503) 725-9810, or visit <www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute/non-credit-courses>.

Chinese language & culture classes

Mar 29-June 15, Portland State University (downtown Portland). Youth and adults are invited to sign up for Chinese language and culture classes offered by the Confucius Institute at Portland State University. Language classes are offered for beginners through advanced levels. Adult culture courses include topics such as cuisine, television, interpreting, and more. Classes for youth in kindergarten through grade 12 offer preparation for the Advanced Placement (AP) Chinese exam and internet-based tests, Chinese storytelling, and more. For info, or to register, call

(503) 725-8576 or (503) 725-9810. To view a complete list of courses, visit <www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute/non-credit-courses>.

A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power

Mar 30, 2pm, Powell's City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Join former U.S. President Jimmy Carter at a book signing event for *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power*, an informed and passionate charge about human-rights abuses against women around the globe. Within the book, Carter covers the plight of women and girls, addresses the adverse impact of misleading or distorted religious texts, and also describes his personal observations and experiences as told through his work and travel around the world. For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>.

"Project Clean Slate"

Mar 31, 6-6:45pm, Northwest Library (2300 NW Thurman St, Portland). Attend "It's Time for a Fresh Start: Project Clean Slate" to learn how to clean up your record. The workshop introduces attendees to resources and services to start fresh after having a driver license suspended for unpaid fines, falling behind on child support, overcoming a minor criminal conviction, and more. For info, call (503) 988-5560 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Interfaith leadership talk

Mar 31, 7pm, First Unitarian Church, Sanctuary (1211 SW Main St, Portland). Attend "Interfaith Leadership in a Time of Global Religious Conflict," a talk by Eboo Patel, a White House advisor, noted author, and leader of interfaith cooperation. Patel's lecture, which focuses on the role of interfaith partnership in building religious tolerance, is followed by a question-and-answer session. For info, call (503) 228-6389 or visit <www.firstunitarianportland.org>.

Wish You Happy Forever

Mar 31, 7:30pm, Powell's City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Join Jenny Bowen as she presents *Wish You Happy Forever*, a book about the progress China has made in its treatment of orphaned and abandoned children. Bowen is currently the only westerner working with the Chinese government to transform its child-welfare system from the inside. For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>.

"Race Talks 2"

Apr 1, 6pm (doors open), 7-9pm (program), Jefferson High School, Cafeteria (5210 N Kerby Ave, Portland). Attend "The Oregon Experience of Asian Americans Old and New," a free presentation and discussion held as part of "Race Talks 2." The event, which is facilitated by trained volunteers, is free and open to all ages. For info, call (971) 222-8254, e-mail <racetalks01@gmail.com>, or visit <www.understandracism.org>.

Japanese Speech Contest

Apr 2, 5pm (deadline to register). Register to compete in the annual Japanese Speech Contest, sponsored by the Consulate-General of Japan in Portland. The contest, which is open to middle- and high-school students who are studying Japanese, is held Saturday, April 19 at Two World Trade Center in downtown Portland. Registration closes when a set number of seats are filled. For info, call (503) 221-1811 or e-mail <bunkaportland@se.mofa.go.jp>. To download contest guidelines and an entry form, visit <www.portland.us.emb-japan.go.jp/tips/Guideline_&_Entry_Form.pdf>.

Celebration of Smiles

Apr 4, 4-8pm, Portland Children's Museum (4015 SW Canyon Rd, Portland). Children and families are invited to learn about the importance of oral health at the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry's Celebration of Smiles. The event, which includes crafts, games, and activities focused on dental hygiene as well as appearances by the Tooth Fairy and Mr. Molarnator, is free and open to the public. For info, call (503) 223-6500 or visit <www.portlandem.org>.

Chinese hell scrolls

Apr 5, 9:30-11am, Portland State University, Smith Center, Room 236 (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend "Chinese Hell Scrolls: Retribution, Ruin & Rebirth Illustrated," a free lecture presented by Dr. Kenneth Brashier of Reed College. From a collection of 150 hell scrolls spanning the last three centuries, Brashier talks about the Chinese notions of hell, its underworld courts, and gruesome retributions. For info, call (503) 725-8576, e-mail <asianstudies@pdx.edu>, or visit <www.pdx.edu/asianstudies>.

Pacific Martial Arts Conference

Apr 6, 10am-5pm, Best Martial Arts Institute (795 Almaden St, Eugene, Ore.). Teen and adult martial arts students are invited to learn from a wide range of experts at the annual Pacific Martial Arts Conference. The event features a variety of styles taught in 25-minute classes. For info, call (541) 345-0684 or visit <www.pacificmartialartsconference.com>.

Inspire Luncheon

Apr 8, 11am-1pm, Hilton Portland & Executive Tower (921 SW Sixth Ave, Portland). Attend the YWCA of Greater Portland's Inspire Luncheon, the organization's oldest and largest fund-raising event. The afternoon features Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist Sheryl WuDunn as the keynote speaker. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 294-7400 or visit <www.ywcapdx.org/events/22nd-annual-inspire-luncheon>.

"Playing the Race Card"

Apr 8, 6pm (doors open), 7-9pm (program), McMenamins Kennedy School (5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland). Attend "Playing the Race Card: An Interactive Game Teaching about Racial Biases," a presentation and discussion held as part of "Race Talks," a series of free community dialogues. The discussion is facilitated by trained volunteers from Uniting to Understand Racism. For info, call (971) 222-8254, e-mail <racetalks01@gmail.com>, or visit <www.understandracism.org>.