

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

"Peanuts ... Naturally"

Through May 4 (daily), 10am-5pm, World Forestry Center Discovery Museum (4033 SW Canyon Rd, Portland). View "Peanuts ... Naturally," a light-hearted look at Charles Schulz's exploration of the natural world through Peanuts comic strips, a video, objects, and family-friendly hands-on stations. The display is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, California. For info, call (503) 228-1367 or visit <www.worldforestry.org>.

Free adult ESL classes

Through May 29 (Tue & Thu), 6-8pm, Franklin High School, Room 140 (5405 SE Woodward St, Portland). Attend free English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) courses offered as part of Franklin High School's SUN Community School. The classes, which are open to adults, include grammar, reading, writing, conversation, and vocabulary. For info, call (503) 916-5140, ext. 73675 or visit <www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/franklin/960.htm>.

"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>.

"Grit: Asian Pacific Pioneers Across the Northwest"

Through Oct 19 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View "Grit: Asian Pacific Pioneers Across the Northwest," an exhibit uncovering the true stories of the earliest Asian Pacific immigrants to the Pacific Northwest and their efforts to survive and succeed in new terrain. Featured are Native Hawaiian settlers of Kanaka Village in 1830s Fort Vancouver, Chinese-American entrepreneurs in John Day, Oregon, Japanese-American farmers in Pike Place Market, and more. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Career Connections Job Fair

Apr 22, 10am-3pm, Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center - Lloyd Center (1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland). Attend the Urban League of Portland's annual Career Connections Job Fair. The free event provides an opportunity to meet and interview with representatives from dozens of employers. For info, call (503) 280-2600 or visit <www.ulpdx.org>.

Portland Taiko benefit banquet

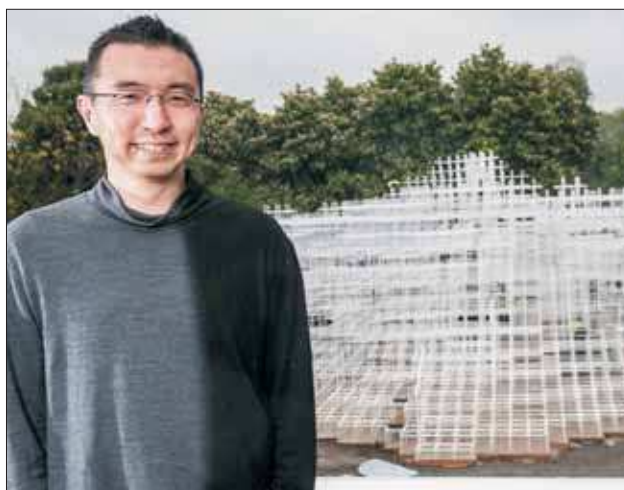
Apr 23, 6:15-9pm, Wong's King Seafood Restaurant (8733 SE Division St, Portland). Attend the annual benefit banquet of renowned Japanese-style drumming troupe Portland Taiko. The event features a multi-course dinner, a performance by Portland Taiko, a silent auction, and Mystery Origami. The benefit also includes the first annual Golden Bachi Awards, which recognize an individual and an organization for their outstanding contributions and unwavering support of Portland Taiko. The inaugural awardees are community member and longtime donor Alice Sumida and the Oregon Nikkei Endowment, respectively. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 288-2456 or visit <www.portlandtaiko.org>.

Trashanalia

Apr 24, 3:30-4:15pm, Belmont Library (1038 SE 39th Ave, Portland). Watch *Trashanalia*, a puppet show featuring original songs and puppets made out of up-cycled and re-used items. The performance features the occupants of Trash Island learning how to recycle, reduce, and reuse as they sing, dance, and celebrate on Trashanalia Day. For info, call (503) 988-5382 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Tales of Ise"

Apr 24, 6pm, Portland State University, Smith Center, Room 296/8 (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend "Tales of Ise: The Shrines, Their Priests and Patrons in Post-war Japan," a free talk by professor John Breen of the International Research Centre for Japanese Studies in Kyoto, Japan about the Ise Shrine (Ise-jingu), also known as the Grand Shrine of Ise, which is a sacred pilgrimage site. For info, call (503) 725-8577 or visit <www.pdx.edu/cjs>.



"UNCLAD" LECTURE SERIES. Internationally acclaimed architect Sou Fujimoto is presenting a free lecture May 7 as part of the Portland State University School of Architecture's "Unclad" lecture series. Fujimoto is a principal of Sou Fujimoto Architects, a Tokyo-based practice distinguished by its provocative buildings that combine material experimentation and structural subtlety with transparency and permeability. (Photo courtesy of Sou Fujimoto Architects)

"Rice and the Future of Hunger"

Apr 24, 7-8:30pm, Mercy Corps Action Center (28 SW First Ave, Portland). Attend "Rice and the Future of Hunger," a talk about food security and poverty issues by Robert Zeigler, director general of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 896-5747 or visit <www.mercy Corps.org/portland>.

SOLVE IT Earth Day projects

Apr 26, 9am-1pm, 150 sites throughout Oregon. Join other volunteers for SOLVE IT, an Earth Day event offering an opportunity to work on various projects to keep Oregon beautiful. Projects include native tree planting; roadside litter, illegal dumpsite, and neighborhood cleanups; invasive vegetation removal in natural areas; and more. For info, including a complete list of sites, call (503) 844-9571, ext. 321 or visit <www.solveoregon.org>.

Earth Day celebration

Apr 26, 10am-6pm, Kenton Park (8417 N Brandon Ave, Portland). Join a free Earth Day celebration, an annual event highlighting awareness of environmental issues and Portland's sustainable businesses and organizations. The celebration features more than 100 sustainable businesses and organizations, two stages with live music and entertainment, speakers, a Health and Wellness Village, a Better Transportation Fair, a Kids' Village with entertainment by Circus Cascadia, a procession of the species parade, and more. Bicycle rides to the celebration are planned from starting points all around the city. For info, call (707) 726-2042, e-mail <info@earthdaypdx.com>, or visit <www.earthdaypdx.com>.

Toyama Cup Japanese Speech Contest

Apr 27, 1-5pm, Two World Trade Center, Mezzanine (121 SW Salmon St, Portland). Attend the 2014 Toyama Cup Japanese Speech Contest. Open to any undergraduate student studying Japanese at a university or college in the state of Oregon, the contest aims to promote a stronger relationship between the peoples of Oregon and Toyama prefecture in Japan, which is Oregon's sister-state. The event is free and open to the public. For info, call (503) 552-8813 or visit <www.jaso.org>.

Candidate forum at CIO

Apr 28, 6-8pm, Center for Intercultural Organizing - Portland (700 N Killingsworth St, Portland). Learn more about two candidates running for Multnomah County Chair, Deborah Kafoury and Jim Francesconi. The candidate forum is hosted by the Center for Intercultural Organizing's Pan-Immigrant Leadership and Organizing Training (PILOT) Program. Attendees have an opportunity to hear about how the candidates propose to lead in the areas of health, public safety, and other items under Multnomah County's jurisdiction. For info, call (503) 287-4117 or visit <www.interculturalorganizing.org>.

PCC Cascade Job Fair

Apr 29, 11am-3pm, Portland Community College (PCC), Cascade Campus, Physical Education Building Gymnasium (705 N Killingsworth St, Portland). Attend PCC's annual Cascade Job Fair, which features more than 60 employers as well as information on topics such as job searching with social media, résumé writing, interview tips, and more. Job seekers are encouraged to dress for interviews and bring copies of their résumé to the free public event. For info, call (971) 722-5600 or visit <www.pcc.edu/cascadejobfair>.

Becoming Ourselves: How Immigrant Women Transformed Their World

Apr 29, 6:30pm, Center for Intercultural Organizing - Portland (700 N Killingsworth St, Portland). Attend a screening of *Becoming Ourselves: How Immigrant Women Transformed Their World*, a film produced by Asian Immigrant Women

Advocates (AIWA) based in Oakland, California. *Becoming Ourselves* explores the journey of immigrant women as they become powerful leaders, and how their actions shaped important changes in their workplaces and schools. For info, call (503) 287-4117 or visit <www.interculturalorganizing.org>.

"Voices of Change"

May 1, 5:30-8pm, Mekong Bistro, Eternity Hall (8200 NE Siskiyou St, Portland). Attend "Voices of Change," a gathering of more than 200 community leaders and supporters celebrating Asian Heritage Month and highlighting Asian Pacific Americans who have helped advance Oregon's prosperity through contributions to the fields of education, business, the arts, economic development, science, and technology. The event features cultural performances, local artists, food, keynote speaker Mee Moua, and more. Moua, currently the executive director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, was the first Hmong American voted to statewide office as a state senator in Minnesota. For info, or to register, call (971) 340-4861 or visit <www.apano.org>.

Free citizenship classes

May 3-June 7 (Sat), 10:30am-12:30pm, Gresham Library (385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham, Ore.). Learn about the process of becoming a U.S. citizen and prepare for the citizenship interview at free classes taught in English by library volunteers. Participants learn about U.S. history and government. To register (required), call (503) 988-5234 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

\$2 Days at OMSI

May 4, 9:30am-5:30pm, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (1945 SE Water Ave, Portland). Take advantage of low-cost admission to the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI) during the first Sunday of each month. The \$2 ticket includes general admission to the museum. For info, call (503) 797-4000 or visit <www.omsiedu>.

Sou Fujimoto

May 7, 6pm, Portland State University, Lincoln Performance Hall, Room 75 (1620 SW Park Ave, Portland). Attend a free lecture by internationally acclaimed architect Sou Fujimoto as part of the Portland State University School of Architecture's "Unclad" lecture series. Fujimoto is a principal of Sou Fujimoto Architects, a Tokyo-based practice distinguished by its provocative buildings that combine material experimentation and structural subtlety with transparency and permeability. For info, call (503) 725-8405, e-mail <architecture@pdx.edu>, or visit <www.pdx.edu/the-arts/architecture>.

OAME luncheon and tradeshow

May 8, 10am-noon & 1:30-3pm (tradeshow), noon-1:30pm (luncheon), Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Hall D (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland). Attend "The Future Is Now ... Dare to Think Big," the 26th annual Luncheon & Tradeshow of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME). The event is designed to help businesses increase networking with minority-owned companies, government agencies, and others while sampling their diverse products and services. The tradeshow is closed from noon to 1:30pm during the luncheon. For info, or to register, call (503) 249-7744 or visit <www.oame.org>.

Washington County Museum free day

May 10, 10am-1pm, Washington County Museum (120 E Main St, Hillsboro, Ore.). Enjoy free admission and learn about the history of the high-tech industry in Washington County at the "Innovation in Washington County: High Tech" exhibit at the museum's free family day. For info, call (503) 645-5353, e-mail <info@washingtoncountymuseum.org>, or visit <www.washingtoncountymuseum.org>.

Ronault L.S. "Polo" Catalani

May 15, 11:30am (networking lunch), noon-1pm (talk), Oregon Health & Science University, Auditorium/Old Library (3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd, Portland). Attend "Families Move: The Facts and Fears of Human Migration," an Asian Heritage Month talk by *Asian Reporter* columnist Ronault L.S. "Polo" Catalani. The event is co-hosted by Oregon Health & Science University's Center for Diversity & Inclusion and the Asian Pacific Islander Employee Resource Group. For info, call (503) 494-5657, e-mail <cdi@ohsu.edu>, or visit <www.ohsu.edu/diversity>.

State of Cultural Competency Community Forum

May 17, 8:30am-4pm, Oregon Health & Science University, Center for Health & Healing, Third Floor Conference Center (3303 SW Bond Ave, Portland). Engage with community members and leaders, health professionals, students, and policy-makers about health equity policy and community organizing at the State of Cultural Competency Community Forum, presented by the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon. For info, or to register, call (971) 340-4861 or visit <www.apano.org>.

Papa Kuke

May 17, 10am-noon, Ke Kuku Cultural Center (301 E McLoughlin Blvd, Suite D, Vancouver, Wash.). Join a *Papa Kuke* cooking class to learn how to make Filipino *lumpia* and *pancit*. The course includes a cooking demonstration with some hands-on cooking. Participants should bring a cutting board, knife, apron, and dish cloth. For info, or to register, call (360) 718-2100, e-mail <culturalworkshops@kekukuifoundation.com>, or visit <www.kekukuifoundation.org>.

To Be Takei

May 18, 7pm, McMenamins Kennedy School (5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland). Watch *To Be Takei*, a new documentary about actor and activist George Takei. The film follows Takei's life, including his childhood experiences living with his family in a Japanese internment camp during World War II, his success as Mr. Sulu on the hit show "Star Trek," his current activities fighting for marriage equality alongside his husband Brad, and more. In attendance at the event is director Jennifer Kroot as well as editor and co-director Bill Weber. (USA, 2014, Jennifer Kroot.) The film is screening as part of QDoc: The Portland Queer Documentary Film Festival (May 15-18). For info, call (503) 249-3983 or visit <www.queerdofest.org>.

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